

Scripture Link

The Creating Spirit

The Bible opens with the story of creation. When there was nothing but darkness, a mighty wind swept over the waters and God said, "Let there be light." The Hebrew word for wind also means "spirit." At the dawn of creation, we see the power of God bringing forth the universe and life. Today we celebrate the creation of new life in Baptism and Confirmation. When we receive these sacraments, the Holy Spirit comes and fills us with divine life.

(cf. Gen 1:1-3)

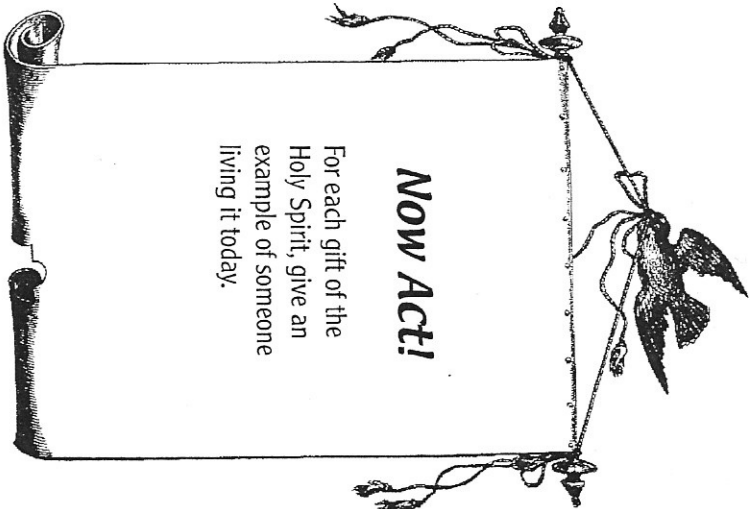


From My Heart

Which of the seven gifts do you especially need? Ask the Holy Spirit to increase that gift in you.

NOW ACT!

For each gift of the Holy Spirit, give an example of someone living it today.



Recap

- In Confirmation, which is ordinarily conferred by a bishop, the Holy Spirit comes to complete the grace of Baptism in us.
- Confirmation gives us more strength to live as a Christian but also increases our responsibility to spread the faith.
- The signs of Confirmation are the laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and the words, "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Confirmation imparts an indelible spiritual mark.