FIRST DAY
Theme: The Promise of the Father.
Prayers- Acts of contrition, faith and hope
Hymn to the Holy Spirit-Come Holy Spirit
Scripture Reading (Acts 1:1-14)
Consideration:
We shall strive during this novena to obtain an increase of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, over and above the special favours we shall ask from the Divine Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are permanent supernatural dispositions given to us with grace, to make the soul attentive and responsive to the movements of the Third person of the Adorable Trinity. Very appropriately have they been compared to the sails of a ship which, when spread, carry the craft swiftly and smoothly over its course. When the inspirations of the Holy Spirit find the gifts spread like sails in the heaven of eternal happiness. Those Christians who through indolence allow the gifts of the Spirit lie dormant are like ships dismantled, whose sails lie in the bottom of the boat, useless. Who has not felt many a time, even immediately after coming from the sacred tribunal of Penance, the necessity of some such compelling power? Therefore, let us beseech the Holy Spirit for an increase of these necessary gifts.

Prayer
Almighty and eternal God, who has vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit, and has given us forgiveness of all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us thy sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and of Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

SECOND DAY
Theme: The Gift of Holy Fear.
Prayers- Acts of contrition, faith and hope
Hymn to the Holy Spirit-Come Holy Spirit
Scripture Reading (Dan 3:1-30)
Consideration:
The irreligious person often fears that there may possibly be a God and a time of
retribution. O what a base fear; a fear which he
tries to bury in oblivion by leading a riotous,
sinful life. With such fear we are not concerned.
The gift of holy Fear fills us with a sovereign
respect for God, and makes us dread above all
things to offend him. It is fear like that of a
dutiful son, who will shun certain company of
whom he knows no evil, but with whom his
parents do not wish him to associate. He
simply respects his parent's wishes. It is fear
which arises from reverence and submission
towards those we love and esteem. It measures
the malice of sin, not by the world's standards,
but by those of heaven. If it does not suggest
very noble needs in God's service, at least it
keeps us from going over to the enemy's camp.
For this reason we, poor sinners, need the gift
of Holy Fear. Let us therefore pray fervently for
it.

Prayer
Come, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate
my innermost hearts, that I may set thee my
Lord and God, before my face forever; and shun
all things that can offend thee, so that I may be
worthy to appear before the pure eyes of thy
Divine Majesty in the heaven of heavens, where
thou lives and reigns in the unity of the ever
Blessed Trinity, God, world without end. Amen.

THIRD DAY
Theme: The Gift of Piety
Prayers- Acts of contrition, faith and hope
Hymn to the Holy Spirit - Come Holy Spirit
Scripture Reading (Tobit1:3-20)
Consideration:
The gift of Piety is the gift through which the
Holy Spirit calls us to the service of God and
humanity, the mistress of virtues, and charity.
It prompts us to love God because he is our
Father. It makes us love whatever is near and
dear to our Divine Saviour, beginning with his
Immaculate Mother and going down the scale
to the most abandoned soul on earth and in
Purgatory. The gift of Piety, which bids us love
our Father in heaven, stirs up our affections for
our Father and mother in the flesh, our own
dear parents, for our father in religion, the Pope, Bishops and Priest, for our homes, our Church and our Country. Pride and envy beget chauvinism, which is false patriotism and narrow mindedness; the gift of Piety begets real patriotism. Let us, therefore, pray fervently for this beautiful gift.

Prayer
Come, O blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart, incline it to a true faith in thee, to a holy love of thee, my God, and of all my fellow creatures for thy sake. Amen.

FOURTH DAY
Theme: The Gift of Knowledge
Prayers- Acts of contrition, faith and hope
Hymn to the Holy Spirit-Come Holy Spirit
Scripture Reading (Daniel 13: 1-64)
Consideration:
Knowledge, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, directs the soul to judge all things both human and divine, according to the supernatural common sense and not according to the standards of the worldly-wise. Even with supernatural faith in our soul to elevate our reason, how often we detect ourselves talking of temporal gain and loss, success and failure, suffering and pleasure, purely and simply according to the principles of our worldly mind! We fail to pierce the veil of the natural and see in suffering a blessing from God. We have come to think it folly to season our pleasures with a pinch of pepper and salt to mortification; for example: to determine that we will not remain out later than a certain reasonable hour; when we go out for an evening of innocent pleasure. In this age of doubt, materialism, pleasure-seeking, what shall we say of the necessity of this gift to enable us to distinguish good from evil, innocent pleasure from tainted joy, truth from falsehood, the real good from the apparent good among all the things around us? Let us therefore, pray earnestly for this gift.

Prayer
Come, O blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father; show
me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realise their vanity and use them only for thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to thee and thy eternal rewards. Amen.

FIFTH DAY

Theme- The Gift of Fortitude

Prayers- Acts of contrition, faith and hope

Hymn to the Holy Spirit- Come Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading (Mark 13:3-37)

Consideration:

Fortitude is a gift of the Holy Spirit strengthening the soul against natural fear and supporting it to the end in the performance of duty. Daily the soul, in the state of grace, must go forth to fight the good fight of Christ; to do its duty, which because it is duty, will always be difficult. The virtue of fortitude leads us into the battle, but we need special encouragement from the Spirit of God to enable us to persevere in good, in spite of unforeseen difficulties, hardships, and the grind of routine. That encouragement the Holy Spirit imparts to us through the gift of fortitude. Moreover, whilst-we are not called upon to face the roaring lion in the Roman arena like the first Christians, we are bound every day of our lives to fight the roaring lion within us, to struggle against our besetting temptation. God has armed us with the gift of Fortitude for that purpose. Let us, therefore, pray for that gift to enable us to fight perseveringly the good fight of Jesus Christ until it pleases our Divine Leader to call us from the battlefield of life to enjoy the eternal reward of heaven.

Prayer

Come, O blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome and separated from thee, my God and greatest Good. Amen.
SIXTH DAY

Theme: The Gift of Counsel

Prayers- Acts of contrition, faith and hope

Hymn to the Holy Spirit- Come Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading (Joshua 24:14-28)

Consideration:
The gift of Counsel is a disposition in the soul through which the Holy Spirit prompts us to choose the better of two good actions. It is the elder sister of supernatural prudence. Prudence teaches us the A, B, C, of Christian life, the gift of Counsel trains us in fine arts of Christian perfection. As the gift gains greater influence over our actions, the soul begins to realise the words of St. Paul: “All things are lawful to me, but all things are not expedient” (1 Cor 6:12). This gift can never be developed in the Christian soul which stops short only of mortal sin entering the soul; grace and all the supernatural gifts depart. Because my use of the things of this world may give my neighbour a pretext for abusing them it is often expedient for me to hearken to the counsel of my divine guide and refrain from licit pleasures and actions. Above all, as Catholics, we should be as shining lights to our neighbours, going before them in the path of virtue. To do so, we need the gift of Counsel, and therefore, let us pray for it.

Prayer
Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all ways, that I may always do thy will. Incline my heart to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of thy commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long. Amen.

SEVENTH DAY

Theme: The Gift of Understanding

Prayers- Acts of contrition, faith and hope

Hymn to the Holy Spirit- Come Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading (Luke 2:41-52)

Consideration:
Understanding as a gift of the Holy Spirit helps the Christian, in the state of grace, to grasp according to his mental capacity, the meaning of the truths of our holy religion. Perhaps, to
many of us, the articles of the creed are but dry disconnected truths. God gives us the gift of Understanding to enable us to penetrate the truths of our holy religion in a manner that will enable us to live them. Many Catholics find the Catholic newspapers flat and unsavoury. On Sundays they would like to hear the priest speak of the topic of the times rather than give catechetical instructions. That is because they are imbued with the spirit of the age. They have never become accustomed to thinking seriously of religious subjects. They have no religious, no Catholic, no supernatural ideas. Perhaps one of the reasons why we do not duplicate the majestic cathedrals of Europe is because we do not live the religious mysteries and ideals which increase the gifts of Understanding to make our religion something real and living. Therefore, let us pray fervently for that intention.

Prayer
Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at least to see the eternal light of light; and in the light of Glory to have a clear vision of thee and the Father and Son. Amen.

EIGHTH DAY
Theme: The Gift of Wisdom
Prayers: Acts of contrition, faith and hope
Hymn to the Holy Spirit: Come Holy Spirit
Scripture Reading (1 Kings 3:5-28)
Consideration:
Wisdom is that gift of the Holy Spirit, whereby the Divine Spirit raises up our intellect and our heart to rest in God alone. Knowledge tells us the value of earthly things, and how we can enjoy them properly without offending God; but wisdom mounts high above them. Wisdom is the blossom of all the other gifts. The latter lead us up, step by step to the throne of God; wisdom bids us sit down on his footstool and judge all earthly things from that sublime height. Wisdom gives us courage to trample underfoot wealth, honour; and pleasure, if these things, I will not say, impede our
salvation, but even cast so much as a shadow between us and our God. You may be inclined to think that the gift of Wisdom is only for saints, but you are wrong if you think that you are not destined to be a saint. We must all aspire to sanctity. Why not aim high? God will reward the effort. Let us begin today by trying to make an act of thanksgiving for every little cross that falls on us.

Prayer
Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Show me the way by which I may be able to attain them and possess them for ever, Amen.

NINTH DAY
Theme: Zeal for the Glory of God and the Propagation of the Faith
Prayers- Acts of contrition, faith and hope
Hymn to the Holy Spirit- Come Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading (Neh 1:1-10)
Consideration:
The first great Novena in honour of the Holy Spirit was crowned with an abundant outpouring of the Divine Spirit upon the Apostles. It enkindled within their bosom a zeal that knew not fear of starvation or death; that defied the sword and the cross; that braved storms at sea and bloody persecutions on land for the propagation of the faith of Jesus Christ. Before we close the novena, let us beg the Holy Spirit to fill the world with zeal for the triumph of right over might for the triumph of truth over error; for the triumph of honesty and purity over deceit and sensuality. Let us pray that the Divine Spirit may fill many of our younger men and younger women with zeal for the propagation of the faith, with courage to sacrifice the comforts of home and the company of parents, to labour in the service of Christ and the Church. Let us pray that he may pour out an abundance of the apostolic spirit upon our priests, missionaries and nuns. Let us pray here that he may draw the hearts of heretics and pagans to the one true fold of Jesus Christ, so that from every quarter of the earth.
the cry will ascend heavenward: Praised be the Holy and Adorable Trinity; to it be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer
Holy, Divine Spirit, by the infinite merits of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, deign to pour out your most ardent and omnipotent charity into all hearts, so that there may be one fold and one shepherd in the whole world, and that we may all come to sing thy divine praises in eternity.

Consecration can be formal or informal; public or private respectively. For formal Consecration, the preparation takes at least 21 days, the last 9 of which those aspiring to be consecrated will necessarily perform the Novena of the Holy Spirit ending preferably on Pentecost Sunday or any other day agreed upon by the chaplain and the aspirants.

It is recommended that formal Consecration takes place during Mass.

ACT OF CONSECRATION
O Holy Spirit, source of every goodness, I, ............................................................, welcome you into my life and family this day. Come make my life your permanent dwelling place. Fill me and transform my whole family and friends into your useful instruments. Enable me to always speak to the Father in a way that pleases him. Reveal Jesus more and more to me that I may love and worship him. Make yourself more known and real to me. Increase my thirst for you and always quench that thirst by your