

Faith Sharing Session #2

Due the third Wednesday in October

Candidate's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Directions: For this session, we will be looking at the purpose of Confirmation and how the life of the student will change because of the Sacrament. You will need a **Bible** for this session.

Reflection Questions:

The goals of the Christian journey are to grow in holiness, become more like Christ, and get to Heaven. What steps are you taking each day to accomplish this goal?

In Baptism, we are first brought into the Church, our sins are forgiven, and we are adopted by God the Father as his child. Why do we still need Confirmation? (Look up Acts 8:14-17)

Is there a skill, talent, or ability in your life that is lacking that you wish you possessed? Explain.

Fortunately, God desires for us to be with Him even more than we do, and so He gives us the fullness of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation so that we have everything we need to live as good Christians. Here is a list of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

WISDOM is tasting or intimately experiencing the mind and nature of God.

UNDERSTANDING is the ability to understand divine mysteries such as the nature of God and divine truths.

RIGHT JUDGMENT is knowing what actions to take so they are morally right.

COURAGE is courage to defend and live the demands of our Christian life in a hostile environment.

KNOWLEDGE is a supernatural understanding that all creation, our good actions, and all the good that has been achieved in history comes from God and is directed toward him.

REVERENCE is seeing God as our Father and our neighbor as brother and sister.

WONDER AND AWE is fear of separating oneself from God out of love for God and dread of his justice.

Who do you know that possesses many of these Gifts of the Holy Spirit and why?

Choose one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and explain how you can better apply the gift in situations that come up in your life.

Read John 8:12. Who does Jesus say He is? What does Jesus say He will give His followers?

Read the Parable of the Mustard Seed in Matthew 13:31-32. Where do you think you are at in your life today, and where do you think you can be someday?