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Renewing the face of the earth Empowered by the Holy Spirit

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Finding Hope in the Time of Fear

by Jim Dagnon

"I plead with vou: never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid!"

- Pope St. John Paul II

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[Editor's Note: This article was originally published in our January 2009 issue of GLEANINGS. We hope you will find it as inspiring and relevant as it was then.]

As we begin 2009, many in our nation are gripped by fear about the economy. We are bombarded by spin and fear from the media and politicians. Our own Catholic faith seems to be under constant attack, as does the right to life. God has placed you and me precisely in this time and place to do His work. It is in times like these that we are called to give a witness to His promise of a future full of hope. The world needs to see a people of hope.

It was in search of hope that a number of us from WWCCR headed to the National Catholic Charismatic Leaders' Conference in Nashville, Tennesee, this past November [2009]. The Conference theme of "A Future Full of Hope" couldn't have been timelier! With Jim Murphy and Tom Curran as two of the keynote speakers we felt right at home. We came back feeling that what we heard there was a confirmation that the WWCCR Vision and Mission are exactly what we need to pursue in these challenging times.

Murphy's Jim teaching emphasized that leaders need to communicate vision, for "without a vision, people perish." (cf Proverbs 29:18) Vision transmits hope! He said, "Hope is what the heart needs to survive. In desperate times people give up hope." Jim defined hope as "long term faith." Hope sustains us; it's what keeps us going! With hope it is amazing how much people can endure

We who serve the Church through Charismatic Renewal are called to help people experience the hope found only in God. It is the "love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit" that gives us hope! (Romans 5:5) That hope comes through experiencing baptism in the Holy Spirit.

And how do we help people experience this hope? We already know how to do it! Jim Murphy reminded us by giving us a threestep plan of how to bring hope to the human race.

1. Proclaim Hope Proclaim the truth that right here, right now, in the midst of suffering humanity, the Kingdom of God is at hand. Proclaim the unique truth of who Jesus is and offer the world a future full of hope – that they too can be transformed by the power of the Spirit, by the great love of God. And we need to practice what we preach. Our message, our character, and our lifestyle – these three things have to line up if we're going to give a good message of hope. When word, character, and action line up then we

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Remembering Our "Heavenly Intercessors"

+ Pray for us - we pray for you! +

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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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have an irrefutable witness.

- 2. Help people overcome obstacles to a personal relationship with Jesus Although we proclaim the truth, some people aren't capable of receiving the message because of their brokenness. Many times people have to be loved into the Kingdom of God before they can fully embrace the philosophical message of the Kingdom of God. A lot of our coming to God happens in the context of relationship. So we need to help people overcome obstacles by building loving relationships and offering opportunities for them to experience the healing touch of Jesus.
- **3. Sustain those who choose Jesus** Once people are walking with God we've got to help them walk and mature and be strong in the Lord. That takes a lifetime of pastoring and nurturing and caring.

All of the current activities of WWCCR support those three steps. As WWCCR works to accomplish its bold mission, Renewing the Face of the Earth Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we do it in two ways: through the life of the individual believer and the common action of believers working together through the Catholic Church.

[St.] Pope John Paul II said "we shall not be saved by a formula [or plan] but by a Person, and the assurance which He gives us: I am with you! (Novo Millennio Inuente, 29)" That Person is Jesus. Tom Curran talked about the anchor as the symbol of hope. An anchor is for stability in stormy seas. Our hope is in the Lord and our confidence is in what we expect to experience in the future because of our relationship with Him. When we set our heart on the Lord, we will find strength, stability, and vision. Renewal begins from the inside out.

We were reminded that we live in prophetic times — we live in times where there is a lot of confusion. It is past time to stand up and boldly proclaim a message of hope! It is the time to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is at hand. This is a new way of life. People must see the joy that this new life brings. They must see Jesus within us. People should come away from every encounter with us knowing that they have met a true Catholic Christian.

People who take God seriously will not remain silent about their faith. Like it or not, American Catholics are part of a struggle over our nation's identity and future. We Christians are in the world but not of the world. We belong to God and our home is heaven. But we are here for a reason – in the name of Jesus and for the sake of the world, our work is to change the world. If we don't do it, nobody will do it for us.

At the opening Mass, Bishop David Choby, the GLEANINGS

Bishop of Nashville, told us that the bishops of our country are united to fight against any expansion of abortion rights and the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). Francis Cardinal George, the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, described the FOCA as "an evil law that would further divide the country." The Bishops are standing up in the pursuit of justice and the common good. We are proud of our Bishops and of this statement which serves as a beacon of light in the darkness. (This statement can be found online at http://www.priestsforlife.org/magisterium/bishops/08-11-12-george-usccb.htm)

It is tempting to think that society is too far gone, that our problems are too complex for any of us to make a difference. But even one person can always make a difference – if that person believes in Jesus Christ and seeks to do His will. We need to preserve the faith in our hearts and live it fully with our lives. This is our part. God will do the rest.

As we look forward, we are not to be afraid but filled with hope. Remember in the Bible when Moses sent the twelve scouts into the Promised Land (Numbers 13:1-33). The scouts returned in fear of the "veritable giants" and fierce people they saw. The people revolted, and as a result, Moses was never to enter the Promised Land. The Israelites in their fear longed for the life they once had back in Egypt instead of looking to the land God promised them. At the Leaders' Conference we were urged to look forward, not back. It is time for the Renewal to follow Joshua into the Promised Land. Those of us involved in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal are urged not to look back to the Renewal as we have known it in the past, but to the Renewal of 2009 and beyond, to the new vision for the Renewal that God is calling us to.

Michelle Moran, President of ICCRS, encouraged us to pray, "Holy Spirit, I need You to empower me for the mission of today. Holy Spirit, I need You to empower this Charismatic Renewal for what You're calling us to today." Yesterday served us well. Yesterday was vital but we look forward to the future with hope and confidence. And we take courage from the word from Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and stand firm! Be fearless, be confident. Go where you will because the Lord, our God, is with you."

Come go with us to that land where Joshua is leading us. Amen!

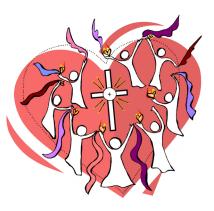
Jim Dagnon served as the WWCCR Board President from 2004 to 2010 and was the initiator and coordinator for the first WWCCR School of Healing Prayer. He has been involved in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal since 1975. Jim and his wife, Sandy, now live in Dallas, Texas.

Deadline: January 20, 2017

Register online OR call the office at 206-364-2272



GUEST SPEAKER: FRAN KARPIEJ, OFS



February 3-5, 2017 at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades in Federal Way, WA



I will thank You, Lord, with all my heart!

Fran has served more than 35 years on Diocesan and National levels in Healing Prayer Ministry, and has given numerous seminars, prayer services, workshops and retreats on the many aspects of God's healing love and presence. Fran is professed in the Secular Franciscan Order and is an active member of the Holy Spirit Fraternity in Fairfield, CT. She is a Spiritual Director and a respected Retreat Director throughout the country using a blend of contemplative and charismatic gifts, with a hint of Franciscan gospel spirituality. Through Fran's faith and her common sense approach, she reaches out to all people with the message of peace, hope, healing and conversion in the name of the Lord, Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and for the glory of God.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

Writers Wanted!

Are you part of a prayer group and want to share your experience with others who are interested in learning more about their local prayer group? Send us your story! Please contact the editor, Alane Howard, if you are interested in having your prayer group featured in GLEANINGS.

> Contact the editor at: alane@wwccr.org

Submissions must be 300 words or less.

Prayer Group Corner:

featuring the Living Water Prayer Group

by Cheryl Bryant

Living Water Prayer Group is a Friday night blessing that I look forward to each week. The best way I can describe my experience is that of discovering a beautiful oasis in a very troubled world. The Holy Spirit is palpable as I enter the room and remember once again that the God who created the universe is still in charge. He will be victorious!

We are a group of Catholic Charismatic Christians who love God and love each other. We're from varied backgrounds (believe I counted 7 countries represented one evening) and our ages range from 1 - 80+. All of God's children are welcome! Each one has the spiritual gifts that God has chosen especially for them, and we all strongly believe in the power of prayer. Someone in our group compared us to a beautiful orchestra. We are all very different, but together we create a beautiful symphony. God has called us together, and He uses the prayers of our group in powerful ways.

While no two weeks are ever the same, we always begin with an hour of Praise and Worship. We are blessed to have gifted musicians in our group and the Praise and Worship is beautiful! Following Praise and Worship we will have either a teaching or an evening of testimonies. The testimonies are powerful and another confirmation that God is ever present and working in our lives. If there is time, we often divide into small groups of 3 or 4 for discussion. We always end with prayer.

Living Water Prayer Group meets at St Pius X in Mountlake Terrace every Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. We would love to have you join us! You DO belong, you will be blessed, and you will be loved.

There will be no special Mass of Thanksgiving this year. We will be spending the remainder of 2016 creating a solid foundation to launch our Strategic Plan that we are in the process of discerning. Thank you for your prayers for this important work. All are invited to our last Visioning Workshop on November 6th at St. Martin of Tours in Fife at 2:30.



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, November 21st 7:30 to 9:30 pm St. Pius X Church 22209 58th Ave W Mountlake Terrace, WA

Monday, November 28th
7:30 to 9:00 pm
St. Stephen the Martyr Church
13055 SE 192nd St.
Renton, WA

There are no Dwelling Place Healing Nights during the month of December Sponsored by

Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal www.wwccr.org/healing-ministry/dwelling-placehealing-nights/

DECEMBER

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 ...

- that we may be instruments of reconciliation, helping those we meet overcome obstacles to a personal relationship with Jesus.
- · that we may all experience anew the joy of Christ's birth and the promise of our salvation this Christmas
- · for all those involved in prayer ministry, event coordination and parish administration, that they may find rest and renewal during Advent and Christmas this month.
- · for these prayer groups:

Renewed in Christ Catholic Charismatic Community (RIC4) St Louise Church, Bellevue Servants of the Lord Prayer Group Church of the Assumption, Bellingham

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

NOVEMBER

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- · for an increase in the virtue of hope for all people, especially Christians, that we may be recognizably a people of hope and witnesses to the Gospel.
- · for God's blessing on WWCCR and the gift of discernment and wisdom, as the fruits of our Visioning Workshops indicate the direction He has for us as a ministry.
- for all those who have gone before us in the sleep of peace, that we may be helped by their prayers as we pray for them, especially those who have been close friends and supporters of the ministries of WWCCR.
- · for these prayer groups:

Light of Christ Prayer Group St Brendan Church, Bothell Circle Of Love Prayer Group Thomas Aquinas Church, Camas

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

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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:

Nov 1	Pope Francis	Dec 1	Pope Francis
Nov 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain	Dec 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
Nov 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS	Dec 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
Nov 4	Fr. Jim Northrop	Dec 4	Fr. Jim Northrop
Nov 5	Fr. Armando S. Perez	Dec 5	Fr. Timothy J. Sauer
Nov 6	Fr. Leonardo Pestano	Dec 6	Fr. Rajasekar Savarimuthu
Nov 7	Fr. C. Vincent Peterson	Dec 7	Fr. Milhton H. Scarpetta
Nov 8	Fr. Joseph L. Petosa	DCC /	John Paul Tomassi (seminarian)
	Dcn. Theman Pham	Dec 8	Fr. Frank R. Schuster
Nov 9		Dec 8	Fr. Dennis C. Sevilla
	Fr. Paul L. Pluth	Dec 9	
Nov 11	Fr. Marc L. Powell	D 10	Den. Tim Shamrell
	Anh Tran (seminarian)	Dec 10	Fr. Patrick Sherrard
	Fr. Thomas E. Quinn		Dcn. Mark Shine
	Fr. Michael E. Radermacher		Dcn. Joe Shriver
Nov 14	Fr. Philip H. Raether	Dec 11	Fr. Jack D. Shrum
	Den. Arturo Ramirez		Dcn. Joseph Sifferman
Na. 15	Dcn. Joseph Ramod Fr. Michael B. Raschko	Dec 12	Fr. Gorgonio Silagan, Jr.
NOV 15	Den. David Rapp		Fr. Vinner Raj Simeon Raj
Nov 16	Fr. John T. Rashford	Dec 14	Fr. Roger J. Smith
	Fr. Armando V. Red		Dcn. Lloyd Snider
1107 17	Den. LaMar Reed	Dec 15	Fr. Richard J. Spicer
Nov 18	Fr. John J. Renggli	Dec 16	Fr. Aloysius J. Ssensamba
1107 10	Den. Rob Rensel	Dec 17	Fr. Mark A. Stehly
	Den. John Ricciardi		Fr. Michael J. Stinson
	Den. Michael Riggio	Dec 19	Fr. Todd O. Strange
Nov 19	Fr. George O. Rink		Kyle Poje (seminarian)
	Fr. Patrick J. Ritter	Dec 20	Fr. Mel V. Strazicich
Nov 21	Fr. Dennis E. Robb		Fr. Thomas J. Suss
	Dcn. Ted Rodriguez	Dec 21	Den. Bill Swanson
Nov 22	Fr. Mario Rodriguez-Garcia	Dec 22	Fr. Stephen J. Szeman
Nov 23	Fr. David A. Rogerson	DCC 22	Den. Mirek Sztajno
Nov 24	Fr. Stephen T. Roman	Dag 22	5
	Dcn. Rey Ronquillo		Fr. Marcin Szymanski, OP
	Dcn. Jack Roscoe	Dec 24	Fr. Binh Ta, C.Ss.R.
	Fr. Cody L. Ross	D 05	Dcn. Mike Teskey
Nov 26	Fr. Stephen C. Rowan		Fr. Mathew Thelly
	Den. Bob Rupno	Dec 26	Fr. Brian D. Thompson
Nov 27	Fr. Michael G. Ryan		Val Park (seminarian)
	Den. Ron Ryan		Fr. Francis K. Thumbi
Nov 28	Fr. Denis Ryan	Dec 28	Fr. Jaime M. Tolang
NT 20	Den. E. Jerome Sadler		Dcn. Bill Townsend
Nov 29	Fr. Steve Sallis	Dec 29	Fr. Phuong D. Tran
NI 20	Den. Ron San Nicolas	Dec 30	Fr. Vu P. Tran
110V 3U	Fr. Ramon Santa Cruz	Dec 31	Fr. Anthony Lan Tran
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CHAPEL IMPROVEMENT - we need someone who can replace the florescent lighting in the office chapel with recessed can lights.

OFFICE SUPPLIES - we're in need of a large computer monitor, preferably larger than 20".

If you think you can help with either of these things, give us a call or email info@wwccr.org!

Subscribe to our YouTube channel!

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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:

Wednesday, November 9, 11:00 AM
Fr. Cal Christiansen

Wednesday, December 13, 11:00 AM

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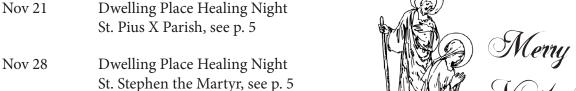
Nov 4-6 2016 National Leaders' and Ministries' Dec 13 WWCCR Office Mass at 11 AM Conference - Atlanta, GA Followed by a potluck lunch

Nov 6 WWCCR Visioning Workshop Dec 23-26 WWCCR Offices CLOSED for

St. Martin of Tours, Fife - 2:30-4:30 PM Christmas!

Nov 9 WWCCR Office Mass at 11 AM Dec 27 Gleanings Volunteers needed!

Followed by a potluck lunch WWCCR Office



Mark your calendar:

St. Joseph Healing Ministry 40th Annual Retreat!

FEBRUARY 24–26, 2017 Deadline to register: FEBRUARY 6

 $\underline{http://www.stjosephministry.com/registration.html}$

Fort Worden State Conference Center

200 Battery Way, Port Townsend, WA 98368

Financial Update

"Praise for the beauty, truth, and goodness of WWCCR."

Mary and Joan Kastning

The financial report was not available when this newsletter went to print. We will post it online in the Nov/Dec electronic version of GLEANINGS. We are pleased to report that our Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction held on October 1st netted \$16,933 after expenses. Praise the Lord! And thank you to all who contributed. We are praying for a strong year-end appeal which will put us in good shape as we move into 2017, the year of Jubilee for the Charismatic Renewal. The Visioning Workshops are producing clarity for the coming "season" for WWCCR. As Dean Tougas says, "We have turned a page." God bless you all this holy season.





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Thank you!



Christmas shopping season has arrived! Remember to use Amazon Smile linked to WWCCR when making your purchases. It is a generous program to take advantage of. We will let you know what we earned next Gleanings.



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A Heavenly Gift Just for You

by Sue Gallwas

As we celebrate All Souls Day and WWCCR's 39th Anniversary on November 5th, we take time to remember the special friends of this ministry who have gone before us. We call them our "Heavenly Intercessors." The whole list is inside this issue on page 2. We hope you enjoy remembering such giants as Pat Corwin and Fr. Leo Thomas, OP. Sr. Pauline Risse is our most recent addition. Her prayers of intercession on this earth were priceless for my own journey with the Holy Spirit and I have felt them even more powerfully now that she is with Jesus. Let us know if you notice someone's name is missing.

I wanted to let you know that the Current of Grace Benefit Dinner and Auction truly lived up to its name. Go to our website and hover over the "Events" menu and then click "Annual Benefit Dinner" to view the picture slide show that captures the beauty and fun of the evening. I hope you will join us next year. Wishing you a blessed Advent and Christmas season!