

Make Up for the February 17th Large Group on the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

1. Read the below list of the 7 Gifts of the Spirit, which you will receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation:
 - Knowledge
 - Understanding
 - Wisdom
 - Right Judgment
 - Courage
 - Reverence
 - Wonder & Awe
2. Read the explanation of the Gift of Knowledge and write out your answer to the question below it.

The Gift of Knowledge

The Holy Spirit helps us to know that God is more important than anything else in our lives. Knowledge gives us a greater ability to recognize truth and to know God's will.

Question: Finish this sentence: I believe The statement should express a belief or value that you would want to pass on to your future children or to the next generation. Explain why it would be important to pass-on this belief or value.

3. Read the explanation of the Gift of Understanding and write out your answer to the question below it.

The Gift of Understanding

The H.S. helps you not only to gain insight into yourself and other people, but to gain insight into God. This gift involves "heart knowledge." To be able to "walk in another persons shoes" and to see life through another persons eyes.

Question: The Prayer of St. Francis says, " May I not seek so much to be understood, as to understand." In other words, "seek first to understand" the other person or the situation at hand. Name and describe a time when someone listened to you and really understood what you were thinking or feeling.

4. Read the explanation of the Gift of Wisdom and write out your answer to the question below it.

The Gift of Wisdom

...helps us to see deeper meaning in our lives and in the world. It helps us to know how God wants us to live. It is the fullest expression of the gifts of knowledge and understanding.

Question: What is a favorite quote from a coach or famous person or a line from a song or a movie/book, which you find meaningful and inspiring?
Share and explain.

5. Read the explanation of the Gift of Right Judgment and write out your answer to the question below it.

The Gift of Right Judgment

...helps us to know the difference between right and wrong and then to choose what is good. In the exercise of right judgment, other gifts come into play, such as understanding, wisdom, & courage.

Question: Share a recent example of a hard decision that you have had to make or one that someone close to you has had to make. When you/they made that decision, did you/they get advice from other people or make the decision on you/their own? Explain.

6. Read the explanation of the Gift of Courage and write out your answer to the question below it.

The Gift of Courage

...enables us to take risks and overcome fear as we try to live out our faith. It gives us strength to confront and overcome challenges and to take a stand for our values.

Question: Share a recent example of a hard decision that you have had to make or one that someone close to you has had to make. When you/they made that decision, did you/they get advice from other people or make the decision on you/their own?

7. Read the explanation of the Gift of Reverence and write out your answer to the question below it.

The Gift of Reverence

...gives us a deep respect for God and things/places/people that have been set apart for worshipping God. It teaches us to respect all life and all creation.

Question: Share with the group a religious or spiritual experience that you have had. It may be something simple like being excited when you received First Communion, an answered prayer, the beauty of nature, or when God helped you through a difficult time.

8. Read the explanation of the Gift of Wonder and Awe and write out your answer to the question below it.

The Gift of Wonder & Awe

...helps us to experience the presence of God everywhere and in everything. It helps us to experience amazement and gratitude for all God has created. It help us to embrace mystery and to appreciate truth, beauty, and goodness.

Question: What is something aspect of our human existence that is mysterious or wonderful? An example of such a mystery might be love or thinking about how children grow in their mother's womb or the concept of death. Explain

9. Open a Bible and read Galatians 5:16-25. Write out an explanation of the difference between the fruits of the flesh and the fruits of the Spirit.

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