



DIVE DEEPLY INTO CHRIST

by Sr. Mary Anne Schaezner

Sr. Mary Anne is our speaker for the Women's Retreat this year. (see ad on the cover) The following is her exhortation to those who are planning to attend that retreat. However, her thoughts are very applicable to any who want to grow in the life in the Holy Spirit.

As we prepare to retreat with the Lord for a weekend, we might carry some phrases in our hearts.

The Holy Spirit: Don't leave home without him! (Idea taken from Acts 1:4-5: *While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*)

The Spirit of Jesus wants to equip us, as the theme of the weekend indicates: "Christ has no body now but yours."

We are the Body of Christ – we want to dive more deeply into that reality.

In John's Gospel, 14:12, we read these words of Jesus to his Apostles: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

We want to be open to allowing the Holy Spirit to equip us – both to be the Body of Christ and to live more deeply as co-workers, connected at the heart, within the Body of Christ – to serve others, both those who are members already and those who are not.

We each are gifted in a different way – not all receive the same gifts, but all are gifted.

There are a number of categories of gifts or charisms: there are Charisms of Knowledge, Charisms of Prayer, Charisms of Service, Charisms of Administration. Does the Holy Spirit create these categories? I do not know. But I do believe that the Holy Spirit gives the gifts to each as the Spirit wishes.

When I began to experience some of these gifts over 50 years ago, I did not know about the different categories. I had read in the Scripture about various gifts, and was prompted by the Spirit to desire to be open to them, and was attracted to them.

How is the Holy Spirit calling each of us at this particular time in our lives? What will help us, assist us, to be open and to surrender to whatever it is that God is calling us to right now? Together, let us seek openness to the gifts that are given to serve the common good, to serve the Body of Christ.

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Vision: that all Catholics mature in a personal relationship with Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God The Father.

Mission: to renew the face of the earth by nurturing and inspiring Catholics:

- + To experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- + To fan into flame the gifts we receive through the Sacraments
- + To develop a deeper life of prayer and worship

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BOARD NOTES FROM SHARON FOX

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones.

Hebrews 6:10

Here are a few updates from the WWCCR Board of Directors:

Kelley Masterson: WWCCR has been blessed with a lot of wonderful people over the years. I want to take this chance to thank Kelley Masterson who has just finished



her second 3-year term on the WWCCR Board. I first met her a few years ago at a Women's Retreat. She tried to stump me with a song title (I surprised her by knowing the song and we broke into singing right there in the buffet line!) If you know Kelley, you've benefitted from her zeal for God's people and her fervor for God's word. She so often freely shares deeply from her heart. When you are friends with her, she pours out her prayer and care for you. On the Board, Kelley has served as Secretary for the last 3 years. In addition to her work on the Board, she has also served on the Women's Retreat Committee, the Dwelling Place ministry team, School of Prayer Ministry, Pentecost Celebration, and the Fundraising Committee. If you have walked into a beautifully decorated WWCCR dinner or event, Kelley was probably nearby arranging flowers, candles, and decorations. She shares the beauty of the Lord wherever she

goes. Thank you, Kelley, for your friendship, for your beautiful example of love, and for your fervent prayer. May the Lord bless you abundantly as he directs you to your next adventure!

Life with the Holy Spirit: Last fall, a committee was formed to train and organize teams to provide Holy Spirit Retreats. The first one with this new team was held at St. Thomas Parish in Tukwila on January 10-11. Fr. Jim Northrop gave the talks while the WWCCR team gave testimonies and served as small group leaders and prayer teams. This is the first of many retreats like this. The more we are able to train and develop team members, the more we will be able to go out to other parishes and prayer groups to share baptism in the Holy Spirit around the Archdiocese. This working together will also build up the charismatic community and strengthen local prayer groups.

Search Committee: Maybe you weren't aware that we currently have a Search Committee, helping the Board of Directors to process and discern applications in our search for a new Executive Director. Please continue to pray that the Lord will help us in this process so that we will soon be able to hire the person that God has prepared for this important position. Thank you, Search Committee, for your assistance!

Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:

January

Jan 1 Pope Francis
Jan 2 Archbishop Paul Etienne
Jan 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
Jan 4 Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Jan 5 Fr. Jim Northrop
Jan 6 Fr. Christopher Hoiland
Jan 7 Fr. Matthew Holland
Jan 8 Deacon Del Hoover
Jan 9 Fr. Timothy Ilgen
Jan 10 Fr. Caleb Insko
Jan 11 Fr. James Johnson
Jan 12 Fr. Tyler Johnson
Jan 13 Deacon Fred Johnson
Jan 14 Deacon Dave Jones
Jan 15 Fr. Clarence Jones
Jan 16 Fr. Bernard Jonientz
Jan 17 Deacon Deuk Jung
Jan 18 Fr. P.A. Kaech
Jan 19 Fr. Negusse Fesseha Keleta
Jan 20 Deacon Patrick Kelley
Jan 21 Deacon Dennis Kelley
Jan 22 Deacon Larry Kheriaty
Jan 23 Fr. Lino Hyun-Gyu Kim
Jan 24 Fr. Mark Kiszewski
Jan 25 Fr. Richard Klepac
Jan 26 Fr. Ronald Knudsen
Jan 27 Deacon Richard Labrecque
Jan 28 Deacon Loren Lane
Jan 29 Fr. Derek Lappe
Jan 30 Fr. Leo Larrivee
Jan 31 Fr. Jan Larson

February

Feb 1 Pope Francis
Feb 2 Archbishop Paul Etienne
Feb 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
Feb 4 Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Feb 5 Fr. Jim Northrop
Feb 6 Fr. Seamus Laverty
Feb 7 Fr. Gary Lazzeroni
Feb 8 Fr. Jim Lee
Feb 9 Fr. Andrew Seung Hyun Lee

Feb 10 Fr. Tae Chul Lee
Feb 11 Deacon Joe Lehman
Feb 12 Fr. Isidro Lepez
Feb 13 Fr. Dwight Lewis
Feb 14 Deacon Juan Lezcano, OFS
Feb 15 Fr. Richard Luberti
Feb 16 Fr. John Ludvik
Feb 17 Deacon Craig Lundberg
Feb 18 Deacon Jack Luz
Feb 19 Fr. Fabian MacDonald
Feb 20 Fr. Peter Mactutis
Feb 21 Fr. John Madigan
Feb 22 Deacon Abel Magana
Feb 23 Fr. Paul Magnano
Feb 24 Fr. Dominic David Maichrowicz
Feb 25 Fr. Maurice Mamba
Feb 26 Deacon Terry Marcell
Feb 27 Fr. Jacob Maurer
Feb 28 Fr. Gerald Mayovsky
Feb 29 Fr. David Mayovsky

Lord Jesus, we pray that these men,
united to you through prayer and
sacrament, may cooperate with you in
building your reign of mercy and truth,
of justice and peace. Amen.

(Adapted from Pope Francis)

January-February INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

Let us pray:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
your faithful, enkindle in us the fire of
your love. Send forth your Spirit and
we shall be created and you shall
renew the face of the earth. Amen

Please pray:

For the **fruitfulness of WWCCR.**

For our **Spiritual Director,**
Fr. Jim Northrop.

For our **Board of Directors, Staff**
and Office Volunteers.

For the **WWCCR Women's Retreat,**
for our speaker, retreat team
and the participants, that they
will have new experiences of
the Lord working through them
with new charisms.

For the **WWCCR Holy Spirit**
Retreat team, as they continue
to train and share baptism in the
Holy Spirit with all who attend
our retreats. **Amen.**

Testimony Workshop

Your story is powerful!

*It is often through our testimony that others are attracted
to a deeper relationship with Jesus.*

Learn how to be more equipped to share your testimony.

Saturday, January 25

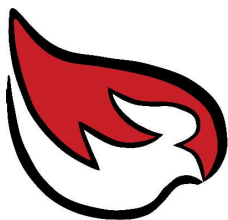
10:00am to 2:00pm

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Andrea Garcia
Facilitator Trainer



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JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 2020

WWCCR Women's Retreat

**Christ has no body
now but yours**

Feb 28-March 1, 2020



Retreat Speaker:

Sr. Mary Anne Schaezner, SSND

Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dwight Lewis

**Come ready to surrender to the new
things God wants to do in your life!**

Registration open now!

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Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. 1 Cor 12:31

REGISTER TODAY!

