

HOPE
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Welcome!

Gifts, Talents, & Charisms



Fr Gerard Kelly

Stay with us,
Lord, on
our journey!

Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh me. x2

Melt me, mould me,
fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me.



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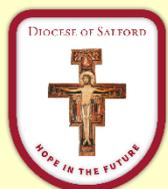
Hope in the Future Prayer

God, our loving Father, we thank you for blessing our parishes with all that we need to respond to our vocation to be missionary communities in our localities.

We thank you for all our parish members who, in response to your call, give of themselves so freely to enrich our parishes in the ways of love and service.

We ask you now to pour out afresh the gifts of your Spirit upon each one of us, that we may be inspired to serve you in new and creative ways—

as **missionary disciples** bringing your Light to the world.



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We ask your blessing upon us, as we journey together in hope, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Lumen Gentium, 12

It is not only through the sacraments and the ministries of the Church that the Holy Spirit **sanctifies** and leads the people of God and enriches it with virtues, but, "allotting his gifts to everyone according as He wills", He distributes **special graces** among the faithful of every rank. ...

...These **charisms**, whether they be the more outstanding or the more simple and widely diffused, are to be received with thanksgiving and consolation for they are perfectly suited to and useful for the needs of the Church.

The Church as Hierarchical and Charismatic

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The Spirit both equips and directs the Church with hierarchical and charismatic gifts and adorns her with His fruits. (*LG 4*)

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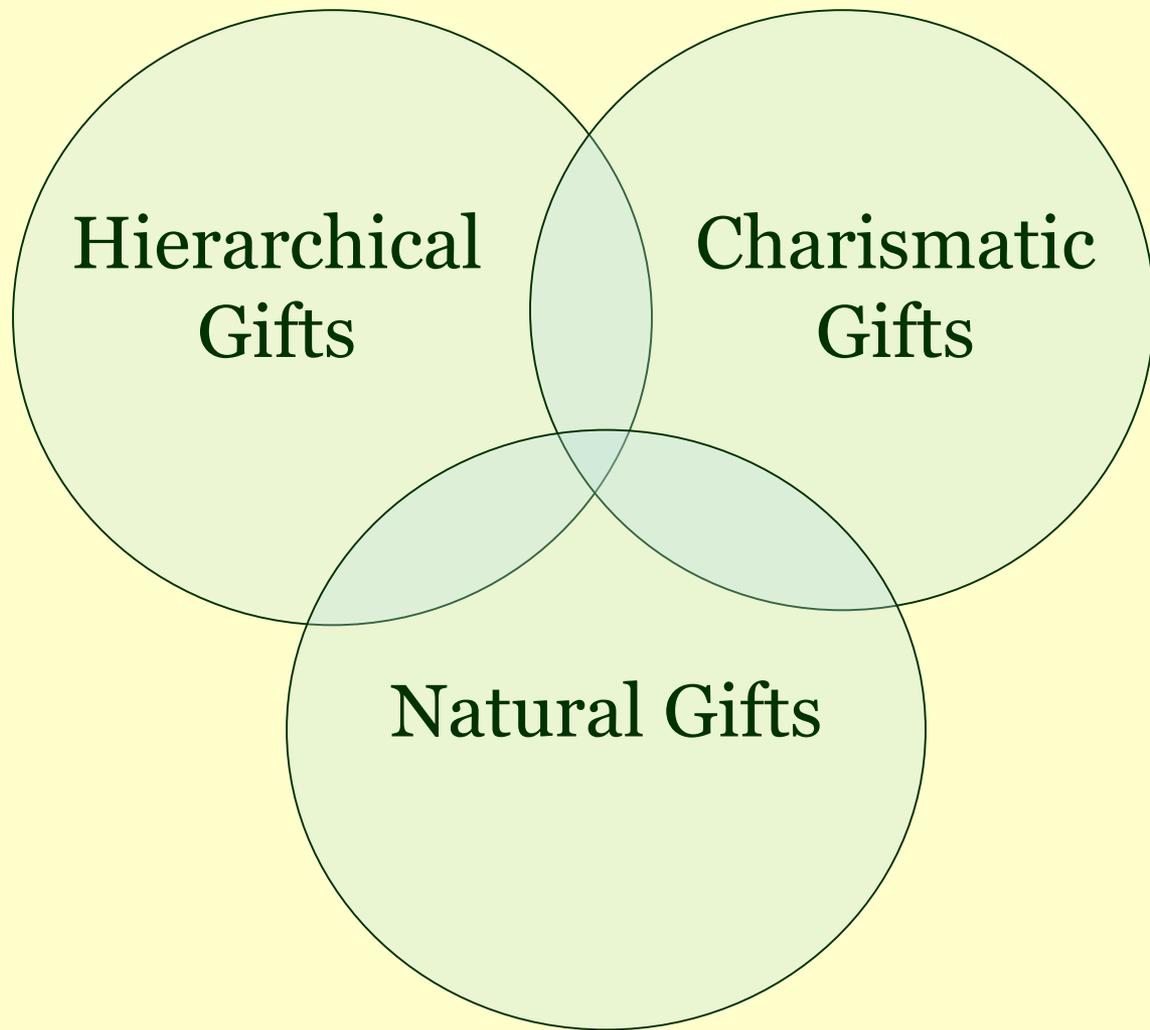
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In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the name of the Apostles Peter and Paul, we wish to exhort all those who, thanks to:

1. the charisms of the Holy Spirit
2. and to the mandate of the Church

are **true evangelisers**, to be worthy of this vocation, to exercise it without the reticence of doubt or fear, and not to neglect the conditions that will make this evangelisation not only possible but also active and fruitful. (*EN 74*)



**Hierarchical
Gifts**

**Charismatic
Gifts**

Natural Gifts

The Church cannot **survive** without the presence and exercise of **natural gifts**.

The Church cannot **grow** without the presence and exercise of **charismatic gifts**.

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Evangelisation will **never be possible without the action of the Holy Spirit** (*EN 75*).

Mission, then, is based **not on human abilities** but on the power of the risen Lord (*RM 23*).

Techniques of evangelisation are good, but even the most advanced ones could not replace the gentle action of the Spirit. The most perfect preparation of the evangeliser has **no effect without the Holy Spirit** (*EN 75*).

It must be said that **the Holy Spirit is the principal agent of evangelisation**: it is he who impels each individual to proclaim the Gospel, and it is he who in the depth of consciences causes the word of salvation to be accepted and understood (*EN 75*).

A Missionary Parish:

- We are a family (community)
- We are a people of prayer
- We are servants
- We are messengers

A Missionary Parish:

We are a family (community)

The bond of unity is the Holy Spirit

‘Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one **by the Holy Spirit.**’

The qualities of a good community member:

Galatians 6: What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.

A Missionary Parish:

We are a people of prayer

The source of all prayer is the Holy Spirit

Romans 8: The Holy Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot chose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.

A Missionary Parish:

We are a people of service

The qualities of a good servant:

1 Peter 4 :11. Each one of you has received **a special grace**, so, like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others.

A Missionary Parish:

We are messengers.

“The Holy Spirit is the principal agent of evangelisation” (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 75).

The qualities of an evangelist:

These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will place their hands on the sick who will recover. Mark 16: 17-18

Composer



Orchestra



Musicians



Instruments



Music

Holy Spirit



Church



Intentional
disciples



Charisms



Evangelisation

Understanding Vocation

State of life: Priest, religious, married, single.

General: the universal call to holiness

Vocational Courses: teaching and training with emphasis on development of specific skills for practical employment.

Serving and Ministry: Teaching, caring professions.

Church Ministry: Eucharistic ministry, leading prayer or worship, reading, welcoming, hospitality, serving, organising, children's ministry, youth ministry, outreach and evangelisation.

We come to a full sense of the dignity of the lay faithful if we consider the **prime and fundamental vocation** that the Father assigns to each of them in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit: **the vocation to holiness**, that is, the perfection of charity.

Christifideles Laici, JP II, 1988, 16.

Charisms are **special graces** given to individuals by the Holy Spirit to be used for the upbuilding of the Church.

Charisms **spring from our relationship with Christ**; from a desire to serve him and his Kingdom.

Charisms are the **fruit of conversion**

Charisms are **expressions of** the outworking of the Spirit in the life of an individual, intentional disciple.

The most diffident and otherwise least equipped person becomes invested with **a peculiar capacity to influence others** so that whatever the surroundings, and even without the pursuing of a conscious apostolate, sin and indifference will end by bowing to a power greater than themselves.

Legio Marie Handbook, Frank Duff.

We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, **the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts** (cf. *1 Cor* 12:7), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness.

Gaudete et Exultate, 11. Pope Francis, 2018

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There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Cor 12: 4-7

Signs of charism:

- Charisms bear fruit:
“Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty” (Jn 15)
- We feel fully alive when the Holy Spirit is manifesting himself through a charism.
- There is effortlessness when charism is in play.
- Other people might recognise a charism at work in our lives before we recognise it ourselves.

Signs of charisma:

- Charisms are rooted in the most authentic core of our being.
- Charisms can only be expressed in real-life situations
- Charisms are related to conscious or hidden desires.
- Charisms can be related to our deepest anxieties (**My experience!**)

- Joy from the work in itself
- Joy from the fruit of our work
- Joy from who I am working for
- Joy from who I am working with
- Joy from working **for Jesus**
- Joy from working **with Jesus (charism)**

Pentecostal Gifts

Conversion

Transformation

Conviction

Confidence

Fruits of the Spirit

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Trustfulness

Gentleness

Self-control

Word Gifts

Wisdom

Knowledge

Prophecy

Teaching

Preaching

Power Gifts

Miracles

Healing

Discernment

Prayer Gifts

Tongues

Interpretation

Intercession

Passion

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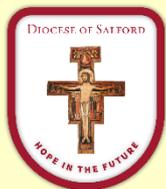
CONVICTION

Boldness

Faith

Confidence

Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus,
Pour out your Spirit we pray;
Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus,
Pour out your Spirit on us today.



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