



# GLEANINGS

*Renewing the face of the earth*



*Empowered by the Holy Spirit*



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## This Time of Renewal and Renewed Evangelization

*by Father Cal Christiansen*



What an incredible blessing for us as a Church to be celebrating 40 years of the presence of the Charismatic Renewal here in the Pacific Northwest! It is absolutely awe-inspiring to reflect upon how many thousands of lives have been transformed through a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit! WWCCR has been an important conduit and source of renewal, hope and healing for so many and for that we are all immensely grateful.

Personally, I owe a tremendous debt to WWCCR as the roots of both my Catholic faith and vocation to the priesthood are found in the Charismatic Renewal. I began participating in Renewal activities such as prayer groups, healing ministries and conventions while in high school, but not as a Catholic – as an Episcopalian! Being both baptized and confirmed in the Episcopalian Church I started participating in Catholic Renewal activities and began to sense a greater truth, life and depth within the Catholic Church and found myself irresistibly drawn to Her. Finally as a high school junior, I was accepted into full communion with the Church. I was blessed and extremely fortunate to have had Artie and Lucetta Halls for my godparents. It was at this time as well when the seeds were planted for a vocation to the priesthood. Both my conversion and eventually my vocation to priesthood are rooted in the Charismatic Renewal and for that I am extremely grateful.

**“I started participating in Catholic Renewal activities and [...] found myself irresistibly drawn to [the Catholic Church].”**

It is an incredible blessing to now celebrate monthly Masses in the WWCCR office and serve in the Renewal through a variety of ways. Let's all celebrate this blessed 40-year anniversary and pray that the Holy Spirit continues to work powerful signs and wonders through WWCCR as we move forward as a Church during this time of renewal and renewed evangelization.

*Father Cal Christiansen is currently pastor at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Mountlake Terrace.*

*Come and hear,  
all ye who fear  
God, and I will  
tell you what  
great things He  
hath done for  
my soul!*

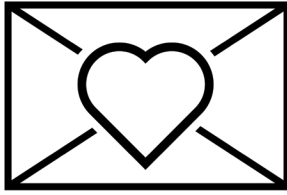
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## From Sue's Heart

Dear brothers and sisters,

In these days of trial and sickness and war it is good to take time to remember what God has done for us. Our Father sent His Spirit to strengthen and console us. He fills our hearts with hope as we surrender to His will and place all of our trust in Him. This was on the hearts of the members of our Women's Retreat team when they chose this powerful scripture for our theme this year: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Bishop Peter Smith will be our speaker on Feb. 23-25 at the Palisades Retreat Center. Our theme is simply: "Abounding in Hope." Register early as our retreats fill up quickly. I attended last year's retreat with my daughter, Amy, who had been praying for freedom for years. Here is her story in her own words:

I had no expectations of this year's Women's Retreat – only to be open. While greeting people, a gal came up to me that I had only met once before. She prayed a beautiful prayer that helped prepare my heart for what was to come. Our retreat leader, Fran Karpiej, was a delight. The way she spoke made sense to me. I could see everything. I was part of an amazing small group and received soaking prayer Saturday night before I left for home. When I woke up that Sunday and went to work at St. Andrew's,

I couldn't stop smiling. I had this unexplainable joy and could see Jesus in everything. I was happy for no reason other than God's goodness. My heart was different; it was healed.

The following Friday, I attended a prayer service at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for the 50th anniversary of the Charismatic Renewal. As we were praying, a special lady said three powerful words: "Let it go." I have a tendency to hold on to things, especially things I cannot control. She said to me, "Jesus doesn't want you to carry these things. You need to let it go." I unleashed giant cleansing tears. My joy was even greater after that. I believe that prayer time sealed the healing I received the week before. God is so amazing and I love His timing. I am so grateful. A couple months after the retreat while at work, a gal came up to me and said as she began to cry: "You look so different, Amy. You are glowing. What is it?" I said, "Well, I have a new relationship with Jesus." – Amy Gallwas

Praise God! That is what our mission is. That is the desire of God's heart: that the Holy Spirit would bring each person into a personal, intimate, life-changing relationship with Jesus. Have you shared your story lately? Will you share it with us? It leads others to desire all that God has for them. If you have a story to share, visit <https://wwccr.org/how-holy-spirit-changed-your-life/> to submit it online or email us at [info@wwccr.org](mailto:info@wwccr.org).

May your Advent and Christmas bring Jesus and Mary ever closer to your heart.

God bless you with His love every day,

Sue +

P.S. Our Garage Sale made over \$1,000 to help us update the office. Our first room is the Chapel because Jesus is #1. Thank you to all who donated their time and stuff. We love 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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**DEADLINE:** In order for any articles, news or calendar items to be considered for publication in GLEANINGS, it must be submitted by the 1st of the month before the month of publication. For example, **items for the January/February 2018 issue are due December 1st.** All submissions subject to editing for length, accuracy and clarity.

# He Passed by Me

by Cindy Thomas

In Exodus 33:22, our Lord spoke to Moses, “Here is a place beside Me. You must stand on the rock, and when My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock and shield you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will take My hand away and you shall see the back of Me, but My face is not to be seen.”

As we celebrate 50 years of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the U.S., 40 years of WWCCR’s ministry in Seattle, the 100-year anniversary of Our Lady in Fatima, and 125 years of Mass celebrated here in my own parish, I can reflect on the ‘passage of God’ in my own life. My father often told me that if you want to know where you are going, take a look at where you’ve come from. I was raised in the Catholic Church, in a small town in Maine. Our family moved to Western Washington in 1963. I was blessed with a close-knit family who enjoyed the simplicity of family life: daily chores, family mealtimes, sight-seeing road trips, and Sunday Mass. I am the oldest of six and have always been blessed with a strong faith. This faith was given to me at birth. I believe everyone is given this gift, as Romans 5:5 tells us, “[...] because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.”

I have always been thankful for this gift, recognizing that the Mass, the music, and the prayers have a holy peace and presence that appears nowhere else in the world! Encouraged as a child, I received wonderful teaching and have always known that I could speak directly to God, His Mother, and the angels and saints. I have experienced His voice and His promptings as a natural part of my spiritual life and my conscience. So this is where I come from. Just like everyone else, I come from the heart of God. In the Charismatic Renewal we often hear terms like “a personal relationship with Jesus,” “walking with God,” and “moving in the Spirit.” As I look back on my early life, I have experienced these things. I realize now that this was due to my family, my church, and my God.

Journeying as an adult, I was often distracted by “the world.” School, marriage, family, and career would often steal my attention and time from my spiritual life. I am no different from others and I struggled to hear Him speak to me, mostly because I didn’t take time to listen.

“You must stand on the rock,” He says in Exodus. And we all know that rock is Him. We fall, and looking back, I can see where He has put me in the cleft of the rock and shielded me and protected me. He has shown me mercy and continued to call my name.

Through my introduction to Catholic Charismatic Renewal, I learned new ways to speak to Him, to praise Him, to worship Him and I met others on this same journey. In the mid-1980’s I was invited to my first charismatic prayer meeting where I heard excited Catholics praising, worshiping, and prophesying with prayer in tongues. This event was a fork in the road for me, and for the next two years I prayed more, read Scripture, and made new friends. Music ministry at Mass

and attending prayer group had already become part of my week, and threatened to disrupt my family, job, and the life I had known. On Christmas Eve, in the choir loft at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, I experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit while singing (of course). The tears and the joy were overwhelming and I promised the Lord, “I will do whatever

You ask of me.” The closeness to God the Holy Spirit was something brand new to me and I knew my life would be changed from that moment on.

My journey has taken me to more than 30 years of hungering for His Word and other writings about Him and His Church. I desire to know more about the saints. I believe He has called me to a life of praising Him through music and liturgy, but not without bringing others along! I believe that through my prayer group, charismatic gatherings, and friendships, He has shown me His face and I believe that someday I will say, “Show me Your glory, Lord,” and He will.

Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, shared this meditation: “In this sense, it is less than a matter of searching for God than of allowing oneself to be found by Him in all of life’s situations, where He does not cease to pass and where He allows Himself to be recognized once He has really passed.” I have seen His back for He has certainly passed by me. I have known Him all my life. In the song, “Gracious God” by Jesse Manibusan, the verse reads, “Through this journey we will follow, for we long to see Your Face.” So pass by me, Lord, while I follow, longing to see Your Face in glory...

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*Cindy is a member of the Yahweh Nissi prayer group in Everett. She and her husband Brian are members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Everett.*

***“... baptism in the Holy Spirit is key to normative Christianity. [...] It is the initial and continued experience of the power of the Holy Spirit which leads to ongoing conversion and openness to the full range of gifts which the Holy Spirit chooses to bestow on us, exercised in vibrant relationship with Jesus and with the Church.”***

*- excerpt from WWCCR's 1977 Vision and Mission Statement*

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## **My Experience of Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

*by Per Saelid*

I was a 19-year-old college student on summer break when I encountered the Holy Spirit. Baptized and confirmed as a Lutheran, I had loved Jesus since my youth and desired to express my commitment to Christ in the only way I knew at the time: I planned to become a pastor. I headed off to a well-known Lutheran college and promptly fell flat on my face, confronted by secular skepticism and the frailties of my human weakness.

I returned home after my first year humbled and quite depressed, still desiring to follow God with all my heart, but realizing I didn't know how. One day, I was alone at our house reading a fictional book by C.S. Lewis in which he described a man being suddenly surrounded by the presence of God and in direct communication with his Creator. The passage struck me to the core, and in the depth of my soul I offered up a simple but very earnest prayer: “I really want that kind of relationship with you, Lord.”

Suddenly, God was in the room with me, or perhaps it would be better said, I was in God. The experience was far beyond words. Physically, it felt as if a cool electrical wind was blowing from infinity to infinity as it passed through every cell of my being. Psychologically, “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding” enveloped me, instantly driving away my depression. Spiritually, I knew beyond a shadow of doubt that God had manifested himself to me in an

undeniable and life-changing way.

That encounter was a pivotal point for my entire faith life. Through God's mercy, and despite my lack of understanding about baptism in the Holy Spirit, God had heard my cry and responded. From that point forward, the Spirit of God guided me, often dramatically, steering me to a Lutheran Bible college and then to subsequent encounters with Christians of many backgrounds who taught me about the Holy Spirit.

Over a period of many years, seeking to know God more fully, the Holy Spirit led me to the Catholic Church. To be honest, despite all the miracles I'd witnessed in my life, I was afraid and I hardened my heart. It took two decades for me to fully respond to God's invitation. Today, I gladly declare that I'm so grateful for my Lutheran upbringing which grounded me in Christ. I'm so appreciative for my many non-denominational brothers and sisters who instructed me in the ways of the Spirit. And I'm so thankful to the Holy Spirit, who led me home to the Catholic Church, to the deepest expressions of prayer, into communion with the saints, and most profoundly, to a more intimate relationship with the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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*Per Saelid and his wife Meribel are parishioners of St. Joseph in Sequim and members of the Hosanna Prayer Group.*

**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	Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg	Dec 4	Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Nov 5	Fr. Jim Northrop	Dec 5	Fr. Jim Northrop
Nov 6	Fr. Jose M. Alvarez Dcn. John Amlag	Dec 6	Fr. John J. Bulger Dcn. Winfred "Buddy" Clapham
Nov 7	Fr. Victor Raj Anas Dass Dcn. Mauricio Anaya	Dec 7	Fr. Gerald (Jerry) Burns
Nov 8	Fr. Michael G. Angelovic	Dec 8	Fr. Robert A. Camuso
Nov 9	Fr. Zevier H. Arockiam	Dec 9	Fr. Francisco J. Cancino
Nov 10	Fr. Francis Arulappan Dcn. Bruno Bahk	Dec 10	Fr. Cal Christiansen Dcn. John Elshaw
Nov 11	Fr. James L. Bailey	Dec 11	Fr. Timothy J. Clark Dcn. James Fish
Nov 12	Fr. Charles M. Banduku Dcn. Terry Barber	Dec 12	Fr. Patrick S. Clark
Nov 13	Fr. R. Roy Baroma Jacob Hayden ( <i>seminarian</i> )	Dec 13	Fr. Raymond V. Cleaveland Alexander Nelson ( <i>seminarian</i> )
Nov 14	Fr. Richard J. Basso Dcn. Samuel Basta	Dec 14	Fr. Julian Climaco Dcn. Richard Combs
Nov 15	Fr. Michael J. Batterberry Dcn. Bill Batstone	Dec 15	Fr. Marlin J. Connole
Nov 16	Fr. Tony E. Bawyn, J.C.D. Josh Nehnevaj ( <i>seminarian</i> )	Dec 16	Fr. K. Scott Connolly Dcn. Joseph Connor
Nov 17	Fr. Titus E. G. Bayani Dcn. Bill Eckert	Dec 17	Fr. James P. Coyne Dcn. Don Cummins
Nov 18	Fr. Ronald H. Belisle	Dec 18	Fr. James L. Dalton
Nov 19	Fr. Thomas A. Belleque Dcn. John Bergford	Dec 19	Fr. Thanh X. Dao Brody Stewart ( <i>seminarian</i> )
Nov 20	Fr. John Marie Bingham, O.P. Dcn. Ray Biersbach	Dec 20	Fr. Anthony K. A. Davis
Nov 21	Fr. Phillip A. Bloom Dcn. Jose Blakeley	Dec 21	Fr. Adrian Debow Dcn. Jim Decker
Nov 22	Fr. Eugeniusz Bolda Dcn. Carl Chilo	Dec 22	Fr. Joseph (Jay) DeFolco Dcn. Jose DeLeon
Nov 23	Fr. Martin J. Bourke Dcn. Adolfo Carbajal	Dec 23	Fr. Eugene P. Delmore Dcn. Marshall Denby
Nov 24	Fr. John J. Bowman Dcn. Jack Bleile	Dec 24	Fr. Bryon A. Dickey Dcn. Frank DiGirolamo
Nov 25	Fr. Jordan C. Bradshaw, O.P. Dcn. Dale Fickes	Dec 25	Fr. Michael A. Dion
Nov 26	Fr. David A. Brant Dcn. Derrel Craig	Dec 26	Fr. Bryan Dolejsi John DePalma ( <i>seminarian</i> )
Nov 27	Fr. Paul J. Brunet Dcn. Antonio Cavazos	Dec 27	Fr. Gordon W. Douglas Dcn. Denny Duffell
Nov 28	Archbishop Emeritus Alexander J. Brunett, D.D., Ph.D.	Dec 28	Fr. Oliver F. Duggan
Nov 29	Fr. Jack Buckalew Dcn. Raymond Daigh	Dec 29	Fr. Kevin F. X. Duggan Dcn. Joe Dunne
Nov 30	Fr. Raymond Bueno	Dec 30	Fr. James E. Eblen Dcn. Peter Flatley
		Dec 31	Fr. Sean P. Fox

**NOVEMBER/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 the spiritual gifts stirred to life by baptism in the Holy Spirit would continue to enrich the body of Christ for the salvation of the world.

- for the particular ministries of WWCCR, such as Dwelling Place, School of Prayer Ministry, Nights of Worship, Women's Retreat, healing Masses, GLEANINGS, and the less visible offerings such as Bible study, prayer ministry, and others; that in all things we would be docile to the Lord's leading.

- for God's inspiration for all those planning next year's Masses with prayers for healing and empowerment, and for each of the priests who will be celebrating those Masses.

- for the many and committed volunteers who give sacrificially of their time, talent, and resources because of their love for the Lord and His people, and for the Board of Directors and staff of WWCCR.

# Humbled and Chosen

by Earl Anderson

My walk with Jesus started very unwillingly. My mom would make sure we got a ride to Sunday school with the neighbor. She would come to church most Sundays. My grandparents were German Lutherans so that is what we were. It was in the 9th grade during Confirmation time that my spirit began to awaken. I would spend hours trying to memorize the assigned sections of the Catechism. I asked the pastor about the Creed where it says that we believe in the “catholic” church. He said that “catholic church” included all the denominations that believe in Jesus. I knew that I wanted to be a part of HIS big Church. So I became “catholic” in the broader sense of the term.

In years to come I would love the verse in Ephesians 4:4 that says: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call.” It became an important block in my foundation of faith when I was involved in jail ministry. We were required to minister to any and all that came to us. Also, we were not allowed to contact those that we ministered to outside of jail. So I learned to trust the Holy Spirit to finish the work that He started in them through us.

There was a time life was very hard for me. I was invited to the charismatic prayer group at the Queen of Angels parish. They took me in and just loved me. I can’t tell you how they loved me. Maybe it was that I could see that they loved each other. I was 40 years old. I wanted to do good and be good. But I had no means within me to do that.

I was invited to a conference called, “Fire of the Holy Spirit.” I came to a new understanding of Acts 1:5,8 (NABRE): “For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit [...] you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes

upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

I don’t have words to tell you what happened to me that day. I found myself lying on the floor immersed in the love of the Father. It was like Jesus Himself opened my heart and poured a pitcher full of His Holy Spirit power into it. My life was changed in an instant.

Since then, my wife and I have traveled around the island of Mindanao in the Philippines telling of the love of Jesus to small churches. There is a huge population of people in the Philippines living in the countryside who can’t get to church because they have no transportation. They form what I call “family neighborhood churches.” The average church in the Philippines has 50 members.

I went to Africa on a three-week mission trip to work in an orphanage. There was a small church that met in the orphanage, and they asked me to tell them the story of Jesus. The room was full, at about 50 people. Every window was open with two or three people looking in and, they said, there were more people sitting on the grass outside. I want to cry thinking about it. I had never been to college or Bible school. I had worked with my hands all my life. It is a humbling thing to be chosen. Why me, Lord? There is nothing good in me but You!

About four years ago I joined the Catholic Church. I knew God was calling me to be a part of Dwelling Place at St. Stephen the Martyr in Renton. I have asked God to allow me to be at the tip of His sword of the Spirit so I could be where the action is located. He has been so very gracious to allow me to see dozens pulled from the pit of hell, saved, healed and set on the road to victory. Deep inside I feel a unifying of the Church is taking place, and that we are in a time of harvest when many will come to know what true love is - the love of Jesus. Good things are on the way!

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*Earl Anderson is a member of St. Stephen the Martyr parish in Renton, and serves on the Dwelling Place team.*



***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 8, 11:00 AM**

Fr. Cal Christiansen

***Wednesday***

**December 13, 11:00 AM**

Fr. Cal Christiansen

# Prayer Groups: WWCCR Exists Because of You!

*featuring the prayer groups of St. Nicholas in Gig Harbor,  
celebrating 41 years of prayer and fellowship*

At St. Nicholas in Gig Harbor, there are two prayer groups that have been around before WWCCR formed as a ministry. The Archdiocese requested the incorporation of what is now WWCCR precisely to help support the many prayer groups throughout the Northwest.

It began this way: in 1976, on Thursday nights, five people began to meet to praise and worship God. As time went by, more and more joined the group and it became known as the Open Door Prayer Group. In January 1977, a Life in the Spirit seminar was presented at the parish and the numbers swelled on Thursday nights. So many couples and single men and women came, in fact, that the women decided to also meet on Tuesday mornings so that they could share more regarding what the Lord was doing in their lives. The Tuesday morning prayer group became the Prayer and Share Women's Group. Women would volunteer their homes and they hired a babysitter to watch the preschoolers. Eventually the group moved to the church to accommodate their growing numbers. The numbers of women involved in the Prayer and Share Group has continually increased since an additional Life in the Spirit seminar held in October 2010.

Many people have come and gone over the years, but the two groups have remained a place to praise the Lord, share their Catholic faith, and intercede for family, friends and the world. Happy 41st Anniversary to all the women and men who have kept these prayer groups alive all these years! Thank You, Holy Spirit, for continuing to stir into flame the gifts they have received through the Sacraments. Amen.

*Look for testimonies from the women in this Prayer Group in next month's Christmas issue of Gleanings!*



## Dwelling Place Healing Nights

*now in 2 locations each month*

### St. Pius X Church

22209 58th Ave W  
Mountlake Terrace, WA

### St. Stephen the Martyr

13055 SE 192nd St.  
Renton, WA

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**Monday, November 20**

7:30 to 9:30 pm

**Monday, November 27**

7:30 to 9:00 pm

There will be NO Dwelling Place during the month of December.

*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*

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## Financial Update

**"We won't stop till the whole world knows You!"**

These words reflect the heart and soul of this ministry. It is also the title of the new single by Heights of Zion, the featured group at our Nights of Worship every first Saturday. God has been pouring out His Spirit on people throughout the Pacific Northwest in the Charismatic Renewal for 40 years now. And there are a lot more people who still don't know what they are missing.

Will you consider making a generous donation this month? Because we won't stop till the whole world knows Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Donate safely online at [wwccr.org](http://wwccr.org) or use the enclosed envelope. Thank you!

**Balance the end of August: \$7,930**

**Balance the end of September: \$5,796**

***Thank you for your generosity!***



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## A Message of Gratitude from Sherry Weddell

I owe WWCCR, Virginia King, and Ron Ryan a big debt for giving me the opportunity to create and develop what is now called the Called & Gifted discernment process for three and a half years before the Catherine of Siena Institute was founded in 1997. Ron suggested it in the first place and recruited the first 20 Renewal leaders to attend in the fall of 1993. I knew very little but thought it sounded like fun and created and gave the first workshop as a volunteer. I had no idea how profoundly God would use those early efforts to change my life. In the 24 years since, we have taken 100,000 Catholics through the discernment process in three languages across North America, Europe, Asia, and Oceania, including Singapore, Hong Kong, and Papua, Indonesia. I am in the middle of revising the discernment process again to help meet the requests pouring in from around the world! The fruit of WWCCR's support and encouragement is literally changing the lives of Catholics all over the world right now! May God continue to bless and use you in amazing ways!

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*Sherry Weddell created the first charism discernment process specifically designed for Catholics in 1993 and is the author of Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus. Sherry and Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP co-founded the Catherine of Siena Institute, an affiliated international ministry of the Western Dominican Province. Sherry currently serves as Executive Director.*

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