

Blessings of the Holy Spirit

We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as Catholic educators.

In a particular way, we pray the gifts of the Holy Spirit descend on us this day and every day so that we might offer a strong example of service and love to our students. God has shared these gifts with us by sending the Spirit to help us live Christ-like lives.

May the Holy Spirit give us wisdom (light the first candle)

Wisdom, that we may keep perspective and balance in our lives as we take on new initiatives and challenges. May we daily act with thoughtfulness and kindness toward our students and fellow staff members.

May the Holy Spirit give us understanding (second candle)

Understanding, that we may act with compassion toward those who are in need of it most. May we follow Christ's example to reach out to all those on the edges of our classrooms and schools.

May the Holy Spirit give us the gift of Right Judgement (third)

Good judgement to help us make right decisions and guide our students to set their hearts on the higher gifts of God.

May the Holy Spirit give us courage (fourth)

Courage, that we may gather strength from our families and community. May we have the courage to pursue and challenge injustice, to be the voice for the voiceless, and always look out for those left behind.

May the Spirit give us the gift of knowledge (fifth)

Knowledge, that we might know how to speak words that respond to the needs and challenges of our students as Christ would, in a way that encourages them to use their gifts to aim for excellence in all matters, and with words that guide them in making life decisions and living values that will make a difference in the world.

May the Spirit give us reverence (sixth)

Reverence, that we may treat all whom we encounter with respect, and through our example, invite others to live a more reflective life.

And lastly, may the Holy Spirit give us the wonder of wonder and awe (seventh)

May we see with child-like eyes of faith. May we recognise the gifts God has given us and the gift we are to the world. And may we find beauty in the struggle and grace in the challenge.