

Let us Pray together:

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
that all my thoughts may be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that all my work may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
that I may love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, O Holy Spirit,
that I may always be holy.

Amen



The Gifts

Holy Fear of the Lord

Piety

Knowledge

Fortitude

Counsel

Understanding

Wisdom

ORGANIZING THE GIFTS

INTELLECTUAL

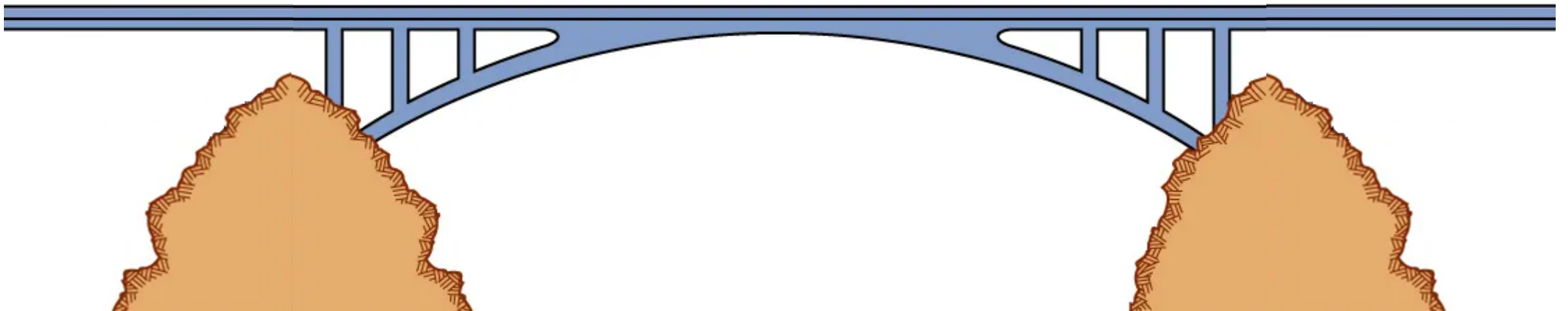
Knowledge
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THE BRIDGE

Counsel
or
Right Judgment

PRACTICAL

Fear of the Lord
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Knowledge



- Striving to **learn** more about God through Scriptures (the bible) and through Church tradition
- Helps us to understand the meaning of what God has revealed, particularly in the Gospels
- See human beings and our talents for what they are: gifts from God. (we use our gifts to give glory to God)
- True **self-knowledge** (examination of conscience) helps us to choose the greater good and feel sorrow for choosing evil/sin

Wisdom



- See everyone and everything how might God see it. Looking at the bigger picture and God's plan of salvation not just our little moment of crisis
- Examine things going on in our lives from God's point of view and appreciate God working in our lives

Understanding



Memory clue: i is an iceberg, an iceberg looks small on the surface of the water, but underneath it's much bigger.

- Finding the meaning of God's truths and their significance in our lives
- Helps us to recognize how God wants us to live
- Is more than stating the facts or memorizing facts, is really able to **grasp the deeper meaning**

Right Judgment (Counsel)



- Bridges the Intellectual and Practical Gifts
- Helps us make difficult decisions, especially when the answers are not obvious: choosing the right high school or college, career path, place to live, etc.
- Aids us with the words to say in a difficult situation
- Helps us to make choices that will lead us closer to God
- Helps us to know the difference between right and wrong

Fear of The Lord

- Makes us aware of God's greatness, power and love and just how awesome He is
- Keeps us humble because He is God and we are NOT
- Fear of the Lord helps us to want to please Him



piety

- Because we are aware of how GREAT God is, piety is our **prayerful** response
- Gives us a deep sense of **respect** for God and the Church
- Helps us approach God with **humility, trust and love**



FORTITUDE

- Helps us to face challenges and struggles with courage
- Helps us not to let life's obstacles pull us away from God
- Gives us a sense of God's presence
- Helps us persevere despite difficulty
 - “fight for holiness”
- Encourages us to tackle the world and overcome it!

I am going to tell you a secret about holiness and happiness.

For five minutes every day let your imagination be quiet,

close your eyes to everything they see,

and shut your ears to all of the world's noise

so that you can withdraw into the sanctuary of your baptized soul,
the temple of the Holy Ghost.

And speak to that holy spirit and say to Him:

Let us pray together:

Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, I adore Thee.

Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen and comfort me.

Tell me what I ought to do and order me to do it.

I promise to submit to anything that you ask from me,

And to accept everything that you allow to happen to me,

Just show me what your will is.

(In the School of the Holy Spirit, Jacques Philippe)