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Renewing the face of the earth  *Empowered by the Holy Spirit*

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***“It is easy to fall into
a routine, forgetting
that Jesus is with us
and will come again.
Perhaps this Advent
we will reach
beneath our routine -
beneath even the
routine of our
anxieties - and
discover anew who
it is for whom we
truly hunger.”***

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
“An Advent Pilgrimage:
Preparing Our Hearts
for Jesus” pg. 11

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Advent: Watching and Waiting

by Lavinia Spirito

Advent kicks off the liturgical year in the western churches. During this time, the faithful are admonished to prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's first coming into the world as Savior by receiving Him in the Eucharist and in many other occasions of grace; and also to be ready for His final coming as Judge, both at death and at the end of the world. In the midst of the 'holiday' frenzy of the secular world, let us make sure that we are growing in holiness and staying on task for mission.

Few things are more sobering than the prospect of earthly death and heavenly judgment. Few things can bring party conversations to a screeching halt more quickly than bringing up our weakness and mortality. Yet, as witnesses to the kingdom and as intentional disciples, our task is to “salt” and “leaven” the world around us with this unearthly perspective. This is not to say that we shouldn't enjoy or celebrate the season; it's only to make sure that we understand that the true Christmas season begins on December 24th, and that the time immediately preceding is best used as preparation, not wasted in culinary and shopping excesses.

*Prepare
the way
of the
LORD.*
ISAIAH 40:3

THE COMING OF THE KING

Advent derives from the Latin *adventus* that translates the Greek *parousia*, a term used in the emperor cult in ancient times (the worship of the emperor) to describe the sudden coming of the king or emperor. This term is commonly used in reference to the Second Coming of Christ, the King of the Universe. For Christians, the season of Advent, therefore, anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. It offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah and to be alert for His second coming.

It is not a coincidence that the Gospel readings for several Sundays leading up to Advent already are sounding the drums of vigilance, preparation, and judgment. The theme of Advent is to prepare for the second coming while commemorating the first coming of Christ at Christmas. Special readings over the four-week period direct our thoughts to the first coming of Jesus Christ as Savior and to His second coming as Judge. The usual liturgical color in Western Christianity for Advent is either purple or blue. The purple color is often used for hangings around the church, on the vestments of the clergy, and often also on the tabernacle. On the third

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From Sue's Desk



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would love to share with you some of the wisdom and zeal when I attended, for the first time, the National Leader's and Ministries' Conference in Pittsburgh PA on November 7-9. The theme was "Ignite: Charisms, Renewal, Unity!" There were great speakers and people I have been wanting to meet from the National Service Committee. I was there with lots of Charismatic Catholics from all over the U.S. I met many spirit-filled people with missionary zeal for the plans that God has for His people. The love of God moving in His Spirit was palpable. The Praise and Worship was heavenly, not like organ music heavenly, but lifting holy hands and voices heavenly.

Mark Nimo started the conference with an inspirational talk entitled, "I Have Come to Bring Fire." Luke 12:49. He brought a pile of wood and asked

us, "will you be a piece of wood on fire for Christ, ignited by the Holy Spirit, for the good of the Church!" If we accept this invitation to "become fire," and channel our gifts and passions toward the mission that God has given us, just think of the impact it could have on the church in western Washington. The Lord God needs us to BECOME FIRE. In a prophetic word Jesus said to us, "I want you to be free to see all I want you to be. I need you!" I encourage us all to be who God is calling us to be and do what God is calling us to do, let's do it with passion and most importantly with love.

Fr. Killian Loch, OSB spoke on "Charisms for the New Evangelization." He asked us the question, "Are we being effective with the use of our Charisms?" He reminded us that in the popular bible passage, 1Cor. 13:1-13, it says that "if I speak with human and angelic tongues... and have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and knowledge, but do not have love, I am nothing." What an important reminder for us

to stay connected and live in God's love and give thanks and praise to God for everything. Love is a fire that ignites our hearts for mission.

I would like to close with something that the MC, Jim Archer, said to us at the end of the conference: "The future of the Church depends on us spreading the Good News. Beware of people who say, 'We have always done it this way.' Break out of the mold, think outside the box, listen to where the Spirit blows!" Amen?!

Next year the conference is in Herndon, Virginia in November (*see below*). I hope that many of you will join me.

I wish you a blessed, holy Christmas!

I love you,
Sue+

2015 National Leaders' and Ministries' Conference

**November 13-15,
2015**

**Northern Virginia*
'near Dulles Airport**



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WWCCR VISION AND MISSION

Vision:

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

Mission:

Our mission is to renew the face of the earth by nurturing and inspiring Catholics:

- ❖ *To experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through baptism in the Holy Spirit*
- ❖ *To fan into flame the gifts we receive through the Sacraments*
- ❖ *To develop a deeper life of prayer and worship*

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Advent continued

Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete* ('rejoice, be glad') Sunday, the festive rose color may be used instead, referencing the rose used on *Laetare* ('rejoice') Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. It indicates a break in the gloom of penance by the Son's rays of glory and reminds us that we are people of hope.

PENANCE

From the 4th Century, the season was kept as a period of fasting as strict as that of Lent. The feast day of St. Martin of Tours on November 10 was akin to Mardi Gras before Lent, a time of excess and heavy eating, since the 40-day Advent fast began the next day. This fasting rule was gradually relaxed in the Anglican and Lutheran churches and also eventually the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Church, however, still today keeps Advent as a season of penance. The Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox churches still hold the tradition of fasting for 40 days before the nativity feast.

Advent is four weeks given to the Church so that she may remember who she is and where she is going. The Church exists between the two comings

*Christ
Is Coming!*

of Jesus. The first coming occurred during the 1st Century AD. Jesus the Second Person of the Trinity came as Savior, to live among us, to suffer and to die; thereby drawing all men to Himself. The second time, Jesus will come as Judge to close the age and judge the living and the dead. So that we may be on the right side of judgment, the Spirit is given to us to gain victory over a new way of life and gain victory over sin.

The Advent season arrives as our annual wake-up call. Throughout these weeks, the Scriptures tell us to "awake and be vigilant." Advent calls us to conversion, expressed also in part by our watching and waiting for His return. While secular society is already celebrating its excess-fueled "winter holidays," the liturgy of Advent is sober – calling us to repentance and

conversion. Indeed, the entire purpose of Advent is to reawaken our thirst for God.

THE NEED FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Along with our pre-holiday shopping and partying, we should all make time to go to Confession – if only to remind ourselves that Jesus is, after all, the reason for the season. Because He came the first time at Christmas, Jesus can offer us healing, reconciliation, peace and comfort, if only we approach him with trusting faith. A good confession can bring Christ to birth once again in our lives. Confession unties the hopeless thicket of rebellious knots and helps us make good on our baptismal promises.

WE HAVE OVERCOME

As is made plain in the Book of Revelation, we can conquer the world, the flesh and the devil by the blood of the Lamb. Period. There is no other way. No other power can achieve this victory; not our own strength nor our own power, nor any capacity of our own

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Charismatic Renewal Gathering and Mass with Fr. Jim Northrop

Saturday, December 13, 2014

11:00am - 3:00pm

at St. Brendan Church, Bothell
- in the school gym

10049 NE 195th St, Bothell, WA 98011



This is our 3rd Annual Gathering of all Catholic Charismatic Prayer Groups, Ministries and WWCCR Committees. Together we will give praise to God for the grace He has poured out in our area in the past year and look forward with expectant faith for His plan for the coming year.

All are welcome!!

Advent continued

to transform ourselves or impose our own truth on the world. Our victory is in the name of the Lord Jesus and through the power of His Holy Spirit.

- We remember the death of Jesus on the cross because by His blood we are saved. There is no other way.
- We overcome the world the flesh and the devil through the power of the Holy Spirit and the blood of the Lamb.
- The Holy Spirit comes to perfect us and to make us holy, to make us capable to stand before God the Father.
- Hope releases joy, courage, and confidence in all of the things the Father has revealed.
- The example of the Apostles and other early disciples is that they took this word to heart and ordered their

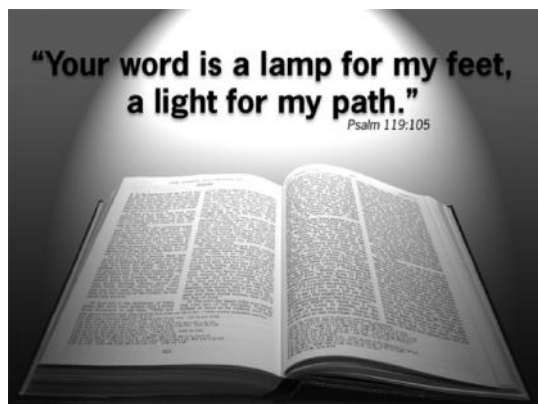
whole lives towards the hope of heaven. In what direction are our lives ordered?

- Faith, hope and love by the power the Holy Spirit subdue the sinful drives of the body. Do we operate in that truth or do we give in to hopelessness and despair?
- The Church is to be prophet, not therapist. Let's leave 'techniques' to others and operate as priests, prophets, and kings.
- Paul tells us how to act as we await the blessed hope: 1Thess 3:12: *"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones."*

WHAT TO DO

With so great a Savior and such deep grace that sanctifies and sets us free for mission, let's make our purpose this Advent to celebrate the first coming of the Lord in a humble stable in Bethlehem as our Savior; the Second Coming of the Lord in glory as our Judge; but also let us celebrate the quieter coming of Him in our hearts through conversion and discipleship. How will you live this conversion and discipleship, both during this Advent season and beyond? ♦

Lavinia Spirito is a homemaker, practicing attorney and businesswoman. She has been active as lay teacher, spiritual director and evangelist in parish renewal and also the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the U.S. and Italy for over 20 years. She will be our guest speaker for the 2015 Women's Retreat (see below). Visit wwccr.org for a more complete bio.



2015 WWCCR Women's Retreat

SIGN UP TODAY!!

February 6-8, 2015

at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades
in Federal Way, WA

*"I expect you to evangelize with the word of God,
which proclaims that Jesus lives and that he loves
all men and women."*

~Pope Francis, June 1, 2014

Guest Speaker: Lavinia Spirito

**Join us for a weekend filled with teaching, fellowship, praise
& worship, reflection, and an opportunity to grow deeper in
our relationship with Jesus, who is the living Word!**

Don't forget to bring your Bible!!

Registration is now open!

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QR code:



or visit <https://wwccr.org/events-outreach/wwccr-womens-retreat/>



*Dear friends,
Advent is the season of the presence and expectation of the eternal. For this very reason, it is in a particular way a period of joy, an interiorized joy that no suffering can diminish. It is joy in the fact that God made himself a Child. This joy, invisibly present within us, encourages us to journey on with confidence.*

~Pope Benedict XVI, 28 November 2009



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

*Events listed below are sponsored by groups other than WWCCR.
For more information please refer to the contact listed.*

THE GIFT CONFERENCE -2015- THE GIFT OF MERCY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2015
8:30AM - 4:00 PM
ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR CHURCH
13055 SE 192ND ST, RENTON, WA

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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 ...

- that in the busy-ness of this time of year we will remember to be counter-cultural; that we will strive to grow in holiness and be the salt and leaven in the world that Jesus calls us to be.
- that we may bring the light of Christ—the Reason for the season—to every celebration.
- that our lives lived by the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit will lend vigor to the Church and her mission of evangelization!
- for these prayer groups:

11/30-12/6	St Anthony Friday Night Prayer Group, Renton
12/7-12/13	Es Cristo Quien Te Llama Grupo de Oración, Renton
12/14-12/20	Nueva Generacion Unidos en Cristo Grupo de Oración, Renton
12/21-12/27	Jesus Roca y Fuente de Salvacion Grupo de Oración, Seattle
12/28-1/3	Beloved of Christ Prayer Group, Seattle

Next IPN events:
Sunday, December 7, 2014
Sunday, January 4, 2015
2:00 – 4:00 pm

IPN gatherings are usually on the 1st Sunday of the month at the WWCCR office, unless otherwise noted.

Cut this prayer list out and put it in your bible or prayer book to keep these prayer intentions close at hand.

“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:

Dec 1 Pope Francis
 Dec 2 Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
 Dec 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS
 Dec 4 Fr. Jim Northrop
 Dec 5 Fr. Clarence E. Jones, CO
 Dcn. Dave Jones
 Dec 6 Fr. Bernard F. Jonientz
 Dcn. Deuk Jung
 Dec 7 Fr. Paul A. Kaech
 Dec 8 Fr. Jean Pierre Kasonga
 Dec 9 Fr. Negusse Fesseha Keleta
 Dcn. Patrick Kelley
 Dec 10 Fr. Robert J. Kenny
 Dcn. Dennis Kelly
 Dec 11 Fr. Mark Kiszewski
 Dcn. Larry Kheriaty
 Dec 12 Fr. Ronald W. Knudsen
 Dcn. Duk Kim
 Dec 13 Fr. Lyle E. Konen
 Dec 14 Fr. Joseph A. Kramis
 Dcn. Richard Labrecque
 Dec 15 Fr. Stephen C. Lantry, SJ
 Dcn. Loren Lane
 Dec 16 Fr. Derek J. Lappe
 Dec 17 Fr. Leo J. Larrivee, SS
 Dcn. John LaRussa
 Dec 18 Fr. Jan R. Larson
 Dec 19 Fr. Seamus M. Lavery
 Dec 20 Fr. Gary F. Lazzeroni
 Dec 21 Fr. Francis Hung Le, OP
 Dec 22 Fr. James E. Lee
 Dcn. Joe Lehman
 Dec 23 Fr. Dwight Lewis
 Dcn. Juan Lezcano
 Dec 24 Fr. Gerald X. Lovett
 Dec 25 Fr. John J. Ludvik
 Dcn. Craig Lundberg
 Dec 26 Fr. Fabian T. MacDonald
 Dcn. Jack Luz
 Dec 27 Fr. Peter G. Mactutis
 Dcn. Abel Magana
 Dec 28 Fr. John C. Madigan
 Dcn. John Magnuson
 Dec 29 Fr. Paul A. Magnano
 Dcn. Dean Maher
 Dec 30 Fr. Jacob M. Maurer
 Kyle Manglona (seminarian)
 Dec 31 Fr. David L. Mayovsky
 Dcn. Terry Marcell

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Financial update

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Baby Jesus, fill us all with Your grace and truth this Christmas Season so that by the power of Your Spirit we can share Your love with all we meet, Amen.

Thank you for all of your loving prayers and donations in 2014!

Looking to make a year-end donation? Please join us as we seek to fulfill the mission that God has given us and move forward into 2015!!

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<i>Cash at</i>
		\$7,554.85	<i>beg. of 2014</i>
Income all sources	\$23,271.48	\$200,163.20	
Expenses	-\$19,571.94	-\$199,885.24	
<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>-\$254.85</u>	<u>-\$588.44</u>	
net income/shortfall	\$3,444.69	-\$310.48	
			<i>Cash at end</i>
		\$7,244.37	<i>of October</i>

TRAINING FOR HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

CHM School of Healing Prayer* 2015 Class - presented by WWCCR

WWCCR will again offer the School for Healing Prayer beginning in **JANUARY 2015**

** The School of Healing Prayer is comprised of DVD presentations from Christian Healing Ministries as well as live presentations, group discussions, and prayer practicums (applying what has been presented).*

Attendance at ONE of the following Orientation meetings is REQUIRED to participate in the 2015 Classes:

Saturday, December 6, 9:30am - 11:30am







Friday, January 9, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, January 10, 9:30am - 11:30am

SPACE IS LIMITED

**For 2015 all Classes and Orientation meetings will be held at the WWCCR Office
936 N 143rd Street, Seattle, WA 98133**

For more information, and to let us know which orientation meeting you plan to attend, contact: WWCCR: 206-364-2272 / info@wwccr.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 PLEASE PRAY FOR: 2015 PENTECOST CELEBRATION PLANNING	5 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM	6 SCHOOL OF HEALING PRAYER ORIENTATION, 9:30AM see pg 6
 SECOND SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i> IPN GATHERING @ WWCCR, 2-4 PM	8	9	10 OFFICE MASS @WWCCR 11 AM see below	11	12 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM	13 CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GATHERING, BOTHELL see pg 3
14  THIRD SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>	15 PLEASE PRAY FOR: WWCCR OUTREACH TO YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILIES	16	17	18 PLEASE PRAY FOR: WWCCR BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF	19 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM	20
21  FOURTH SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>	22 GLEANINGS WORKERS NEEDED	23	24  <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 CHRIST THE SAVIOR is BORN!	26	27
WWCCR OFFICE CLOSED						
28	29	30	31 New Year's EVE			

WWCCR events are CAPITALIZED, Prayer Group and other events are marked with a †
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.

There are no Healing Masses scheduled for December.



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, December 10, 11am with Fr. Cal Christiansen

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



Dwelling Place - a God encounter

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 NIGHT

There is no Dwelling Place in December

When: January 27, 2014 at 7:30 pm

Where: St. Stephen the Martyr Church
13055 SE 192nd St, Renton, WA

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