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

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***"God gave
Himself
to you:
give yourself
to God."***

~ Blessed Robert
Southwell

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Surrender Your Chairs

by Tammie Stevens, GLEANINGS editor

On October 30 and 31, WWCCR Sponsored three amazing events with Michelle Moran. Michelle's teaching was rich and all who attended these events walked away with something special from the Lord.

At the beginning of the afternoon session of the Leaders' Day, a prophetic word came forward that invited us to take a prophetic action. The word was about God inviting us to fold up our chairs and surrender them and the action was to actually do it. This was an opportunity to take a concrete step in response to an invitation that God was putting forth. Each person was to prayerfully reflect on what that might mean in their lives: Was the chair a position that they held? Was it an area that they were holding fast to but God was saying "Give it to me?" Was it a relationship? We may not know what each of the chairs represented as people brought them forth; God does!

As I had the opportunity to emcee the event, I was at the podium when each person brought forth their chairs. Initially each chair was set against the podium on each side and, as the number of chairs increased, the podium began to move because of the weight. Quickly a few people jumped into action and the chairs were stacked as you see in the photo below. What struck me about this was the result of this surrender. Each of these chairs, and whatever they represented, had a weight to them. Of course there was a physical weight, but there was also a spiritual and emotional weight as well.



As each person folded their chair, brought it forward, released it to God, and returned to find a new seat, the weight that they had been carrying could now be carried by Jesus. Wow! How often do we carry a weight that our Lord desires to carry for us? How often do we sit in the same chair while the Holy Spirit is encouraging us to "Go!"? Ultimately, we each need to ask: ***"what am I prepared to lose for the sake of the Gospel?"***

Many years ago, the first time I attended a national meeting, someone suggested sitting in a different chair at each session. This "changing of chairs" enabled me to look at the situation with a new perspective, from a new vantage point. As we end 2015 and move into the new year, let's invite the Lord to show us what chairs he'd like us to fold up and surrender. We can trust Him for He is faithful. And, who knows, perhaps He'll give us that new perspective in the action. ♦

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)

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. David A. Rogerson, Dcn. Rey Ronquillo
Dec 6	Fr. Stephen T. Roman, Cody Ross (seminarian)
Dec 7	Fr. Stephen C. Rowan, Dcn. Jack Roscoe
Dec 8	Fr. Michael G. Ryan, Dcn. Bob Rupno
Dec 9	Fr. Denis Ryan, Justin Ryan (seminarian)
Dec 10	Fr. J. Carlos Saenz, Dcn. E. Jerome Sadler
Dec 11	Fr. Roberto Saldivar, MSPS
Dec 12	Fr. Steven Sallis, Dcn. Ron San Nicolas
Dec 13	Fr. Ramon Santa Cruz
Dec 14	Fr. Timothy J. Sauer
Dec 15	Fr. Rajasekar Savarimuthu
Dec 16	Fr. Milhton H. Scarpetta, Dcn. Tim Shamrell
Dec 17	Fr. Frank R. Schuster Patrick Sherrard (seminarian)
Dec 18	Fr. Dennis C. Sevilla, Dcn. Joe Shriver
Dec 19	Fr. Jack D. Shrum, Dcn. Joe Sifferman
Dec 20	Fr. Gorgonio Silagan, Jr, Carl Sisolak
Dec 21	Fr. Roger J. Smith, Dcn. Lloyd Snyder
Dec 22	Fr. Richard J. Spicer, Greg Snyder
Dec 23	Fr. Mark A. Stehly
Dec 24	Fr. Todd O. Strange
Dec 25	Fr. Mel V. Strazicich, Dcn. Alton Stromberg
Dec 26	Fr. Thomas J. Suss, Dcn. Bill Swanson
Dec 27	Fr. Stephen J. Szeman, Dcn. Mirek Sztajno
Dec 28	Fr. Marcin Szymanski, OP Michael Sztajno (seminarian)
Dec 29	Fr. Binh Ta, Dcn. Bill Tanasse
Dec 30	Fr. Mathew Thelly, Dcn. Bill Taube
Dec 31	Fr. Brian Thompson, Dcn. Mike Teskey

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 particularly...

- in thanksgiving for the gift of Jesus as we celebrate the holy seasons of Advent, Christmas, and then Epiphany; and that we will proclaim what we revere by living the Beatitudes.
- for healing of broken relationships; that the season of hope will bring restoration to hearts and minds in turmoil;
- for all who support this ministry with their time, talent, treasure, and prayer; that they will be profoundly blessed by the Lord for their love of Him and work in His name;
- for the season of ministry that lies ahead; that WWCCR may discern and respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit for the purposes He has in mind.
- for these prayer groups:

11/29-12/05	Beloved of Christ Prayer Group, Seattle
12/06-12/12	Bukas Loob Sa Diyos (BLD, Seattle
12/13-12/19	La Luz De Cristo Grupo de Oración, Seattle
12/20-12/26	Saturday Morning Prayer Group, Seattle
12/27-01/01	Jesus Roca y Fuente de Salvacion Grupo de Oración, Seattle

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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Items for the January 2016 issue are due December 1.



December

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Dec. 6 Charismatic Renewal Gathering and Mass with Bishop Elizondo in Seattle at 1:30 PM *see pg 4*

Dec. 7 WWCCR Mass in Bellingham at 7:00 PM *see below*

Dec. 9 Office Mass @ WWCCR at 11:00 AM

Dec. 9 WWCCR Mass in Bothell at 7:00 PM *see below*

Dec. 11 WWCCR Mass in Lakewood at 7:00 PM *see below*

Dec. 17 Please pray for WWCCR Board and Staff

Dec 24-25 WWCCR Office Closed - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Jan. 1 WWCCR Office Closed - A Very Blessed 2016!



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, Dec. 9 @ 11 AM with Fr. Cal Christiansen

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



Dwelling Place
- a God encounter

**There will be no
DWELLING PLACE
HEALING NIGHTS
in December**

www.wwccr.org/healing-ministry/dwelling-place-healing-nights/

WWCCR Masses with Prayers for Healing and Empowerment

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, December 7 at 7:00 PM

with Fr. Richard McAlear

Sacred Heart Church

1110 14th Street, Bellingham, WA

Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 PM

with Fr. Richard McAlear

concelebrant: Fr. Jim Northrop

St. Brendan Church

10100 NE 192nd St, Bothell, WA

Friday, December 11 at 7:00 PM

with Fr. Richard McAlear

St. John Bosco Church

10508 112th Street SW, Lakewood, WA

Check our website for updates on events
not available at time of print.

2016 WWCCR Women's Retreat



February 19-21, 2016

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

Guest Speaker: Sister Lucy Lukasiewicz, DLJC



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*We look forward to joining our hearts and raising our voices in praise and
thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit, for all He has done and will do!*

Charismatic Renewal: *ALL are Welcome!*

COME! Celebrate with us at the annual gathering of all Catholic Charismatic groups in
Western Washington, as we thank God for the grace He has poured out in 2015 and praise
Him with expectation for greater bounty in the coming Year of Mercy.

at St. Benedict Church 1805 N 49th Street, Seattle, WA 98103

followed by a celebration in the school cafeteria

Mass begins at 1:30 PM

Sunday, December 6, 2015

BISHOP EUSEBIO ELIZONDO

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GATHERING
AND MASS OF THANKSGIVING WITH**



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