

## Growing in the Spirit

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 2, Session 9**.

The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, or helper, who gives us the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts make it possible for us to do what God asks of us.

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All Christians have a special mission, a call to holiness, which means living a life dedicated to God and to the mission of the Church.

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Confirmation, known as one of the Sacraments of Initiation, continues and completes Baptism. To be confirmed a person must have been baptized.

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Confirmation gives sanctifying grace, helping us form a deeper bond with Jesus.

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Being in a state of grace means being in a state of friendship with God.

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A bishop is the usual celebrant of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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Each person being confirmed is anointed with Chrism.

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Pentecost celebrates the time God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. It also marks the time when the Holy Spirit moved the apostles to proclaim the good news about Jesus and the new Covenant that fulfills the promise God made to Abraham.

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Wind is a symbol of God's action in the story of Salvation. Both wind and fire are symbols of the Holy Spirit mentioned in the Bible.

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