

The Holy Spirit will come upon
you...the **POWER** of the **Most High**
will overshadow you...



Message from Bishop Kevin:
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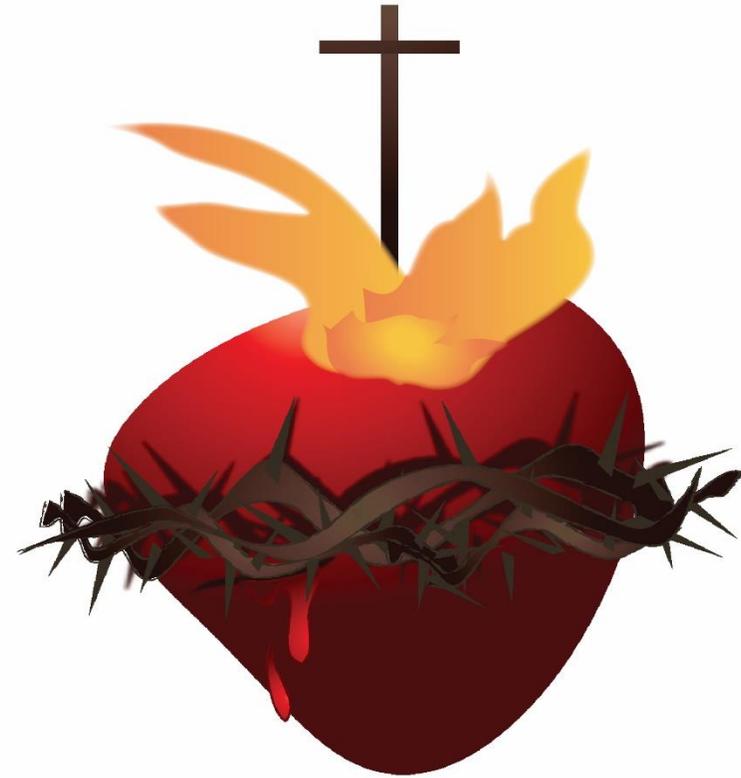


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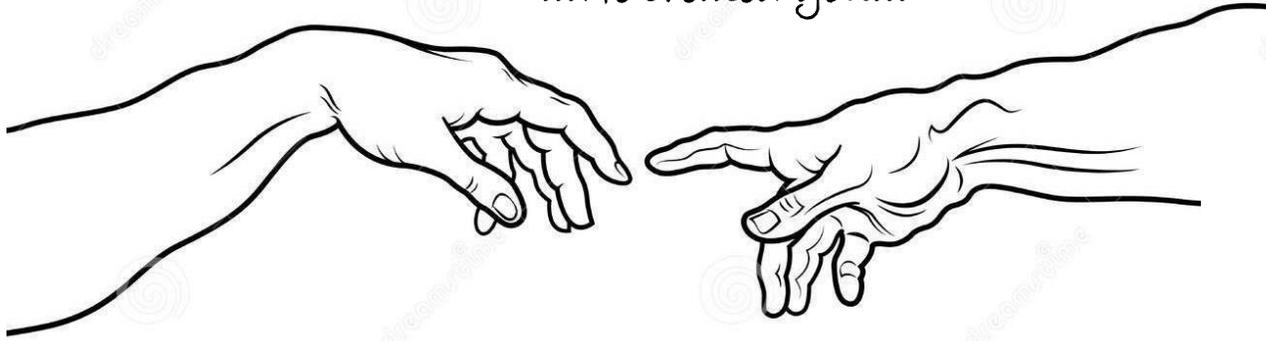
Sometimes people think that God is someone very far away and abstract, someone who has very little to do with our daily lives.



But they are very mistaken. God loves each one of you with an eternal love. He has shown his love for you in many ways.



...He created you...



...He has given you your home, your family...



...He watches over you and protects you...



...your faith...



...He sustains your life...

...and His grace (His life in your soul).

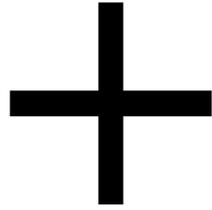


He died on the Cross for
you...



...and He is present
with you in the
Eucharist.

He gives you the Holy Spirit, with all His gifts.



The first time you received the gifts of the Holy Spirit was at your Baptism.



When you are confirmed, God will give you a special outpouring of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. You need the gifts to help you live your life on earth, and eventually to become a saint in Heaven.



Understanding



Wisdom



Counsel
(Right
Judgement)



Fear of the Lord
(Wonder and Awe
in God's Presence)



Piety
(Reverence)

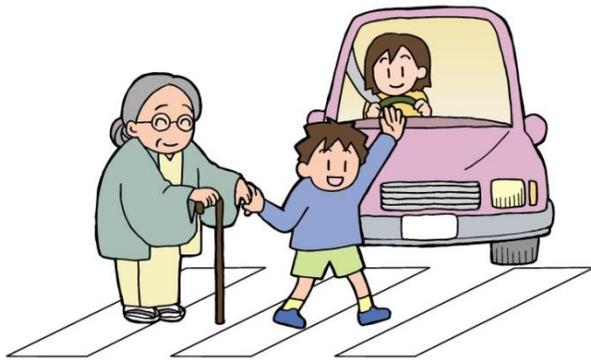


Knowledge



Fortitude
(Courage)

God calls each of you to
become a saint,



and to be happy with Him
forever in Heaven.

But what
are the gifts
of the Holy
Spirit?



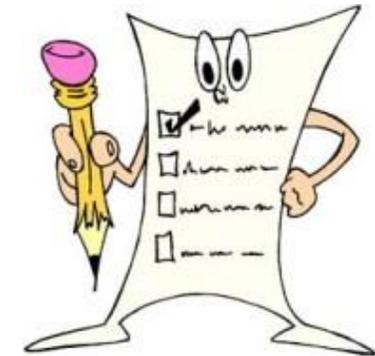
How can
they help
you?

The Highest of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit is called WISDOM.

Wisdom helps us to care for the earth, our “common home,” but to realise that it is not our “permanent” home.



It helps us to set our hearts on Heaven and live our lives according to God’s will.



It helps us see things as God sees them.



Wisdom in the life of Solomon, King of Israel

Solomon became King of Israel when he was very young. Instead of asking God for a long life or riches, he asked for wisdom to make wise decisions for his people.

God gave Solomon great wisdom, but he also rewarded him with wealth and long life.

It is great praise to say about someone, “Oh He/She has the Wisdom of Solomon.”



Wisdom in the life of the Saints: Blessed Chiara Luce Badano

Chiara Luce was a young girl growing up in Italy. She loved to play sports and hang out with her friends. She taught her friends about Jesus by her good example. Chiara was always joyful because she lived an authentic life before God.



When Chiara was 18, she was diagnosed with terminal bone cancer.

With the help of the gift of Wisdom, Chiara chose to use her illness for good, offering up all her sufferings for others. She was able to see her sickness in a spiritual way instead of in a worldly way.

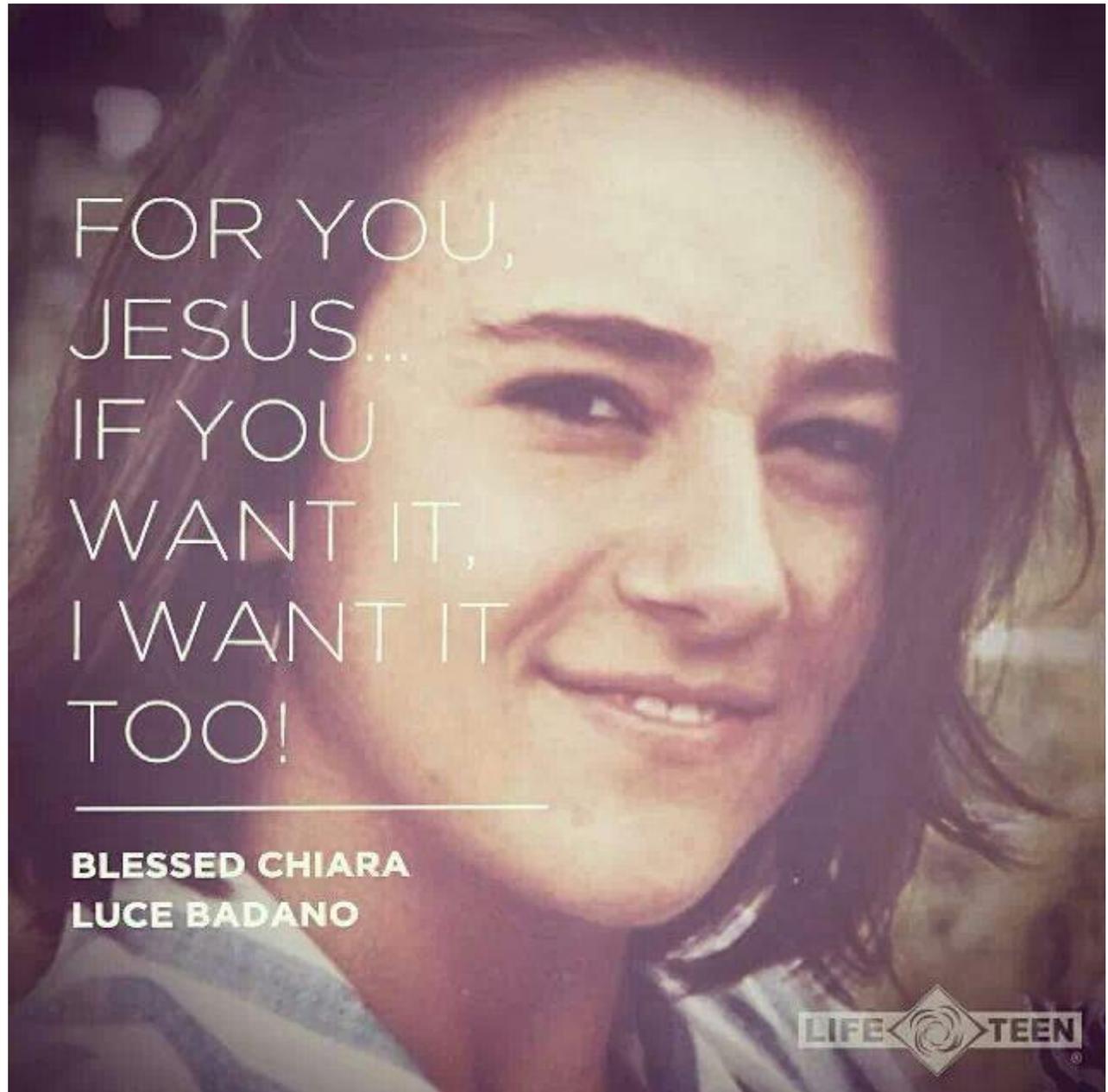


Her friends and her parents speak about her joy and to the smile that never left her face.

Shortly before her death, Chiara told her family and friends, “The youth are the future. I can no longer run, but I’d like to pass the Olympic torch on to them. The young people have only one life and it’s worth it to spend it well!”

Chiara Luce died at the age of 18. She was proclaimed a Saint on September 25, 2010.

Do you see how the gift of Wisdom helped Chiara to fulfil her mission and reach Heaven? Instead of being sad or complaining about her sickness, she offered all her sufferings for love of Jesus and for other souls.



You will need the gift of Wisdom to order your life, and place God first. It will help you make decisions that have important consequences...

...the friends you choose...



...how you spend your time...



...what you do with your life...



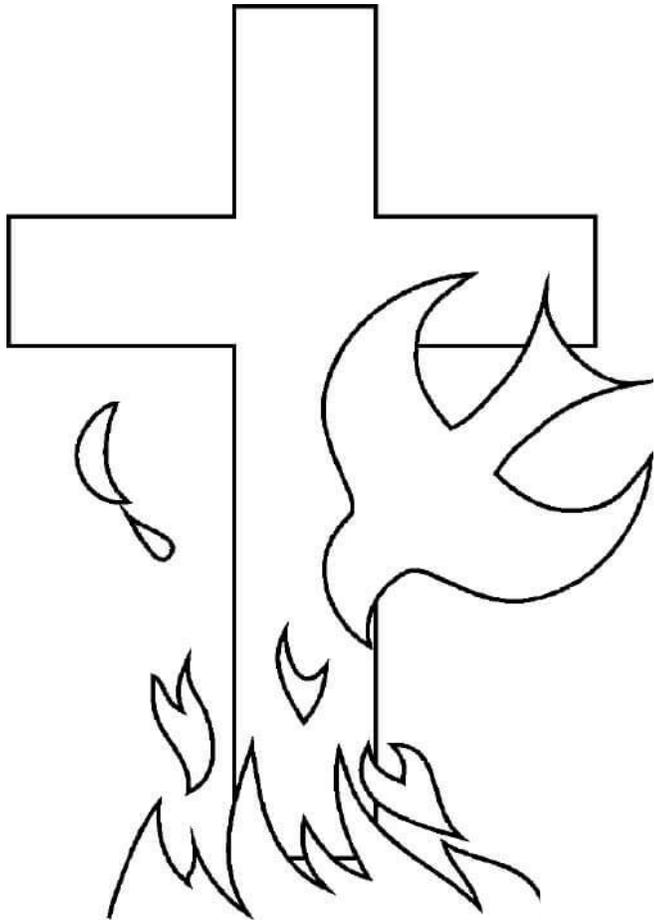
You need WISDOM to
recognize and say no to
what is sinful,



and say YES to the will of God!

As you prepare to receive the Holy Spirit, don't forget to ask God for an increase in the gift of wisdom! He really wants to give it to you!

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7



Oh, Holy Spirit,
Love of the Father and the Son,
Inspire in me always
What I should think,
What I should say,
How I should say it,
When I should keep silent,
How I should act,
And what I should do
For the glory of God,
The good of souls,
And my own holiness. Amen.

