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when the Holy Spirit  
comes upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses...”**

**Acts of the Apostles 1:8 NAB**



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# JUBILEE

## Renewal and the Time of Jubilee

*by Bishop Sam Jacobs, Retired Bishop Emeritus of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana*



**What does God expect in response to this renewal of his grace?**

What a blessing from the Lord! In 1967 God fulfilled once more his promise to pour out his Spirit upon the world in a fresh new way. From the time of Pentecost till today God has been renewing his people with a fresh outpouring of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As at the time of Pentecost and the time of the event at The Ark and The Dove Retreat Center fifty years ago, what does God expect in response to this renewal of his grace? To reflect on the answer to this question we need again to look at God's purpose in the coming of the Spirit.

The Spirit comes to us to sanctify, to empower and to mission. We first received the Holy Spirit in Baptism. We became God's adopted sons and daughters, sharing his divine life. But because we fall short through sin, we need a fresh anointing of the Spirit to grow in the life of God. We are called to be full of the Spirit, not satisfied with just a relationship with God.

This means that more and more we are to uproot the sources of sin in our life and immerse ourselves in the life of the virtues by the grace of God. Basically, this occurs the more we fall in love with God, moving from just a casual relationship to a close friendship, to an all-in intimacy with God, where nothing else matters but God. This is what Jesus means when he says: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for holiness." This is what the great Schema calls us to when it says: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, whole soul, whole mind and whole strength."

Our identity must eventually match our destiny. As adopted sons and daughters of

God, sharing in his divine life by grace, we are called to be saints, living with God in glory.

Like in a marriage, the initial honeymoon is a small glimpse of the full union that is the goal. So, being baptized in the Holy Spirit is the initial honeymoon time on the journey of full union with God. Like in marriage, this entails a continual process of dying to self and becoming more other-focused. So in growing in the life of the Spirit, there must be a continual self-emptying which focuses more on the will of God than on my own desires.

As the fuller life of the Spirit develops in us, so the fruits of the Spirit will become more evident. The greatest fruit is love, which becomes the sole motivating factor in all we do. As a result, this saying of Jesus becomes a living witness in our life: "They will know that you are my disciples by the love you have for one another." What brought about the downfall of the Roman Empire was not the sword or human power but the authentic love evidenced in the lives of the early Christians. Can that be the answer to the problems of our day?

God is calling for a spiritual revival of holiness, lived in love, according to the Spirit's lead.

The second role of the Spirit is to empower us for holiness and mission. We received the seven gifts for sanctification in Baptism and the charismatic gifts in Confirmation, Ordination and Marriage for mission. But gifts are useless if not exercised. Their power is limited if not used. Their limitation is not in the gifts but in us by leaving them relatively dormant for a long time. This is probably a very blatant sign of our ingratitude to God for what he has given us.

**"You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, whole soul, whole mind and whole strength."  
Mt 22:37**

# JUBILEE

**What God desires in this time of the Renewal is a new missionary energy, bringing the Good News of God's saving love to today's ends of the earth.**

We have been renewed by the Holy Spirit so that we can freely choose to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit in the exercising of the gifts we have freely been given "when hands were laid upon us." This means growing in the awareness of, and the understanding of the purpose of each of the gifts, culminating in the exercise of the gifts as led by the Spirit.

We need to step out of the boat of our comfort zone at the various divine appointments God gives us each day and do what God asks us to do. Then watch what he will do. That is what Peter and John did when they saw the paralyzed beggar at the Temple gate. They had been empowered, they were going to the Temple to give thanks and God put in their path a man who needed healing. Peter and John acted in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. The man was healed and many more came to believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

The early Church did not see these divine appointments with signs and wonders as unusual and limited to a few people. Rather, they saw them as normative for those who are spirit-filled disciples of Jesus. And thus they prayed, as we read in Acts 4:29-31: "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and enable your servants to speak your word with all boldness, as you stretch forth [your] hand to heal, and signs and wonders are done through the name of your holy servant Jesus." As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness."

The third role of the Holy Spirit is to mission us as bold disciple/witnesses. We need to remember the words of Paul to Timothy "to stir into flame the gift of God" for "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love." What God

desires in this time of the Renewal is a new missionary energy, bringing the Good News of God's saving love to today's ends of the earth, where the marginalized, the poor, the spiritually barren, the unchurched and the none-churched reside and are perishing.

In the words of Pope Francis: "There is no greater freedom than that of letting oneself be carried by the Spirit, refusing to calculate and to control everything, and allow Him to illuminate you, lead you, guide you, and push you where He wishes. He knows well what the need is in every age and moment."

Pope St. John Paul II called for a "New Evangelization." Pope Francis echoes this in his call for missionary disciples. What does he mean? "You must 'go forth,' boldly taking the first step to draw near to those who do not know or live the Gospel, by building bridges, supporting others, taking on the 'smell of the sheep' and patiently seeking to accompany them on their journey...for the message we announce should be the 'heart of the Gospel,' which is the joyful proclamation that Jesus loves them, gave his life to save them and seeks to live at their side each day to strengthen and free them."

Yes, this is a new moment of grace for the Church and the Renewal. It calls for a fresh, new response. Following the lead of those who were initially baptized in the Spirit both at Pentecost and at The Ark and The Dove, we are called to grow in holiness and to use every divine appointment to share the Good News of God's love with signs and wonders as our credentials. We cannot be satisfied with the present status quo of remaining comfortable in our small clubs of security. Instead we are mandated to fill the banquet of the Kingdom by going to the highways and byways proclaiming God's invitation to come to the feast. ♦



# JUBILEE

## The Jubilee as Restoration

by Dr. Mary Healy, Professor of Scripture, Sacred Heart Major Seminary,  
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The jubilee is rooted in the book of Leviticus, where God instructs Israel how to sanctify time. God's people were to order their lives in the rhythm of days, weeks, and months such that they were continually renewed in their fellowship with him and one another.

Even certain *years* were sacred. Every seventh year was to be a **sabbath year**, when the people would rest from agricultural work. It was an act of trust that God would provide enough to eat through what grew of itself or what they had saved from previous years.

Even greater than the sabbath year was the **jubilee year** (Lev 25:8-55), a kind of super-sabbath, to be held after every 7x7 years—the fiftieth year. It was a “jubilee” because it was announced by the blowing of a ram’s horn (*yobel*). It was to be a year of rest, release, and return.

It is a year of *rest* because, as in the sabbath year, the people are to rest from their farm labor and let the land lie fallow.

It is a year of *release* because all who had sold themselves into slavery to pay a debt are to be set free, and all debts forgiven (Dt 15:1).

And it is a year of *return* because all land that had been sold off is to be returned to its original owner, and the owner can return to his land.

The jubilee would thus enable God’s people to remain in the freedom and fullness of life he desired for them. But sadly, it is doubtful whether it was ever actually carried out.

The Israelites experienced the bitter fruit of ignoring God’s commands, culminating with their exile in Babylon—the antithesis of rest, release and return. But through the prophet Isaiah, God announced a restoration to come:

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, To announce a year of favor from the LORD” (Is 61:1-2).

**It is fitting to celebrate its jubilee anniversary by asking God to renew the wonderful things he did in us.**

The coming of the messiah would be a “year of favor,” a new and greater jubilee.

And what happened when Jesus came? He read this passage in the synagogue, then announced, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing” (Lk 4:21). His whole mission is to inaugurate the new and everlasting jubilee—the true rest of communion with God, release from captivity to sin, and return to the true promised land, heaven.

So what does all this have to do with the Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal? The beginning of the Renewal was a kind of new Pentecost that spread like holy fire throughout the Church and brought countless people into an experience of the love of God and the majesty of Jesus. It is fitting to celebrate its jubilee anniversary by asking God to renew the wonderful things he did in us. Specifically, we might:

Celebrate the Jubilee as *rest* by taking time off from our labors and simply enjoying the fruit that God has made to grow. Take extra time to visit people, renew old friendships, enjoy the Lord’s presence, perhaps make a pilgrimage.

Celebrate the Jubilee as *release* by forgiving any outstanding debts—offenses committed against us, or even monetary debts—and doing all in our power to restore broken relationships.

Celebrate the Jubilee as *return* by returning to our first love, the passion for Jesus that was kindled in us by the Holy Spirit, and to childlike trust in God and openness to his gifts. ♦

# JUBILEE

## Celebrate Our Jubilee

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**How best do we celebrate? First, by giving thanks for what the Lord has done in our lives, in my life!**

Through the Prophet Nahum the Lord says, "See on the mountains the feet of the herald! 'Peace!' he proclaims. Judah, celebrate your feasts." As the song goes, "Celebrate, celebrate, dance to the music. Celebrate, celebrate, dance to the music."

Saint Pope John Paul II wrote of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000: "Every Jubilee year is like an invitation to a wedding feast." He continued, "The term *jubilee* speaks of joy; not just an inner joy but a jubilation which is manifested outwardly."

This 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among college students and professors on the Duquesne Weekend in February 1967, at The Ark and The Dove Retreat House near Pittsburgh, is an invitation to such a wedding feast and an invitation to rejoice.

It may well be, as Pope Francis said of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, an "extraordinary time of grace," a "year of the Lord's favor."

What are we to celebrate? Nothing less than God's action to pour out the Holy Spirit in our day, to transform lives and to empower the Church for its mission of evangelization.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit we celebrate this year is experienced as "a life-transforming experience of the love of God the Father poured into one's heart by the Holy Spirit, received through a surrender to the lordship of Jesus Christ" (ICCRS, *Baptism in the Holy Spirit*, p13). "Through baptism in the Spirit the experience of the first Pentecost has been made present anew in our time." This recovery of Pentecost is an experience of jubilee: of freedom from the bondage of sins into the marvelous light of

being sons and daughters of a loving Father; of empowerment to live in the power of the Spirit and in turn to proclaim Jesus to others, "to show mercy" (Pope Francis) by our lives and actions.

We celebrate life in the Spirit begun in Baptism and renewed in "baptism in the Holy Spirit," the doorway that so characterizes the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Saint Pope John Paul II said that if we are "docile to the action of the Holy Spirit" a "new spring-time of Christian life...will be revealed.... What was accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit 'in the fullness of time' can only, through the Spirit's power, now emerge from the memory of the Church."

How best do we celebrate? First, by giving thanks for what the Lord has done in our lives, in my life!, and acknowledging that it is not something we have earned or merited but rather it is the reception of a great grace (See Eph 2:7-10).

Second, we celebrate by living the life in the Spirit in holiness, discipleship and evangelization and service.

The Lord has set us free. Let us go "with the Word of God, ...[to] preach the novelty [newness] that Jesus has given us. Preach to the poor, to the marginalized, to the blind, to the sick, to the imprisoned, to all men and women. The Spirit is within everyone who wishes to be helped to open wide the door to make him flourish again" (Pope Francis to the 38<sup>th</sup> Italian National Convocation, July 3-4, 2015).

"In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of throwing open the doors of his heart and repeats that he loves us and wants to share his love with us" (Pope Francis). A wedding feast indeed! ♦



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baptism in the Holy Spirit and foster  
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# FIRST 25 YEARS



The Ark and The Dove 1967



Fr. Mike Scanlan addresses Renewal crowd 1970's



"We rejoice with you, dear friends, at the renewal of the spiritual life manifested in the Church today, in different forms and in various environments. In all this, we can recognize the mysterious and hidden work of the Spirit, who is the soul of the church." **Paul VI**, *First International Leaders' Conference, Grottaferrata, Rome, Italy* October 10, 1973



National Conference participants 1991, Providence, RI



NSC Advisory Committee prayer 1991



ICCRO Conference Rome 1990

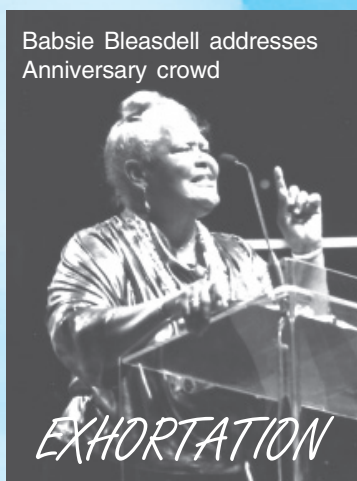
ICCRO Conference Nigeria 1991







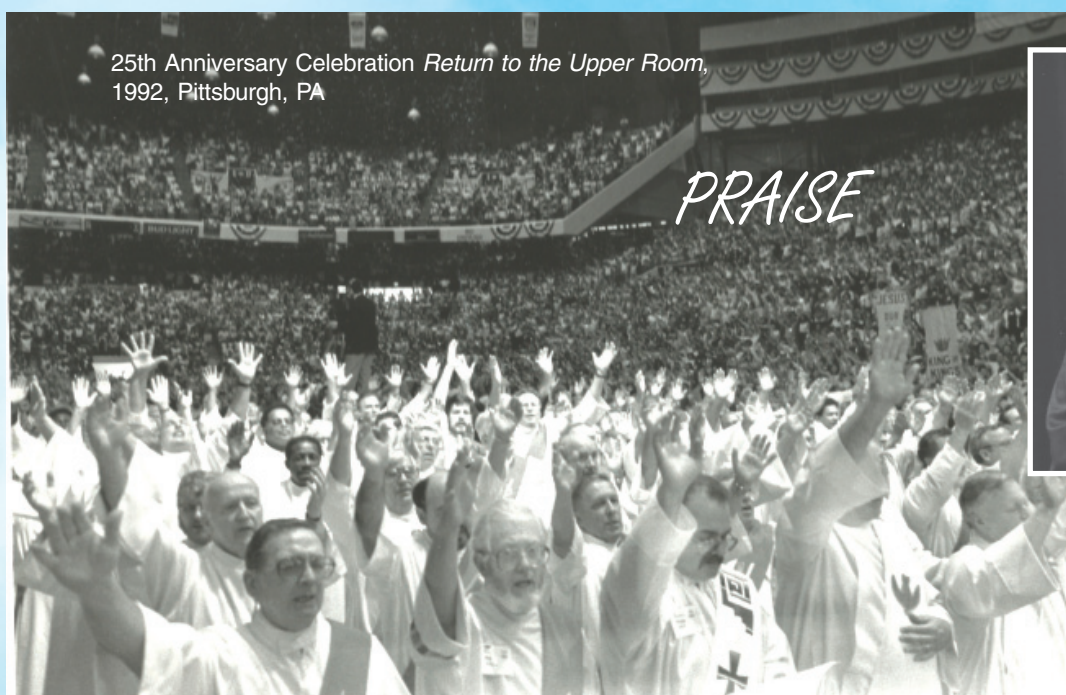
International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Organization (ICCRO) Council meet with Pope John Paul II, 1991



Babsie Bleasdel addresses Anniversary crowd



Renewal Leaders with Bishop Joseph McKinney 1992



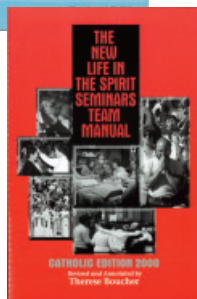
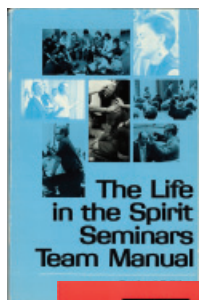
25th Anniversary Celebration *Return to the Upper Room*, 1992, Pittsburgh, PA



Fr. Emiliano Tardif prays with attendee



A prophecy was given that baptism in the Spirit would go across the nation like lightning from coast to coast. *Statement on Year of Jubilee 2017*



## Holy Spirit Milestones

In the beginning...“And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (Genesis 1:2).

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh” (Joel 2:28).

**33 AD** “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place...” (Acts 2:1-4).

## Cursillo and the Beginnings of the Renewal

by Steve Clark, Regional Missionary Coordinator for *Sword of the Spirit*, Chelsey, Michigan



The Life in the Spirit Seminars (LSS) began to develop about seven months after the beginning of the charismatic renewal. Like most of the early leaders of the Charismatic Renewal, we had worked in the Cursillo movement. We were now working at the Catholic student center at the University of Michigan and began a charismatic prayer meeting.

In the middle of one of the first meetings, someone asked to be baptized in the Spirit, so we prayed for her then and there. The next two meetings something similar happened. So we decided to establish a time when people could ask questions and receive prayer in order not to interrupt the prayer meeting itself. First we set up a prayer room after the prayer meeting where people could come to be baptized in the Spirit. Then we added a preparation room. Then we added an explanation session before the prayer meeting. With each addition a higher percentage of the people got baptized in the Spirit.

We then packaged all this together and extended the time of initiation to six weekly sessions. In the course of those sessions we gave a fuller understanding of the gift of the Spirit and how to persevere after being baptized in the Spirit. We now put the focus on ongoing living of the life in the Spirit and decided to use the name “The Life in the Spirit Seminars.” We also formed a team of people who would work on the LSS and who could keep contact with the

new people and bring them into the prayer group, subsequently the community.

This was where our Cursillo experience had been most helpful. It helped us to see that a powerful initiatory experience needed a follow-up and that an orientation to the follow-up needed to be built into the LSS. It also helped us to see that the follow-up needed to be an environment of committed people, and in addition that the weekend (and the follow-up) needed a trained team of leaders who did personal contact work with those in the LSS, both during and after the seminars. This was only one of the ways the wisdom of the Cursillo movement on how to put together an effective movement served the Charismatic Renewal.

We then realized that we needed to add more of an evangelistic focus. We needed to preach the gospel in the seminars and make the message more personally pointed. We made use of the Four Spiritual Laws in the explanation session, and we used the second session to preach the gospel message. In a new fourth session we presented the scriptural steps of response to the gospel: repent, believe and be baptized. That meant we included repentance and obedience to God more prominently in the seminars and made an effort to get the new people to ascertain the things for which they needed to repent.

The result was the 1971 and subsequent editions of the LSS. Other versions have been developed, but the original is still available from Tabor House in a Catholic and an ecumenical edition and is very effective when done correctly. It is, of course, not everything people need for Christian maturity. ♦

## Holy Spirit Milestones

### 1<sup>st</sup> Century–19<sup>th</sup> C

The initial exponential work of the church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, spread throughout the world.

**1895–1903** Blessed Elena Guerra, of Lucca, Italy, (“Apostle of the Holy Spirit”) wrote 13 confidential letters to Pope Leo XIII, requesting a renewed preaching on the Holy Spirit.

**1895/97** Pope Leo XIII wrote *Provida Matris Caritate*, in which he exhorted the entire Church to celebrate a solemn novena to the Holy Spirit each year between the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. He again mandated the Pentecost novena in 1897 in his Encyclical on the Holy Spirit, *Divinum Illud Munus*.

**1901** The first day of the new century Pope Leo XIII intoned the hymn, “*Veni Creator Spiritus*” in the name of the whole church, dedicating the 20<sup>th</sup> Century to the Holy Spirit.

**1901** Topeka, Kansas, Rev. Charles Parham and his students dedicated



# The Kansas City Conference 1977

by Kevin M. Ranaghan, People of Praise Community,  
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The historic Kansas City Conference in July of 1977 was hot! In the 90's in the daytime, we trudged the streets between hotels, the Convention Center, and other venues, and to the stadium in the evening. Fifty thousand Christians gathered together around one theme: "Jesus is Lord." This conference, sponsored in remarkable unity by Catholic, Protestant, classical and non-denominational Pentecostal renewal groups was a significant response to Jesus' prayer that we might all be one.

It came about this way. From the beginning, many leaders of the various renewals understood that baptism in the Holy Spirit was an ecumenical grace for the whole church. Many prayer groups and communities were, in fact, ecumenical. Denominational conferences invited speakers and shared books and tapes from other streams. By 1974 there was a growing sense that we should manifest the new unity we were experiencing. Key leaders of the Catholic and Lutheran renewals along with leaders of the large non-denominational Gulf Coast Fellowship agreed to work together to plan a large ecumenical gathering.

With the strong support of the ecumenical Charismatic Concerns Committee, we formed a representative planning committee. Every sponsoring group was taking a big financial risk, trusting the Lord in contracting for hotels, venues and... gasp... the stadium! The conference office of Charismatic Renewal Services in South Bend agreed to oversee the administration.

Most importantly, the Lord led us to forge a Unity Statement articulating our purpose, promising mutual cooperation and respect, and pledging commitment to one another and to the Lord for this event. Every group, speaker, performer, vendor and worker had to agree to this statement. With many different proposed agendas, the principles of this statement provided a path to resolution and

unity in making decisions. We developed a pattern of distinct denominational tracks in the mornings, scores of open workshops in the afternoons, and the large unified evenings in the stadium. Both the unity statement and the three tiered pattern of events were key to the success of Kansas City and have been adopted by many other charismatic events in the decades since. The two years of planning leading up to one week of celebration in Kansas City was the work of the Lord, and also the Spirit-led hard work of many who ministered both in public and behind the scenes. From beginning to end, it was a foretaste of the unity of the Body of Christ.

There are thousands of testimonies about what God did there: conversions, Spirit baptisms, healings, ecumenical friendships, ministries begun, growth of communities, vocations to priesthood and religious life. Here is just one story which is public. Present at Kansas City, as an interested participant, not yet baptized in the Spirit, was an Italian Capuchin friar and theologian. Deeply moved by his experience there, he went directly afterward to a Catholic charismatic retreat in New Jersey. There, he was baptized in the Holy Spirit, recommissioned in the Lord's service. In the decades since, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa has served the Lord as an outstanding theologian of the Renewal, a champion of ecumenism, and preacher to the papal household in the Vatican. Praise God for the Kansas City conference. ♦

"...in Our Letter Provida Matris, We recommended to Catholics special prayers at the Feast of Pentecost, for the Reunion of Christendom, so now We desire to make certain further decrees on the same subject.

We decree and command that throughout the whole Catholic Church, this year and in every subsequent year, a Novena shall take place before Whit-Sunday [Pentecost], in all parish churches, and also, if the local Ordinaries think fit, in other churches and oratories."

**Pope Leo XIII, (1897)**  
*Divinum Illud Munus*,  
12-13

themselves to study baptism in the Holy Spirit. As a result a revival started, considered the beginning of Pentecostalism.

**1906** Azusa Street, Los Angeles, the Pentecostal movement grows with an

out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.

**1950's-60's** The Charismatic Renewal movement starts among mainline churches as members embrace baptism in the Holy Spirit.

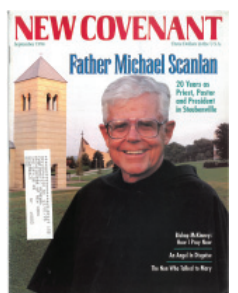
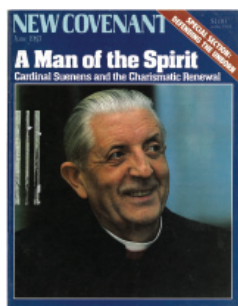
**1961** Pope St. John XXIII's prayer to convene Second Vatican Council: "Renew your wonders in our time, as by a new Pentecost."

**1967** February, students and professors at The Ark and The Dove Retreat House in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, PA, experienced the grace of baptism

in the Holy Spirit, later known as "The Duquesne Weekend."

**1967** April, word quickly spread from Pittsburgh to South Bend, East Lansing and Ann Arbor, 100 people gathered for the 1st International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference.

## Establishing an International Office



by *Ralph Martin,*  
*President, Renewal Ministries,*  
*Ann Arbor, Michigan*

Somehow these somewhat obscure, smaller sized towns, South Bend, Indiana and Ann Arbor, Michigan found themselves in the middle of a worldwide movement that was significantly impacting the Catholic Church. Friends of ours on the Duquesne weekend soon told us about what had happened to them on that famous weekend in February of 1967 and several years later Ann Arbor had become something of a center holding annual leaders' conferences and publishing *New Covenant* magazine, and South Bend became known for its Communication Center making products available and for the annual Notre Dame conferences.

Both cities began receiving visitors from all over the world and probably because of *New Covenant* magazine a lot of international visitors wrote to us and visited as well. I had a shoebox filled with letters from many different countries in my basement office when one day, in April of 1971, Gary Seromik, a grad student in French at the University of Michigan, walked into my office and offered to help. When I found out that he could speak Russian, Polish, Spanish, Italian and French I eagerly accepted his offer and he is with me to this day now as our office manager at Renewal Ministries.

In January of 1973 the International Communication Office (ICO) was officially established by the National Service Commit-

tee recognizing the work that Gary and I were doing in our basement office.

In March of 1973 Cardinal Suenens visited Ann Arbor and after he revealed his identity—he came at first as “Fr. Michel Dubois” living in our household!—offered to help us in any way he could. He gave a wonderful interview to *New Covenant* magazine where he declared his support for the renewal. He then suggested we have our next leaders' conference in Rome—which was a big step for us—and so we did.

In October of 1973 the First International Leaders' Conference was held in Grottaferrata, a suburb of Rome, which 126 leaders from 34 countries attended. Cardinal Suenens arranged for 13 of us to be received by Pope Paul VI which was the first papal recognition that the renewal had received.

The surprises continued and in 1976 we moved the international office (along with us!) to Brussels at the Cardinal's invitation and then in 1978 Fr. Tom Forrest took over as Director while I served as Chairman of the International Council that oversaw the office. And in 1980 ICO moved to Rome and eventually was granted pontifical recognition under its current name, ICCRS, International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services.

When my wife Anne and I were in Rome for the big conference at Olympic Stadium with Pope Francis in 2014 we visited the current offices and marveled to think of the journey from a basement in Ann Arbor to a Vatican Palace—Palazzo San Callisto! The amazing works of God, and the continuing surprises of the Holy Spirit. ♦

**1970's** Growth of parish-based prayer groups, covenant communities, houses of prayer, Renewal Centers throughout the country and the world. The National Service Committee for Catholic Charismatic Renewal (NSC) established. Conferences at Notre Dame gather 1000's, a communications office was set up in Ann Arbor.

**1972** International Communications Office in Ann Arbor, moves to Brussels at the invitation of Cardinal Suenens, and later Rome becoming ICCRO (1978) and then ICCRS.

**1973** First International Conference for Leaders of the Renewal at Grottaferrata, Italy and first meeting with Pope Paul VI.

**1975** International Catholic Charismatic Conference in Rome. 13,000 delegates assembled in Saint Peter's Basilica for the celebration of the Pentecost Mass with Pope Paul VI.

**1975** At the NSC request, Franciscan University of Steubenville hosts a Catholic Charismatic Renewal conference for priests, launching the Steubenville Conferences and becomes a center for the Renewal.



# Growth of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal



*by Sr. Nancy Kellar SC, St. Elizabeth Seton House of Prayer, Scarsdale, New York*

In 1984 I spoke at the International Catholic Charismatic Conference in Rome on “Stirring up the Charismatic Gifts.” The Holy Spirit gave me this word to begin my talk: “Be who you are; be a Charismatic Renewal that operates with the charisms.” That became the beginning of a ministry of teaching that has taken me around the world proclaiming: “There is always more of the Holy Spirit.”

In the beginning the conferences were General Catholic Charismatic gatherings that were evangelistic outreaches to lead people, church and unchurched, to experience a personal Pentecost. Later, my passion for Leadership Formation bore fruit in weeklong seminars in diverse places as New Zealand, Pakistan, Brazil, Colombia and Singapore.

Youth Conferences took place in Colombia, Brazil, El Salvador; in Lithuania, Poland and Slovenia. In these Eastern European countries the youth were the leaders of the Church bringing their ‘Soviet years’ parents from Atheism to Christianity. In Malta I met Youth Arise, an International Charismatic Youth Organization, and worked with its leaders doing youth events before the World Youth Days in Rome and Toronto.

Retreats for priests and sisters which took place in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana, Japan, Australia and China seemed destined to produce long range results. Leaders of seminaries, congregations, editors of Catholic newspapers and young sisters in China, future leaders of their 24 different congregations, prayed for baptism in the Spirit.

It gave me great hope for the future of the church to meet with lay men, women, and children living in community alongside priests and religious in France, Germany, Italy, Brazil, Israel, Australia and Switzerland. In Switzerland the community brought a 12<sup>th</sup> century Cistercian monastery back to life!

The most popular conferences recently are women’s retreats. One in Borneo, Malaysia brought together 500 women in a country less than 1% Catholic.

In Sweden the Lutheran leaders of the Renewal thanked the Catholics who had brought Charismatic Renewal to the Lutheran Church. Ireland recognized that reconciliation for their land crossed not only religious divides but oceans as they brought together not only Irish Catholics



*Leaders unite at 37th National Convocation of the Renewal in the Holy Spirit, June 2014, Olympic Stadium, Rome.*

and Protestants; but also an English-Irish minister and myself, an American-Irish religious.

In 1992 I was elected to represent the US on the ICCRS Council. Elected director of the Rome office of ICCRS in 1994, I had my opportunity to administer an International Conference at San Giovanni Rotondo (the town of Padre Pio). In 1995 six hundred men and women in the healing ministry met in order to grow in the charism of healing. The Eucharistic celebration led by Cardinal Paul Cordes, on the steps of the basilica, in front of the hospital, flowed amazingly into healing ministry in the public square.

The Jerusalem Retreat in 1997 brought us into the world of our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters. In Bethlehem’s manger square it was awesome to speak of the Father’s love and be translated into Arabic for the Muslim crowds looking on. The reconciliation service held in Gehenna, the “valley of death,” was meaningful beyond words and the parade of nations at the end of the conference revealed just how far the Charismatic Renewal had spread in the world! ♦

**1977** “Charismatic Renewal in the Christian Churches” Ecumenical Charismatic Renewal Conference in Kansas City, MO. gathers 50,000 people in Arrowhead Stadium.

**1977** Establishment of the Steering Committee of the Association of Diocesan Liaisons for Catholic Charismatic Renewal

**1980’s– present** continued growth of the

Renewal touching more than 120,000,000 Catholics worldwide.

**1998** Pope John Paul II calls the Ecclesial Movements to Rome, including Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

**1999** Members of Catholic Charismatic Committees operating on a national level (including Diocesan Liaisons, Covenant Communities, Ethnic realities, the NSC and others) began annual

meetings for prayer and discernment.

**2006** Pope Benedict calls the Ecclesial movements to Rome.

## A Short History of the Immigrant Catholic Charismatic Renewal



by Msgr. Joseph Malagrega,  
*Spiritual Director, Hispanic and Haitian  
National Committees, Brooklyn, New York*

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal was born at a weekend Retreat at **The Ark and The Dove Retreat Center** near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in February 1967. Very quickly after that, through contacts of friends and campus ministers, this experience of baptism in the Spirit came to Notre Dame University. The current of grace which is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the experience of baptism in the Spirit was poured out in other countries. The first sharing was by American missionaries working in foreign countries, and then by the natural back-and-forth among immigrant people. In the late 1960's, Puerto Rico and Colombia already had *charismatic retreats* to assist people in experiencing baptism in the Spirit. From those two Latin centers, all of Latin America was washed with this current of grace. Now, fifty years later, all of Latin America—Mexico, Central America, South America and Brazil, and the Caribbean—have millions of people who have experienced baptism in the Spirit.

Not long after, again beginning with American missionaries, the current of grace reached the shores of Africa, and the Catholic countries of Asia and the Philippines, and Europe. Then, because of the migrations of people to and from America, immigrants from these countries brought their charismatic experience back to America from where it originated, and it has become a major part of immigrant church life in the United States.

The fast growth of the experience impelled organization abroad and within the United States. As the various immigrant groups in the United States grew in charismatic experience, they also sought to organize on a national level. In 1990, the Hispanics and the Haitians both organized

their own National Committees. The Filipinos in the United States organized a Filipino Alliance. The Koreans have sought to organize nationally. Other ethnic groups—including Indians, Portuguese-speakers, Vietnamese, Indonesians and West Indians—have all made various efforts at self-organization for the purpose of pastoring the charismatic experience. Since Latin America has organized itself into what is called CONCCLAT, a Committee for the Renewal in all Latin American countries, the Hispanic Renewal in the United States is a member of CONCCLAT.

At present, the Hispanic Renewal in the United States is great and thriving. The *Hispanic National Service Committee* has divided the nation into eight pastoral regions, each region having many dioceses within it. Each region has a Coordinator and a Regional Committee, and most hold an annual Conference. The National Committee holds an annual Leaders' Encounter, at which about 450 delegates attend. The National Hispanic Committee has also formed a Youth Secretariat, which has organized many events on both regional and national levels. It is certainly true that there is a youth explosion in the Hispanic charismatic community.

The Haitian National Committee holds an annual Congress to which over 4,000 people come. Since the Haitian immigration is chiefly on the eastern seaboard of the United States, the large concentrations of Haitian charismatics are in New York, New Jersey, Florida and Boston, with extensions in Philadelphia, Chicago, Maryland, Connecticut and southeastern Canada. There is also a yearly Leaders' Encounter, and a program for leadership training.

The Filipino Alliance is very strong with a large national Conference, and the Koreans have enjoyed large Conferences with many youth involved.

We praise God that the immigrant Church in the United States is experiencing a continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit. ♦

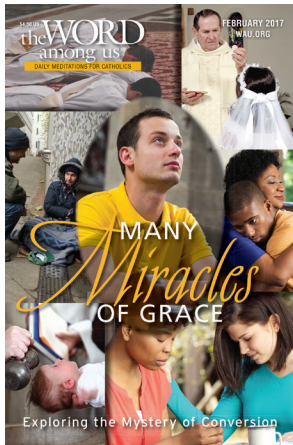
**2014** June, Pope Francis speaks to over 50,000 gathered at The Olympic Stadium sponsored by the Renewal in the Spirit (RnS), ICCRS, and the Catholic Fraternity.

**2015** December, The NSC brokers the purchase of Providence Villa (formerly The Ark and The Dove), the site of the "Duquesne Weekend," reclaiming this historic site for the whole Renewal as a center of unity and to promote the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit for generations to come.

**2016** February, The Ark and The Dove is blessed by Bishop Zubik of Pittsburgh, PA. Pentecost, the official ribbon cutting and re-opening of The Ark and The Dove.

**2017** The Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, celebrating 50 years of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit since the Duquesne Weekend! Pope Francis invites all those involved with Charismatic Renewal to Rome for Pentecost.





## The Word Among Us, a fruit of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

On this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, we at *The Word Among Us* are so grateful to the Lord for the gift of the baptism in the Spirit. We honor the National Service Committee and everyone who has served the Renewal these many decades! May the Lord continue to bless all those involved in the Renewal.

*"Give us your guidance, Holy Spirit, to be faithful to the call and charism that you have given us!"*

**"Pentecost is not over. In fact it is continually going on in every time and in every place, because the Holy Spirit desired to give himself to all men and all who want him can always receive him, so we do not have to envy the apostles and the first believers; we only have to dispose ourselves like them to receive him well, and He will come to us as he did to them."**

~Bl. Elena Guerra



**"The Church needs her perennial Pentecost; she needs fire in her heart, words on her lips, prophecy in her outlook. She needs to be the temple of the Holy Spirit, that is, of complete purity and interior life."**

~Bl. Paul VI, Nov. 29, 1972

## ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS



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to the Renewal for 50 years of faithful service in the Church and the Body of Christ from St. Elizabeth Seton House of Prayer, celebrating our 42nd anniversary and honoring the memory of Sr. Pauline Cinquini, SC.

"How can we not give thanks for the precious spiritual fruits that the Renewal has produced in the life of the Church and in the lives of so many people?"

**St. John Paul II**  
April 28, 2001

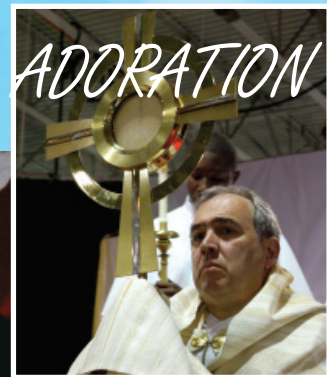
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Fr. Montague with theologians 1995.



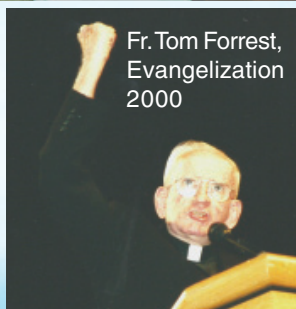
Jim Murphy and Vinson Synan pray at National Conference Rutgers, NJ 1996



Celebration and prayer ministry at National Charismatic Renewal Conference 1999 University of Notre Dame.



Celebrate Jesus 2000, St. Louis, Missouri, sponsored by the inter-denominational North American Renewal Service Committee.



Fr. Tom Forrest, Evangelization 2000







Cenacle of Prayer for America, Pentecost 2005, Miami, Florida.



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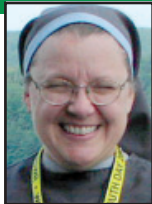
Pope Francis greets participants of the 37th National Convocation of the Renewal in the Holy Spirit, June 2014, Olympic Stadium, Rome.



## PRAISE



# FRUITS OF THE RENEWAL



## **Call to Religious Life** by *Sr. Lucy Lukasiewicz, DLJC, Prayer Town, TX*

In my senior year in High School, Jesus came knocking on the door of my heart. I came from a devout Catholic family. My mom attended a Life in the Spirit Seminar and had a mystical experience of the Holy Spirit which she shared with us. We received a foreign exchange student from Spain that challenged the fiber of the Lukasiewicz family. At the kitchen table, family members and my foreign exchange sister began to share about God and sovereignly we experienced baptism in the Spirit. This experience changed my life completely. God became so real. I began to hear his voice and desired above all else to follow him. I heard of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, a Charismatic Franciscan Religious Community. My heart burned when I heard of the vision. I entered in 1982. I became Superior in 2002 and served in that role for twelve years. ♦

- As we have looked
- back and seen
- briefly how the
- outpouring of the
- Holy Spirit has
- grown in our day, it is
- important that we
- look at the fruit that
- this move of the
- Spirit has borne in
- the Church and for
- the world.
- *Statement on Year of*
- *Jubilee 2017.*

## **Call to Religious Life** by *Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR, Pittsburgh, PA*



My story of discernment was largely a young man who wanted to do the Lord's will but on one hand wasn't positive what God's will was and on the other questioning whether or not I had the power or the ability to do what God asked. Baptism in the Holy Spirit enabled me to hear the Lord with greater clarity and made me more confident in the call the Lord placed on my life. And equally important, I received the power necessary to respond and do what God wanted of me. God's Holy Spirit stirred a power and grace in my heart that moved me to be able to fully say yes to the Lord's invitation to serve him and Christ's church as a Franciscan priest. I will be forever grateful for the Spirit's movement in my life. ♦



## **Healing Ministry** by *Jane Guenther, Saint Louis, MO*

The ministry of healing in the life of Jesus in restoring physical and moral health is a call to be continued in expectant faith in our times. I experienced the Lord's use of tongues in healing as I was called to a hospital ICU room to pray with a woman on life support. In praying in tongues the Lord ministered to her in her native tongue, Vietnamese. As I prayed the room lit up with a bright light of glory and she began to respond. We were asked to vacate the ICU for the doctors and nurses to work with her. As we walked down the hall her husband inquired how I learned his wife's native tongue. He stated that I was praying her morning prayer as she had their whole married life in her Vietnamese language. She recovered and still lives to this day, while her husband has gone home to God. His love heals! ♦





**Ministry to the Poor** by *Sr. Linda Koontz SNJM, El Paso, TX*

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor" (Lk 4:18). The great gift of baptism in the Holy Spirit anoints us to do the works of Jesus on this earth. I have seen the poorest of the poor gladly receive baptism in the Holy Spirit and enter a new dimension of living. Luis had no hope. He lived in a shack in the barren hills of Juarez, Mexico. He was unable to work because of TB and his children were starving. Our prayer team shared the gospel with Luis and he received Jesus into his heart and was baptized in the Holy Spirit. Luis's wife and children all experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit. Luis was completely healed of TB, got a job and has worked faithfully for the past 20 years. ♦

**Call to Covenant Community** by *Mark Nehrbas, Steubenville, OH*

I was baptized in the Holy Spirit in January of 1971. I joined a small college-aged Catholic charismatic group. Some of us came out of the Hippie drug culture, others from strong Catholic upbringings. We began sharing our faith and much of our lives with one another. Some of the men lived together as did some of the women.

We attended conferences in Ann Arbor and South Bend and were drawn to the vision of covenant community. Many of the conference speakers and leaders of the movement were from covenant communities. Listening to their witness and seeing the fruit of community life, we prayed and discussed how that might work for us. Eventually we felt led to make a covenant commitment. Given our youthful idealism and zeal for the Lord, it seemed like a logical step for us, too. Making that deep commitment provided a profound unity from which we served the Lord primarily through evangelization. ♦



**Call to Personal Relationship with Jesus** by *Casey Sprehe, Metairie, LA*

Do you have a personal relationship with Christ? Thankfully because I was baptized in the Spirit, I can confidently say yes! So personal that I can consume him every day if I'd like! That added response usually raises an eyebrow. I experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit in 2001 at a retreat, allowing the Spirit to come into my life and stir up all the sacramental graces that had been lying dormant. It didn't take the place of anything I had learned, yet it took it to a new level. I joined a charismatic youth group and attended Steubenville youth conferences during my teenage years. This was literally my saving grace during such a challenging time for a teen.

If we are built up by going on a retreat, listening to talks or going to spiritual direction, we'll be able to answer the question boldly by saying, "Yes! I do have a personal relationship with Christ." ♦

# FRUITS OF THE RENEWAL



## **Growth in Holiness** by *Sr. Ann Shields SGL, Ann Arbor, MI*

In 1966, as a religious sister, I went through a year of depression caused by a loss of faith. One very cold February day in 1966, I stood by the convent window looking out on a very grey landscape which mirrored my soul. I found myself saying “God, (if you exist) please do something.” Expecting nothing, I turned from the window and walked from the room. Going only a few steps, I ran into what I can only describe now as a man’s chest...I stopped. And then stepped forward again. The same experience occurred...I found myself, whispering, “God, is this you?” Very clearly in my mind (not audibly) I “heard”: “Don’t you know I’ve been with you all the time.” In 1970, I attended my first prayer meeting and quickly understood that the overwhelming graces I had received in 1966 were the work of the Holy Spirit. His mercy endures forever—for each of us! ♦

## **Ecumenical Openness** by *Tom Mangan, Coraopolis, PA*



I move across an ecumenical landscape that excites me. The diversity I see is a gift and not a threat to the unity of the Church. As Pope Francis says, “Seeking to suppress this diversity is to counter the Holy Spirit.” Baptism in the Holy Spirit has opened doors for me that I dare not shut.

Though well-grounded in my Catholic faith, I have learned not to be triumphal but instead to be humble when mixing with other Christians. Over the years, I have built strong relationships with Protestant leaders through our mutual fellowship. I can say that my life in Christ has been enhanced as a result of this practice.

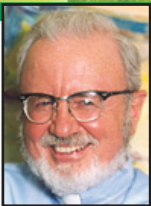
The Holy Spirit will not be contained. It was clear from the beginning of the Renewal that what God was doing was ecumenical in scope and I, as a Catholic, must “walk in ecumenism.” ♦



## **Call to Communal Prayer** by *Jim Murphy, Spring Lake, MI*

One of the greatest experiences for me in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is communal praise and worship. I think all of us want to be part of something bigger than ourselves. When I join into praise and worship with others, I sense the enormity of God’s family and the majesty of the Lord himself. I can be in some remote country, unable to understand the language, but when the praise and worship starts... I am right at home. I find communal prayer so comforting because it really brings me into a unity with others who share the same goal and vision, honoring the Eternal God! I especially appreciate the gift of praying in the Spirit, as a “language of prayer” that is universal, no matter the language or culture. Like David, “I rejoiced when they said to me ‘let us go to the house of the Lord!’” ♦





### **Scripture Came Alive** by *Fr. George Montague, SM, San Antonio, TX*

Entering a church, an eighteen-year-old Egyptian heard the words of Jesus being proclaimed at that very moment, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven”(Mt 19:21).

The words were thunder to the man who would become Saint Anthony the Great, the first of the desert Fathers, a genuine renewal movement in the church of the fourth century. In a similar way Saint Francis of Assisi, with his companions, opened the gospels three times and found there the inspiration to found the Franciscan Friars.

Something like that has been happening to thousands in the charismatic renewal. The black words on a page suddenly shine like a neon sign with a here-and-now message. This has happened to me numerous times, and while these messages must always be discerned, the phenomenon is one of the most precious fruits of baptism in the Holy Spirit. ♦

### **Growth of the Spanish-Speaking Renewal** by *Andrès Arango, Camden, NJ*



I first attended a charismatic prayer meeting in my native city, Medellin, Colombia. It was an evening full of blessings, surprises and a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. When I moved to the US I searched for a prayer group. I knew that the Renewal was born in the US, however it was surprising for me to find several Latino/Hispanic prayer groups living the experience of baptism in the Holy Spirit. A recent study from Boston College estimates that around 2000 parishes in the US have Spanish-speaking charismatic prayer groups. We are Hispanics coming from more than twenty Latin-American countries. The Hispanic Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the US is a true blessing: all of us bringing our gifts, faith formation and religious traditions. At the same time it brings a great challenge/opportunity: how to build unity in our diversity. We have seen the action of the Holy Spirit bringing this into a reality of love. ♦



### **Commitment to Prayer** by *Mark Kwaku Nimo, D. Min., Chicago, IL*

St. Teresa of Avila said prayer is “a heart to heart conversation with the One by whom we know ourselves as loved.” After my experience of baptism in the Holy Spirit 32 years ago, one thing was very clear: “I am loved by God.” This experience was so overwhelming that it would often lead me to tears. The fact that I was forgiven, my toxic shame taken away, my guilt removed, and a new sense of identity given to me as a child of God, cannot be over-emphasized. I just could not stop thinking about God! Anytime I raised my “heart and mind” to God I was in prayer. I have grown to understand that the goal of prayer is to become one with God—“union with God.” I am not just called to “say” prayers but “become” prayer. Prayer has to infuse all activities of my life. ♦

# FRUITS OF THE RENEWAL



## **Invite Mary into Your Upper Room** by *Patti Mansfield, Metairie, LA*

At the Duquesne Weekend a statue of Our Lady was held up and we were told that Mary was our model in surrender to the Holy Spirit. It was fitting that she should be explicitly acknowledged in 1967 when this new Pentecost began among Catholics. Mary was in the Cenacle that first Pentecost, interceding and yielding to her Spouse, the Holy Spirit. Saturday, just hours after I was baptized in the Spirit, I opened the Scripture at random. My eyes fell on Mary's Magnificat: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name." Over these 50 years she has been a living Mother, guiding my life in the Spirit. To whatever measure I have been faithful to the grace of baptism in the Spirit, I owe it all to her motherly love. Invite her into your Upper Room this Jubilee Year! ♦

## **Power in the Marketplace** by *Peter Herbeck, Ann Arbor, MI*



One of the fundamental characteristics of the Holy Spirit's mission is to catalyze movement. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in power on Pentecost thrust the apostles into the market place to proclaim Jesus as Lord. This same dynamic is a central characteristic of this New Pentecost, the baptism in the Holy Spirit. In my own life, from the moment I experienced the baptism in the Holy Spirit, as a twenty-year old, the power released within me was both a revelation of the Lordship of Jesus and a new energy and conviction that I'd been launched into Jesus' mission.

In our work at Renewal Ministries over the past thirty years I've worked directly with hundreds of Catholic lay men and women who witnessed to the fact that they too had been "launched" into mission through baptism in the Holy Spirit and empowered to give to others what they had received. ♦



## **Power in Ordinary Moments** by *Caroline Gambale-Dirkes, Ann Arbor, MI*

In my young adult years, as I was searching on how to fulfill God's plan for my life, I remember randomly opening the bible to 2 Timothy 4:2,5 "proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching... perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry." Everything about this scripture resonated in the deepest part of me and I made a decision to devote my whole life to evangelization. Whether I am flying on a plane, getting a haircut, or talking with a random parent I've met through one of my children's activities, I am amazed at how these ordinary moments are transformed into incredible evangelization stories when I just invited God into that moment and allowed him to use me. I would go so far as to say that it was in the most inconvenient and uncomfortable situations that I have seen the greatest manifestation of God's presence. ♦





### **The Gift of Tongues** by *Dave Mangan, Ann Arbor, MI*

One of the most distinctive marks of the Renewal is the use of charismatic gifts and how the Spirit has taught about the value of these gifts. In the last few years I have been experiencing a greater power in the gift of tongues as I have been led more and more into a contemplative form of prayer. As I begin my prayer time I take time to pray in tongues. I experience the peace of the Holy Spirit and begin to experience the presence of the Lord in a powerful way. I can only describe my experience as being something like St. John in the paintings of the Last Supper, reclining on the Lord's breast. This isn't something I can turn on and off at will, but I treasure what the Lord is doing with me in allowing this consolation and allowing me to rest in his presence and to know his love in a powerful way. ♦

### **Call to Marriage** by *Therese and John Boucher, Worcester, MA*

"When should we marry?" we prayed. "At the wedding, should we pray in tongues or not?" Our wedding took place in the parish where our charismatic prayer group was serving. Still, charisms were a new phenomenon in 1970. Then it happened. As the Bishop placed his hands on our heads, several large canker sores in Therese's mouth melted away. So she gratefully prayed in tongues. John followed, as did the whole prayer group. One aunt turned to another saying, "How lovely! What page is that song on?"



There have been many healings, prophetic leadings and pastoral gifts since then. All of these have flowed from the abiding presence of the Spirit in our midst. God has led us through the upbringing of five children; and a life of sharing the call to follow the Spirit and to evangelize in parishes and dioceses, gently bringing charisms into the larger church. Alleluia! ♦



### **My Healing** by *Daniel Dirkes, Ann Arbor, MI*

When I was 16 years old, I was diagnosed with Crohn's disease. Shortly thereafter, I was baptized in the holy Spirit and while attending a Steubenville Youth Conference, I heard Jesus tell me that he wanted to heal me. While I believed that Jesus would heal me, nothing happened immediately. Three years later, I was preparing to lead worship at a retreat when my Crohn's disease flared up once again. During the week before the retreat, I felt Jesus remind me of his promise to heal me. As I began leading praise and worship on the retreat, instead of feeling sicker, I began to inexplicably feel better and better as my pain and symptoms melted away. Following the retreat, I went back home, took out my guitar, and thanked the Lord for my healing by singing Craig Musseau's "Good To Me." Sixteen years later, I remain completely healed. Praise God! ♦

### **The Haitian Renewal** by *Marie Josée Joseph, Nyack, NY*



Despite being raised in the Catholic faith and having a rigorous religious upbringing, my spirituality began by only attending Sunday Mass; then I started embracing the Lord's teachings with new devotion that grew with unmatched fierceness. Introduction to the Renewal helped my connection deepen, through participation in weekly prayer meetings. My hunger for spiritual food increased so I ventured to meetings in Spring Valley, NY which awakened my will to travel for the Lord. I found the need to spend more time with him, and started attending Mass daily before going to work.

One incredible experience was my first time attending a religious conference in Indiana; I cannot forget the pure exhilaration that I felt there. With unwavering faith in my heart, I fully absorbed the conference's teachings. For years, God has called me to devote time and talent to the Haitian Renewal. Various leadership responsibilities such as being a speaker, hymn leader, and conference administrator have only come from prayers and the power of the Holy Spirit. ♦



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## What Have We Learned

by Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD

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A Jubilee is a time to rejoice and celebrate, but also a time to look back on what we have learned over the last 50 years of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Here are some ideas concerning important things that we have learned, and that we need to remember and apply, so that we can grow in wisdom and maturity in serving God's purposes for us as a "current of grace," and as an Ecclesial Movement in the Church:

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal needs to understand itself as both a "current of grace" and "an ecclesial movement":** It is important to be open to both special outpourings of grace (revival graces), and step by step building with the Lord led by the Holy Spirit. In the Acts of the Apostles we see the Holy Spirit working in both of these ways in the early Church. The whole Charismatic Renewal Movement is a "charism" for the Church. We are to be a reminder in the Church of the importance of baptism in the Holy Spirit, the full use of the charisms, and the full role of the Holy Spirit. We are more powerful in the Holy Spirit, and receive special graces for our mission, when we stay united with the International, National and Diocesan Offices (Centers, Leadership Teams) for Catholic Charismatic Renewal, rather than staying isolated in our groups or ministries.

**We need to integrate being both "fully Catholic" and "fully charismatic":** Recent popes have called us not to lose our "prophetic" call to remind the Church to be open to all the workings of the Holy Spirit; to live a fully charismatic life. We need the use of all the charisms used in a mature and tested way. Also, we need to grow in the knowledge

of our Catholic faith so we can integrate charismatic experiences with all of the Catholic faith.

**We need an "experience" of baptism in the Spirit, but also a "lifestyle" in the Spirit:** Pope Francis has confirmed that baptism in the Spirit is meant for the whole Church. We need to reach out to everyone through Life in the Spirit Seminars and other ways of leading people to baptism in the Spirit. At the same time we seek to be a reminder in the Church of the "full role" of the Holy Spirit which includes the four areas of: Union with God; Transformation for Holiness; Ministry Empowered by the Charisms; Building Community. Our relationship with the Holy Spirit should influence every part of our lives. We need to build on initial experiences of the Holy Spirit to live a daily life in union with the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

**We need a unity of mind and heart to accomplish fully God's purpose for Catholic Charismatic Renewal:** We need a heart for unity, building community, and ecumenism. This includes reconciling with people and groups in Charismatic Renewal when there have been hurts, and working together in our common calling. This also includes unity with the International Renewal and among the various expressions of the Renewal in prayer groups, covenant communities and ethnic groups. We need to teach better the value of being a committed, ongoing member of a prayer and faith sharing group. Being an active part of a community of faith and prayer is essential for full life in

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the Spirit. Finally, as Pope Francis has affirmed, seeking Christian unity is a foundational part of the gift that Charismatic Renewal is meant to be in the Church. We cannot lose this emphasis.

**■ We need the full, mature, and discerned use of the charisms (spiritual gifts):** Some of our groups show little use of the charisms, and in other places the gifts do not come under enough community discernment/testing. We need to understand how charisms are to be part of our daily life and parish life. We need to teach about the charisms more consistently and pray with people to stir up the gifts. We are not meant to be serving the Lord only with our own power, love and wisdom. Our ministry is meant to be a manifestation of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through the use of spiritual gifts. We are called to be open to all the gifts. This includes gifts of service, evangelization, building community, healing, faith, spiritual warfare, empowerment, teaching/preaching, tongues, prophetic messages, etc.

**■ Our teaching needs to include inspiration, education, and practical wisdom:** Sometimes we have focused so much in our groups and conferences on inspiration that we do not have good roots from education and practical wisdom. The Holy Spirit is the prophetic Spirit, the Spirit of Truth leading us into all truth, and the Spirit of Wisdom.

We need training (education) for ongoing leadership development in our groups, including approaches to raising up new leaders, and building leadership teams.

**■ We cannot lose the importance of praise and worship:** We need to go beyond singing praise hymns to having a regular practice and attitude of praising God in our personal lives and in our groups. Some of our groups sing praise songs, but have little spontaneous, vocal praise. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2639) teaches us that praise is the type of prayer that most opens us to the Holy Spirit. Praise opens us to the gifts of the Spirit, especially the prophetic gifts.

**■ Boldness prayer more than protection prayer:** In Acts 4 when the Church is being persecuted they do not pray first for protection, but pray that they would have even greater boldness in proclaiming Jesus and seeing the Holy Spirit confirm the word with signs and wonders. At times we have gotten too focused on wanting God to protect us, rather than wanting to go forward boldly with the Lord. Lord, free us from our fears and timidity. May we serve the Lord's purposes for Charismatic Renewal with the proper integration of boldness and wisdom. ♦

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## THE ARK AND THE DOVE WORLDWIDE

*"Home of baptism in the Holy Spirit"*

The Ark and The Dove, site of the February 1967 "Duquesne Weekend," was purchased by the Renewal on December 18, 2015 to be a Pilgrimage Destination, Resource Center, Retreat and Event Center. The Ark and The Dove Worldwide seeks to create a diverse Board of Directors, including ecumenical and international members.





## Emerging Seeds

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**In fact I believe the true legacy of the Renewal can be seen in the Church at large and those organizations and movements that have sprung from it.**

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a gift from the Holy Spirit to the Church. In many ways we are only now seeing the fruit. For those of us who grew up in Covenant Communities and Prayer Groups this is easy to see. This is also true for those who may have been evangelized through a FIRE Rally or a conference, or the Life in the Spirit Seminars. At the heart of this Renewal is baptism in the Holy Spirit, “a life-transforming experience of the love of God the Father poured into one’s heart by the Holy Spirit, received through a surrender to the lordship of Jesus Christ” (*Baptism in the Holy Spirit*: International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services, Doctrinal Commission). We acknowledge that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is a gift to the Church in our day, and is not limited to the Renewal.

On the other hand, I believe that the true legacy of the Renewal can be seen in the Church at large and in those organizations and movements that have sprung from it. From this point of view it is so much more than a compilation of the organizations, movements, and manifestation of the Renewal, but a look at how the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is currently impacting the Church here in America as well as abroad. I would point to three different charisms of this Renewal that can show the lasting fruit of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

**Firstly**, there is what I would call a growing movement of Encounter spreading throughout the country that in most cases

has sprung from the Renewal. Events like Nights of Worship, the Steubenville Conferences, Festivals of Praise and even series like Discovering Christ or Alpha—all serve to bring Christians from a head knowledge of Jesus Christ to an encounter with him as Risen Lord. There are now a myriad of ways to foster that encounter relying on the Holy Spirit to work just the way he did when so many of us were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Organizations all around the country think strategically about fostering this encounter using the tools that do not belong solely to the Renewal but were certainly revived once again by the movement. These organizations and events use worship music, scripture study, and a dynamic preaching of the heart of the Gospel message to foster an openness to encountering Jesus personally. One such organization that I work with often is called Lift Ministries in Boston, Massachusetts. After attending a Life in the Spirit Seminar over ten years ago the founders formed an organization whose sole purpose is to use a dynamic worship experience to till the soil and foster an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

**Secondly**, zeal for souls, as we all know, is one of the most powerful fruits of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. The reason for the Renewal’s unbelievable growth in the beginning was the insatiable need to bring others to Jesus. People began talking about their faith in Jesus in the public square and in small group settings and it was infectious. We can see this part of the Renewal coming to fruition in hundreds of organizations across the country

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who simply want to assist Catholics in sharing their relationships with Jesus Christ. And it is not just overtly Charismatic organizations like NET Ministries or Family Missions Company, but people involved with organizations like St. Paul's Street Evangelization, and FOCUS Campus Outreach are learning how to pray with others as a means of evangelization, something that was unheard of before the Renewal made it a normal occurrence for lay people to pray over one another. We can also see this zeal manifested in the growth of faith sharing groups. Using these groups to evangelize is another massively powerful movement that is affecting many parishes right now. A place where people learn to openly share about the scriptures and their walk with the Lord is being created all over whereas at one time we mainly saw this in Protestant churches and prayer groups. It is becoming a normal part of parish life for many Catholics around the country.

**Thirdly**, shining the light on Jesus the Healer is another way that we can see the fruit of the Renewal continuing to feed the Church today. For many years the only place many people could find prayer for inner healing or deliverance was in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Organizations and individuals dedicated to helping Christians experience the freedom that comes from healing are quite common now. Talking about the need for inner healing has exploded in the last several years. It couldn't have come at a better time. The growing depravity of our culture has widened the chasm between our wounded broken hearts and the wholeness that comes from Jesus the Healer. Hundreds of Catholic counselors have integrated some form of prayer for inner healing with their therapy. Organizations and ministries dedicated to healing and deliverance are becoming more normal in parishes. It is not just the

laity either. Increasingly it is priests who are contacting me about training or with questions about inner healing. Many priests are making it a regular part of their ministry to pray with those they serve for healing and deliverance.

Groups like Heart of the Father Ministries (Unbound) and Christian Healing Ministries have trained thousands of people to bring wholeness through prayer and to foster an encounter with Jesus the Healer.

Many of these ministries, organizations and people do not identify as charismatic. Some may not see this as encouraging but that would be a mistake. The Renewal has normalized devotion to the Holy Spirit in many ways described in this article. What more can we ask for than a Church actively fostering encounter with Jesus Christ, training domestic and foreign missionaries, and meeting the needs of the broken and bound by bringing healing and freedom. Bobbie Cavnar once told me that when he and other leaders of the Charismatic Renewal met with the Holy Father in the early years that they were told that it was time for the movement to flourish and one day it would need to teach what it has learned to the rest of the Church. That was obviously prophetic as it is happening actively in the Church today.

The Lord continues to pour out his Holy Spirit through Life in the Spirit Seminars (of various forms) and baptism in the Holy Spirit. Let us continue to actively participate in the emerging move of the Holy Spirit in our time. Let us pray, "Come, Holy Spirit! Embolden us to cooperate with you!" ♦

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## Beyond the Jubilee with Expectancy

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Like all children for me Christmas was such a wonderful occasion of family togetherness, delicious food and a variety of surprises. However, with the onset of my teenage years the excitement quickly subsided and I learned to tame my expectations. In reality, these 'red letter' days pass very quickly. Indeed, sometimes the anticipation surpasses the actual celebration.

The Golden Jubilee of CCR is the culmination, for many of us, of an intense period of preparation at local, national and international levels. It is however important that we do not view this as a mere celebration. Otherwise, the anniversary will come and go and then, with the passing of time, it will be no more than a distant memory.

The 50th anniversary of CCR marks the crossing of an important threshold. In one sense, it marks the drawing to a close of a particular season of the Spirit. The time when we saw the Holy Spirit at work in the Church bringing forth renewal and giving birth to many new things. This was in the slipstream of the second Vatican Council.

Reading the testimonies of those who were present at the Duquesne weekend and of other pioneers in the Renewal, I was struck by how many of them came from 'good Catholic' families and already had a residual faith. Thus when the fire of the Holy Spirit descended, their lives were quickly ignited

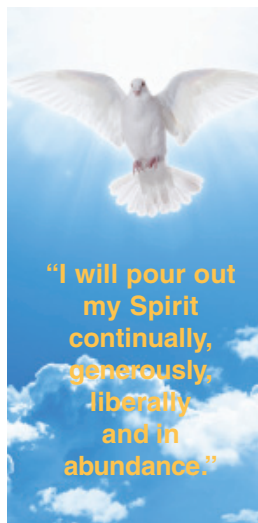
and their faith came alive. When they were 'clothed with power from on high' they began to eagerly embrace the new things of the Spirit and spontaneously move in the charisms.

Their experience was in many ways beyond their understanding. Thankfully, their openness and youthful enthusiasm enabled the fire of the Holy Spirit to spread throughout the world.

Today we live in a very different time in the Church and the world. In many societies, particularly in the West, there has been a surge of secular humanism. Christianity is under threat and various forms of persecution are becoming more commonplace. Alongside this there is an increasing apathy. St. John Paul II

referred to this as a 'silent apostasy where people have all that they need and who live as if God did not exist.'

In this context, I sense that our Golden Jubilee marks a gradual progression from the Pentecost event in Acts 2:1-16 to Acts 4:23-31, where we see the Church under persecution. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out on the entire assembly in the Upper Room as a grace for conversion and mission. Certainly we still need this today. Indeed, Pope Francis has encouraged us to 'share with all in the Church the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit.'





In preparation for the Jubilee, in November 2013, ICCRS held a prophetic consultation in the Holy Land gathering together 160 international leaders. The aim was to listen together to the Lord for his word as we approached the Jubilee. During our pilgrimage day in Jerusalem, we gathered in the Upper Room and were privileged to experience together an unforgettable prayer meeting. There were many prophetic words. However, the final word that we heard has stayed with me. The Lord said, 'I will pour out my Spirit, I will pour out my Spirit, I will pour out my Spirit, I will pour out my Spirit continually, generously, liberally and in abundance.' After this word we left the Upper Room and spilled out into the streets of Jerusalem. I have continued to reflect upon why this was the last word that we heard before moving out. I sense that the Lord was giving us a confirmation that the Holy Spirit continues to be poured out. We live in a time of the perpetual Pentecost. Therefore, we who have received this new life have a responsibility and a mission to spread the grace of Pentecost far and wide, indeed to the ends of the earth.

Certainly in today's spiritual climate the ground is more arid and perhaps not so well prepared or fertile as it was in 1967. The world faces a myriad of complex challenges and the Church is increasingly undergoing persecution. In the midst of all this spiritual battle, we all need a new outpouring of the

Holy Spirit to bring strength and courage enabling us to proclaim the truth with boldness. This is urgently required because the father of lies is increasingly busy spreading words of falsehood leading to relativism and practical agnosticism. This manifests itself in religious indifference, a lack of hope and a loss of direction.

Our clear proclamation also needs to be accompanied by a demonstration of the Spirit. People today need more than words: they need to see that God is alive and active. Therefore we should be expectant that in this new season of the Spirit there

will be an increase in faith for healing and miracles. We need to pray and be expectant that these charisms would be more fully manifest in the body of all believers and not just in the few who regularly exercise these charisms. In Acts 4 when they prayed there was a new empowerment of the Holy Spirit and they were ALL filled with a new boldness.

We want our Jubilee to be more than a celebration and a good party. We need a new outpouring. Pope Francis sees the Jubilee as an opportunity for all those who share in the ecumenical current of grace to come together and pray for a new Pentecost. So let's be ready for the surprises of the Spirit and prepare for a mighty new outpouring of the Holy Spirit beyond anything we have currently seen or could even imagine. ♦

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"We can, therefore, rightly say that one of the positive elements and aspects of the Community of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is precisely their emphasis on the charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit and their merit lies in having recalled their topicality in the Church." **Benedict XVI**, October 31, 2008

"You, the charismatic Renewal, have received a great gift from the Lord. Your movement's birth was willed by the Holy Spirit to be 'a current of grace in the Church and for the Church.' This is your identity: to be a current of grace."

**Pope Francis**, *Olympic Stadium*, June 1, 2014



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*And he gave some as apostles, others as*

*prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors*

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*of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."*

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