



Confirmation^{through} CONVERSATION

MODULE THREE | The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

In This Module...

Welcome to Module 3! It's encouraged to complete this module or portions of it to better prepare for your third online dialogue with your partner school!

In this module, students will explore Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Piety, Courage, Understanding, Wonder and Awe, Right Judgement, Knowledge and Wisdom. Resources and activities are made readily available for deeper learning, and to assist in the third dialogue with your partner school.



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From the Pulpit!

Read the following scripture passage individually, or as a group and discuss what the message is as students prepare for the graces of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation.

"I am telling you the truth," replied Jesus, "that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. A person is born physically of human parents, but is born spiritually of the Spirit." (John 3:5-6)



Pope Francis Says:

"Without the Holy Spirit, none of us is able to say it, to perceive it, to live it. Jesus, in other places in this long discourse, said of Him [the Holy Spirit]: 'He will lead you into all truth,' He will accompany you towards the full truth. 'He will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you; He will teach you all things.' That is, the Holy Spirit is the travelling companion of every Christian, and also the travelling companion of the Church. And this is the gift that Jesus gives us."



Watch This:

The following video looks at the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through music. Through song, we are able to better understand what they mean in our lives.

<https://goo.gl/hKcu4g>



Appy to Hear It!



These two FREE applications for any Smart device may in fact help the spiritual journey of both the teacher and students. Catholic Calendar offers important, feast days, prayer, and information throughout each liturgical season. Bible Trivia challenges Catholics of all ages with enlightening, and thought provoking questions.



For Your Information

FYI

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we ask the Holy Spirit for Seven (7) gifts. Below you will find a list of these gifts and their meanings. After you read through each gift, think about where you need these gifts in your life today.

WISDOM

the ability to:

- Learn from our mistakes
- See what is good and what is not
- Put things in their proper perspective
- Look to the future
- Apply our knowledge in a particular time and place

UNDERSTANDING

the ability to:

- Listen and know the heart of another person
- Get to the bottom of things
- Work at a problem until we have grasped it

RIGHT JUDGEMENT or COUNSEL

the ability to

- Make good choice choices
- Know what is right and wrong
- See the whole picture
- Give and receive good advice

COURAGE

the ability to:

- Do the right thing even when it is hard
- Know that God will lead and take care of us
- Live by our convictions
- Follow our heart

KNOWLEDGE

the ability to:

- Search for the truth
- Be open to the truth even when we find it in unexpected people or places
- See what is important and what is not

REVERENCE

the ability to:

- Be prayerful
- Have a listening heart
- Be really attentive to the messages that God is sending to us in every moment
- See the presence of God in all people and creation

WONDER & AWE

the ability to:

- Be really aware of the creation around us
- Be really aware of the awesomeness of the people with whom we live
- Recognize the miracles in everyday life



Summary

- The Holy Spirit is the primary gift we receive in Confirmation so we can grow even stronger in our calling to be Christ's disciples.
- As with all the Sacraments, all three persons of the Holy Trinity participate in Confirmation, but in this Sacrament we call particular attention to the Holy Spirit.
- Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation.
- Confirmation builds on, and is necessary for, the completion of the gifts already received in Baptism.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation has two primary effects. The first is that the confirmed person's bond with the Church is strengthened. The second is that the person is enriched with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Both of these effects bring to perfection the grace that is first received in Baptism and are the basis for other more specific ways that the Sacrament impacts the life of a Christian.
- The Roman Catholic practice of Confirmation expresses the communion of the fully initiated Christian with the bishop and the universal Church. The Eastern practice shows the traditional unity between Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist and emphasizes that the Holy Spirit is given in all three Sacraments.
- During the Confirmation Mass, the actual Order of Confirmation begins after the bishop's homily when the bishop asks the candidates to renew their baptismal vows. Then the bishop extends his hands over the Confirmandi and prays that they will receive the Holy Spirit.
- The bishop anoints each candidate's forehead with the Sacred Chrism (oil), placing his hands on her/ him, and saying, "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Confirmation is not about becoming an adult Catholic but rather about becoming a fully initiated Catholic.



That's a Fact!

Those who are anointed at Confirmation are set apart, cleansed, healed, and strengthened. They are also said to be "sealed," marked with the sign of the one in whose name they are anointed. The bishop uses an oil called 'Chrism'.

The following questions and activities are designed to allow both groups to experience a rich dialogue.

Introduce yourself: students provide your first name. Always end with "thank you" allowing the partner school to know you've finished speaking. To better engage in discussion, it is encouraged to refer to questions numerically with your partner school.

Discussion Questions

- 1.0 Which Gifts of the Holy Spirit speak to you the most at this point in your life?
- 1.1 Which of the 7 Gifts do you struggle with?
- 1.2 What are some of your own gifts?
- 1.3 What are some of the gifts of your classmates?
- 1.4 Have you learned of any gifts of your peers from your partner school?
- 1.5 What is Chrism?
- 1.6 What do you think is meant by "The Holy Spirit is the travelling companion of every Christian"?
- 1.7 When do you think the Holy Spirit first appears in the bible?

Glory be to the
Father and to the
Son
and to the Holy
Spirit.

As it was in the
beginning is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.



Think Outside the Box

View: 'The Pencil Parable' right here in Module 3;
What are some of your thoughts?



Living the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Based on the definitions of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in this module, please fill in the following chart and explain how you can use each of the gifts in your own life right now. In the last column, illustrate what each gift symbolizes for you.

GIFTS	HOW CAN I USE THIS GIFT?	SYMBOL/IMAGE
WISDOM		
UNDERSTANDING		
RIGHT JUDGEMENT OR COUNSEL		
COURAGE		
KNOWLEDGE		
REVERENCE		
WONDER & AWE		