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Renewing the face of the earth  Empowered by the Holy Spirit

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“What is the very first gift of the Holy Spirit? It is the gift of Himself, the one Who is Love and Who makes us fall in love with Jesus. And this love changes our lives. That is why we speak of ‘being born again in the Spirit’.”

- Pope Francis, address to participants in the 37th National Convocation of the Renewal in the Holy Spirit, June 2014

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Life in the Spirit

by Bishop Sam Jacobs

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, we recognize with thanksgiving one of the many early fruits that God has graciously provided. The initial members, who experienced this New Pentecost, found that those with whom they shared this experience were like the crowd to whom Peter preached his first proclamation.

He proclaimed the unconditional love of the Father by sending his own divine Son as the promised Messiah, the fulfillment of the prophets in the power of the Holy Spirit.

When he emphatically stated that the Jesus whom they crucified was Lord and Messiah, they asked what they should do. He responded that they, like the disciples, needed to repent, accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and to ask for the anointing gift of the Holy Spirit. This they did. They were baptized and were filled with the anointing power of the Holy Spirit.

Then the Acts of the Apostles

states: “they came together for apostolic instruction, for community, for prayer and the breaking of the bread.” Peter’s message and their subsequent response became the core of the initial Life in the Spirit Seminar (LIS).

In the very beginning of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the leaders took what they experienced and what they read from the Acts to formulate the core teachings of this insightful seminar. Even though it has gone through many developments, adaptations, and titles, the basic teaching of LIS remains the same:

Basic Teaching of the Life in the Spirit Seminars:

- ♥ God's unmerited love
- ♥ the reality of sin
- ♥ the promised Savior, Jesus
- ♥ the coming of the Holy Spirit to sanctify, empower and mission us to proclaim the Father's saving plan to others
- ♥ a way to live and grow in the life of the Spirit

God’s unmerited love; the reality of sin; the promised Savior, Jesus; the coming of the Holy Spirit to sanctify, empower and mission us to proclaim the Father’s saving plan to others; and a way to live and grow in the life of the Spirit, fulfilling the biblical plan of God, “to be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Over the years LIS was

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray that the Lord God has been doing amazing things in your life through the grace you have received. Were you inspired like I was when you read our theme article by Bishop Sam Jacobs, "Life in the Spirit"? His message was challenging; are we bearing witness to the life-changing grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit in our lives? He asks the important questions: "If not you, who? If not in the power of the Holy Spirit, then how? If not in the daily places where you come in contact with people by divine appointments, where?"

In this issue of GLEANINGS you will find two different programs designed to bring a person into a deeper knowledge of God's personal love, and how the Holy Spirit wants to change their lives. Friday Night Prayer Group at St. Anthony's in Renton is offering a Life in the Spirit Seminar called "GIFT," produced by International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center (ICCRS), with Michelle Moran. It begins the last Friday in September. Pray about who God wants

you to invite. The second opportunity is called, "The Pentecost Mission Project." It will be offered on each Tuesday in October from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We will have Praise and Worship, watch one of "The Wild Goose" videos with Fr. Dave Pivonka, and close with small group sharing and prayer. Please tell your friends to join us at the WWCCR office on 143rd and Aurora. We are looking for people who have not experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit. After four weeks, our plan is to bring the program to different prayer groups with a goal that more and more people will experience their own personal Pentecost. There is nothing more life-changing. Amen! Who is God prompting you to invite?

This makes me think of something Blessed Mother Teresa said, "I'm like a little pencil in [God's] hand." By the time many of you read this, she will be *Saint* Mother Teresa. She is a shining example of total surrender to God's will in her life. I have been working hard on surrender. It is not easy, but as it says in Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." Join me in making an effort to be more aware of those 'divine appointments' in your life. Who could you bless today? A friend invited me to a conference in 2001, and I will be eternally grateful. Who invited you?

I would like to personally invite you to our 2016 'Current of Grace' Benefit Dinner and Auction. It will be on October 1st at Holy Rosary in Edmonds. It will be great fun and a way to celebrate the movement of the Spirit in the Northwest. Fr. Jim Northrop will help us celebrate with an exhortation and a few songs. Get your tickets today! See insert for all the details.

May you be filled with love, peace and joy,
Sue+

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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intended to be, and has remained, an effective tool for evangelization. Unfortunately, it is not used today as much as it should be. Many prayer groups seldom offer it or do so occasionally. As a result, we see, in the English-speaking Renewal, prayer groups becoming more like prayer clubs for the good of its members rather than evangelizing communities.

The question we need to ask as we approach the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is this: should prayer groups wait for people to come or should they go to them? Should they become proactive by inviting individuals through the use of social media which is so commonplace today?

I will let Pope Francis give us both the answer and the motivation. "Spreading the Gospel means that we are the first to proclaim and live the reconciliation, forgiveness, peace, unity, and love that the Holy Spirit gives us.... Just as the Son of God went out of himself, in a sense, and became man for our sake and just as he gave his total self, embracing the cross for our sake, we are called to go out of our comfort zone to bring the Good News of God's love and mercy to others... we are called to be radical revolutionaries, not in the world's understanding, but in God's. In this day and age, unless Christians are revolutionaries, they are not Christians. They must be revolutionaries through grace."

The call of Jesus to the Apostles was radical: "Go and be my witnesses to the whole world in the power of the Holy Spirit." This radical call was emphasized by Pope Paul VI when he wrote: "to be a Christian is to be an evangelizer."

Pope St John Paul II gave us a new lens to achieve this missionary call flowing from our Baptism and Confirmation. He used three terms: new in its fervor, new in its methods and new in its expressions. What did he mean? While the core message of the plan of God remains the same, we are called to proclaim it with the fresh new zeal and power of the Holy Spirit.

It is to be new in its methods. We are called to expand the tools we use to reach out to others. Think about the creative ways that this can be done. The presence of modern media could enable us to reach many more effectively. Some will work and some will not. Don't be discouraged. If nothing else, a seed may have been planted for a future harvest.

Of course, the more effective tool is personal invitation. This was the process that was effectively used in the early years of this renewal. It is the relational aspect of the new expressions that the pope spoke of. People relate to people who in their invitation show personal love and care.

Wasn't this the process manifested in the scriptures? Andrew reached out to his brother, Simon, with a simple invitation: "Come and see." The Samaritan woman, evangelized by Jesus at Jacob's well, went back to the village and simply said: "Come and see."

When was the last time we invited someone to experience the grace of this "New Pentecost"? Andrew and the Samaritan woman invited someone to come to Jesus who had a life-changing message to make a difference in their lives. What would have happened if they did not reach out to another? What happens, when we, who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, do not share with others the marvels God has done in our lives?

We have the experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. We have the revealed Word of God. "For all those who have called upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. So then, in what way will those who have not believed in him call upon him? Or in what way will those who have not heard of him believe in him? And in what way will they hear of him without preaching? And truly, in what way will they preach, unless they have been sent, just as it has been written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who evangelize peace, of those who evangelize what is good!" (Rom 10:13-15).

We have the prophetic exhortations of recent popes. Pope Francis said to the charismatic community of the world: "Bring this grace of the Holy Spirit to the Church."

We have these challenging questions. If not you, who? If not now, when? If not the core message of the plan of God, what? If not in the power of the Holy Spirit, how? If not in the daily places where you come into contact with people by divine appointment, where?

Bishop Sam Jacobs is Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. He was recently re-elected to the National Service Committee. This article originally appeared in Pentecost Today, Winter 2016, Volume 41, a publication of the National Service Committee. It is reprinted here with permission. For more information visit www.nsc-chariscenter.org

Healing Masses

with Prayers for Healing and Empowerment

Healing Masses are sponsored by WWCCR, by prayer groups and parishes in various locations in the archdiocese of Seattle. At these Masses we are focusing our attention on the healing power of God truly present at every celebration of the Eucharist.

MASSES WITH FR. JOHN BAPTIST BASHOBORA:

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM

St. John Bosco

10508 112th St SW, Lakewood, WA

Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 7:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

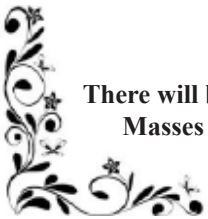
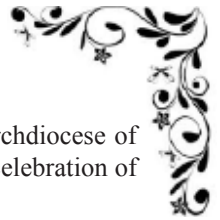
2316 180th St SE, Bothell, WA

Friday, September 30, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Church

820 18th Ave, Seattle, WA

There will be two more Healing Masses in October that will be announced via email and on our website. One of these Masses will be on *October 20th* at *St. Charles Borromeo Church* in Tacoma with Fr. Raja Savarimuthu, H.G.N. Save the date! Details will follow.



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see an ugly swelling.

The MRI results were nothing more than a light swelling in my feet but no swollen nerves. He decided to take a chance and went ahead anyway, fixing a date for the surgical procedure that would clip the nerve in the painful area. I did not know whether I should say, “No,” but I went ahead with my surgeon’s decision. While we waited for the surgery, my other foot became so bad that I rushed to the surgeon and upon checking me he said he was unable to decide anything and cancelled my surgery.

I felt so helpless and depressed that I decided to ask my Creator face to face. I went to Dwelling Place and categorically told Him: “You are the Doctor of all doctors, so You definitely know what is going on with my feet. I am ashamed to live like I’m 90 years old. If I have to learn something You want me to learn from this pain, then mercifully teach me in a way I can understand. I am going to receive Your Body and Blood as my medicine for my pain and the days I receive I should not have any pain.” I ended it by saying, “I ask this through Yours and my Mother’s Immaculate Heart.”

I trusted that Jesus would act upon my prayer since I asked Him through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The prayer ministers prayed over me and the next three days I started receiving Holy Communion believing in my heart that I was receiving my “medication.” After just two days the pain was completely gone, and now I am back working for my adorable Master, Jesus, as a prayer minister. Of course, “He has loved us with an everlasting love” and Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart never fails to obtain what her children need from Her Son. It’s been more than two months now that I am pain free! Hallelujah! Ave Maria!

We’re on YouTube

Search for “Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal” on www.youtube.com to find our new YouTube channel, and subscribe to see our new videos as they’re uploaded! Our newest upload is Misty Tougas’ Thursday Teachings talk from June: **“Walking in His Presence (audio)”**

Christina Srinivasan attends the Renewed in Christ Catholic Charismatic Community prayer group (a.k.a. RIC4), where she is part of the teaching and prayer ministries, and is also a member of the School of Healing Prayer facilitating team.

Save the Date!

November 13th

***Anniversary Mass
of Thanksgiving***

This November, WWCCR turns 39! Join our celebration as we give thanks to God for all He has done and will do!

Location and time to be announced.



Dwelling Place
- a God encounter

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, Sept. 19th

Monday, October 17th

7:30 to 9:30 pm

St. Pius X Church

22209 58th Ave W

Mountlake Terrace, WA

Monday, Sept. 26th

Monday, October 24th

7:30 to 9:00 pm

St. Stephen the Martyr Church

13055 SE 192nd St.

Renton, WA

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OCTOBER

**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, as we observe the changing seasons of nature, we would be reminded of God's perfect designs for life in all of its transitions and seasons.

- for all those who present, as well as those who attend, ongoing events sponsored by WWCCR such as Dwelling Place and the School of Healing Prayer; may the Lord make them fruitful for His purposes.

- for financial provision to meet the expenses of maintaining a ministry office.

- for these prayer groups:

St Michael Charismatic Group

St Michael's Parish, Olympia

Yahweh Nissi Prayer Group

OL of Perpetual Help, Everett

Anawim Prayer Group

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Kelso

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

SEPTEMBER

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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, as prayer groups and parishes plan the next season of ministry, they will discern opportunities to offer Life in the Spirit seminars so that more and more people will experience the profound love of God and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

- that all would hear the Lord's call to step forward in service, offering their God-given gifts and talents in their parish, prayer group, or the ministry of WWCCR.

- that through the witness of our lives we would be the salt and light that the Lord asks us to be for our families, friends and communities.

- for these prayer groups:

Joy of the Lord Prayer Group

St Mary Church, Anacortes

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

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:

Sept 1	Pope Francis	Oct 1	Pope Francis
Sept 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain	Oct 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
Sept 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS	Oct 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS
Sept 4	Fr. Jim Northrop	Oct 4	Fr. Jim Northrop
Sept 5	Fr. Armando S. Perez	Oct 5	Fr. Timothy J. Sauer
Sept 6	Fr. Leonardo Pestano	Oct 6	Fr. Rajasekar Savarimuthu
Sept 7	Fr. C. Vincent Peterson	Oct 7	Fr. Milhton H. Scarpetta
Sept 8	Fr. Joseph L. Petosa		John Paul Tomassi (seminarian)
	Dcn. Theman Pham	Oct 8	Fr. Frank R. Schuster
Sept 9	Fr. James D. Picton	Oct 9	Fr. Dennis C. Sevilla
Sept 10	Fr. Paul L. Pluth		Dcn. Tim Shamrell
Sept 11	Fr. Marc L. Powell	Oct 10	Fr. Patrick Sherrard
	Anh Tran (seminarian)		Dcn. Mark Shine
Sept 12	Fr. Thomas E. Quinn		Dcn. Joe Shriver
Sept 13	Fr. Michael E. Radermacher	Oct 11	Fr. Jack D. Shrum
Sept 14	Fr. Philip H. Raether		Dcn. Joseph Sifferman
	Dcn. Arturo Ramirez	Oct 12	Fr. Gorgonio Silagan, Jr.
	Dcn. Joseph Ramod	Oct 13	Fr. Vinner Raj Simeon Raj
Sept 15	Fr. Michael B. Raschko	Oct 14	Fr. Roger J. Smith
	Dcn. David Rapp		Dcn. Lloyd Snider
Sept 16	Fr. John T. Rashford	Oct 15	Fr. Richard J. Spicer
Sept 17	Fr. Armando V. Red	Oct 16	Fr. Aloysius J. Ssensamba
	Dcn. LaMar Reed	Oct 17	Fr. Mark A. Stehly
Sept 18	Fr. John J. Renggli	Oct 18	Fr. Michael J. Stinson
	Dcn. Rob Rensel	Oct 19	Fr. Todd O. Strange
	Dcn. John Ricciardi		Kyle Poje (seminarian)
	Dcn. Michael Riggio	Oct 20	Fr. Mel V. Strazicich
Sept 19	Fr. George O. Rink	Oct 21	Fr. Thomas J. Suss
Sept 20	Fr. Patrick J. Ritter		Dcn. Bill Swanson
Sept 21	Fr. Dennis E. Robb	Oct 22	Fr. Stephen J. Szeman
	Dcn. Ted Rodriguez		Dcn. Mirek Sztajno
Sept 22	Fr. Mario Rodriguez-Garcia	Oct 23	Fr. Marcin Szymanski, OP
Sept 23	Fr. David A. Rogerson	Oct 24	Fr. Binh Ta, C.Ss.R.
Sept 24	Fr. Stephen T. Roman		Dcn. Mike Teskey
	Dcn. Rey Ronquillo	Oct 25	Fr. Mathew Thelly
	Dcn. Jack Roscoe	Oct 26	Fr. Brian D. Thompson
Sept 25	Fr. Cody L. Ross		Val Park (seminarian)
Sept 26	Fr. Stephen C. Rowan	Oct 27	Fr. Francis K. Thumbi
	Dcn. Bob Rupno	Oct 28	Fr. Jaime M. Tolang
Sept 27	Fr. Michael G. Ryan		Dcn. Bill Townsend
	Dcn. Ron Ryan	Oct 29	Fr. Phuong D. Tran
Sept 28	Fr. Denis Ryan	Oct 30	Fr. Vu P. Tran
	Dcn. E. Jerome Sadler	Oct 31	Fr. Anthony Lan Tran
Sept 29	Fr. Steve Sallis		
	Dcn. Ron San Nicolas		
Sept 30	Fr. Ramon Santa Cruz		

TEACHING NIGHTS

"Praying for Prophetic Blessing"

presented by Misty Tougas

We are all made in God's image, made to live in intimate relationship with Him and with one another. When we pray for others, receiving a prophetic blessing for them can be God's way of awakening that person to His love and His desire for their eternal life – which can begin now! Come learn how to pray for prophetic blessing so that others can encounter God's greatest desire for their life: "to give you the Kingdom!" (Luke 12:32)

Thursday, October 13

6:30 - 9:00 PM

at the **WWCCR Office**

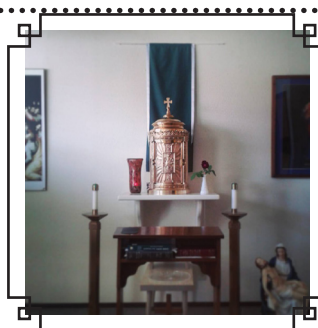
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Bring a snack to share!

Limited space available.

Call to register: 206-364-2272



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, September 14, 11:00 AM

Fr. Cal Christiansen

Wednesday, October 12, 11:00 AM

Fr. Cal Christiansen

September/October

Sept 14	WWCCR Office Mass at 11 AM Followed by a potluck lunch	Oct 1	Current of Grace Annual Benefit Dinner Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonds, 6 PM
Sept 19	Dwelling Place, Mountlake Terrace See p. 5	Oct 4	Pentecost Mission Project, see insert
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Oct 20 Mass with Prayers for Healing, 7 PM
St. Charles Borromeo Church, Tacoma

Oct 24 Dwelling Place, Renton
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Oct 25 Pentecost Mission Project, see insert

**PLEASE NOTE:
THE NEXT ISSUE OF GLEANINGS WILL
BE A COMBINED NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER.**

Financial Update

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:8

After several years of waiting for the balance of the funds needed to replace our worn-out roof, the Lord sent us a great friend who made a way to work with the budget we had. However, in those years of waiting, those funds provided a reserve we borrowed from (and repaid) from time to time for the months when income did not meet essential expenses. Summer is always one of those times. So, we praise God for our new roof! And we trust that He will use each of you to provide the needed money for a new reserve of funds for the lean months. Thank you for sending your donation every month. I know the Lord is blessing you for it. Hope to see many of you at our Benefit Dinner on October 1st.

	June	July	YTD
Income all sources	\$9,815.34	\$5,959.89	\$182,397.56
expenses	\$23,267.43	\$11,842.78	\$186,535.96
adjustments	(\$828.32)	(\$138.84)	(\$3,865.32)
net income/shortfall	(\$14,280.41)	(\$3,405.73)	(\$8,003.72)
Cash at end of July	\$5,119.27		



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The Doctor of All Doctors

Testimony by Christina Srinivasan

My name is Christina and I am a prayer minister. Last year, my foot pain, which used to be off and on, became constantly present and my husband and I decided to get it checked since it was not responding to any foot soaks, massages or even pain killers. I went to a podiatrist who was unable to diagnose or effectively treat the pain. After months of painfully trying orthopedics, oil injections and prescription pain medications, we were still not going anywhere. My feet felt so bad that I couldn't stand for more than five minutes. Even showering was painful, so I used to pray for God's help to take a shower. Cooking and regular house chores became very cumbersome affairs. I was beginning to worry: *What is holding back my healing? My sins? An attack by the enemy? Or, is it simply a cross given to me by my Savior?*

I started going to Confession more often and asking for the intercession of Our Lady and my patron saints. Every day started and ended in tears and feelings of shame. I was ashamed to be unable to take care of my home and family. I stopped working as a prayer minister because of my unbearable pain.

In the meantime, I consulted with an orthopedic surgeon who thought it could be "Morton's neuroma," a painful swelling of the nerve under my toes. He scheduled an MRI and expected to

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