



# PARENT SESSION for Confirmation Sacramental Preparation

## FEAR OF THE LORD

## Session 7

# OPENING PRAYER: Come Holy Spirit



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*V.* Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

*R.* And You shall renew the face of the earth.

*Let us pray.*

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

# Aims for the Parent Sessions

- To assist the children in their spiritual growth;
- To encourage faith discussions at home; and
- To encourage adults within the faith community to engage in discussions about their faith.

# Seven Parent Sessions



## Catechism of the Catholic Church 1831

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

# Welcome



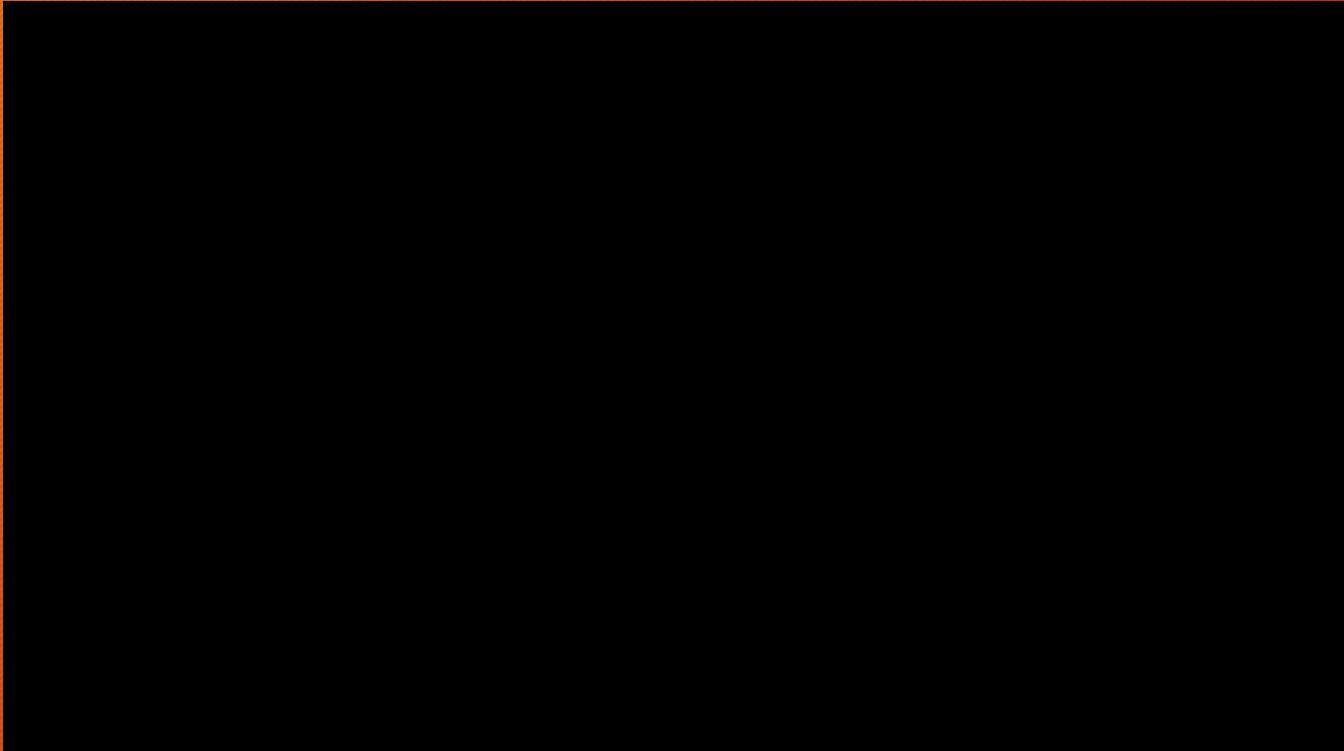
Tell us a little bit about how your image of God has changed throughout your life.

# Five Key Points



- Fear of the Lord calls us to contemplate the greatness, majesty and the awe of God.
- It is not fear as we might commonly understand it but a right relationship with God recognizing humbly our place within that relationship.
- It is not a servile fear, but a joyful realization that brings true peace.
- This gift inspires us to acknowledge that the Holy Spirit is within us making all things possible.
- The gift of the Holy Spirit awakens us to the place of God at the centre of our being and inclines our ear to hear the voice of God in the choices and experiences of life.

# FILM CLIP ON FEAR OF THE LORD



# REVIEW OF 5 KEY POINTS

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# FAITH WITNESS



# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- What do you think it means for us to be in right relationship with God?
- Can the image of God as a just judge bring us consolation and/or fear?
- How does the greatness and majesty of God bring us true peace?
- How can we help our children to grow in their faith as they receive this gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation?

# HOME ACTIVITY

CHOSEN, student book:

- Lesson 17: Who's calling? (Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment)
- Lesson 18: Are you talking to me? (Getting to know God through Prayer) Note: Catholic Prayers are on pages 248 to 251.
- Lesson 19: Who is Mary? (meeting the Mother of God - and Your Heavenly Family)
- Pages 155 to 184 (omit pages 157, 167, and 177.)

# HOME ACTIVITY FOLLOWING RETREAT

## NEXT STEPS AFTER RETREAT:

- Lesson 17: Who's calling? (Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment)
- Lesson 24: Where do I go from here? (The Journey Continues)
- CONFIRMATION SAINT PROJECT (See Retreat outline)

# Parent Discussion

- How do you plan to approach the home activities with your child? Are you clear on the home activity which will be reviewed at the child's next session of sacramental preparation?
- Which home activity topics do you anticipate will be easily understood by your child?
- Which home activity topics do you think may pose a challenge for your child? How will you talk about these topics with your child?

# EXIT CARD



- In what ways did this session help you in your faith and your role as a parent supporting your child's faith journey?
- For next time, what would you like to see included in the session to address your questions of faith and help you in your child's faith journey preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- Are there other things we need to know to assist you, your child and family?

# CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,  
who has given us new life through water and  
the Holy Spirit,  
send forth from heaven and shower upon us  
the gifts of the Holy Spirit:  
wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude,  
knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.  
Amen.