



# Roots & Wings

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## Welcome

The Catholic Life Committee is pleased to begin an eighth year of the **Our Catholic Culture in Christ** program. The Catholic Life Committee is a group of parents, teachers, administrators, IJP staff and other members of the IJP parish that is under the umbrella of the IJP Education Committee, which is under the umbrella of the IJP School Board. This year the Infant Jesus of Prague School and religious education community will focus on The Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We will explore their meaning in the day-to-day lives of our parents, teachers, administrators, and most importantly, our students. Throughout the year, **Roots and Wings** will publish articles and essays on The Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we have done in the past with Virtues, The Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. Each month teachers in the parish school and religious education programs will receive information and activities related to The Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We will also examine The Gifts of the Holy Spirit through bulletin boards, banners, art projects, service projects and masses.

## Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wonder and Awe

Reverence

Knowledge

Courage

Right Judgment

Understanding

Wisdom

**Roots and Wings** will continue to publish other articles and information relevant to living as Catholics in today's culture. The Catholic Life Committee is always looking for writers and recommendations of books, articles, movies and websites relevant to raising children in **Our Catholic Culture**. Feel free to contact Natalie Lamb (748-3909), Jane Peabody (957-8214) or Laurie Liesen (756-3828).

## General Theology on the Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit is one of God's greatest gifts to us. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit as the Paraclete to guide, strengthen, and console all those who follow Him. A Paraclete is "someone at the side of another person," and the Holy Spirit is invisibly at our sides, helping us to live our faith. Although we cannot see the Holy Spirit physically, we know He is here when we observe the effects of His presence in our lives (Apostoli 1994).

We receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit at our Baptisms and our Confirmations. These gifts provide us with sanctifying graces, helping us to grow in holiness, and are present for as long as we remain in a state of grace. At the same time, they help us to avoid sinfulness and self-centeredness, and defend us from evil. The gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and right judgment assist our minds to know God and the truths of our Catholic faith. Courage, reverence, and wonder and awe help our wills and strengthen us to love God more completely (Apostoli 1994). In addition to helping us to be holy, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit also help to perfect the intellectual virtues (faith, hope, and love) and the cardinal virtues (prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude (Most 1994; Saunders 2003). With these gifts of the Holy Spirit, not only can we attain inner peace and holiness, we can find the motivation and the strength to do great things for the greater glory of God.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the names of several of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are listed differently

than how the Catholic Life Committee is presenting them this year for the students. We decided to follow the terms that are in the religion texts in order to be consistent. Therefore, the gift of "fear of the Lord" will be called "wonder and awe," the gift of "piety" will be called "reverence," the gift of counsel will be called "right judgment," and the gift of fortitude will be called "courage."

For this school year, we will follow Pope St. Gregory the Great's ordering of these gifts. He tried to capture the spiritual dynamic that can occur when we are open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Through the fear of the Lord, we rise to piety, from piety then to knowledge, from knowledge strength, from strength counsel, with counsel we move towards understanding, and with intelligence towards wisdom and thus, by the sevenfold grace of the spirit, there opens to us at the end of the ascent the entrance to the life of Heaven (Saunders 2003).

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## Thanksgiving Baskets for Seniors



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The Catholic Life Committee is again sponsoring Thanksgiving bags full of treats for senior citizens served by Midwest Palliative Care (now called Horizon Hospice and Health Care). If your family or organization is interested in adopting a Senior please complete the form below. We will send you the information about your senior (e.g. dietary restrictions, etc.) The total cost to adopt a senior should be less than \$20. The bags or baskets can be brought to school or the Horizon Hospice office in Olympia Fields. We'll send you more information once you sign up. Please complete the information below and return to Mrs. Dull in the school office in an envelope marked "Catholic Life Committee". **We can only accommodate families who sign up by October 31.** Baskets will be delivered starting November 14.

For questions contact: Jane Peabody (jtctmj@sbcglobal.net) or Natalie Lamb (seslam@ameritech.net)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Child's Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Homeroom Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Catholic Culture in Christ: Gifts of the Holy Spirit Book List



The books with the asterisk are available from the IJP School Library. The remaining titles are available at your local public libraries.

### Gift of Fear of the Lord

Adler, David. \**Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man*  
Holiday, Billie. \**God Bless the Child*  
Heide, Florence Perry. *That's What Friends are For*  
Krull, Kathleen. *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez*  
Kyle, Kathryn. \**Respect*  
Raatma, Lucia. \**Self-Respect*  
Halliran, P.K. *Heartprints*  
Milord, Susan. *Hands Around the World: 365 Creative Way to Build Cultural Awareness and Global Respect*  
Park, Linda Sue. \**When My Name was Keoko*  
Pearsall, Shelley. \**Trouble Don't Last*  
Coles, Robert. *The Story of Ruby Bridges*

### Gift of Piety

Yolen, Jane. *Raising Yoder's Barn*  
Graham, Bob. *Rose Meets Mr. Wintergarten*  
Hurwitz, Johanna. \**Aldo Applesauce*  
Edwards, Nancy. \**Glenna's Seeds*  
Siebold, Jan. *Doing Time Online*  
Gilson, Jamie. \**Hello, My Name is Scrambled Eggs*  
Hentoff, Nat. *Does This School Have Capital Punishment?*  
Jaffa, Nina. *The Cow of No Color: Riddle Stories and Justice Tales from Around the World*  
Myers, Walter Dean. *The Young Landlords*

### Gift of Knowledge

Plourde, Lynne. *Teacher Appreciation Day*  
Seuling, Barbara. *Who's the Boss Here? A Book About Parental Authority*  
Dr. Seuss. *Hunches in Bunches*  
O'Connor, Jane. *Make Up Your Mind Marcia!*  
Bauer, Marion Dane. *Double Digit Club*  
\**For the Children: Words of Love and Inspiration from His Holiness John Paul II*

Hansen, Joyce. *One True Friend*  
Kunz, Roxane Brown. *What Should I Do? Learning to Make Choices*  
Scott, Sharon. *Too Smart for Trouble*  
Cooper, Ilene. *Choosing Sides*  
Parks, Rosa. *Rosa Parks, My Story*  
Shaw, Margaret. *A Wider Tomorrow*  
Wilson, Clifton. *Caleb's Choice*

### Gift of Fortitude

Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem. *Black profiles in courage* Ages: Adult  
Carbone, Elisa Lynn. *Storm warriors* Ages: 10 – 13.  
Cohen, Barbara. \**Molly's pilgrim* Ages: 8 - 11.  
Dalglish, Alice. \**The Courage of Sarah Noble* Ages: 8 – 11.  
Edmonds, Walter Dumaux. \**The matchlock gun* Ages 8-12.  
Kehret, Peg. *Earthquake terror* Ages: 10 – 13.  
Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald). \**Profiles in courage.* Ages: Adult.  
Lansky, Bruce. \**Girls to the rescue, book #7 : tales of clever, courageous girls from around the world.*  
\**Girls to the rescue, book #3 : tales of clever, courageous girls from around the world*  
\**Girls to the rescue, book #2 : tales of clever, courageous girls from around the world* Ages: 10 – 13.  
Lowry, Lois. \**Number the stars* Ages: 10 - 13.  
McGovern, Ann. *The secret soldier : the story of Deborah Sampson* Ages: 8 –11.  
Millman, Dan. \**Secret of the peaceful warrior : a story about courage and love* Ages: 5 – 8.  
Mills, Claudia. \**At the back of the woods* Ages: 8 – 11.  
O'Grady, Scott. *Basher five-two : the true story of F-16 fighter pilot Captain Scott O'Grady* Ages: 10 - 13.  
O'Neill, Mary Le Duc. *Saints: adventures in courage* Ages: 8 – 11.  
Park, Linda Sue. \**When my name was Keoko* Ages: 11 – 13.  
Peet, Bill. \**Cowardly Clyde* Ages: 5 – 8.  
Pfeffer, Susan Beth. \**Courage, Dana* Ages: 10 - 13.  
Waldman, Jackie. \**Teens with the courage to give: young people who triumphed over tragedy and volunteered to make a difference* Ages: 9 – 13.

### Gift of Counsel

\**The children's book of faith* Ages: ALL  
Erlbach, Arlene. *The middle school survival guide* Ages: 10 - 13  
Espeland, Pamela, 1951- *Making every day count : daily readings for young people on solving problems, setting goals & feeling good about yourself* Ages 12+  
Loewen, Nancy. *We live here too! : kids talk about good citizenship* Ages: 5-8  
Navarra, Tova. *The kids' guidebook : great advice to help kids cope* Ages: 10 - 13.  
Powell, Kara Eckmann *Mirror, mirror : reflections on who you are and who you'll become* Ages: Adult  
Whitney, Brooks. *School smarts : all the right answers to homework, teachers, popularity and more* Ages: 10 - 13

### Gift of Knowledge

Feeney, Kathey. *Feel Good: Understand Your Emotions*  
Gainer, Cindy. *I'm Like You, You're Like Me*  
Guntley, Jenette Donovan. *I Can Show I Care*  
Collier, James Lincoln. *The Abraham Lincoln You Never Knew*  
Mosher, Kiki. *Learning About Compassion from the Life of Florence Nightingale*  
Stewart, Gail. *Racism*  
Watson, Susan. *Understanding Human Rights*

### Gift of Wisdom

*Young people's stories of wisdom.* All ages.  
Berkeley, Laura. *The seeds of peace* Ages: 5- 8.  
Bradford, Karleen. *There will be wolves* Ages: 12+  
Bredsdorff, Bodil. *The Crow-girl : the children of Crow Cove* Ages: 8-11.  
Cleary, Beverly. *Muggie Maggie* Ages: 8-11.  
Duvoisin, Roger, 1900- \**Petunia* Ages: 5 -8  
*The girls' book of success : winning wisdom, tales of triumph, celebrity advice, and more* Ages: 10-13.  
Gray, Margaret. *The ugly princess and the wise fool* Ages: 8-11.  
Kurtz, Jane. *In the small, small night* Ages: 5- 8.  
Kushner, Harold S. *The Lord is my shepherd healing wisdom of the Twenty-third Psalm* Ages: Adult  
McCully, Emily Arnold. *Squirrel and John Muir* Ages: 5- 8.  
Matthews, John, 1948- *The Barefoot book of knights* Ages: 8-11.  
Recorvits, Helen. *My name is Yoon* Ages: 5-8.  
Rock, Lois, 1953- *Little words of wisdom from the Bible* Ages: 5- 8

The Catholic Life Committee decided to try something a little different this year. We will be using this prayer throughout the year (at the end of the school day, at school functions, etc.) and our hope is that our whole community will learn it.



## Prayer for the Year

○ Dear sweet Infant Jesus, I offer You my will, that You strengthen it,  
My mind that You inspire it;  
My memory that You will it;  
My wishes and desires, that You cleanse them,  
I sacrifice to You;  
My intentions that You guide them;  
All my inner and outer activities, that You make them sacred.  
All I am and all I have is Yours.  
Your love for me is my hope and trust.  
Hear me and grant that I may never leave you.  
Amen.

## Kingsmen ROCK

This year our School instituted a Kingsmen ROCK program which helps our school community emphasize **R**espect, **O**wnership, **C**atholic Spirit, and **K**nowledge. Over the last few weeks, the school has been focusing on these themes for all school settings and the cafeteria in particular. The following "rules" shared with our children are important reminders for all of us:

- Help/share with others
- Be kind to All
- Be Truthful
- Be Reverent
- Remember Manners
- Be Friendly
- Say Please and Thank You

## Ideas from the Catholic Life Committee:

Check out the new kids online Catholic magazine:  
<http://mylightmagazine.com/>

### Catholic Store:

Heaven Sent  
9519 S. Cicero Avenue  
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453  
422-7739



"There are two lasting bequests  
we can hope to give our children.

One is roots,  
the other wings."

Hodding Carter II