

—————YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS————— THE GIFTS AND STRENGTHS THEY AFFIRM

A. List six significant achievements in your life.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

B. Exchange this sheet with six different team members.

Share a different achievement with each one and then listen to the other share an achievement.

Write your name and what you discovered as a significant gift or strength on each other's sheet.

Exchange Partners' Name	What Gift or Strength was Discovered
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

COME, *Holy Spirit*.

Replace the *tension* within us with a holy *relaxation*.

Replace the *turbulence* within us with a sacred *calm*.

Replace the *anxiety* within us with a quiet *confidence*.

Replace the *fear* within us with a strong *faith*.

Replace the *bitterness* within us with the *sweetness* of grace.

Replace the *darkness* within us with a gentle *light*.

Replace the *coldness* within us with a loving *warmth*.

Replace the *night* within us with Your *day*.

Replace the *winter* within us with Your *spring*.

Straighten our crookedness.

Fill our emptiness.

Dull the edge of our pride.

Sharpen the edge of our humility.

Light the fires of our love.

Quench the flames of our lust.

Let us see ourselves as *YOU* see us,

That we may see You as You have promised us,

And be healed according to Your word

COME, HOLY GHOST

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest

And in our hearts take up Thy rest.

Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid,

To fill the hearts which thou has made.

To fill the hearts which thou has made.

HISTORY GIVING FAITH SHARING AFFIRMATION

A. GIVING THE GIFT OF YOURSELF

In the first phase, the members of the team need to take the time to tell about themselves. You can contribute greatly to the development of team spirit by opening yourself to this experience. Share as little or as much as you desire.

1. Give your name, the name of your spouse, the ages and names of children, where you live (street), your occupation, how long you have lived in the parish, and the history of your involvement in the life of your present parish.

2. Share something about your background and family history — where you grew up, your childhood and youth, your relationship with parents, brothers and sisters, other relatives.

3. Briefly sketch your education, employment, vocation and avocations, hobby and interests.

4. Tell about some of the significant people and events (successes, failures, growth experiences) in your life.

5. Describe your religious roots and your spiritual pilgrimage up to the present, including the most significant spiritual experience in your life.

B. RECEIVING A GIFT FROM OTHERS

In the second phase, it is important that 2 or 3 members of the team briefly affirm in a positive manner the strengths, talents and gifts recognized in the person who shares. You need not know the person to offer affirmation. Something just shared may allow you to affirm that person.