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

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***“It has been said
that the best
way to prepare
ourselves for the
world to come
is to cultivate
our capacity for
surprise.”***

Bishop Robert Barron

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Celebrating WWCCR *Empowered by the Spirit*

by Sharon Fox

As we celebrate 40 years of ministry, it's time to remember some of the key moments that brought us to today's WWCCR. I've been an employee, a volunteer, and now a Board member. Many other people have their own story to tell about the WWCCR history, but here are some key elements that were a part of my life:

The WWCCR Office Then and Now

In the beginning, Archbishop Hunthausen asked some area charismatic leaders to establish the ministry of WWCCR to serve the growing needs of our charismatic community. Office space was found at the then St. Thomas Seminary in Kenmore. Shuffled around to different rooms, we were finally assigned space in the basement. That's where I started when I was hired in 1988. There were no windows, but we had room for the bookstore, shared office spaces, and a large meeting room in the back, used for mailings and monthly leaders' meetings. St. Thomas Seminary became St. Thomas Center and eventually the space we rented was needed for another group. Thus began our office pilgrimage up

Aurora Avenue in North Seattle.

First, we moved to a far smaller space at 86th and Aurora. Then we moved to a larger space at 127th and Aurora (where our neighbors were a groovy '60s flashback coffee bar and an adult entertainment store—yes, it was weird!). We were always at the whim of the landlord and the rents always went up at the end of the lease.

When we started looking for office space, God sent a very generous donor who purchased our current building at 143rd and Aurora. At first we rented it at a low rate, but in time, the building was donated to WWCCR outright. With a permanent location, we were finally able to request, and we were granted, the permission for our Eucharistic chapel (something not often allowed outside a parish church!). The “big room” only fit 40 people, but most of our events were big and we were able to use local parishes around the archdiocese, which allowed us to have a more visible presence within the Church.

1977-2011 Conferences

From the beginning of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in this archdiocese, conferences played a

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*“It will come to pass in the last days,’ God says,
‘that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men
shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.” Acts 2:17*

Every year I get excited about Pentecost as if it were my first one. This year seemed even more special as Pope Francis celebrated our Jubilee of the Charismatic Renewal with an Ecumenical Pentecost Vigil Prayer Service in the center of Rome. Check it out on YouTube: (<http://tinyurl.com/pentvigil2017>) Join me in praying that many seeds of unity were planted by the Holy Spirit to bring all Christians back together by faith in Jesus, Our Lord and King!

I would like to share a testimony from our local Pentecost Celebration on June 3rd. Mary Ann was open to being used by God to bring healing and love to a woman in pain. Here is her story:

“Pentecost was AWESOME!!!! I had gone to Adoration earlier in the day to do adoration and pray the Novena that I had promised WWCCR. I think that made a huge impact on me. The Presence was SO STRONG when I got to St. Louise I was already FLYING. When I observed the woman next to me wriggling and hunched over in the pew, holding herself and looking very much in pain, I felt a surge

of COMPASSION and a prompting to pray over her. I was already experiencing the heat and tingling coming through my hands so I felt I should use the anointing “while it was HOT.” When I laid hands on her I saw her relax and then all of a sudden she bolted/started—then sat upright and began shouting her joy. She explained to me how she had previously been suffering. She said that she had been nauseous, sick to her stomach, weak, headachy, hot, distracted, listless, unable to hear. After I laid my hands on her she said “all of a sudden all that DISAPPEARED!” Charismatic Renewal was all new to her. Personally, when I was prayed over I toppled like a tree. I felt it in the TOP of my head like a hot rush of a water fountain. Couldn’t we have stayed there ALL night for ETERNITY ?!”

Can you feel her excitement? I felt the same way. The planning team had been praying that the Holy Spirit would send us living water and revive us. I was revived in my body and soul that night with profound joy! If you were there, you witnessed the power of the Spirit touching people as they were prayed for by one of the 10 prayer teams lined up across the front of the sanctuary at St. Louise. We would love to hear how the Holy Spirit touched you. Send us a note or an email and be sure and read Julio’s testimony on page 8.

I hope to see you this summer at one or both of our Nights of Worship at Immaculate Conception in Seattle on the first Saturday of each month. They are family friendly and there are prayer teams available. Come and experience for yourself how anointed the Praise and Worship team is.

“You have not been given a spirit of timidity but of power and love and self-control.” 2 Tim 1:7 Let us go forth united in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord and one another. Amen! Alleluia!!

WWCCR Vision and Mission

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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:

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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very important part in the spiritual lives of people here. To me, it was a kind of family reunion and a place to invite others to experience the power of the Holy Spirit themselves. Before the days of YouTube teachings and Twitter testimonies, we used to get together to praise the Lord, to hear inspired teachings live from nationally known teachers, to worship the Lord at a charismatic Mass and experience powerful prayer ministry. At my first conference as a WWCCR staff person in 1988, we had almost 1,800 in attendance at the Tacoma Dome Convention Center! No matter where the conference was held, prayer groups would carpool together and stay at a nearby hotel, sit together, eat together, and experience the power of active, fully charismatic Catholics praising the Lord. It was life-changing—just ask Fr. Cal Christiansen who used to attend our youth tracks!

1984-2006: Youth Ministry

There had been an independent Catholic charismatic youth ministry called CYRT in the mid- to late 1980's (This is where I really got my start!). They provided the youth track at the early WWCCR conferences as well as youth retreats. They were seeking to come under the leadership of WWCCR, but shortly after the merge, the leadership couple found a job in Oregon and moved out of the area. The remnants of that group (my friends and I) tried to keep it going. As usual, youth and young adults are transitory and many people headed off to college or marriage. In 1990, WWCCR gathered together a new group of discerning young adults. Through prayer and training, the Youth Ministry Team (YMT) began. They continued the ministry of retreats, conference youth tracks, and were invited to be presenters at the annual Archdiocesan Youth Convention. Many of today's key WWCCR leaders were trained in the YMT.

1987-1996: Teaching and Publishing

Virginia King met Ron Ryan at a national meeting. Ron had been working with the Southern California Renewal Communities (SCRC) in Los Angeles. With direction from the Board, Virginia invited Ron to move his family to Seattle. This was a bold move because finances have always been tight.

A dynamic teacher, Ron organized our leaders into "Area Pastoral Teams" (APT) as a way to create strong charismatic leadership in the different regions of the archdiocese. The five APTs organized events

and helped promote charismatic renewal in each local area. In 1992, WWCCR provided *Fanning the Flame* evenings where Ron (teacher, bookseller, roadie, and driver) and I (music ministry and cookie baker) traveled to the same 5 parishes every month for 12 months. These evenings were key training for me. I was learning about Charismatic Renewal and I was meeting charismatics everywhere. We were all growing together and this really helped WWCCR solidify the vision of charismatic renewal.

While at SCRC, Ron had created a program to help form leaders that we also put to use in Seattle. He also wrote two new Holy Spirit seminars: *Born of the Spirit* and a follow-up, *Alive in the Spirit*, which were used for years to help people come to experience baptism of the Holy Spirit. These programs were all published by WWCCR and sold in the bookstore, at our events, and shipped to where Ron was speaking around the country.

Author Sherry Weddell got her start at WWCCR when she began her work on the *Spiritual Gifts Inventory* as her Master's project. For a short time, she was a staff member. Many area charismatics took the early inventories to help her tweak the program to give more accurate results. With almost no advertising, the Inventory began to attract inquiries from all over the United States. Soon after, the Catherine of Siena Institute was founded as a program of the Western Dominican Province, and together they have made the understanding of charisms accessible to parishes and the lives of ordinary Catholics.

1997-Present: Women's Retreats

Wanting more of the Holy Spirit, area charismatic women got together to offer a weekend retreat for the other women in their lives; so mothers invited daughters, and friends invited friends. These weekends have been focused on teaching and experiencing the gentle presence of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. They are also an effective evangelization event, and many women have experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit for the first time. The fellowship and support at these retreats keeps women coming back year after year.

2002-2009: Leadership

After Ron Ryan left to do parish work, the WWCCR Board discerned that prayer group leaders still needed support and formation. From this grew the Leadership

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Development Committee and it began our strong ministry relationship with Jim Murphy. Jim had been a conference speaker here before, but now we were looking for focused, practical training. Jim came two to three times a year and the committee conducted monthly *Leaders & Helpers Days* the other months, and organized an annual Leaders' Retreat once a year. These events challenged people to grow in the charismatic gifts and gave some new opportunities to try teaching or event coordinating, which equipped a new group of leaders.

Healing Ministry

Early in the history of WWCCR, there was recognition of the need to train people specifically in prayer ministry. A few key leaders decided to form a separate organization for that purpose. Thus the Institute for Christian Ministries (ICM) was born. They spent the next 30 years training lay people to bring the healing presence of Jesus to others through prayer ministry. ICM trained hundreds of people and they provided the prayer teams at many of our events.

After the success of reaching out to the parishes throughout the archdiocese with the *Fanning the Flame* evenings, WWCCR began offering monthly healing Masses in various parts of the archdiocese. We recognized that people had a great need for all types of healing. The focus has always been to remind people that every Mass has essentials for healing because Jesus is present. Often we invited priests who would help us recognize all the times in the Mass when we experience God's healing power. And of course, at the end of the Mass there were prayer teams available and the priest would lay hands on each person for healing. Many people have been healed and found a deeper appreciation for the Mass. This has been another way for WWCCR to stay connected to the people all around the Archdiocese.

As staff changes were happening at ICM, they shifted from training to providing resources. Then the WWCCR office started to receive requests for healing prayer which had previously been cared for by ICM. The Board and key leaders discerned that WWCCR should begin to fill in the void that was left when the ICM training became less available. Several leaders went to Florida to be trained by Francis and Judith McNutt. Soon after, a school of healing prayer was formed, and since 2007 more than 250 from around

Western Washington—and Oregon—have received training to pray for others for healing.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is the reason why I'm Catholic and it has been a major part of my formation and my life. I have seen so many people receive the Holy Spirit here in Western Washington! Now the story of WWCCR continues to be written in the lives of people all around the Archdiocese. Let's keep making history together in the Spirit. Amen!

For more history about WWCCR:

<https://wwccr.org/about-us/wwccr-history/>

Sharon Fox is currently the WWCCR Board president and a parishioner at St. Anthony Parish, Renton.

Our next issue will highlight the ministries the Holy Spirit has inspired in the last five years!

WWCCR Invites You to Share YOUR story!

As part of our celebration of our 40-year anniversary as a ministry, we want to begin sharing testimonies - *the stories of how God has transformed people's lives through WWCCR* by inspiring Catholics to experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Please prayerfully consider sharing your testimony as a source of hope, faith and inspiration for others. You may want to share about a **specific** experience at one of our Pentecost Celebrations, Masses with Prayers for Healing and Empowerment, Dwelling Place, Nights of Worship or any other WWCCR-sponsored ministry or event - or, you may want to take a more general approach. Our goal is to share several testimonies every month on our website and in our newsletter.

Please check out our website and submit your testimony here:

<https://wwccr.org/how-holy-spirit-changed-your-life/>

After receiving your submission, we will work with you to help create a publishable testimony - all you have to do is share your story!

Thank you in advance!

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:

July 1	Pope Francis	Aug 1	Pope Francis
July 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain	Aug 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
July 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS	Aug 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
July 4	Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg	Aug 4	Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg
July 5	Fr. Jim Northrop	Aug 5	Fr. Jim Northrop
July 6	Fr. Raphael D. Mkuzi	Aug 6	Fr. Felino S. Paulino
	Dcn. Phil Myer		Dcn. Sagato Pele
July 7	Fr. Gilberto Mora Tapia		Dcn. Michel Pentony
July 8	Fr. Kevin J. Moran	Aug 7	Fr. Donald J. Perea
	Dcn. George Mounce	Aug 8	Fr. Armando S. Perez
July 9	Fr. David Mulholland	Aug 9	Fr. Leonardo T. Pestano
	Dcn. Carl Moyer	Aug 10	Fr. C. Vincent Peterson
July 10	Fr. Kurt W. Nagel		Dcn. Theman Pham
	Dcn. Pat Moynihan	Aug 11	Fr. James D. Picton
July 11	Fr. Thomas J. Nathe	Aug 12	Fr. Paul R. Pluth
	Ben Bray (<i>seminarian</i>)		Dcn. Arturo Ramirez
July 12	Fr. Matthew W. Naumes	Aug 13	Fr. Marc L. Powell
	Dcn. Don Murdy	Aug 14	Fr. Thomas E. Quinn
July 13	Fr. M. Maurice Ngalamulume		Dcn. Michael Riggio
	Dcn. Phillip Mau Nguyen	Aug 15	Fr. Michael E. Radermacher
July 14	Fr. Hung T. Nguyen	Aug 16	Fr. Michael Radermacher
July 15	Fr. Tuan V. Nguyen	Aug 17	Fr. Philip H. Raether
	Dcn. Pierce Murphy		Dcn. David Rapp
July 16	Fr. Khanh D. Nguyen	Aug 18	Fr. Michael B. Raschko
July 17	Fr. Duc C. Nguyen	Aug 19	Fr. John T. Rashford
	Dcn. Joseph Nicholas		Dcn. Joseph Ramos
July 18	Fr. Matthew T. Oakland	Aug 20	Fr. Armando V. Red
July 19	Fr. Roger G. O'Brien		Dcn. LaMar Reed
	Dcn. Tim O'Loughlin	Aug 21	Fr. John J. Renggli
July 20	Fr. Bryan A. Ochs		Dcn. John Ricciardi
July 21	Fr. Crispin A. Okoth	Aug 22	Fr. George O. Rink
	Dcn. David Olsen		Dcn. Rob Rensel
July 22	Fr. Stephen Okumu	Aug 23	Fr. Patrick J. Ritter
July 23	Fr. Matthew L. O'Leary	Aug 24	Fr. Dennis E. Robb
	Dcn. Phil O'Loane		Dcn. Ted Rodriguez
	Dcn. Richard Olsen	Aug 25	Fr. Mario Rodriguez-Garcia
July 24	Fr. Hans M. Olson	Aug 26	Fr. David A. Rogerson
July 25	Fr. Victor A. Olvida	Aug 27	Fr. Stephen T. Roman
	Carl Sisolak (<i>seminarian</i>)		Dcn. Rey Ronquillo
July 26	Fr. Michael P. O'Neil		Dcn. Jack Roscoe
July 27	Fr. C. Alex Pablo	Aug 28	Fr. Cody L. Ross
	Dcn. Eric Paige	Aug 29	Fr. Stephen C. Rowan
July 28	Fr. M. Charles Palluck		Dcn. Bob Rupno
	Tyler Johnson (<i>seminarian</i>)	Aug 30	Fr. Michael G. Ryan
July 29	Fr. Watson Paramasivam		Dcn. Ron Ryan
	Dcn. Anselmo Pardo	Aug 31	Fr. Denis Ryan
July 30	Fr. Thomas R. Park		
	Carlos Orozco (<i>seminarian</i>)		
July 31	Fr. Vincent J. Pastro		

JULY/AUGUST

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 also ...

- for the School of Prayer Ministry as it begins a new year devoted to teaching students how to listen, love, and pray with one ear to the supplicant and one ear to the Holy Spirit.

- for the Board of Directors as the members discern the long-range strategic plan for WWCCR, and its implementation.

- for a smooth transition for all priests who have received new assignments, and for their new parishes as well as the parish communities they are leaving. May all concerned receive the support and love they need to journey together in Christ as a community.

- for the *El Shaddai-DWXI PPFI Prayer Group*

- for the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of WWCCR.



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*Ask and it will be given, seek and you will find,
 knock and the door shall be opened. Matthew 7:7*



Our Eucharistic Chapel is available for private prayer any time during office hours, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Join us on Fridays from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. as we pray for your intentions, charismatic renewal, and the work of WWCCR!

Office Masses:

Monday

July 24, 7:00 PM

Fr. Tony Bawyn

Monday

August 28, 7:00 PM

Fr. Tony Bawyn

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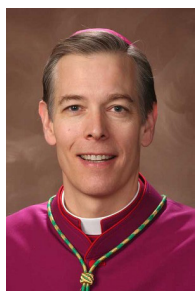
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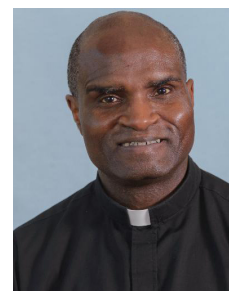
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Financial Update

We recently received a generous donation from a couple who have been blessed by the various ministries we make available. This is part of their message of thanks:



“We are so very blessed to know this special faithful group years ago! Many thanks to WWCCR for providing lots of Healing Masses, events and retreats to help us grow closer to the Holy Trinity and Mother Mary! Our lives would be totally different without WWCCR!”

Balance the end of April: \$12,940.37

Balance the end of May: \$9,327.68

***Thank you for remembering
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Julio's Testimony from the Pentecost Celebration

My family and I had the blessing to attend the WWCCR Pentecost Celebration on June 3rd this year. It seemed that all present were blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit. Each one of my family experienced the anointing and touch of His power, especially Nathanael, my oldest son, and my son Ethan, the fourth of my five children. Nathanael (16 years old) shared how he experienced God's peace and joy while in God's presence. My 7-year-old, Ethan, shared that during prayer he asked the Holy Spirit to remove a few things passing through his mind (like fear and not knowing what to expect) and immediately God poured out His peace and those thoughts immediately disappeared, and he rested in the Spirit. Since this experience, Ethan has expressed that he will be a priest and subsequently a bishop. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for your Holy Spirit, for our Holy Mother Church and WWCCR. It has been a transformative experience for my family and me. Praise God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- JP

Julio Pocon and his wife Mirtha attend St. Theresa's in Federal Way. Julio and his whole family are active in the church through several ministries. He speaks at prayer groups and other groups in the church throughout the Northwest.