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EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

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PENTECOST IN ROME 2019

A NEW STAGE IN THIS RENEWAL | TAMMIE STEVENS

The days leading up to Pentecost this year were ones of great anticipation. Having worked for the past year and a half at the ICCRS office in Rome it was a blessing for me to complete my service in Rome by providing staff support at the final ICCRS Council meeting. These Councilors have served the Renewal in an amazing way all over the world through the many programs of ICCRS and it was an honor to also provide music ministry for them during those days. It was also an opportunity to meet some of the members of the new CHARIS International Service of Communion who were beginning to meet and staying at the same accommodation.

After the ICCRS Council meeting concluded, the week's events continued as more than 600 leaders from 69 countries gathered in the Paul VI Hall at the Vatican for the 1st International Leaders' Conference called by CHARIS.

Over two days there were times of prayer and many presentations on the nature of CHARIS, the

continuity that they hoped to maintain through continuing some of the programs that ICCRS and Catholic Fraternity had begun, and an opportunity for leaders to ask questions. There is much work ahead for all those involved with the organization of CHARIS, both staff and the International Service of Communion members, so we ask our Lord to lead and guide them as they remain docile to Holy Spirit's purpose and vision for this current of grace which is Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

On Saturday, the day before Pentecost Sunday, the Leaders' gathering was transformed into an open conference to which an estimated 3000-4000 people were in attendance. The highlights of this gathering were a presentation by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M. Cap, preacher to the Papal Household and Ecclesial Assistant to CHARIS, and an encounter with Pope Francis (both of which will be available on www.charis.international website).

Pope Francis took the opportunity to thank ICCRS and the Catholic

Fraternity "for the mission they have carried out in the past thirty years." He continued: "You have blazed a trail and, by your fidelity, have made it possible for CHARIS to be a reality today. Thank you!" He also thanked the four-person team whom he had appointed to bring about this new service, as well as the assistance of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

Pope Francis said: "Today one thing ends and another begins. A new stage of this journey is beginning."

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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: 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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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

When I received the baptism in the Spirit, there was an outpouring of love into my heart. I was loved and knew I was a child of God. A verse from Romans 5:5 captures my experience, **“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”** The certainty of that love has remained with me over the years and through my many foibles.

After an incident when I managed to embarrass myself I asked God about it, and an inner voice replied, **“You are accepted in the Beloved.”** When Jesus was baptized he heard the words, **“This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”** Jesus, in his baptism, models for us what we too experience--that we are beloved children of God. The Spirit drove Jesus into the desert to be tested, particularly about the words, **“You are my beloved Son.” (Mt. 1:11)** We too are tested, and on occasion embarrass ourselves, but going back to the Father, we again are assured that we are accepted in the Beloved.

I once asked Wayne Butchard, a charismatic minister, why we needed to be refilled with the Spirit; he replied, **“Because we leak.”** Our refilling occurs primarily through the Sacraments, the Holy Eucharist, Confession, our daily commitment to prayer and study of scripture, and in fellowship where our fires burn brighter as we come together.

I am particularly indebted to WWCCR for the many occasions when I have been refilled through conferences, Healing Masses, studies, praise and worship events and timely encouragement in the GLEANINGS Newsletter. This issue of Gleanings has the encouragement of Tammie Stevens writing from the Pentecost Celebration in Rome, Virginia King reporting on our own Pentecost Celebration in Burien, and the new international Renewal organization CHARIS initiated by Pope Francis who inaugurated it on Pentecost Sunday. May you be strengthened by these words of encouragement.

Jean Beers
Office Manager

Thank you for continued prayers for the next WWCCR Executive Director. We continue to pray, discern, and interview applicants, trusting in God’s perfect will and timing. We look forward to sharing when a decision has been made. Come Holy Spirit!



PENTECOST IN ROME 2019 (Continued from P. 1)

Photo by Tammie Stevens

A stage marked by communion between all the members of the charismatic family, in which the mighty presence of the Holy Spirit is manifested for the good of the entire Church.” In his description of CHARIS (see also Virginia’s article on page 4), he broke apart and expanded the individual words of “a new and unique service of communion” and was delighted at the presence of a member of the International Service of Communion that represents young people.

Much like his address at the Olympic Stadium in Rome in 2014, Pope Francis shared what the Pope and the Church expects of this new service, from CHARIS and from the entire Charismatic Renewal. He said:

To share baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone in the Church. It is the grace you have received. Share it! Don’t keep it to yourselves!

To serve the unity of the body of Christ, the Church, the community of believers in Jesus Christ. This is very important, for the Holy Spirit creates unity in the Church, but also diversity.

The personality of the Holy Spirit is interesting: with the charisms he creates the greatest diversity, but then he harmonizes the charisms in unity. Saint Basil says that “the Holy Spirit is harmony”; he creates harmony: harmony in the Spirit and harmony among us.

To serve the poor and those in greatest need, physical or spiritual. This does not mean, as some might think, that suddenly the Renewal has become communist. No, it has become evangelical, for this is in the Gospel.

These three things: baptism in the Holy Spirit, unity in the body of Christ and service to the poor – are the forms of witness that, by virtue of baptism, all of us are called to give for the evangelization of the world. An evangelization that is not proselytism but first and foremost witness: a witness of love.

Members of the Charismatic Renewal, as a current of the grace of the Holy Spirit, be witnesses of this love! And please, pray for me. The Pentecost events continued

with a Pentecost Vigil Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square with the whole Diocese of Rome followed the next day by the Pentecost Sunday Mass, also in St. Peter’s Square. (links to videos, photos, and text of which can be found on www.nsc-chariscenter.org under the post “Pentecost 2019 events”).

This is an historic time in the life of the Renewal and of the Church. More than ever, our world needs the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus, the Love of God the Father, and to have people sent forth, not in their own power, but filled, strengthened, and emboldened by the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us answer the call of our Lord, each in our own mission fields, whether in our homes, our communities, our region, or abroad, to “make disciples of all nations” and spread this current of grace, which is baptism in the Holy Spirit!

Tammie Stevens is from Seattle, former WWCCR Staff, a past member of the National Service Committee, and has just completed a term of service to the Renewal in Rome.

WWCCR PENTECOST CELEBRATION

BY VIRGINIA KING

On Saturday, June 8, the Vigil of Pentecost, it was a great blessing to gather with so many others to be renewed in the “promise of the Father” that Jesus called being “baptized in the Holy Spirit” (see the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.) We gathered at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Burien to celebrate this great feast day. Sharon Fox, President of the WWCCR Board of Directors, welcomed us all to this annual event.

Throughout Sacred Scripture, and through many private words of prophecy over the years, the Lord calls us to anticipate His saving action in the world and in our lives. We are always being urged to expect “something new,” or sometimes, to expect the old to be made new. This year, Lucille Hadden shared with us two images that help us with this “expectant faith.” First, she shared of old wine skins being renewed by being rubbed with olive oil, which calls to mind the anointing of the Holy Spirit. If you are beginning to feel like an old, worn out wine skin, don’t despair! God makes all things new! The second image that Lucille shared was of a house that was completely remodeled in one day, and not only remodeled but expanded. It was more beautiful and more spacious than ever before. As we grow in our relationship with the Lord, our hearts will be beautified and expanded for the sake of the Kingdom. And it need not take a long time.

Lucille led us in a time of worship in the gift of tongues, and then the music ministry, led by Greg Stone, led us in extended praise & worship, invoking the Holy Spirit through several prayerful songs.

Andrea Garcia gave a short testimony of her own life journey that has been spiritually built up by attending gatherings sponsored by WWCCR over the past 30+ years, since she was a young teenager. Fr. Dwight Lewis then spoke and urged us to reach the young people, just as Andrea had been reached. He shared of his experience as a hospital chaplain and the many young people he is burying these days due to suicide & opioid addiction. “Our children are dying!” He challenged folks involved in Charismatic Renewal to new boldness in evangelizing people of all ages, but especially the young.



Fr. Dwight grew up in Trinidad, where he lived in the same neighborhood with Babsie Bleasdel, fondly known throughout the world as “Auntie Babsie.” But to him she was not a world-renowned evangelizer, she was the dynamic force in their community that taught families through word and example what real love meant, and that sometimes it means saying things like, “If you don’t go to church, you don’t eat!” to a hungry teenager. Auntie Babsie led their community in praying that more and more priestly and religious vocations would come from among those involved in Charismatic Renewal. It is through her example and prayers, and that of his whole community, that Fr. Dwight was able to respond to God’s call to be a priest.

Fr. Dwight told us that evangelizing is mostly about loving people enough to invite them to “come and see.” If we really believe what we say we believe, we will not hesitate to invite others to “come and see.” We should be inviting people to come to Mass with us. We should be inviting people, maybe even Mormon missionaries, into our kitchens for a piece of cake and a conversation. We can go door to door inviting the people who live near the church to “come and see.”

Knowing our faith is also very important, so that when someone asks us what we believe, we won’t just stammer, but be able to give them a simple and true response. So, studying the Bible and studying the Catechism are also critical elements in authentic evangelization. And no matter what we do, it all revolves around LOVE!

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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

Jul. 1 Pope Francis
Jul. 2 Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
Jul. 3 Archbishop Paul Etienne
Jul. 4 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
Jul. 5 Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Jul. 6 Fr. Jim Northrop
Jul. 7 Fr. Vu P. Tran
Jul. 8 Fr. Anh B. Tran
Jul. 9 Fr. Anthony Lan Tran
Jul. 10 Fr. William Treacy
Jul. 11 Dcn. Asipeli Tuifua
Jul. 12 Fr. Patrick J. Twohy
Jul. 13 Fr. José Ugalde
Jul. 14 Fr. Thomas L. Vandenberg
Jul. 15 Dcn. Gene Vanderzanden
Jul. 16 Dcn. Dick Wallace
Jul. 17 Fr. John R. Walmesley
Jul. 18 Fr. Dick J. Ward
Jul. 19 Dcn. Jack Warfield
Jul. 20 Fr. Gary C. Weisenberger
Jul. 21 Fr. Edward G. White
Jul. 22 Fr. John D. Whitney
Jul. 23 Fr. Nicholas F. Wichert
Jul. 24 Fr. John J. Wilkie
Jul. 25 Fr. James A. Williams
Jul. 26 Dcn. Stephen Wodzanowski
Jul. 27 Fr. Stephen S. Woodland
Jul. 28 Fr. Gerald L. Woodman
Jul. 29 Fr. Michael H. Wright
Jul. 30 Fr. Horacio V. Yanez
Jul. 31 Dcn. Joua Pao Yang

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Aug. 7 Fr. David H. Young
Aug. 8 Fr. Reynaldo T. Yu
Aug. 9 Dcn. Joseph Yuen
Aug. 10 Dcn. Gary Zellmer
Aug. 11 Fr. Gary M. Zender
Aug. 12 Dcn. Matt Zuanich
Aug. 13 Fr. Ben Bray
Aug. 14 Fr. Tyler Johnson
Aug. 15 Fr. Carlos Orozco
Aug. 16 Fr. Peter Adoko-Enchill
Aug. 17 Dcn. Scott Aikin
Aug. 18 Fr. J. Gerardo Alberto
Aug. 19 Dcn. David P. Alcorta
Aug. 20 Dcn. Dan Allen
Aug. 21 Dcn. Ronald H. Allen
Aug. 22 Dcn. Mikhael Alnajjar
Aug. 23 Fr. Joseph F. Altenhofen
Aug. 24 Fr. José M. Alvarez
Aug. 25 Dcn. John Amlag
Aug. 26 Fr. Victor Raj Anas Dass
Aug. 27 Dcn. Mauricio Anaya
Aug. 28 Fr. Michael G. Angelovic
Aug. 29 Fr. Zevier H. Arockiam
Aug. 30 Fr. Francis Arulappan
Aug. 31 Fr. Albert Arulappan

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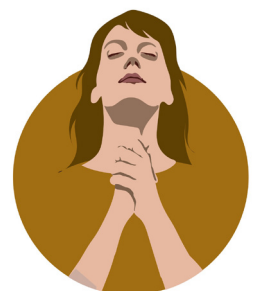
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PRAYER
changes
EVERYTHING!

Father God,
May we take these
summer months to rest in
your presence and receive
your love.

Lord Jesus,
May your newly ordained
priests, and all who have
experienced change and
transformation in their
journey follow and imitate
you in faith.

Holy Spirit,
As you have given power
to your Apostles at
Pentecost, empower us
to spread the Gospel to a
world in need.

Blessed Mother Mary,
comfort those in need of
healing and belonging.



WHAT IS CHARIS?

POPE FRANCIS INAUGURATES A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

BY VIRGINIA KING

Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) has been referred to as “a current of grace in the Church and for the Church.” Pope Francis has frequently urged all people involved in CCR to work diligently to spread this current of grace to everyone in the Church. “Share with everyone in the Church baptism in the Holy Spirit, praise the Lord without ceasing, walk together with Christians of different Churches and Christian communities in prayer and action for the most needy,” (Pope Francis, June 3, 2017)

CHARIS is a new organization that has been formed at the request of Pope Francis to serve Catholic Charismatic Renewal throughout the world for this very purpose. The title, CHARIS, is an acronym, taking the first letter or letters of these words: Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service.

If you are familiar with the work of WWCCR, you know that a part of our mission is to be a resource for anyone interested in CCR in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

What you may not be aware of is the other organizations that serve CCR, and which WWCCR interacts with, at the national and international levels.

On the national level, the main organization that we interact with is NSC-Chariscenter, which is based in Locust Grove, VA. We encourage everyone to get their quarterly newsletter, Pentecost Today, and to check out their website at: <https://www.nsc-chariscenter.org/> I will write more about this organization in a future issue of GLEANINGS.

At this time, however, we want to focus on CHARIS, because it was officially launched in Rome this year at Pentecost. (see p.1 for more about the launch events.) In the past, CCR has been served at the international level by two separate organizations: ICCRS (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services) and by CFCCCCF (Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships). Both of these organizations had headquarters in the Vatican.

Pope Francis recognized the value of these two organizations, but desired to bring them together into a single structure. He asked ICCRS and CFCCCCF to work together to form this new structure to replace their two separate organizations. The result is CHARIS. CHARIS has a long list of objectives listed



in their statutes, but the ones that I most frequently hear mentioned are: promoting and strengthening unity within CCR, being an instrument to promote ecumenical unity in the body of Christ, and promoting service to the poor.

CHARIS has representatives from all continents to guide their service. Representing the English and French speaking people of North America and the Caribbean is a dear friend of WWCCR, Bishop Peter Smith from the Archdiocese of Portland. Representing the Spanish speaking people of the same region is Andrés Arango, whom some in our area also know well from his participation in the ICCRS Leadership Training Course that was held here in 2016.

I encourage you to look at the CHARIS website to get more information. <https://www.charis.international/en/home/> Above all, I urge you to pray for CHARIS and for its leadership and its fruitfulness in fulfilling its mission.

Come Holy Spirit!

WWCCR PENTECOST CELEBRATION(Continued from P. 4)

The evening continued with a time of prayer for God to activate the expectant faith in each of us. This part of the evening was led by Daniel Stoneking, who invited us to receive the fullness of Jesus, the fullness of the Holy Spirit, the abiding Presence of God. For our part, all we need to do is say "Yes" to God, and He will do the rest. Come Holy Spirit!

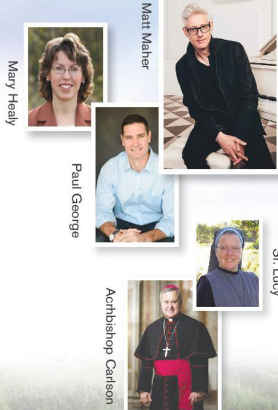
We thank the Pentecost Celebration Committee for all their work in planning and presenting this event, especially the co-chairs, John McGinn and Kelley Masterson. You are a blessing!

Virginia King is a member of St. Pius X Church, former Executive Director of WWCCR.

2019 National Leaders' & Ministries' Conference

Come HOLY SPIRIT

NOVEMBER 8-10 HILTON ST. LOUIS AIRPORT



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ALSO SPEAKING: Jimmy Archer, Jim Beckman, David Bisonó, Matt Bourgeois, Gloria Coyne, Dan and Caroline Dirkes, John Gresham, Bill Marcotte, Jessica Navin and Fr. Anthony Quéllette.

Others to be named.

MUSIC: Carrie Bajzath and Friends from St. Louis.

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June 1 until August 31, \$89 / \$165 / \$40
After August 31, \$99 / \$185 / \$40

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www.nsc-chariscenter.org

Update on WWCCR Men's and Women's Summer Retreat:

After prayerful consideration and evaluation, taking into account registration numbers and busy summer schedules, we have decided to cancel the summer retreat. To all those who were praying and interceding for this event we thank you. Stay tuned for future events that will be shared on our website, Facebook, and in our weekly emails
God bless you all.

UPCOMING WWCCR EVENTS

Don't miss these amazing opportunities!

- JUL 10** Office Mass | 11AM Fr. Cal Christiansen
Potluck to follow.
- JUL 12** Mass of Healing with Fr. Dwight Lewis
St. Joseph Church
- JUL 29** Office Mass | 7PM Fr. Tony Bawyn
- AUG 21** Mass of Healing with Bishop Peter Smith
St. Michael Church
- AUG 26** Office Mass | 7PM Fr. Tony Bawyn

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followed by Healing Prayer for Body, Mind and Spirit

Friday, July 12th
Fr. Dwight Lewis
St. Joseph Church

400 S Andresen Rd, Vancouver

Wednesday, August 21st
Bishop Peter Smith
St. Michael Church

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