

## Confirmation Preparation

### The Theological Virtues and Gifts of the Holy Spirit that were received in Baptism and will be strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation A summary of each video clip and the application to life

Faith

**Abraham** - the Father of Faith 10 min.

On video counter, begin at 17:04 Abraham destroys idols  
End at 27:10 Abraham receives a blessing from his father

**Summary of the video clip and main teaching point:**

God reveals Himself to Abraham, calling him by name, and makes known to him his special mission. Even though his family thought he was crazy, Abraham believes God through the Gift of Faith and follows the Lord's call to journey with his immediate family to the land that He would show him – the Promised Land of Israel.

**Application to Life:**

The Gift of Faith in God allows us to know and do God's will, which is always the best path for us, even in spite of opposition or misunderstanding from others. i.e. Abraham's family thought he was crazy.

Hope

**The Hiding Place** – Corrie Ten Boom 8 min.

Begin at 1:34:53 on the train to Ravensbruch Death Camp  
End at 1:42:53 as they are loading metal on the boxcar

**Summary of the video clip and main teaching point:**

Corrie and her sister Betsy are arrested for protecting Jews by hiding them in their home, and they are sent to a concentration camp. Corrie and her sister Betsy keep their faith and HOPE by smuggling a Bible into the concentration camp, knowing that their only hope is in Jesus and His Word.

**Application to Life:**

Hope is the power to trust in God in challenging circumstances, which is strengthened through knowing Scripture. Through reading the Bible each day, our trust in Jesus is strengthened to believe that He can bring good out of difficult situations.

Charity (Love)

**Ocean of Mercy** - St. Maximilian Kolbe (9 min)

Begin at 36:45 when Fr. Kolbe is taken to the prison in Wausau  
End at 45:26 the crematorium where they burned his body

**Summary of the video clip and the main teaching point:**

St. Maximilian Kolbe was sentenced during World War II to a concentration camp for being a priest, for his publications to provide teaching for the people about Jesus and following His truth, and especially for his outspokenness in his writings against the atheistic Nazis. After his

imprisonment, St. Maximilian Kolbe, during an interrogation, expressed the ultimate Gift of Charity as he offers up his life as a substitute for another prisoner – a man who is a father of a family.

**Application to Life:**

Charity is the supernatural virtue, that allows me to receive God’s love and to give God’s love. Through the Gift of Charity, I am strengthened to overcome selfishness and love God and my neighbors, and even my enemies because of my love for God.

Knowledge

**St. Patrick** (8 min)

Begin at 15:16 Patrick led out as slave

End at 23:07 almost killed, he only fears God

**Summary of the video clip and the main teaching point:**

Patrick was kidnapped when he was 16 years old in England and taken as a slave to Ireland. Miserable and at the point of despair, Patrick cries out to God, who comforts him and reveals to him His love and His presence, and eventually his mission – through the Gift of Knowledge - to escape back to his homeland.

God’s revelation does come to pass, and Patrick even eventually returns to Ireland and brings Christ to all of the people of the country, even his former taskmasters.

**Application to Life:**

The Gift of Knowledge gives you an insight of created things in their proper order in relation to God and allows you to have a supernatural knowing that there is a space reserved within you solely for the Holy Spirit. Without this knowledge, we can turn inward and become extremely selfish and miserable.

Piety

**Fourteen Flowers of Pardon – Saint Maria Goretti** (11 min)

Begin at 22:30 Maria receives her First Communion

End at 33:30 bells toll when Maria dies

**Summary of the video clip and the main teaching point:**

The Gift of Piety strengthens us to remain pure for God. Out of her great love for God, Maria Goretti wanted to remain pure for God and to protect her dignity. Maria fought off a young man’s advances and suffered mortal stabbings rather than giving into his advances because she wanted to remain pure for God.

**Application to Life:**

God created men and women with an attraction to each other and this is good. Due to the effects of Original Sin, we need to keep this attraction within the proper boundaries and limitations so that we can live authentic love. The Gift of Piety helps us to know and do what is right and good in the area of human sexuality, preserving conjugal love for its rightful place in marriage.

## Fortitude

### Paul, Apostle of Christ (9 min)

Begin at 10:27 Paul enters Marmatine Prison in Rome where Paul is being kept until he will be killed

End at 19:49 Paul says to Luke, “You will write it here?” If you were caught it would mean certain death.”

#### **Summary of the video clip and the main teaching point:**

Paul’s time in prison was extremely difficult as he awaited being put to death. He endured terrible persecution because of his faith and love for Christ. Through the Gift of Fortitude, Paul was strengthened to trust in Christ, whom Paul knew to be His Savior and Friend through his daily, committed prayer.

#### **Application to Life:**

It is crucial to spend time each day in prayer in order to grow in friendship with Jesus. We are strengthened through the Gift of Fortitude to spend time in conversation with Jesus each day to deepen our friendship with Him.

## Understanding

### The Scarlet and the Black (6 min)

1:50:05 in confessional

1:55:49 Fr. O’Flaherty prays with his brother priest

#### **Summary of the video clip and the main teaching point:**

Fr. Hugh O’Flaherty lived at the Vatican in Rome and was working underground during World War II, hiding Allied pilots that had been shot down. Fr. O’Flaherty used many disguises to travel around Rome in order to help these pilots. Through the Gift of Understanding, Fr. O’Flaherty knew the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Risking his life to do so, Fr. O’Flaherty was intent on going to hear Fr. Vittorio’s confession, who had been arrested, and give him absolution of his sins

#### **Application to Life:**

The Gift of Understanding helps us to realize that serious sin separates us from our relationship with Jesus. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our sins are forgiven and we are reunited in our relationship with Jesus.

## Wisdom

### Archbishop Romero video is Romero (8 min.)

Begin 1:02:57 on video counter, soldiers into city

end at 1:10:11, Romero speaking inside Church

#### **Summary of the video clip and the main teaching point:**

Through the Gift of Wisdom, Archbishop Romero knew that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Archbishop Romero risked his life to go into a Church in El Salvador that was taken over by the military junta, and picked up consecrated Hosts that were scattered all over the floor, while shots were being fired all around him.

#### **Application to Life:**

Through the Gift of Wisdom, we want to worship Jesus, the Son of God.

We worship God in showing our intense love for Him through acts of adoration and reverence. We want to worship Jesus at Mass on Sunday, especially when we receive the Holy Eucharist – Jesus Himself.

Second option: DVD – This is My Body, This is My Blood, Miracles of the Eucharist. The first miracle of Lanciano on the DVD is 8 minutes)

Fear of the Lord

Joan of Arc

10 min.

Start at “men are willing to die for you” 1:01:30

End at “I am the Maid” and back to battle 1:11:33

**Summary of the video clip and the main teaching point:**

Out of her loving reverence and great respect for God’s awesome power – which is the Gift of Fear of the Lord – Joan followed God’s specific mission for her to lead an army to save France for Christendom.

**Application to Life:**

The Gift of Fear of the Lord is not a “fright” of Him, but a holy fear that fills us with a loving reverence and awe towards God and helps us avoid anything that may displease Him. We need to make a real commitment to Jesus that we will continue to study the Catholic Faith in order to grow in awareness of Who God is and what He wants us to do.

Right Counsel

Mother Teresa

8 min.

Begin at 27:16 Mother Teresa going to the train to Darjeeling and a man waves for her to come and be by him

End at 40:03 Mother Teresa says she must follow what Jesus is asking of her

**Summary of the video clip and the main teaching point:**

Mother Teresa desired to do God’s will and was open to receive His guidance – His right counsel. On a train to Darjeeling, she received her second call – “the call within the call.” Her first call was to be a religious sister with the Order of Loretto in India. 20 years later, she ‘heard’ in her heart God’s call to leave the Loretto convent in order to found a new order of nuns called the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta to serve the poorest of the poor. It was not a case of Mother Teresa going into the ghetto, seeing the dying people lying in the street and thinking “I must help these people.” Rather, it was God speaking this directly to her heart, calling her to this mission; she understood that this was God’s mission for her and she followed.

**Application to Life:**

The Gift of Right Counsel guides me to make correct decisions about God’s will for my life. What is your vocation in life – what is God’s call on your life? It is important to seek right counsel as God knows what will bring us the greatest fulfillment, peace and joy for our life.