



## Renew the face of the earth!

by Patti Mansfield

**O**n February 18, 1967, during the Duquesne Weekend, I tacked up a note on the bulletin board which read, “I want a miracle!” Never could I have imagined that the miracle would be a worldwide ecclesial movement of at least 120 million Catholics! It’s been almost 50 years now that I have experienced the grace of baptism in the Spirit manifested in so many beautiful ways by various cultures. Here’s what I see from my journeys around the world.

### EVANGELIZATION

Remember the song, “I was country when country wasn’t cool”? I feel that way about the New Evangelization! We in the Renewal have been immersed in evangelization, proclaiming “Jesus is Lord!” since our beginnings. We were

doing it before everyone was talking about it! By the grace of the Holy Spirit we realized the centrality of the person of Jesus Christ and the necessity of making a personal surrender of our whole lives to Him. This was the message St. John Paul II gave the Church in *Novo Millennio Ineunte*: Start afresh with Christ! When I read that document, I remember thinking, “This is why the Lord gave us baptism in the Spirit.”

### CHARISMS

I’ve visited Brazil over 20 times in the past two decades. The Renewal there is 12 million strong, with many of the participants under the age of 35! But even in a country where the Renewal is so strong there is a tendency for times of praise and worship to be simply a medley of wonderful, inspiring songs, many from the contemporary Chris-

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tian music repertoire. There is often no opportunity (nor expectation!) for praying and singing in tongues or prophecy! While strong leaders have emerged who exercise strong charisms around the world, widespread yielding to such charisms has been on the wane. “Would that all the people were prophets and that the Lord would pour out His Spirit on them all,” exclaimed Moses (cf. Num. 11:29) and I want to echo this sentiment. Yes, there are different charisms and different ministries but praying and singing in tongues has been a widely diffused charism in the past, and we should not abandon it now! “I wish that you would all pray in tongues and even more that you would prophesy” (I Cor. 14:5). St. Paul said that, not me!

### THE POOR

In my travels I have been greatly edified at how the grace of baptism in the Spirit has expressed itself in care for the poor and needy. Several years ago I spoke at an international youth conference and gave a retreat to the community at Kkottongnae in South Korea. The grace of baptism in the Spirit has flowered into the largest social service agency in the country. Examples abound. How moved I was to meet a consecrated member of the Emmanuel Community in France who has spent years of her life traveling in caravan with the “gens de voyage” (gypsies). These nomadic people have come into baptism in the Spirit through the street preaching of the Emmanuel community. Another outstanding outreach I see in the Renewal wherever I go is in the defense of the unborn through prayer, witness, education and political activity.

## UNITY

I am seeing signs of a new move in this direction of unity. Many have seen the video of Pope Francis speaking to members of Kenneth Copeland's Word of Faith Conference through the instrumentality of South African Evangelical Bishop Tony Palmer. In addition to this kind of ecumenism, there is another beautiful move of the Spirit in bringing together various elements of the Catholic Renewal to cooperate in preaching the gospel. Last Pentecost in Jerusalem, I witnessed a dramatic gesture that moved me deeply. Prominent leaders from several streams of the Renewal pledged themselves to work together in unity for the glory of God. Even as I write this article, I am in awe of the cooperation of leaders of ICCRS, the Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships, and *Rinnovamento*

*nello Spirito Santo* in preparing for an event in Olympic Stadium that was attended by our Holy Father. The Lord loves unity. "There he commands his blessing" (Psalm 133).

## MARY!

In those places around the world where Mary has been welcomed not only as a "model" but as a "mother," the Renewal is flourishing. In 2006 I met a non-denominational pastor from Sweden named Ulf Ekman. I was amazed as he plied me with questions about consecration (or entrustment) to Mary. Every great Marian saint and author I referenced was one he had already read! When I asked why he was so interested in a topic that is usually so divisive among Christians, he told me that he was fascinated by the motto of the great evangelizer John Paul II, "Totus Tuus, Maria." In recent months the an-

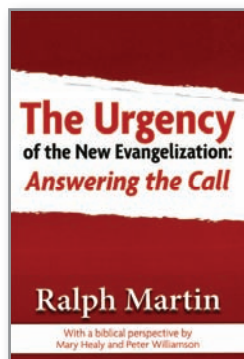
nouncement was made that Ulf and his wife are leaving their mega church to join the Roman Catholic Church. It's been a journey of course, but Our Lady has been present along the way. And she wants to be present along our way as we journey to the great Jubilee in 2017. I pray that we might welcome her as the early disciples did in that Upper Room, that she might teach us to cry out with new fervor, "Come Holy Spirit as by a New Pentecost and renew the face of the earth!" ♦

*Patti Mansfield was one of the participants on the retreat in February of 1967 where events took place that are often marked as*



*the beginning of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. She serves with her husband, Al, in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans.*

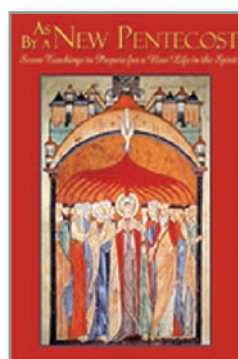
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## The mission of the Brothers of the Beloved Disciple

by: Brother Gabriel Ruiz, BBD

**T**he mission of the Brothers of the Beloved Disciple (BBD) is “With Mary, to bring the full role of the Holy Spirit to the heart of the Church.” The members of my community are so diverse; we have all come from different backgrounds and different paths of life, yet when we sit down for dinner, it’s like all our paths have converged to this point: we are called to the same mission.

I came into the Brothers of the Beloved Disciple right out of high school. I was most definitely not the person that I am today. I was immature, obnoxious, and my thoughts were scattered. While I am still growing up, this community has given me such insight into the Lord, myself and others. The Holy

Spirit truly is present in each one of my brothers. Our community is at St. Mary Magdalen Church in San Antonio, where I was an altar server for eight years before joining the community. It was during those eight years that I became close to the community.

This involvement ultimately led to discerning my vocation within this community. I remember sitting down with my spiritual director as he told me about a passage from the Acts of the Apostles that described how the disciples at Pentecost, with Mary, experienced the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and went forth to transform the world. At that moment I knew that I liked this community, and I knew it was the right one for me.

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I was called to help renew the church with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, including the charismatic ones. I knew that this community would not only encourage me with this, but also teach me how to grow in these gifts for the building up of the Church and the transformation of the world. ♦

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by Paul Maclean

The entire workload of the diocesan liaison is oftentimes not understood by many, including the charismatic community itself. That is due in part to the work required. A liaison must spend much time in silent prayer seeking the Holy Spirit about how best to serve the bishop and carry out our work for the diocese.

Even the most expert stone craftsman, erecting a stone fence, cannot fathom how each individual stone will eventually fit together to reach the final product. As important as the final product is, it must not only be pleasing to the eye but must also be erected with enough strength to meet its intended purpose. It does little good to have the fence be pleasing to the eye, yet unable to withstand the slightest challenge.

Similarly, a diocesan liaison must work with a bishop, various diocesan personnel, organizations and/or groups within a diocese (oftentimes some adverse to the Charismatic Renewal) to attempt to strategically fit all resources into a “spiritual wall” that will sustain its strength under spiritual trials.

The liaison must use a “spiritual mortar,” the Holy Spirit, for the wall to preserve the spiritual strength it needs to withstand attacks. When allowed, the Holy Spirit blends the ragged edges of each diocesan group into one powerful and unified structure. When “the spiritual mortar” is gently applied it is often unnoticed by others. Alas, this is one reason why the liaison’s efforts are so little appreciated.

The liaison’s attempt to discern the Lord’s spiritual plan must be inspired by the Holy Spirit. His gentle inspira-

tion can be better understood by considering some of Pope Paul VI’s statements in paragraph No. 75 of *Evangelii Nuntiandi*. Although he speaks particularly to evangelization, one need only adapt his statements to the work of the liaison (*italics are insertions by the author*):

**75. Evangelization** (*The fulfillment of a liaison’s work*) will never be possible without the action of the Holy Spirit... Techniques of evangelization (*used by the liaison*) are good, but even the most advanced ones could not replace the gentle action of the Spirit. The most perfect preparation of the evangelizer (*liaison*) has no effect without the Holy Spirit. ♦

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*For information on the Diocesan Liaison ministry go to [www.associationofdiocesanliaisons.org](http://www.associationofdiocesanliaisons.org).*

## Pope Francis Speaks to the Renewal

Meeting with over 50,000 Renewal participants from 55 countries in Rome’s Olympic Stadium, at the invitation of the Italian Renewal for their 37<sup>th</sup> National Convocation, the Holy Father said, among many things:

“You were born of the will of the Spirit as ‘a current of grace in the Church and for the Church.’ This is your definition: a current of grace.”

“You have received the great gift of the diversity of charisms, diversity that leads to the harmony of the Holy Spirit, to the service of the Church.”

“Charismatic Renewal is a great force at the service of the proclamation of the Gospel, in the joy of the Holy Spirit.”

“I have been asked to tell the Renewal what the Pope expects from you.

The first thing is conversion to the love of Jesus, which changes life and makes of the Christian a witness of the Love of God. The Church expects this witness of Christian life and the Holy Spirit helps us to live *the coherence of the Gospel* for our holiness.

I expect from you that you share with all, in the Church, the grace of Baptism in the Holy Spirit (expression that is read in the Acts of the Apostles). I expect from you an evangelization with the Word of God which proclaims that Jesus is alive and loves all men.

I expect that you give witness of spiritual ecumenism with all those brothers and sisters of other Churches and Christian communities who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

That you remain united in the love that the Lord Jesus asks of us for all

men, and in the prayer to the Holy Spirit to come to this unity, necessary for evangelization in the name of Jesus. Remember that “*the Charismatic Renewal is by its very nature ecumenical ... Catholic Renewal rejoices over what the Holy Spirit carries out in the other Churches.*”

Be close to the poor, the needy, to touch in their flesh the flesh of Jesus. Be close, please!”

“Brothers and sisters, remember: adore the Lord God: this is the foundation! To adore God. Seek sanctity in the new life of the Holy Spirit.”

“And I am waiting for all of you, Charismatics the world over, to celebrate with the Pope your great jubilee on the feast of Pentecost 2017 in Saint Peter’s Square! Thank you!” ♦

From the  
Executive  
Director

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by Walter Matthews

## Charisms and more

It was music to my ears to hear Pope Francis, speaking to the Renewal Convocation in Rome (to all of us) say, “You have received the great gift of the diversity of charisms, diversity that leads to the harmony of the Holy Spirit, to the service of the Church.” This echoes what Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said a few years ago about the important role the Renewal has in helping the whole Church be aware of and embrace charisms.

As you know, this Year in our 5-Year Journey to the Jubilee is focused on “The Year of Charisms and Grace for the Church.” At the recent Association of Diocesan Liaisons Conference we came together to explore the theme “Grace and Charisms: the New Springtime of the Church.” Papers were presented by Dr. Mary Healy, Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD, and myself. Not because of my involvement, but because of the importance of the topic, I encourage Liaisons to pay the Annual dues and get the papers and disseminate what is in them to the Renewal. (I encourage Renewal participants to help your Liaison pay the dues, if necessary, so that the Renewal in your [Arch] Diocese can benefit.)

The Holy Father cautioned us against “the danger of excessive organization.” As I wrote in my paper, “we need to make fresh the wineskins of the Renewal into which we hope that new wine will be poured.” The Service Committee is working on a 5 Year Strategic Plan to help us better prepare to serve

the Lord in this moment of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the work of the New Evangelization. Planning is not opposed to being led by the Spirit! “Yes, you need organization, but do not lose the grace of letting God be God!” (Pope Francis) We ask your prayer that we can do just that as we go forward in the planning process.

Next year the theme for our journey will be “The Year of Unity.” The National Leadership Groups leading the preparation have developed a statement on the theme and subthemes for the year. It is on our website. We encourage all, especially leaders, to download it, pray with it, work with it and act as the Holy Spirit prompts. Pope Francis, in answering what the Pope expects from us said, “That you remain united in the love that the Lord Jesus asks of us for all men, and in the prayer to the Holy Spirit to come to this unity, necessary for evangelization in the name of Jesus.... Seek the unity of the Renewal, unity that comes from the Trinity!”

Finally, the National Leaders’ and Ministries’ Conference will be held November 7-9 in Pittsburgh. **If you are reading this you are invited!** We especially want to recommend that leaders pool their money and send young(er) leaders (35 and under)—perhaps not from the prayer group but from Life Teen, or the parish youth minister—to attend so that this grace may pass to the next generations.

Our theme is IGNITE: Charisms/Renewal/Unity. I’ll be there. I hope you will be too! ♦



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### In memoriam:

We want to thank those who gave over the recent months in honor or in memory of family, friends and Renewal members.

Dr. Waldro Buenafe, Anna Largo and Joe Russell. *Honored were* Purita and Michelle Buenafe. In a special way we want to thank Ms. Sonya Keimig Privilegi and her family for a recent gift from the trust she set up before she died. Her trustee wrote, “Ms. Privilegi has always been impressed with your work and it is hoped this contribution will help with your endeavors.”

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**What we have  
seen and heard**

by Caroline and Dan Dirkes



## Notes from the Italian National Convocation

**G**rowing up in the Renewal as a child, I (Caroline) often heard about the tens of thousands of people that attended the Notre Dame conferences. It was hard to imagine until we attended the 37<sup>th</sup> Italian National Convocation with 52,000 people from 55 countries gathering together in Olympic Stadium in Rome. What an amazing event!

Leading up to the historical moment when the Holy Father would join us to pray and give the Renewal his blessing, prayers and advice, we experienced inspiring talks and beautiful praise and worship, including an intercessory prayer session led by Patti Mansfield.

When the Holy Father arrived at Olympic Stadium, he chose to park his car at the entrance tunnel into the stadium and walk along the edge of the crowd all the way up to the stage, waving to the assembly and blessing us as we sang a favorite song of his—"Vive Jesús el Señor" ("The Lord Jesus Lives"). The fatherhood, joy, and humility of the Holy Father—in words and actions—deeply moved and up-

lifted the people of God. In true Pope Francis fashion he reminded us that in the early days of the Renewal, charismatics were known for carrying their bibles wherever they went and challenged us to return to this practice if we had abandoned it. We hung on every word he spoke to us and took to heart his exhortation to evangelization, spiritual ecumenism and care of the poor and needy.

During times of praise and worship, it deeply moved us to watch as the Pope raised his hands in worship along with the rest of us. It was truly powerful to be among 50,000 people who were extending their hands, singing in tongues and praying for the "Spirit of the Living God" to "fall afresh" on Pope Francis!

At the end of the session when Pope Francis was leaving the stadium, parents were lifting their children down onto the field to run and receive a blessing from him and it was beautiful to watch as he lovingly embraced and kissed each child who ran up to him. Before he got into his car to leave, he

took a very purposeful detour and walked along the disabled seating area, offering his love, encouragement and blessings to the people there, prompting my husband to turn to me and say what everyone in the stadium was thinking—"I love this guy!" ♦

*Caroline and Dan Dirkes co-founded 2Tim4 Ministries that brings the Gospel message using new methods and vigor through parish missions, conferences, retreats and music ministry. They have traveled throughout the U.S. and Canada making the baptism of the Holy Spirit accessible to people of all ages. Caroline has been a member of the NSC for seven years. Caroline & Dan live in NJ with their three young children.*

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