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# A Perennial Pentecost!

#### By Sister Lucy Lukasiewicz, DLJC

An excerpt from a talk given at the 2013 National Leaders' and Ministries' Conference in Denver titled: "New Pentecost, New Evangelization"

There is a new Pentecost for this new evangelization, for the new people of God. We have new hearts. We have new hands. We have a new tongue. There is this new evangelization, there is this fresh fire that God has available for us. I'm reminded of what John Paul II said to the Latin Bishops: "the commemoration of the half millennium of evangelization will gain its full energy if it is committed not to a re-evangelization, but to **a new** 

evangelization: *new in its ardor, methods, and expression.*" He specifically said "not a re-evangelization." It made me think that reevangelization is like something you put in the microwave, and you put it in a second time and it kind of gets cooked, and after the third time it's kind of like: "why bother." God is not saying for us a "re-evangelization." He's saying: fresh fire, extravagant grace! A new ardor that burns within us, so that we say "Yes, Lord, I will do this! Not yesterday, not the day before, not tomorrow, I will do this today!"

In the book *Baptism in the Holy Spirit* (by the ICCRS Doctrinal Commission), I was struck in the conclusion because it has to do with a new



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"It is the Holy Spirit

who, today just as at the beginning of the

Church, acts in every

evangelizer who

allows himself to be

possessed and led by

Him. The Holy Spirit

places on his lips the

words which he could

not find by himself,

and at the same time

the Holy Spirit

predisposes the soul

of the hearer to be

open and receptive to

the Good News and

to the kingdom being

proclaimed."

Paul VI

Evangelii Nuntiandi, 75

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*phone:* (206) 364-2272 *fax:* (206) 364-5984 *E-mail:* info@wwccr.org *Website:* www.wwccr.org Pentecost for a new evangelization. It quotes Paul VI: "*The Church needs her perennial Pentecost*." He used the word "perennial." "*She needs fire in her heart, words on her lips, prophecy in her outlook*." You know what the word perennial means? Now, I'm a gardener and I love perennials because they come back the next year, they give me hope that they are coming back the next year. A perennial is present at all seasons of the year. That's what we are to have, a perennial Pentecost, present at all seasons of the year. Perennial is persistent. Perennial is enduring. Perennial is constant. Perennial is perpetual. That's what we need, a perennial Pentecost and we should be down on our knees asking for the perennial Pentecost of the Holy Spirit: "Lord, give me more (*as Sr. Nancy Kellar would say*). Give me more; I know you're not finished with me. You use *all* people." So, a perennial Pentecost

- that's what God has for us: a new baptism in the Holy Spirit, a new way

# From Sue's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was listening to Sacred Heart Radio recently and the guest said, "Catholics' greatest need is to experience a personal relationship with Jesus." I said, YES!

#### "Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2.

It is exciting to see this scripture become a reality in the lives of Catholics in western Washington. I have witnessed many well-attended events recently that have blessed and strengthened the Body of Christ. As you know, it is also true that there is great sin all around us. But I remind you, in God's Word it says, "where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more..." Romans 5:20.

At a recent Mass sponsored by WWCCR, entitled "Unlock the Power," Fr. Cal Christiansen reported with excitement that many of his parishioners from St. Pius X Church came and experienced a personal touch of the Holy Spirit on their hearts. Hundreds of people came to this Mass of Intercession and received prayer for healing and empowerment. I watched the faces of precious people be transformed from pain and worry into joy, peace

To develop a deeper life of prayer and worship

and love. A woman came up to me with a testimony that she had been so tired before and she was now filled with energy.

Another example of God's Spirit being released was at the Gift of Mercy Conference at St. Stephen the Martyr Church on Feb. 21, sponsored by My Catholic Faith Ministries. Dr. Mary Healy spoke powerfully about the healing power of God. She invited people to stand who had arthritis, cancer, depression, etc., and we all prayed that Jesus would heal them. WWCCR participated by providing prayer teams for a healing service at the end of the day. I am pretty sure many of those attending had not received prayer like this before. As one of the prayer ministers, I witnessed lots of tears as they experienced the sweet and powerful love from the Holy Spirit flowing into their hearts. Their faith became personal as a result of the living water being stirred up within them. Praise God!

#### "Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2.

Soon we will be providing another huge opportunity for God to enter into the lives of his people. Join us on May 15-16, 2015 for WWCCR's Annual Pentecost Celebration at St. Stephen the Martyr Church in



Renton (see ad on page 8). Our speakers will be Jim Murphy, a frequent speaker and long-time friend to WWCCR, and Sister Lucy Lukasiewicz, who was the guest speaker at the WWCCR Women's Retreat in 2006 and author of our theme article this issue. This will be an opportunity for us to reignite the fire that is burning in our souls. But we must not come alone. Now is the acceptable time, so bring someone who God puts on your heart. We are praying that the church will be overflowing. We will be "United in the Upper Room" where we are reminded, in Acts 1:14, that "together they devoted themselves to constant prayer." Mark your calendar today because, today is the day of salvation! Happy Easter! God love you, Sue+

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Our mission is to by nurturing and

#### **Perennial** continued

of looking at things. A new Ardor, a new Method, a new Expression!

The charism of our Community is evangelization and prayer, and the two of them do need to go together. We have to have a relationship with Jesus Christ to be able to evangelize. St. Francis, our patron, taught us

this. And the blessing of having new sisters come in is that they have new ardor, new methods and new expressions of how to evangelize, things I would never have dreamed of. And they are just so full of the Lord and they want to do great things for Him. One of the things our sisters love to do is

street evangelization. We love to do this. We've gone to Albuquerque, in the old town plaza, and we sing there in the gazebo. We start singing, giving testimony, rapping (we have sisters who rap), and you know what happens? I tell you, the habit we wear is the biggest sign of evangelization. It's like a magnet, and people come. It's amazing.

We're always open to evangelization; it's always before us. Wherever you are you can say, "Ok God, what are you showing me. How do you want me to evangelize in this situation?" Every person who comes into your contact is a child of God waiting to hear the good news, waiting to hear what God has placed on your heart.

In Evangelii Nuntiandi, 14 – an Apostolic Exhortation that is written to "the Episcopate, the Clergy, and to all the faithful of the entire world" – Paul VI says this: "The Church exists to evangelize." Now this is written to the entire world (I guess we are included there, huh?). "She GLEANINGS exists in order to evangelize, that is to say, to preach, to teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners with God, and to perpetuate Christ's sacrifice in the Mass which is the memorial of his death and glorious resurrection." We can take part in that.

> In Redemptoris Missio (21-30), John Paul II reminds us that "the principal agent is the Holy Spirit." He says that the Holy Spirit, the principal agent, is behind everything we do because we are walking in the Spirit of God, we are baptized in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is behind everything we do and He's also working in

the heart of that person we are about to say something to. So, if you think you're just going to be approaching a person, guess what? The Holy Spirit has already been working. Because the Holy Spirit has brought it to your attention that this person needs to be a) prayed with, b) spoken with, c) consoled, etc. The Holy Spirit has already been working so you don't have to worry, no fears, God is there.

John Paul II has also said: "Contemplation which does not give birth to mission will eventually wither and mission that does not spring from contemplation is doomed to frustration and failure." We need to have the prayer backing us up. We need to be people of prayer.

Evangelization is not an option. It is not a suggestion. It is a command. And the command is "Go!" That is Jesus' mission statement for us: one word, two letters: "GO!" That's it. Every baptized person has an obligation, and has the right, to share the good news. Every single human being has the right to hear the good news.

God has anointed us with the Holy Spirit and has equipped us. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We belong to Jesus. We're not doing it for our own glory; we're doing it for Jesus "in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

A popular worship song says: "Savior, you can move the mountains." But Jesus wants us to know that evangelization is not a mountain. It's something very easy, very doable. And I'm going to give you four points, something really easy to remember, and this is amazing, it really does work, because a sister shared this with me: Prayer, Care, Share, and Dare. This is what we can do every day: when we wake up and you say: "Lord, you prepare me today for evangelization: prayer, care, share, dare."

- The first one is **Prayer**. Always pray immediately. "I've got to pray so I know what to say." That's how the Lord will help you. He will remind you of all things and he's going to remind you to pray so you know what to say. Pray in tongues and ask the Holy Spirit what to do and where to go. Have you noticed as you grow more in the Spirit, that sensitivity increases? Be open to that.
- The next point is **Care**. In order for us to evangelize we have to care for the person we're evangelizing. We evangelize because we care. God has given each of us hearts to love and care. Pray for a caring heart. John

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15:13: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

- Share. Pray for the graces on • how to share. We don't give them good advice; we give them the Good News. We have a lot of good advice that we can give and sometimes when people are sharing with me I sense the Lord is saying, "Hold back." Because I want to share something really good. I really do. And the Lord is saying: "Hold back and listen to me, and share about the Good News." We are not called to solve their problems but give them to the Problem Solver. Wow! We don't have to solve anybody's problems. You see how easy it is to evangelize? The Holy Spirit's at work we just have to put that step forward and God's going to take care of the rest. It's really easy.
- Dare. Dare is what you need when you don't want to; not to say, "I will pray for you," but "May I pray with you?" To dare to pray with somebody. You never know what that's going to mean to that person that day and that moment.

So that's Prayer, Care, Share, and Dare. It's really easy. You can do it. Now, one thing is, I can see it coming, is excuses, excuses, excuses. There are no excuses! So some of you may say: "I am shy; I am introverted; I like to be by myself; frankly, I don't like people." There are no excuses! 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the spirit that God has given us does not make us timid, instead his spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control." No excuses! Scripture has an answer to each of our excuses. Romans 8:27 "Know in all these things we have complete victory through him who has loved us. For I am certain that nothing can separate us from the love, neither death nor life; neither angels nor other

heavenly rulers or powers; neither the present nor the future; nothing can separate us from the love of God."

You know, I am a Christian, and I really believe this, I am a Christian because somebody evangelized Poland. I come from a very devout Polish background, my siblings are still devout Catholics and I know it's because of my ancestors, God really honored their faith and that's why I have that faith, and it's because somebody evangelized Poland. And I know the same for you, somebody evangelized you and that's why you're here. God evangelized you! But if your heart is burning within you then give God permission. And if it's not burning within you, still give God permission. And if it's not burning then ask for the fresh fire, extravagant grace.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said "I am a little pencil in God's hands. He does the thinking. He does the writing. He does everything.



And sometimes it is really hard because it is a broken pencil and he has to sharpen it a little more." So, let us be that broken pencil in God's hands and let him do the work. Let's take the first

step, open our mouths – we have to open our mouths, but let him do the work. Let us be a broken pencil in the hand of God. Amen!

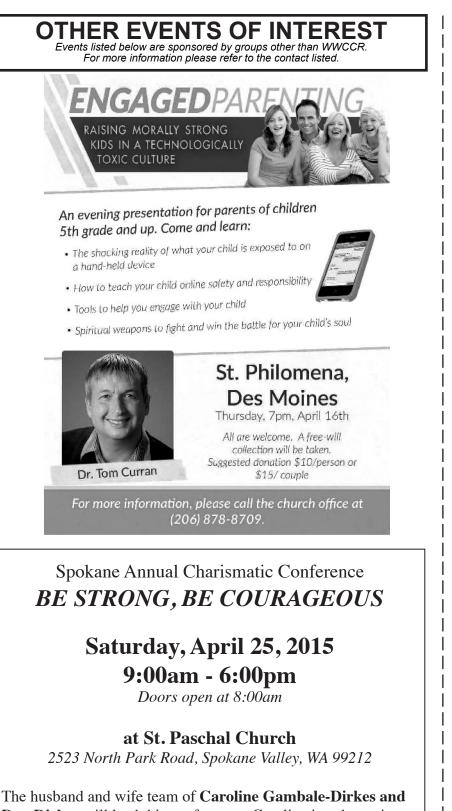
Seek a perennial Pentecost! Discover the new A - M - E: Ardor, Method, Expression. How do we evangelize? Prayer, Care, Share, Dare! Ok, I'm confident that I have given you the mission, the same mission Jesus gave: GO! And know you are fully equipped to do all that you need to do. Amen! Alleluia! Glory to God! Praise you, Jesus!  $\blacklozenge$ 

Sister Lucy Lukasiewicz, DLJC is a member of the Disciples of Lord Jesus Christ, a Catholic Charismatic Franciscan Religious Institute of Sisters. She was elected Superior General January 21, 2002 and served in that position for 12 years, finishing her term in January 2014. She is also a member of the National Service Committee for Catholic Charismatic Renewal. She will be one of our speakers at the 2015 Pentecost Celebration, May 15-16 at St. Stephen the Martyr Church, Renton. See page 8 for more information.

The full presentation of this talk is available through the NSC at www.nsc-chariscenter.org.

Our Eucharistic Chapel is available for private prayer any time that our office is open, 9:30AM until 4:00PM, Monday through Friday. OFFICE MASS SCHEDULE: Wednesday, April 8 at 11am with Fr. Cal Christiansen

**Holy Hour:** We would love to have you join us every Friday from 2:30pm-3:30pm as we pray for charismatic renewal, the work of WWCCR and your own special intentions.



**Dan Dirkes** will lead this conference. Caroline is a dynamic and passionate international speaker who does multigenerational evangelization. Dan will lead us in powerful praise and worship. Please join us for this wonderful, Spirit-filled conference.

Registration is \$10. For more information visit: www.catholicrenewalministry.org or call 509-276-8137

#### Intercessory Prayer Network (IPN)

The Intercessory Prayer Network (IPN) is comprised of all who have offered to pray regularly for God's will to be accomplished through the people and programs of WWCCR. We know that prayer changes things!

Please pray for God to bring about His desires through the work of preparation and the events you see in this newsletter and calendar; particularly the events WWCCR is sponsoring, and also ...

- for new Ardor, new Methods, and new Expression of our faith toward the grace of a perennial Pentecost in our lives and in the Church.
- for the people who give generously of their time and talent to coordinate Healing Masses, Dwelling Place, School of Healing Prayer, and the Pentecost Celebration.
- for the Board and staff of WWCCR, and the consistent income needed to pay the bills and the staff every month.
- for these prayer groups:
  - 04/01-04/04 Fuentes de Oracion Grupo de Oración, Sumner
  - 04/05-04/11 Holy Family Prayer Group, Sumner
  - 04/12-04/18 El Buen Pastor Grupo de Oración, Tacoma
  - 04/19-04/25 Rose of Sharon Prayer Group, Tacoma
  - 04/26-04/30 Milagro Guadalupano Grupo de Oración, Vancouver

NOTICE: The Intercessory Prayer Network will not be gathering on the first Sunday of each month until further notice.

Please continue to intercede for us and the work of WWCCR. We are looking for individuals who would willing to be part of the leadership of this WWCCR committee. If you feel called to participate in this ministry of intercession at the WWCCR office, please call us. We believe it is an important ministry. We will post an update here with any changes.

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"Dear priests, may God the Father renew in us the Spirit of holiness with whom we have been anointed. May he renew his Spirit in our hearts, that this anointing may spread to everyone..." Pope Francis, Chrism Mass 2013

## Please pray for these priests, deacons and seminarians this month:

Apr 1	Pope Francis
Apr 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
Apr 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
Apr 4	Fr. Jim Northrop
	Dcn. Tim Shamrell
Apr 5	Fr. Dennis C. Sevilla
-	Patrick Sherrard (seminarian)
Apr 6	Fr. Jack D. Shrum
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Apr 7	Fr. Gorgonio Silagan, Jr
	Dcn. Joe Sifferman
Apr 8	Fr. Roger J. Smith
	Carl Sisolak (seminarian)
Apr 9	Fr. Richard J. Spicer
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Apr 10	Fr. Mark A. Stehly
	Greg Snyder (seminarian)
Apr 11	Fr. Todd O. Strange
Apr 12	Fr. Mel V. Strazicich
	Dcn. Alton Stromberg
Apr 13	Fr. Thomas J. Suss
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	Dcn. Bill Swanson
Apr 14	Fr. Stephen J. Szeman
	Michael Sztajno (seminarian)
Apr 15	Fr. Marcin Szymanski, OP
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Apr 16	Fr. Binh Ta
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Apr 17	Fr. Brian Thompson
	Dcn. Bill Taube
Apr 18	Fr. Francis K. Thumbi
	Dcn. Mike Teskey
Apr 19	Fr. Jaime M. Tolang
	John Tomassi (seminarian)
Apr 20	Fr. L. John Topel, SJ
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	Dcn. Bill Townsend
Apr 21	Fr. Phuong D. Tran
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Apr 22	Fr. Vu P. Tran
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Apr 23	Fr. Anthony Lan Tran
Apr 24	Fr. William Treacy
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	Dcn. Asipeli Tuifua
Apr 25	Fr. Patrick J. Twohy, SJ
Apr 26	Fr. Thomas L. Vandenberg
	Dcn. Gene Vanderzanden
Apr 27	Fr. Michael Wagner
	Dcn. Dick Wallace
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Apr 28	Fr. John R. Walmesley
Apr 29	Fr. Dick J. Ward
	Dcn. Jack Warfield
Apr 30	Fr. Paul Weckert
	Daniel Webster (seminarian)

### Financial update

In February we sponsored a Mass of Intercession at St. Pius X Church in Mountlake Terrace. The theme was "Unlock the Power." Hundreds of people came from near and far to receive prayers for healing and empowerment. They wanted to be close to Jesus and experience His touch. There were prayer teams stationed around the church and two priests praying up front.



When you donate to WWCCR you are living out the scripture in Romans 12:13, "*Contribute to the needs of the holy ones*." Please consider participating with us financially to bring the power of the Holy Spirit to the Body of Christ in western Washington. Put a check in the yellow envelope today or donate safely online at wwccr.org. If you are already a faithful donor, *thank you and God bless you!* 

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Holy Spirit Seminar at WWCCR



Saturday, April 11, 2015 9am to 9pm Come, learn about and experience a new Pentecost in your life!

at the WWCCR Office 936 N 143rd Street, Seattle WA

### Space is limited

Call WWCCR to register: 206-364-2272 There is no registration fee. A free-will offering will be taken. Please bring a sack lunch and a snack to share.



**DWELLING PLACE IN RENTON 7:30 PM** see below

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Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!



WWCCR events are CAPITALIZED, Prayer Group and other events are marked with a <sup>+</sup> Check our website for updates on events not available at time of print.

# **Healing Masses**

Healing Masses are sponsored by WWCCR, by prayer groups and parishes in various locations in the archdiocese of Seattle. At these Masses we are focusing our attention on the healing power of God truly present at every celebration of the Eucharist.

> Monday, April 27 at 6:30 PM Praise & Worship beginning at 6:15 PM with Fr. Mel Strazicich & Bishop Peter Smith Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 2200 Allen Street, Kelso, WA

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Healing Mass in Tulalip Friday, April 17 at 7:00 pm with Fr. Emmanuel Iweh Sponsored by St. Anne Mission 7231 totem Beach Rd, Tulalip, WA for more information call 360-653-9400



Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people...He will wipe every tear from their eyes and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." Revelation 21:3-4

**DWELLING PLACE HEALING NIGHTS** *now in 2 locations each month* 

Monday, April 20 at 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church 22209 59th Ave W Mountlake Terrace, WA

Monday, April 27 at 7:30 PM St. Stephen the Martyr Church 13055 SE 192<sup>nd</sup> St, Renton, WA

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#### Join us, on the day after Ascension Thursday, as we prepare for Pentecost, begin the Pentecost Novena, and seek to be empowered by the Holy Spirit!

We will gather Friday evening and all day Saturday for times of praise & worship, wonderful talks, and opportunities for prayer and fellowship. Pre-Regstration is \$25 and is available online now or by calling the WWCCR office: 206-364-2272

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