

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Wonder and Awe

WISDOM

to see and follow God's plan in our lives...We do not always have a clear idea of the details of God's plan for us. We exercise the gift of wisdom by being attentive, through prayer and reflection on the experiences of life, to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

UNDERSTANDING

that we may love others as Jesus asks...We develop the gift of understanding by trying to see others through the eyes of Christ and His Mother. This is not easy to do. It demands compassion, patience, and generosity.

RIGHT JUDGMENT

in the choices we make...There are choices and decisions in life that require serious attention, reflection, and prayer. These three qualities are essential to the gift of right judgment.

COURAGE

to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ...

Christ's message so often goes against the material values of our world. To live and proclaim the gospel is to risk contempt and ridicule. It does indeed take the Spirit's gift of courage.

KNOWLEDGE

of God, which leads, in turn, to wisdom and understanding...

We cannot proclaim what we do not know. The gift of knowledge urges us to exercise our mind and will to learn God's plan for us and for the world.

REVERENCE

that we may treat everyone and everything God has made with love and respect...

Belief in God's presence in all creation draws us into reverence – the gift that helps us find the sacred in all things.

WONDER and AWE

that we may glorify God in all His marvelous works...

Through the gift of wonder and awe we recognize and rejoice in God's glory – his presence and love – filling all creation.