



CONFIRMATION

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Gifts of the Holy Spirit Writing Assignment

In the spring of 2014, Pope Francis gave a series of audiences comprising a catechesis on the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit. You do not have to read all 7 audiences, but it would be very beneficial to do so. Your assignment is to read AT LEAST one of them and then complete a 400-600 word writing assignment. His audiences can be accessed on the Vatican website via hyperlinks on our parish website under the Confirmation tab. I also have print copies in my office that are available upon request.

ASSIGNMENT: Write a short paper giving a definition of one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, how you can attain and live it out in your life, and what makes it a “Gift of the Holy Spirit.” Imagine that you’re speaking to a non-Christian and you have to help them understand what we mean by wisdom or understanding, etc. as a “Gift of the Holy Spirit” and why we’d want to have this gift in our lives. The pope’s catechesis will be very helpful to you in this assignment, but feel free to use any Catholic resource on the gifts to help you. When preparing to write, it might be beneficial to answer these questions to yourself:

- 1) What is a Gift of the Holy Spirit? What makes it a gift? What makes it “of the Holy Spirit?”
- 2) Why would I even care to have them?
- 3) What must I do to make full use of these gifts?
- 4) Do you have any examples of people who demonstrate this gift in your life? Consider incorporating this example into your writing assignment.

Writing Assignment Requirement:

- Clearly state which gift you chose
- Give a good definition of this gift
- How can you attain this gift?
- How can you live it out?
- Cite at least (2) Catholic sources
- Include a Works Cited page
- Writing assignment is due Sunday, Mar. 12