

SYNOPSIS

The greatest gift of the Holy Spirit is the Holy Spirit. The living God gives the gift of himself to those who are baptized. From the Spirit flows other gifts, some of which are for our personal sanctification while others are for the building up and support of the body of Christ. Many of the gifts are very familiar to us (wisdom, counsel, love) while others are somewhat foreign (healing, prophecy, tongues). Whatever our experience, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for all Christians, and no one should think that the gifts are not for them.

BE **DOCILE**

AND OPEN

TO THE SPIRIT.

DISCUSSION

- **1.** The gifts of the Holy Spirit are to be experienced in our daily life and are generously given to us to help us with our Christian walk. How do you experience this?
- 2. Reflect on experiences that you have had where you were aware of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
 What did you experience? Wisdom? Fortitude? Love? Peace?
 Hope?
- **3.** It is essential that our stance before God is one of being open. What does it look like for you to approach the Lord with an open spirit? Are you open to receiving whatever God wants to give you?
- **4.** Discuss how you see the Holy Spirit being active in the world today.

REFLECTION

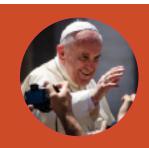
Come Holy Spirit.

Take fifteen minutes of personal prayer time. For the first couple of minutes do your best to quiet yourself; give to God whatever distractions you may have. Ask

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God to bring to life the

gifts of the Holy Spirit
that are present in you:
the gifts received at
baptism as well as
new gifts with which
God may want to bless
you. Be open - let God
bless and anoint you. In

the following days and weeks pray for a sensitivity to the movement of the Holy Spirit. It may be in a nudge to call someone, to encourage someone. Someone may share with you that he or she is ill or has a loved one who is struggling; at that moment stop and pray for that person.



"THE SPIRIT HIMSELF IS 'GOD'S GIFT'
PAR EXCELLENCE. A GIFT FROM GOD,
AND IN TURN COMMUNICATES DIFFERENT SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO THOSE
WHO WELCOME HIM."

-POPE FRANCIS-

KEY TEXTS

CCC 1830 "These (gifts) are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit."

Lumen Gentium 4 "He both equips and directs with hierarchical and charismatics gifts and adorns with his fruits."

Lumen Gentium 12 "These charismatic gifts, whether they be the most outstanding or the more simple... are to be received with thanksgiving and consolation."

Christifideles Laici 21 "The Church is directed and guided by the Holy Spirit, who lavishes diverse hierarchical and charismatic gifts on all the baptized..."

Scripture: *Isaiah* 11:2-3; 1 *Corinthians* 12; *Romans* 8:26,12:6-8; *Ephesians* 4:11.

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