



NIGHT 6

BEAUTY: CONFIRMATION

COME, CREATOR SPIRIT: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator come,
From Your bright heavenly throne!
Come, take possession of our souls,
And make them all your own.

You who are called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction, and true love!

You Who are sevenfold in your grace,
Finger of God's right hand,
His promise, teaching little ones
To speak and understand!

O guide our minds with Your blessed light,
With love our hearts inflame,
And with Your strength which never decays
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our hellish foe
True peace unto us bring,
And through all perils guide us safe
Beneath Your sacred wing.

Through You may we the Father know,
Through You the eternal Son
And You the Spirit of them both
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
And to the risen Son;
The same to you, O Paraclete,
While endless ages run. Amen.

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FILL IN THE BLANK

Based on Fr. George William Rutler's "The Holy Spirit"
(A Year with Fr. Rutler — Lent, Easter, and Spring, Vol. II, p. 175)

Gifts for the Intellect — Understanding, Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel

Gifts for the Will — Piety, Fortitude, Fear of the Lord

- _____ 1. Perfects the virtue of temperance by disciplining unruly desires and destructive appetites.
- _____ 2. Perfects love by enabling a right appreciation of how God's love works.
- _____ 3. Strengthens ordinary courage in the face of dangers.
- _____ 4. Increases the virtue of prudence to help one make the best decision in a particular circumstance.
- _____ 5. Perfects the virtue of justice by helping us to render to God and to other persons, angelic or human, what is properly theirs and is proper to our relationships.
- _____ 6. Perfects the virtue of hope by enhancing discernment of the divine plan in events.
- _____ 7. Perfects the ability to discern and penetrate the truth intuitively.

DEFINITIONS OF BEAUTY BY TWO SAINTS

- St. Thomas Aquinas

"Beauty relates to the cognitive faculty; for beautiful things are those which please on being seen.
Hence beauty consists in due proportion"

- *Summa Theologica*, I, 5, 4

- St. Francis de Sales

"Union in distinction makes order; order produces agreement; and proportion and agreement, in complete and finished things, make beauty"

- *Treatise on the Love of God*, I

SCRIPTURE

- "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple."

- *Psalms 27:4*

- “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling of God is with men.”

- *Revelation 21:1-3*

CHRIST MAKES HIS BRIDE BEAUTIFUL BY THE LOVE — THE HOLY SPIRIT — HE GIVES HER

- He dies for her to save her from the ugliness of sin and adorn her with the beauty of grace and the radiance of holiness:

- Life of grace — the body loses beauty as the soul increase in beauty
- “Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven”

- *1 Corinthians 15:49*

- On earth — Body comes first, then the immortal soul
- In heaven — First, the perfected soul, then the spiritualized body

- All angelic and human persons in hell are “ugly as sin”
- All angelic and human persons in heaven by grace reflect God’s beauty

- God’s gift of Love is the Holy Spirit, Whose gifts are manifestations of this Love

- “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might [fortitude], the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.”

- *Isaiah 11:1-3*

- “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

- *Acts 2:1-4*

- Sacrament of Confirmation

- Laying on of Hands:

“All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit
You freed Your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.

Give them the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of right judgment and
courage, the Spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with wonder and awe in Your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Anointing with Chrism:

(Name), be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

Peace be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

CONFIRMATION NIGHT SIX

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Nov. 10th

A BEAUTIFUL LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

CONFIRMATION GIVES CANDIDATES A SPECIAL OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT LIKE THAT AT PENTECOST

- *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Number 268*

- That impresses on the soul and indelible character
- That produces a growth in the grace of Baptism
- That roots the recipient more deeply in divine sonship
- That binds the recipient more firmly to Christ and His Church
- That reinvigorates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the recipient's soul
- That imparts strength to witness to the Christian faith

HOW TO EXPERIENCE THE GOODNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT — BELIEVE, CELEBRATE, LIVE, PRAY

- Believe — Renew your Baptismal Promises each morning for freedom from Satan and sin, and instead for a beautiful life in the Holy Spirit and grace. Then pray the “Come, Creator Spirit” and “Hail, Holy Queen,” who is Mother of all those who believe in God.
- Celebrate — Freely cooperate with the Holy Spirit and Worship in Spirit and Truth:
 - If you are aware of grave or mortal sin(s) — **Go to Confession** to restore a life of freedom in sanctifying grace and the Holy Spirit.
 - **Attend Mass when required** and **receive communion in a state of grace**
This nourishes a life of holy freedom
 - Recite “The Anima Christi” reverently after Holy Mass before departing “to announce the Gospel of the Lord.”
- Life — Ask the Holy Spirit and your guardian angel to remind you:
 - To acknowledge Christ's Presence in the Eucharist at points during each day
 - To call upon Mary at points during each day
 - To call upon the Holy Spirit to increase your freedom for true love of God and of neighbor
 - In times when you are tempted to sin out of fear
 - In times when you are tempted to sin by “eating” forbidden fruit
- Prayer — Examination of Conscience and sincere “Act of Contrition,” “Our Father,” “Hail Mary,” and “Glory Be” before going to sleep
- **Central Focus**
 - **Getting into and remaining in a state of grace by obeying God, which bears fruit by:**
 - Giving **clarity of vision**— Purity of Heart
 - Putting **love of God and neighbor into action**

CLOSING REFLECTION

When the Holy Spirit sees my soul, what does He see that is beautiful by grace, and what does He see that is ugly because of sin? What must I do to make my soul more radiant?



Do I see my life as generally radiant and beautiful or as generally dark and ugly? Do I work to make my life and those around radiant and beautiful?

