



APOSTLES of the HOLY SPIRIT

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CONFIRMATION

THE SACRAMENT

OF STRENGTH



WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?



Confirmation is the sacrament of strength. Through the coming of the Holy Spirit one is given the spiritual strength to profess, live and witness to the Catholic Faith as a true apostle of the Holy Spirit.



THE GIFT OF STRENGTH



The Holy Spirit gives me this gift of strength to become fully alive in God's unending love, to live that same love and boldly acclaim it to others.

Confirmation

One of the best ways to grasp the meaning of confirmation is to analyze the rite itself, the Sacrament of confirmation. The rite consists of three ceremonies: (1) the renewal of baptismal promises; (2) the prayers of Bishop and priest with extended hands, calling down the Holy Spirit with His seven Gifts upon those receiving the Sacrament; and (3) the anointing with chrism on the forehead which is done by the laying on of the hand.

I. THE FIRST CEREMONY: THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES.

Most of us were baptized as infants. Others, parents and sponsors, spoke for us. They said we would want to be Catholics when we grew up. They more or less vouched for that. That is what sponsor means: "one who backs one up."

Now at the Sacrament of confirmation, one has the opportunity to show that their trust was not misplaced, their judgement was right. By renewing baptismal promises, one ratifies their decision and saying in effect, "I want to be a Catholic. This is now my decision."

It is important that we do this, because we are free; and religion should always be a free choice. In this sense we can call the Sacrament of confirmation a "sacrament of decision."

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Bishop. Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises? **Candidates.** I do.

Bishop. Do you believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth? **Candidates.** I do.

Bishop. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates. I do.

Bishop. Do you believe in the holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in

Confirmation? **Candidates.** I do.

Bishop. Do you believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Candidates. I do.

Bishop. This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Entire congregation.** Amen.

II. THE SECOND CEREMONY: A PRAYER - BISHOP AND PRIEST WITH EXTENDED HANDS PRAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH HIS SEVEN GIFTS COME DOWN UPON THE CANDIDATES.

Bishop. My dear friends, in baptism God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters.

Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ the Son of God.

(All pray in silence for a short time)

Bishop and priest extend hands.

Bishop alone sings or says:

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All answer. Amen

III. THE THIRD CEREMONY, THE



ESSENTIAL RITE OF THE SACRAMENT, IS THE ANOINTING WITH CHRISM ON THE FOREHEAD, WHICH IS DONE BY THE LAYING ON OF THE HAND, AND THROUGH THE WORDS: ACCIPE SIGNACULUM DONI SPIRITUS SANCTI

It was God Himself who directed Moses to prepare a sacred oil for anointing sacred vessels and persons.

Thus anointing with oil came to symbolize two things: *choice by God and enablement by the coming of the Holy Spirit.*

It symbolizes the same thing in the Sacrament of confirmation. Confirmation becomes God's choice of you at baptism and enables you by a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit to fulfill His call at baptism to be a light to others.

THE CEREMONY THE LAYING OF THE HAND

At confirmation the anointing and the laying on of the hand are fused into one action. The Bishop extends his hand over the head of the candidate, as he anoints the candidate's forehead with chrism, saying:

Bishop. N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit
Candidate. Amen.

Bishop. Peace be with you. **Candidate.** And also with you.

The words "Be sealed" mean that you are marked, stamped as belonging to Christ (2 Cor. 1:21-22). When a document is sealed with wax, only the owner may break open the seal. Confirmation seals one as belonging to Christ. It is like a "No Trespassing" sign to Satan. He thinks twice before attacking anyone signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

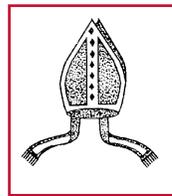
THE ORDINARY MINISTER OF CONFIRMATION IS THE BISHOP

This is so in order to make the relationship between confirmation and the first Pentecost more evident. On the first Pentecost, it was the apostles who received the Holy Spirit. The Bishops, not priests, are the successors of the apostles.

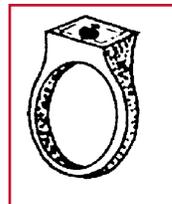
Moreover, the fact that the Bishop administers makes confirmation more dramatic, since the only other sacrament reserved for the Bishop is Holy Orders, the ordination of Bishops, priests and deacons.

I. The Bishop.

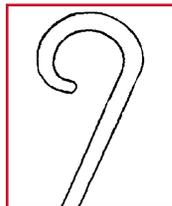
As chief shepherd of the diocese, the Bishop has a distinctive garb and insignia of office.



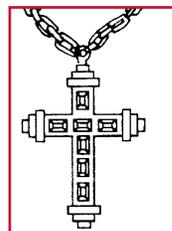
The **MITER** is the sign of the Bishop's kingly role as head of the diocese.



The **RING** is a sign of the Bishop's authority and marriage to the diocese.



The **CROSIER** is a shepherd's staff; it shows the Bishop as the chief shepherd of the diocese.



The **PECTORAL CROSS** worn by the Bishop over his breast (the Latin word for "breast" is pectus) shows his love for the gospel of the cross.



The **ZUCCHETTO** is a small, round, red-colored skull cap worn on the top of the head to show that the Lord is the Bishop's inheritance.



**IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH
BIBLE QUOTATION - HIS HOLY SPIRIT**

Before reading the Scriptures, I should pause for a few moments and direct my thoughts in love and obedience to the Holy Spirit who dwells within me and inspires my reading.

CONFIRMATION

“When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down to these people and prayed that they might receive the Holy Spirit. It had not as yet come down upon any of them since they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. The pair upon arriving imposed hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.”

-Acts 8:14-17

“I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God bestowed when my hands were laid on you. The Spirit, God has given us is no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving and wise.”

-2Timothy 1:6-7

SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

But the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment. (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

The anointing with the Holy Spirit seals the deal. God makes a special covenant with us. We have His sacred word on it and He always keeps His promises. The Holy Spirit is God's first payment. The love of God is poured into our hearts. When we say yes at confirmation and accept His Holy Spirit, the deal is sealed in our hearts. Accepting the Holy Spirit (God's love) creates a life long covenant with God.



**Prayers to
the
Holy Spirit**

**GIVE ME THE UNDERSTANDING OF
THE GIFTS GIVEN ME AT MY
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**PRAYER FOR THE
SEVEN GIFTS OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Jesus, before ascending into Heaven You promised to send the Holy Spirit — to finish Your work — in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples.

Grant the same Holy Spirit to me— that He may perfect in my soul — the work of His grace and His love.

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom — that I may not be attached to the perishable things of this world — but aspire only after the things — that are eternal.

Grant me the Spirit of Understanding — to enlighten my mind — with the light of Your divine truth— the Spirit of Counsel —that I may ever choose — the surest way of pleasing God — and gaining Heaven — the Spirit of Fortitude — that I may bear my cross — and that I may overcome with courage — all the obstacles that oppose my sanctification — the Spirit of Knowledge —that I may know God and know myself —and grow perfect in the image of the Saints.

Grant me the Spirit of Piety — that I may find the service of God sweet and enjoy showing Your goodness to others, the Spirit of Fear — that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may avoid anything that may displease Him. Mark me, dear Holy Spirit— with the sign of a true apostle — and make me alive with Your Spirit in all things .

Amen.

“Come, Holy Spirit”

A SECRET OF SANCTITY

I'm going to reveal to you a secret of sanctity and happiness. If every day during five minutes, you will keep your imagination quiet, shut your eyes to all the things of sense, and close your ears to all the sounds of earth, so as to be able to withdraw into the sanctuary of your baptized soul, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Speak there to that Holy Spirit saying:

O Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me. Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it. I promise to be submissive and everything that you permit to happen to me, only show me what is your will.

If you do this, your life will pass happily and serenely. Consolation will abound even in the midst of troubles. Grace will be given in proportion to the trial as well as strength to bear it, bringing you to the Gates of Paradise full of merit.

This submission to the Holy Spirit is the Secret of Sanctity.

-Cardinal Mercier

Reprinted by request. For those who missed this printing several years back.

THE PLEA OF AN UNBORN CHILD

A tiny, feeble babe am I
And cozy in my Mother's womb.
In safety I should calmly lie,
For me the world will have no room.

If Mom and Dad would let me live,
So I could grow up big and strong,
Much happiness to them I'd give,
To take away my life is wrong.

But Mom and Dad don't want me. WHY?
They surely know I'm from above
And was not made, this way, to die,
That all I want from them is love.

Now what I ask is right to life,
To grow up, live for many years.
Dear God, stop the surgeon's knife
And for them save those guilty tears.

God rules with justice from on high,
So in our life the day we'll rue
When they cause unborn babies to die.
Think! One of them could have been YOU.

"Come Holy Spirit"

Remind me to seek your gift of fortitude whenever I have the opportunity to speak out against abortion.



SACRAMENT OF LOVE

THE POWER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Mother Teresa Speaks:

I make a Holy Hour each day in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All my sisters of the Missionaries of Charity make a daily Holy Hour as well, because we find that through our daily Holy



Hour our love for Jesus becomes more intimate, our love for each other more understanding, and our love for the poor more compassionate. Our Holy Hour is our daily family prayer where we get together and pray the rosary before the exposed Blessed Sacrament the first half hour, and the second half hour we pray in silence. Our adoration has doubled the number of our vocations. In 1963 we were making a weekly Holy Hour together, but it was not until 1973, when we began our daily Holy Hour, that our community started to grow and blossom. There is now a long waiting list of young woman waiting to enter.

Holy Spirit Novena for Life

In the days leading up to Pentecost, the disciples prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We too pray for his coming, and for His power that renews the face of the earth and brings about the victory of life.



Holy Spirit,
At the dawn of creation,
You brought order out of chaos,
Light out of darkness,
Life out of nothingness.

Breathe on us once again,
And change this culture of death
Into a Culture of Life.

Inspire in your people
A spirit of generous welcome
For each and every life,
No matter how unexpected or dependent
That life may be.
Holy Spirit,
You are the Advocate.
As you fill us with Yourself,
Make us advocates
For the unborn and all the vulnerable,
Until we are all united
In the endless life and joy
of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever, Amen.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Giver of Life

Come Holy Spirit, Creator of all things....You who breathed over the waters at the dawn of creation and brought forth all living beings...You who filled the apostles when the Risen Lord breathed on them on the first Easter night, giving them the power to restore life to those dead in sin...You who, on the last day, will breathe again over all the dead and raise them from the grave - - Come! Come and breath on our world again, immersed as it is in the Culture of Death! Come, O Lord and Giver of Life! Defeat the works of death in our midst, That abortion may no longer stain our land.

Prayer to the Spirit Of Truth



Holy Spirit, You are the promised Spirit of Truth, constantly revealing the splendor of truth to Your people, and leading us deeper into the Mysteries of our Faith.

Come to us today, and deepen in our minds and hearts the truth about life: its greatness, its dignity, its reflection of the eternal God. Make us appreciate ever more the truth that life is always good, and that every life is of equal dignity, despite all the different characteristics people have, or the different circumstances under which they come to be.

Come, Spirit of Truth. Free all your people from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion. Free them from false and harmful ideas which make a god out of their own choices, or which fail to recognize the right to life of children in the womb.

Come, O Holy Spirit, and as You immerse us in Your truth, so make us effective witnesses of that truth within our families, among our friends, and to all the world. Amen.



PRAYER TO END ABORTIONS

Mother Mary, as you carried your Divine Child in your womb you rejoiced and glorified the Lord. Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who think of murder, not motherhood. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in God's image—as well as theirs—made for eternal life. Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother alone can give. Mary, Mother of Christ, show us all, one day the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. (*Mother Teresa says, "that abortion kills two; the baby and the conscience of the mother."*)

“Do Not Be Afraid”

Pope John Paul II

APOSTOLATE FOR THE DYING

HOLY HOUR DEVOTION FOR THE DYING



"Can you not spend one hour With Me?"

"The booklet, Holy Hour Devotion for the Dying, offers a very beneficial, effective, and caring way for people to help those who are dying through prayer."

~Most Reverend Joseph R. Binzer

Experience the joy of doing something beautiful for God, for the salvation of souls, and for you! Be a part of this work of God's Mercy.

Many souls go to Hell
because no one prays for them.

~Our Lady of Fatima 1917

HOW MANY OF US THINK ABOUT PRAYING FOR THE DYING?

Jesus told St. Faustina:

"Pray as much as you can for the dying... Be assured that the eternal salvation of certain souls in their final moment depends on your prayers."

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OUR STORY

This ministry started with a profound event in our family. It began with the story of three sister-in-laws, one dying and two praying. It is a story of love and God's mercy. Lina, our oldest sister-in-law, suffered from bone cancer, and stayed in the hospital for about three months before she died. Lourdes, my other sister-in-law and I had many opportunities to visit her and pray together. It was evident that this gave her comfort and peace. As the illness progressed and she could not speak or pray anymore, she would make the sign of the cross or put her hands together inviting us to pray. This was at the same time beautiful but sad. We can see now how God was showing us through her actions, how much a dying person longs for our prayers! However, neither Lourdes nor I understood that until the day Lina died. On that day at the hospital, Lourdes and I felt deeply in our hearts just how much the dying are in need of prayers. So we decided to do something to help them by praying a holy hour. At that time, we did not know of Jesus' request to St. Faustina to pray for the dying; but He surely gave us the inspiration. The very next day, on Sunday, February 15, 2004, we began what we call today the "Apostolate for the dying". We now pray not only once a week, but everyday! Thanks be to God.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To lift up prayers for the dying, especially for those who die suddenly, unprepared to face God. It is our hope that these simple prayers will aid in saving many souls.

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Reader's Various Shared Thoughts

Dear Apostles,

My late husband has received your bulletin for years. He died a few years ago. When it come I just glance it over. I am 73 as I was removing it from my mailbox. I thought I should write you and request you to remove my name from mailing.

When I got to my apt. I was going through the mail and again I decided I would write and request my name removed from mail.

Then I opened it and saw the Blessed Sacrament in the Eucharistic for Adoration. I read it from beginning to end. I miss my former church which has a 24 hr. chapel of adoration. Since I frequently get over there because I was going by I would enter. Plus when I was signed up for my house, how I miss that.

Sincerely, D.S.
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania



Dear AHS,

I am writing you with the hope that you will be able to assist me in getting a copy of "Listening to the Holy Spirit" by George E. Schulhoff, I attend my grandson's first communion at St. Gertrude church in Cincinnati and May 2012. I picked up a copy of "Novena to the Holy Spirit" and have been reading and rereading it since that time. You posted that the most popular book written by the author was called "Listening to the Holy Spirit. I would like to get a copy. Can you please give me some direction on how I can obtain a copy. My search on Google did not bring up any available copy. I will appreciate any help with this. Thank you

R.P. Bolivia, North Carolina

Dear Apostles,

Please send me a supply of your Eucharistic Adoration "A Gift of Love" cards.

My sister sent me one and I love it. So I want to share it with others.

Thanks,

M.T.
Mechanicsville, Maryland



Dear Apostles,

Thank you for the faithful witness you give to living in the Power of the Holy Spirit. The Novena to the Holy Spirit written by George Schulhoff is an amazing gift to the church. I have prayed it for years and would like to share it more widely with others. Please send me more copies.

Blessings to you, J.D.



Dear Apostles,

Your Bulletin that I got for summer 2014 "The Holy Spirit & prayers was greatly appreciated. It was beautiful to read and good to mediate as well.

Could you send me 15 or more copies to be given to some of the members of the Ambassadors of Mary. We meet every 1st Saturday of the month.

We were many members, you can just sent 15 or more copies. For a while and also the prayer card for "Prayer for Unity."

Thank you so much for all of you.

God Bless,

R.R. Cincinnati, Ohio



Dear Apostles,

Thank You for your help in getting our order to us. It arrived in time for us to place them in the Corpus Christi Adoration Chapel in time for Pentecost Sunday.

God Bless you,

D.G. Phoenix, Arizona

“I AM LOVED BY JESUS”

(SCRIPTURE QUOTES TO PROVE IT)

ISAIAH 43:4: “You are precious in My eyes and glorious - I love you”

ISAIAH 49:15: “Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even if she forget, **I WILL NEVER** forget you. See, I have written your name on the palms of My hands.”

JER. 1:5: “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.”

JER. 29:11-14: “I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe; plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call Me, when you go to pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes when you seek Me with all your heart, you will find Me with you, says the Lord and I will change your lot.”

MATT. 12:28-30: “Come to Me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

MARK 11:30-31: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and love your neighbor as yourself.”

LUKE 11:13: “If you, with all your sins, know how to give good things to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.”

JOHN. 3:16: “Yes, God so **LOVED** the world that He gave his **ONLY** Son, that whoever **BELIEVES** in Him may not die but may have eternal life>”

JOHN. 15:9: “As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you. Live on in My Love.”

2 COR. 12:9: “My grace is enough for you, for in weakness power reaches perfection.”

JOHN 10:10: “I came that you may have life and have it to the fullest.”

JOHN 15:11: “All this I tell you that My joy may be yours and your joy may be complete.”

JOHN 15:16: “It was **NOT YOU** who choose Me, it was I who chose you, to go forth and bear fruit.”

ACTS 1:8: “You will receive **POWER** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. **YOU** are to be my witness, in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes, even to the ends of the earth.”

1 COR. 3:16-17: “Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.”

1 COR. 6:19: “You must know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within - the Spirit you have received from God. You are not your own. You have been purchased at a great **PRICE**. So glorify God in your body.”

1 COR. 14:1: “Seek eagerly after love. Set your hearts on the **Spiritual gifts...**”

GALATIANS 6:9: “Let us not grow weary of doing good; if we do not **RELAX** our efforts, in due time we shall reap our harvest.”

EPH. 2:10: “We are truly His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.”

ISAIAH 43:1: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by name, you are mine.”

EZEKIEL 36:26: “I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you. Taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put My spirit within you...”

HOLY SPIRIT GOD OF LOVE

No one could possibly love you more than God the Holy Spirit. You have given and received only natural love. God's love is supernatural. His love for you is unlimited.

He created you. Just as you are. Just as He wanted you to be. He wants you to know Him. He wants you to be happy and enjoy this world and this life He gave to you.

With His gifts, He gives you all you need to accomplish this. He wants to give you unlimited **WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE** and **UNDERSTANDING**. He wants to **COUNSEL** you and give you **FORTITUDE**. He wants to make it easy for you to be close and intimate with Him through His gift to you of **PIETY**. He wants to create in you a love for Him that will satisfy every want and desire you have.



FRATERNAL LOVE

Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil, cling to what is good. Love one another with affection of brothers. Anticipate each other in showing respect.

(Romans 12:9,10)



The only reason we were created and that we exist is to serve God. Stop running in circles, quiet your mind, take deep breaths and relax in the Love of the Holy Spirit.



Love your enemies and pray for them. Bitterness then becomes lifted. Only think on people's good qualities and let the bad fall by the wayside.

THE LOVE OF GOD

The greatest of all our obligations, the greatest source of merit, our greatest possible consolation is to love God. One act of love is worth a thousand acts of any virtue. No work, however important, is worth anything unless it be inspired by love of God.

The first Great Commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul. It is the basis and the very essence of our religion.

Yet many Christians have little or no love of God. They find no consolation in making acts of love. They tell us themselves that when they repeat an act of love, they feel nothing in their hearts corresponding to the words.

They adore God, they serve God, they pray to God, they fear God. Their idea of God is false; they think of Him as a severe God, a stern God, but do not think of Him as a God of infinite love, sweetness, and mercy.

As a consequence, they fail to get the immense merits they could so easily get in their daily lives, they never enjoy the friendship of God which would be their supreme happiness.

God has done everything to make us love Him. He commands us to call Him Father, that is, Father in the truest sense of the word, the most loving, tender Father.

God has made, as He tells us himself, the last supreme effort to gain our love, by offering us His Sacred Heart as the emblem, the pledge of His most tender love for us.

He has made 12 most loving promises to all who are devout to His Sacred Heart, but few, indeed, ever think of these wonder promises.

How is that we are so blind, so cold, so un-loving? It is always the same answer, *viz*: we do not ask the Holy Spirit for His Light.

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**Pray to the Holy Spirit often for
His Gift of Love. Spread it around
for it can become contagious.**

HOLY SPIRIT GOD OF LOVE

Give Me Love

*You are the fire of love,
Oh Holy Spirit..
Fill my heart with love
For You and my neighbor.
Without these two loves,
I cannot be pleasing to You;
Without it no other gift will help.
Give me a love
which is patient,
A love that is kind,
that I may never
be boastful or conceited;
Give me a love that
I may never think evil
or rejoice in injury done to another.
Give me a love
that delights in the truth.
Give me a love
which can bear all things,
A love that
believes all things,
Hopes and endures all things.
Give me faith and hope;
but above all give me love.*

(Cf. 1 Corinthians 13)

**Come Holy Spirit.
Fill The Hearts Of
Your Faithful, Enkindle
In Them The Fire
Of Your Love.**

LOVE ISN'T LOVE TILL YOU GIVE IT AWAY

One evening, just before the great star Mary Martin was to go on stage in *South Pacific* on Broadway, a note was handed to her. It was from Oscar Hammerstien, one of the authors of *South Pacific*, who at that moment was on his deathbed.

The short, vibrant note read: "Dear Mary, a Bell's not a bell till you ring it. A song's not a song till you sing it. Love in your heart was not put there to stay. Love isn't love till you give it away."

After Mary's performance that night, many people rushed backstage to congratulate her. They said, "Mary, you did something to us tonight. What was it?"

Blinking back the tears, Mary Martin read them the note. Then she said, "Tonight I gave my love away!"

Love is action! It isn't passive. The gift of our Father's love to us was His only Son, Jesus, who took our place on the cross... loving us that we might love... giving to us that we might give.

ACT OF LOVE

Holy Spirit, source of all mercy, truth and holiness, it saddens me to think that there are many who oppose Your inspirations and blind themselves to the known truth. Accept this act of love for those offenses. I, too, have many times offended You by my sins. I now implore Your mercy and forgiveness; and I promise with the help of Your grace never to offend You again. You, Who are often forgotten and so little loved, grant that through the merits of Jesus our redeemer, we may come to know You more and more and realize, more fully, Your presence, Your power and Your intimate love. Amen.

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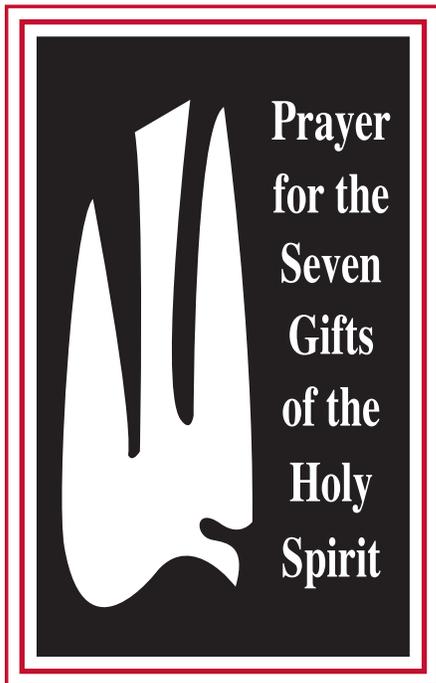
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Actual size of card folded is: 3-1/2" wide x 5-1/2" high.



**Prayer for the
Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Jesus, before ascending into
Heaven You promised to send the Holy
Spirit — to finish Your work — in the
souls of Your Apostles and Disciples.

Grant the same Holy Spirit to me—
that He may perfect in my soul — the
work of His grace and His love.

Come Holy Spirit

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom — that
I may not be attached to the perishable
things of this world — but aspire only
after the things — that are eternal.

Grant me the Spirit of Understanding —
to enlighten my mind — with the light

of Your divine truth— the Spirit of
Counsel —that I may ever choose —
the surest way of pleasing God — and
gaining Heaven — the Spirit of
Fortitude — that I may bear my cross .
and that I may overcome with courage -
all the obstacles that oppose my
sanctification — the Spirit of
Knowledge —that I may know God
and know myself —and grow perfect
in the image of the Saints.

Grant me the Spirit of Piety — that I
may find the service of God sweet and
enjoy showing Your goodness to others,
the Spirit of Fear — that I may be
filled with a loving reverence towards
God and may avoid anything that may
displease Him. Mark me, dear Holy
Spirit— with the sign of a true apostle
and make me alive with Your Spirit in
all things .

Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit for His Seven Gifts.

A prayer, especially for those who are about to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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