Dear Holy Spirit,

Thank you for helping me to love my students even when it’s hard; when they arrived late to class, talking while I was and when they couldn’t sit still, but also for when they were attentive and listening. Thank you for the fruit of LOVE!

Thank you for filling me with joy throughout the year! When a student had an aha moment and understood what I was teaching, for when a student shared a smile or thank you with me, for when a parent showed their appreciation for all I’ve done and for all the other little moments this past year! Thank you for the fruit of JOY!

Thank you for giving me a sense of peace amid some difficult classes, the times I struggled to feel like I was getting anywhere in class, the times I may not have been completely prepared with my lesson and the times my head was spinning from the stress of the day! Thank you for the fruit of PEACE!

Thank you for helping me have patience. I can always use more, especially when working with the youth! When I felt that my supply of patience was used up, you helped me find just a little more to get through each class! Thank you for the fruit of PATIENCE!

Thank you for sending me kindness through the small actions of my students. When they helped set out supplies for class, when they held the door while going outside, and when they offered to help a fellow classmate complete a task! Thank you for the fruit of KINDNESS!

Thank you for bringing goodness into my classroom, through listening to your holy word, receiving you in the Sacraments, hearing you in prayer and seeing you through the eyes of my students! Thank you for the fruit of GOODNESS!

Thank you for helping me be faithful while I taught. Faithful to your love, faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church and faithful to sharing my love of you with my students! Thank you for the fruit of FAITHFULNESS!

Thank you for helping me to be gentle with my students, for when they asked difficult questions, when they were trying to understand why we believe what we do even when it isn’t the popular belief, and for when they were on my last nerve, you opened my eyes to see that they are your children and each one of them is unique and special! Thank you for the fruit of GENTLENESS!

Thank you empowering my self control, when a student would not be quiet, when they didn’t volunteer to read, when they made a joke about what we’re learning and when they were being disrespectful, you helped keep my weakness of exploding in check and reminded me that we all need to be given a second chance. Thank you for the gift of SELF-CONTROL!

Thank you for filling me with your fruits and allowing me to be with my students this year!

Now I ask everyone to extend their right hand towards our catechists as Fr. Offers a blessing over them.

Fr.—Lord God, source of all wisdom and knowledge, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love to all nations. In your goodness bless our brothers and sisters who have offered themselves as catechists for your Church. Strengthen them with your gifts, that they may teach by word and by example the truth that comes from you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN!**