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This coming Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Fifty days after Christ's resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended in the form of tongues of fire upon the Apostles and the Virgin Mary gathered in Jerusalem. Along with them, we all can receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (awe). These gifts are permanent dispositions, which cause a person to be willing to act according to the impulses of the Holy Spirit. In other words, these gifts can be understood as the permanent abilities and talents that humans possess in order to be able to respect God's incentives to act. Dear fellow Branch Officers and Members of the Chicago District FCSLA, I am praying for you that the Holy Spirit may continue to bestow His gifts on each of you and guide you in everything you do.

