



# GLEANINGS

*Renewing the face of the earth*



*Empowered by the Holy Spirit*

WWCCR'S  
SPECIAL 40TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
EDITION!

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## *In This Edition of GLEANINGS*



We asked for submissions from YOU to tell us how the Holy Spirit changed your life through the ministry of WWCCR. We received so many beautiful stories we could not fit them all in this special issue! Please look for more testimonies to appear in subsequent issues of GLEANINGS; after all, we're celebrating 40 years of ministry

all year! Thank you so much for sharing your stories!

## **From Father Tony Bawyn on the Celebration of our 40th Anniversary**



*"Congratulations on your 40th anniversary, and may God continue to prosper the ministry of your office and the many members of the Catholic faithful who, alive in the Holy Spirit, continue to enrich the Church!"*

I am not certain when I was first introduced to WWCCR, but it is a pleasure to have been associated with them for many years. Although I never attended a Life in the Spirit seminar, I feel truly blessed to have been enriched by the gift of faith and love of Jesus I found among the members, whether it was while hearing confessions for one of the youth retreats, participating in a healing service or, more likely, celebrating one of the monthly office Masses. I am also honored to have been a link in getting permission from Archbishop Murphy for the Blessed Sacrament to be reserved at the WWCCR office now these many years later.

Now after being a priest for 35 years, I realize that not only is the role of the Holy Spirit underappreciated, but the Church desperately needs to both promote more of the spiritual gifts and trust that the Spirit continues to make the Risen Lord present so we will have nothing to fear.

Congratulations on your 40th anniversary, and may God continue to prosper the ministry of your office and the many members of the Catholic faithful who, alive in the Holy Spirit, continue to enrich the Church!

- Fr. Tony Bawyn

*"The Holy Spirit comes where He is loved, where He is invited, where He is expected."*

*St. Bonaventure*

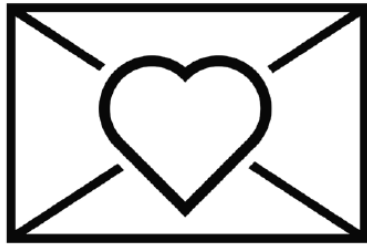
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# From Sue



*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

My heart is bursting as I read these testimonies and recall my own journey in life in the Spirit. I have loved Jesus since I was six but in June of 2001 I fell *in love* with Jesus as the Holy Spirit stirred up the gifts of His Spirit in my heart. I am very grateful for all the opportunities to grow in those gifts, offered through the ministry of WWCCR. In 2007, they invited me to help lead the Annual Women's Retreat. In 2010, they asked me to help lead the School of Healing Prayer and, in 2013, they asked me to lead WWCCR. Holy wow! With God, all things are possible. Each of those ministries helped me to discover my true self,

the person God created me to be. Praying for this in your life. God has placed His love in my heart through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother as she helped me surrender to His will. It is a lifelong journey of saying "yes" to Jesus. Amen?

On November 3rd and 4th, we will be blessed to be together in celebration of 40 years of grace – amazing grace – that Pope Francis calls the "Current of Grace in the Church." There are communities of prayer groups spread out throughout the Northwest that are on fire and lighting the way. It is time to bring all those little fires together for one BIG bonfire. :- ) Clear your calendar and register today for a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit upon all of us. Jim Murphy and Dr. Tom Curran will inspire and challenge us. Bishop Eusebio Elizondo will evangelize us like only he can. We will unveil our new strategic plan at our dinner. (Hotels are listed on our website registration page: [www.wwccr.org/40th-anniversary-celebration/](http://www.wwccr.org/40th-anniversary-celebration/))

Next month we will continue to share testimonies with you from priests, prayer groups and individuals from across the Northwest. Your donations of thanksgiving are needed and appreciated at this time, as we celebrate 40 years of God's provision through each one of you!

See you at St. Stephen the Martyr. Alleluia!

***"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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## 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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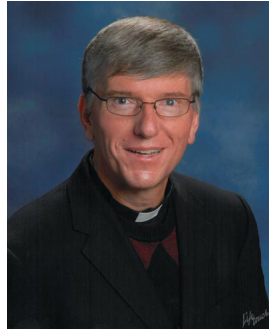
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## **“My ministry and call to the priesthood came out of the Renewal.”**

*Dear Friends,*

I attended my first prayer group at St. Luke's when I was 15, in 1973. It seemed to be a normal part of what it meant to be Catholic. None of the spiritual gifts seemed unusual to me for I had an experience of the Holy Spirit that I later learned was the baptism of the Holy Spirit when I was 14 and preparing for Confirmation.



Our teachers for Confirmation were all involved in the charismatic prayer group. The class was in many ways a Life in the Spirit seminar. We were told to expect the manifestation of the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts. One night, I was praying when I felt myself overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit. I felt myself floating and enveloped in an experience of love that I never experienced so deeply before or since. My whole life flashed before me, not just my past, but also my future. The Lord showed me a path He desired me to follow and He told me not to be afraid. I was wrapped in this state for what seemed to be hours. I really do not know how long it lasted. Later that month I was confirmed and I knew the path I needed to follow. So, when I was invited to our local prayer group, it seemed like home to me.

Over the years I attended many prayer groups, both locally and in Maryland and Washington D.C. while attending seminary. In recent years I have not been as active in the Renewal as I used to be but I still use the spiritual gifts in my ministry. The gifts of healing and words of knowledge and wisdom have been an important part of my ministry. I especially love leading praise. At the Snohomish County jail every Saturday we have 45 minutes of praise and worship for the prisoners for the men in the morning and for the women in the afternoon. I love this time of praising the Lord. My ministry and call to the priesthood came out of the Renewal. I am very grateful. Praise the Lord!

*Fr. Jay DeFolco*  
Fr. Jay DeFolco



## **MASS with Prayers for Healing and Empowerment**

Masses with Prayers for Healing and Empowerment 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.



**Celebrant:**  
*Fr. Dwight Lewis*

***Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
at 7:00 pm***

***Praise & Worship music starts at 6:45 pm***

St. John Bosco Catholic Church  
10508 112th St SW  
Lakewood, WA 98498

## **UNBOUND TRAINING**

WHERE: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Seattle

WHEN: Friday, October 27, 2017 at 7-9 PM

Saturday, October 28, 2017 9 AM – 4 PM

COST: \$10 for class only (if you already have both books)  
/ \$25 includes UNBOUND Guidebook / \$38 includes  
UNBOUND book and Guidebook

If you need to order books,  
the DEADLINE to register is October 3rd;  
if you already have both books,  
registration closes October 24th.

TO REGISTER: Contact WWCCR by calling  
206-364-2272 OR email [info@wwccr.org](mailto:info@wwccr.org)

### ***Did You Know?***

Our newsletter was originally called “Brothers As One” when we began publishing it in 1976. The name was changed to “The Good Newsletter” in March 1978. It was finally changed to GLEANINGS in January, 1982.





## Words from praise and worship group, Heights of Zion:

We are so grateful for the way the Lord has used WWCCR as a vessel to build a strong community of people of worship. Since the first Night of Worship until now, each one of us has grown in our love for Jesus and desire to praise Him. We are able to see the Spirit becoming more and more present at N.O.W. each month as our praise deepens our faith. We would not be where we are if it was not for the fervent prayer

***“We would not be where we are if it was not for the fervent prayer warriors behind WWCCR.”***

warriors behind WWCCR. We each can testify to receiving an abundance of grace from the start, and we strongly believe it comes from these prayers. The leaders of WWCCR have supported and loved us before the band was even a band – we really appreciate this. WWCCR has shown us Christ by their beautiful witness of prayer and docility of the Holy Spirit.

*Brothers Tony and Pat D’Angelo, Gabby Herndon, and Trey Caldwell form the new group, Heights of Zion. They seek to live life infused by the Holy Spirit and share their love for God and the Catholic faith through music. They lead the Night of Worship at Immaculate Conception in Seattle on the first Saturday of the month (this month’s date is October 7th at 7 PM). They are currently recording their first album. If you would like more information about the group you can contact them at [heightsofzionmusic@gmail.com](mailto:heightsofzionmusic@gmail.com)*

## My Dwelling Place Experience

*by Gabby Herndon, Heights of Zion band member*

I first heard about WWCCR from a beautiful Holy Spirit encounter with a member who intercedes at Dwelling Place Healing Nights. I was intrigued and

***“After experiencing one of these nights, my heart was completely surrendered.”***

knew that I must go and check it out. After experiencing one of these nights, my heart was completely surrendered. When I was there I did not have to speak a word; I simply sat in the silence and the Holy Spirit did all of the talking through Misty

and Mitch. Every little thing I was dealing with in my personal life was brought up and confronted between me and Jesus that evening. I journaled it all. I couldn’t believe it. I felt so weak – but yet knew HE was so much stronger. I felt so vulnerable – but yet so loved. I could not believe how powerful that evening was. I sat in those church pews in awe of how the Spirit was moving. It felt like it was just me and Jesus. I could feel the authenticity of the team members when they prayed over me. I left that evening saying, “I want that. This is the community I need to be surrounded in.” WWCCR took my heart straight to Jesus.

Did you know? HEIGHTS OF ZION will lead praise and worship at our 40th Anniversary Celebration! Online registration for this event is open until October 23rd (see pg. 8)

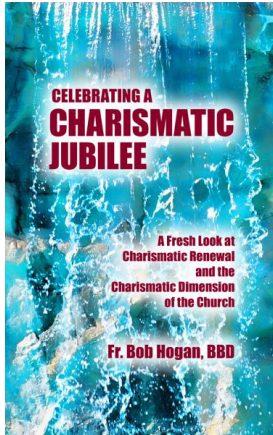
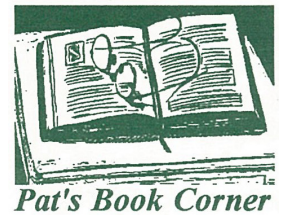
**“My favorite part of WWCCR events has always been the times of Praise and Worship.** Whether it is at a Healing Mass, Women’s Retreat, Prayer Ministry class or a small prayer group, I love this special time of song. When we lift our hearts and voices together, the veil between heaven and earth thins, and all our earthly crosses become irrelevant as we lose ourselves in His Love. I am so grateful to WWCCR for providing these opportunities!”

– Pat Land

For over 25 years, our friend Pat Corwin played a significant role in the life of WWCCR by finding and reviewing key books for the spiritual growth for our GLEANINGS readers. In honor of her, may I present:

## Celebrating a Charismatic Jubilee

A Fresh Look at Charismatic Renewal  
and the Charismatic Dimension of the Church by Fr. Bob Hogan BBD  
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Fr. Bob Hogan is the co-founder of the Brothers of the Beloved Disciple Community and the Director of the Catholic Center for Charismatic Renewal in San Antonio. He will thoughtfully walk you through the Charismatic Renewal events that bring us to today's Renewal. Throughout the book, he also skillfully weaves in key quotes from the Popes, Scripture, and other Renewal founders.

Fr. Bob covers a lot of material in these 140 pages. He addresses how the hierarchical and charismatic dimensions of the Church are co-essential. He does a beautiful job of describing the beginnings of CCR, from the Duquesne Weekend to how things progressed during its rapid growth and how we got to where we are today, 50 years later. I appreciated his clear description about the "Full Role of the Holy Spirit" that leads to: first, experiencing a deeper union with God; second, an inner transformation that leads to holiness; third, a ministry empowered by charisms for evangelization and service; and fourth, building communities that witness to a renewed Catholic life (as described in the National Service Committee mission statement). He addresses the struggles of Charismatic Renewal leadership and ministries head-on and provides some wisdom on how to move forward. Fr. Bob also gives a clearer understanding of baptism in the Holy Spirit, the use of charisms, and the important role of praise and worship in communities and daily life. In his last chapter, he celebrates with Mary, the model and teacher of charismatic living.

Whether you are new to Charismatic Renewal or have been involved for years, you'll be able to find new insights and a clearer understanding about the Holy Spirit and Catholic Charismatic Renewal from this book.

Look for this book and many others at the WWCCR 40th Anniversary book table on November 3rd and 4th!

*Reviewed by Sharon Fox, Board President of WWCCR*

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## The Healing Power of the Mass

*by Debora Johnston*

For over 20 years WWCCR has offered Masses with prayers for healing coordinated by Jean Beers, Bobbie Brown and myself and with the help of priests both from our own archdiocese and from all around the world. These evenings always begin with Mass and inspirational faith-filled music creating an environment of peace in the presence of Christ our Healer.

We have been blessed to witness and receive testimonies of physical, mental and spiritual healings. People come with intentions to bring before the Lord and leave feeling inspired, refreshed, and restored, always thanking us for the opportunity to gather, sharing how God touched them and how loved they feel.

Although we cannot begin to name all of the healings people have experienced, we have heard testimonies about couples receiving the ability to conceive a child after years of infertility, healing of relationships, depression being lifted, reconciliation in marriages, people returning to the Church and the Sacraments, conversions of heart, greater faith, answered prayers for a job, countless other physical healings, and the list goes on and on.

As it says in Scripture, "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9 and Matthew 7:7) These evenings begin with our attention on the Lord, being transformed by our union with Christ in Holy Communion, followed by the opportunity to specifically ask, seek and knock and allow God to do what only God can do: heal us!

Sharing Christ, inspiring hope, and offering opportunities for God's children to gather and be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit are still at the heart of all that we do at WWCCR.

# Never Give Up! The Fruit of Patience and Prayer

by Lucille Hadden

At first sight, there is nothing in the small church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Kelso, Washington, to draw one in save the Blessed Sacrament, the crucifix, and a beautiful statue of the Immaculate Heart. All else is bare. Still, this little parish of only several hundred families has become a place of love and healing for the many that come.

My husband Dan and I arrived in Kelso from Ohio in May 2005 and began attending IHM. There were no charismatic prayer groups there or anywhere close by. Unbeknown to us, two other couples and one other woman also moved to the area at the same time and began attending IHM. When one of the couples announced the start of a prayer group, we all showed up, excited to have a group to gather with. Everyone felt that they had been called by God, not only to this particular area, but also to start a prayer group.

We met weekly for the next five years, getting to know each other, praising and thanking God, praying, teaching, inviting others and waiting for what we felt God had for us. Our leader, Jack, kept saying, “God has a purpose for this and something is about to happen! We have to be patient.” However, NOTHING happened. No encouragement from our leaders or others. No sign that we were on the right track, or even a good track! We attempted a day of renewal to give testimony to life in the Spirit, encourage baptism in the Holy Spirit and invite our parishioners to experience the Risen Lord. About 10 people showed up. It was a graced-filled day with many blessings, but, a week later, it seemed as though it never happened. We were stumped. And it

seemed that this was the way it was with every activity that took place.

But on Divine Mercy Sunday 2009, our prayer group met for the 3 PM celebration, and spontaneously gathered afterwards in the middle of the aisle to pray. At this time we sensed God’s plan was about to unfold!

That next year, we gave a Life in the Spirit Seminar. 45 people attended and many were filled with the Holy Spirit! Our group grew and our pastor invited us to form prayer teams that would help with in-depth prayer for healing in our area. About 24 people from IHM, St. Mary’s in Castle Rock and St. Rose in Longview were invited to attend School of Healing Prayer. Out of this program and the Unbound seminar, our parish prayer team ministry was born. In 2010, we formed our present ANAWIM Prayer Group and later started the Fount of Mercy Healing Mass that is scheduled four times a year. There are countless stories of healing, renewal, deliverance, and new life!

Since then, the ANAWIM parish prayer teams have prayed for countless people at healing Masses, after-Mass prayer on Sundays, and at in-depth scheduled prayer ministry. We’ve hosted Pentecost Vigils, Wild Goose is Loose series showings, weekly prayer meetings, several Life in the Spirit seminars, and two Unbound training programs.

We encourage those who are seeking renewal in their parish to never give up, to trust in prayer and to believe the desire in their hearts that God wants to renew us in this day! Happy 50 years of Charismatic Renewal, Church, and happy 40th Anniversary, WWCCR!

*The ANAWIM Prayer Group meets at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Kelso WA, Monday evenings, 6:30 PM in the Hall*

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## A Heart Transplant

by Virginia King

The *fruit* of the Renewal in my life is the realization of the *fruits* of the Holy Spirit. When I was baptized in the Holy Spirit, Jesus gave me a “heart transplant” that changed my bitter, angry, wounded heart into a heart that could love with Jesus’ love. Because of this profound experience of “the love of God poured into my heart through the Holy Spirit that has been given to me” (Rom 5:5), I have been able to trust God for every other fruit to be made manifest in my life. Whenever I am tempted to rely on my own efforts to love someone, or to be patient with a difficult situation, I am quickly reminded that “it is the Lord!” who brings joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. For me it is impossible, but for God, all things are possible! *(This testimony first appeared in the Summer 2017 Edition of Pentecost Today)*





# “I found healing and grew in the spiritual gifts ...”

*Testimony by Jennifer Kowalewski*

God changed the course of my life through WWCCR. I was a brand-new Christian when I attended my first WWCCR youth retreat at age 14. I had given my life to the Lord but had no idea what to do next, and there was so much growth and healing that I needed! When I received a flyer for the youth retreat in the mail, I knew that this was the next step.

It was a beautiful weekend full of love, encouragement and fun. But the best part was my experience of the Holy Spirit. Sitting around a campfire Saturday night, we were encouraged to come forward and ask for prayer. I was terrified to do it, but I finally broke through that fear and went forward to Fr. Jay. He placed his hands on my head and began to pray. I have no memory of what he said as he prayed but I will never forget what happened! I felt the Holy Spirit pour through my body like water, and He brought an infilling of supernatural peace and

a knowledge of being loved by God that I had never experienced before.

I went home transformed by that experience. Of course, one event wouldn't have been enough to keep me on track, and I thank God that I had those retreats through my high school years. As I became involved in the youth ministry team, I got to know people who loved me with God's love. I found healing and grew in the spiritual gifts that God had given me. That foundation influenced every choice I made and every place that God brought me in my faith and life. I would not be who I am today, free and healed and a disciple of Jesus Christ – and I don't even want to think about what my life would be now – had God not reached me through WWCCR. He pulled me out of darkness and brought me step by step into His wonderful light.

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## Planting the Seeds of God's Love

*by Andrea Garcia*

Three or four years ago, I was at a friend's house for a party and a young woman came up to me and asked me if I recognized her. She was in her late twenties and told me that, as a teenager, she was invited to a WWCCR Youth Retreat by a friend. At that time, she agreed to go with her friend on the condition that her friend would go to her Pentecostal youth retreat in exchange. But, the young woman talking to me said, she was the one who had a life-changing experience. She explained that on the retreat she saw young people who were excited about God and sang their hearts out to the Holy Spirit and loved the Mass so much that it turned out to be the starting point for her coming home into the Catholic faith. And here she was, years later, telling me how much that one retreat impacted her life. All I could think was, “Wow, we never know when we plant the seeds of God's love where it's going to fall and how it grows in the hearts of those who are seeking!” She thanked me, but I knew she was really thanking all of those who formed a part of the WWCCR Youth Ministry team, and even WWCCR itself for giving us the resources to put on these retreats. I was able to see the fruit of our labor and it will have a lasting imprint on my heart, since it shows the magnitude of what we do in the Charismatic Renewal.

***“Thanks to the Charismatic Movement, a multitude of Christians, men and women, young people and adults have rediscovered Pentecost as a living reality in their daily lives. I hope that the spirituality of Pentecost will spread in the Church as a renewed incentive to prayer, holiness, communion and proclamation.”***

*- Pope St. John Paul II, address at first vespers, Pentecost, May 29, 2004*

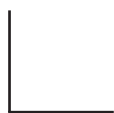


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