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This would be a good opportunity for you, as leader and catechist, to give examples of how you have witnessed the Spirit at work in your own life. (Recall the ideas you came up with during **Self-Preparation**.) The directions for this assignment are fairly straightforward and should not require much explanation, but give additional examples if necessary.

Finally, ask the candidates to become more aware of the subtle ways in which the Holy Spirit guides, influences, and affects their lives in the weeks ahead.

displayed within a decorative border would also serve well as a cover for a candidate's journal. A music lover might describe the Spirit using a favorite piece of instrumental music, and a musician might even be able to compose a short melody for the flute, recorder, or piano. These last two suggestions will probably have to be done outside of the classroom and brought in during a later lesson. As leader, judge how complicated you would like this activity to be based on your time and resources. Make every attempt to allow an opportunity for the candidates to be creative.

## **Closing Prayer**

Read aloud prayerfully to the class:

*Dear Lord, today we reflected on the divine action of your Holy Spirit. May we become keenly aware of the Spirit's gentle guidance and subtle influence by taking time to be quiet, to be still. Sometimes our lives become so busy, so noisy and so anxiety-filled that we lose all awareness of the Spirit who dwells within our hearts. Lord, teach us to follow the gentle urging of your Spirit who strengthens us for our great journey and is the source of all holiness. Amen*

Silently extinguish the candle and dismiss the candidates.