

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE PRAXIS—CONFIRMATION (11-4-18)

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who came upon the apostles at Pentecost
and is given sacramentally in Confirmation?

Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

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

PRAXIS—CONFIRMATION: SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- I. Virtues and Charisms
 - A. Virtues
 1. Cardinal Human Virtues
 - a. Prudence
 - b. Justice
 - c. Temperance
 - d. Fortitude
 2. Theological Virtues
 - a. Faith
 - b. Hope
 - c. Charity
 - B. Charisms —“Special gifts of the Holy Spirit which are bestowed on individuals”
 1. “For the good of others”
 2. “For the needs of the world”
 3. “In particular for the building up of the Church” (CCCC#160)
- II. Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (*Spiritual Theology* by Jordan Aumann)
 - A. **KNOWLEDGE**—Experience of God’s Presence that enables the Baptized to judge correctly
 1. The child of God distinguishes the Creator from creatures.
 2. The child of God places His trust in God, not in creatures.
 - B. **PIETY** (Reverence)—A child of God has confidence and love for his Heavenly Father, worshipping Him in Spirit and in Truth.
 - C. **FEAR OF THE LORD** (Awe/Wonder)
 1. Servile Fear—Fear of punishment
 2. Filial Fear—Fear of losing the relationship of love
 - D. **WISDOM**—The child of God judges reality according to God’s vision (prophetic discernment in the power of the Holy Spirit by the experience of God’s movement or overshadowing).

- E. **UNDERSTANDING**—A child of God experiences deepening insight into the Deposit of the Faith as God unveils the Divine Mysteries.
- F. **COUNSEL** (Right Judgment)—Docility on the part of the child of God in regard to making decisions and acting upon them in ways that increase his likeness to God and strengthen his union with the Father’s will
- G. **FORTITUDE** (Courage)—A child of God overcomes fear, and, with patient joy, carries His Cross through trials and tribulations, sufferings and sorrows.

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS (T/F)

1. All Baptized individuals possess the same Theological Virtues and charisms.
2. The Scriptural basis for the Sevenfold Gifts of the Holy Spirit comes from Saint Luke’s The Acts of the Apostles.
3. The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit do not operate by the initiation of the Baptized person but by the initiation of the Holy Spirit Himself.
4. It would be an example of blasphemy to say a human person could be “divinized.”
5. When we say that Christ is the Anointed One, we mean that this anointing is the Holy Spirit Himself.
6. All those who are Baptized share in the priesthood of Christ.
7. Because a Confirmed person receives the Gift of Counsel, he knows that God will always reveal clearly each decision he is to make.
8. The Gift of Understanding gives each individual Christian the ability to interpret Scripture without error.
9. We do not have any ways of discerning whether or not the Holy Spirit has caused me to understand or to know some Mystery of the Faith.
10. The Holy Oil used to Confirm Christians is called The Oil of Catechumens.

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “Act of Faith,” “Act of Hope,” “Spiritual Communion”

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

- II. Mental Prayer During the Day (20-35 minutes)

- A. The Rosary
- B. Journal Meditation
 1. 5-10 Minutes of Scriptural or spiritual reading
 2. 5-10 Minutes writing to either the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit
 3. 5-10 Minutes recording what you believe God is saying to you

- III. Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition

- A. This day did I speak to our Heavenly Father, listen to Him, and obey Him as His child?
- B. Did I unite my heart to the Sacred Heart of Jesus today by making a Spiritual Communion or receiving Him in Holy Communion?
- C. Did I invite the Holy Spirit to direct my thoughts, strengthen my will, and keep God’s grace alive in me?
- D. Did I embrace Mary today as my Mother in the order of grace by praying with her and behaving like one of her spiritual children?