## **Del Chester Serra Club Essay**

How can the Holy Spirit's gifts of knowledge and courage inspire you to serve Jesus as St. Junipero Serra did?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit can inspire me to serve Jesus as Junipero Serra did by demonstrating courage and knowledge in my life. Serra showed courage in his life when he left his family to become a missionary. Leaving family is really hard, but he knew he had to do what God was calling his to. A famous quote by St. Junipero Serra is "Always forward, never back." This quote inspires me to keep pushing forward with courage even when times are tough. Another way I can display courage in my own life is by sticking up for others and looking out for people in my community.

St. Junipero Serra also showed great knowledge in his life. He was one of the few kids that attended school at that time, but he learned quickly and studied hard. This inspires me to live out the gift of knowledge by paying close attention and focusing in class. Another way he showed knowledge in his life that inspires me is when he taught Native Americans about raising livestock, growing crops, and improving their faith. This can help me live out knowledge in my life by never being afraid to share my faith. To show knowledge in my community, I can show much leadership in school and be a great role model just like Junipero Serra. At Mass, I can sing out loudly and pray reverently. Junipero Serra really inspired me to work on living the gifts in my own life.