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# Preserve the Unity of the Spirit

#### By Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD

This is an excerpt from a workshop given at the 2014 National Leaders' and Ministries' Conference in Pittsburgh titled "Fostering Baptism in the Holy Spirit: A Covenant of Understanding." It was edited here for space.

What is Charismatic Renewal meant to be in the Church? There's no question that the gift of Charismatic Renewal is for personal renewal, to make people's faith come alive, to make them see that God is a living God that can touch lives. However, beyond that personal renewal, I believe that the Charismatic Renewal was meant to have a wider influence in helping the whole Church understand what it means to live in the Holy Spirit.

The Lord has a purpose that's bigger than parish prayer groups. We are meant to have an impact on the whole Church. Pope Francis recently said "Charismatic Renewal is a current of grace" that God has set forth in the Church. Charismatic Renewal has led to lots of things: prayer groups, covenant communities; Steubenville conferences; Life Teen, and many other ministries. But over the years, for lots of different reasons, we've gotten isolated and scattered. In a diocese you might have a prayer group that never relates with another prayer group. They may not even know that there is another prayer group five miles down the road from them. If we believe the grace of Charismatic Renewal is to influence the life of the whole Church then we all know it needs to be about more than just "my prayer group."

The whole Church is charismatic. The seeds of charismatic living are in every sacramentally baptized person. But we know that seed needs to be fanned into a flame. When I was on the National Service Committee, I became more aware of how scattered we were in the Renewal, with different ministries and different nationality groups not relating very much with each other. I prayed about it and the Lord put on my heart the idea that we need to focus on the spiritual bond that we have with everyone who receives the grace of being baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Understanding this bond will lead us to be more consistent in seeking unity, and praying for that grace together, and being open to ways that we may need to cooperate with each other. We don't want to turn off the current. When we're not working in unity it's like the light switch going off - on - off - on. The current is going off and on, doing some wonderful things but it's not having the full impact that the Lord wants it to have.

"You, the Charismatic Renewal, have received a great gift from the Lord. Your movement's birth was willed by the Holy Spirit to be 'a current of grace in the Church and for the Church.' This is your identity: to be a current of grace."

> Pope Francis June 1, 2014

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## From Sue's Desk

Happy New Year everyone!

This month I would like to say "Thank You" to three members of the Board of Directors who have finished their terms of service and introduce the current members.

**Deacon Richard Labrecque** served on the Board for six years, serving as Board President for two of those years. He resides in Sequim with his wife Sharon and made the long trek to the WWCCR office in Seattle for our monthly meetings. His input and dedication to WWCCR has been a valuable blessing.

Brenda Wickersham served on the Board for seven years and was Board Secretary for five of those years. Her calm wisdom and ability to summarize a discussion was a gift. She lives in Tumwater with her husband David, which was also a sacrificial commute to meetings.

Maria Ordoñez served for one year on the Board but has been active with the Hispanic ministry of WWCCR for many years. She has a wonderful gift of hospitality and was a gracious host for our Board Retreats. She is active in the leadership of the Hispanic Prayer Group at Christ Our Hope Catholic Church in Seattle. We thank each of them for their generous heart of service.

The current Board of Directors for WWCCR are:

Mike Solon joined the Board in 2009. He is serving his fifth year as Board Treasurer (and recently got the office stove and oven working again!). Mike and his wife Kathy are members of St. Madeleine Sophie Church in Bellevue. They have two children and four grandchildren. He is part of the core group of the St. Anthony's Friday Night Prayer Group.

Mitch Roberts joined the Board in October 2011. He was elected Board President in 2014 and again for 2015. He and his wife Robin have two children and are members of St. Brendan Church in Bothell where he is part of the core group for the Light of Christ Prayer Group. He served on the core team for the WWCCR School of Healing Prayer for a year and is part of the Dwelling Place presenting team.

Kerry McMahon joined the Board in September 2013 and is serving as Vice President for 2015. She and her husband Steve are members of

St. Pius X Church in Mountlake Terrace and they have three children. As part of the core group for Living Waters Prayer Group at St. Pius X she

enjoys being part of the Praise and Worship team and giving teachings. Kerry served on the WWCCR School of Healing Prayer Core Team for a year and is part of the presenting team for Dwelling Place.

We welcomed Kelley Masterson in January 2014. She is our Secretary for 2015. She and her husband Brad and their four children are members of St. Theresa Church in Federal Way. She has been on the Women's Retreat Committee for five years and is on the Dwelling Place Core Team. We are blessed by Kelley's ability to use scripture to hear the voice of God.

This month we welcome two NEW WWCCR Board members: Sharon Fox and Deanna Meyer. You will hear more about them next month.

Please keep the Board of Directors in your prayers. It is their job to discern the direction of this ministry. They are looking forward to "equipping the holy ones for the ministry, in building up the Body of Christ."

God bless you, Sue+

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by nurturing and inspiring Catholics:	GLEANINGS is the monthly newsletter published by Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal (WWCCR). The purpose of this newsletter is to provide teaching, news and a calendar of
* To experience a personal relationship with	events which help to foster Catholic charismatic renewal throughout the Church in western Washington.
Jesus Christ through baptism in the Holy Spiri	it © 2015 Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Not to be reproduced without permission.
<ul> <li>To fan into flame the gifts we receive through the Sacraments</li> </ul>	<b>DEADLINE:</b> In order for any 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.
To develop a deeper life of prayer and worship	Items for the February 2015 issue are due January 2.

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The Pontifical Council of the Laity in the Vatican has officially recognized that baptism in the Holy Spirit is something that is meant for all Catholics. When there are misunderstandings, we need to help people understand. We need to help people see that any grace that God gives you is not just for a moment. When God gives a grace it is always a seed,

a seed planted in you that will keep growing if you keep praying and responding in faith and obedience to the Lord. Jesus talks about the sower and the seed and the need to make sure you're planting in good soil so that you keep growing in your life.

The current of grace is more powerful when we are united. Doesn't Jesus say that? "Where two or three are gathered in my name I will be in their midst." In Ephesians 4: Paul says (vs 1), "I urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received," When you were touched by Charismatic Renewal it was a call, a call to be something in the Church. In Charismatic Renewal we're called to be a reminder in the Church of the importance of the Holy Spirit.

We're meant to work in partnership, in cooperation with the Holy Spirit. Paul goes on and says (vs 2-3): "...live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." I don't think in the Charismatic Renewal we have enough "striving to preserve the unity of the spirit." All who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit have been called to preserve the unity of the spirit. God is pouring out this current of grace. We

"When God gives a grace it is always a seed, a seed planted in you that will keep growing if you keep praying and responding in faith and obedience to the Lord." are called to say "I am part of this current of grace, and I must be united with everyone else who is part of this current of grace, for the sake of the whole Church." In this way the whole Church can grow in understanding the Holy Spirit.

Paul goes on to say: "he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood ..." The grace of the Spirit will lead to a unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity!

If we are just a bunch of isolated people, or isolated, groups, or isolated ministries, we never reach "mature manhood" in Christ. It's only within the complete Body of Christ that we find the fullness of maturity in the Lord, united with the Church, united with our Pope and bishops and all the people. Unity is important in growing in maturity and opening doors that we cannot possibly open by ourselves. Continuing on: "... until we attain mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ...Living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament with the proper functioning of each part [each gift], brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in love." Eph 4:11-16 We are meant to be people who are joined and linked and connected together. This is true with the whole Church, and it's also true within the Charismatic Renewal.

Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD is a past NSC chairman and currently serves on the NSC Council. He works at the Catholic Center for Charismatic Renewal in San Antonio and is one of the co-founders of the Brothers of the Beloved Disciple. Information about ordering CDs of the complete presentation can be found at the NSC website: nsc-chariscenter.org

2015 WWCCR Women's Retreat Registration Deadline is January 23rd! Sign up today! Bring a Friend!



### February 6-8, 2015

at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades in Federal Way, WA

#### Guest Speaker: Lavinia Spirito Priest: Fr. Cal Christiansen

Click on the QR code to visit: wwccr.org/events-outreach/wwccr-womens-retreat/ or call the WWCCR office for a registration form.



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needs to experience baptism in the Holy Spirit, and prayed to God to "*refine our hearts to know how You want us to serve You now.*"

After Mass, during our time of fellowship, we were especially blessed to meet the family of ten who joined us for the day, and who had recently come to the United States after many years in a refugee camp in Malawi. We were blessed to hear their testimony of faith and to enjoy the smiles of the beautiful children.

Mitch Roberts, President of the Board of Directors, shared his journey of faith and how he came to be acquainted with WWCCR. Kerry McMahon, the new Vice President on the Board spoke about the contributions of the Board members whose terms are ending—Dcn. Richard LaBrecque, Brenda Wickersham, and Maria Ordonez.

Our day continued on with an extended time of praise and worship, including praying for each other for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and stirring up our gifts for service to the Church.

Plan to join us at this event next year (*sometime in early December*)! It is exactly the remedy that will lift your spirits toward the Lord during the Advent time of waiting and the sometimes hectic preparations for the Christmas holiday.

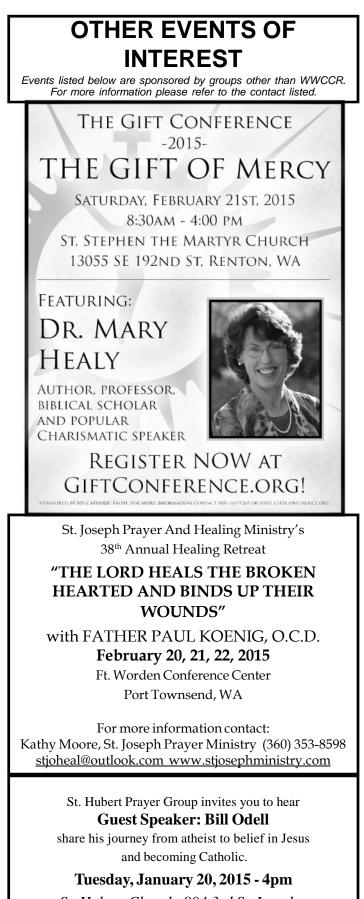
Carolyn McNerney is on staff at WWCCR. She and her husband Ron are parishioners at St. Theresa Church in Federal Way.

> Our Eucharistic Chapel is available for private prayer any time that our office is open, 9:30 м until 4:00 рм, Monday through Friday.

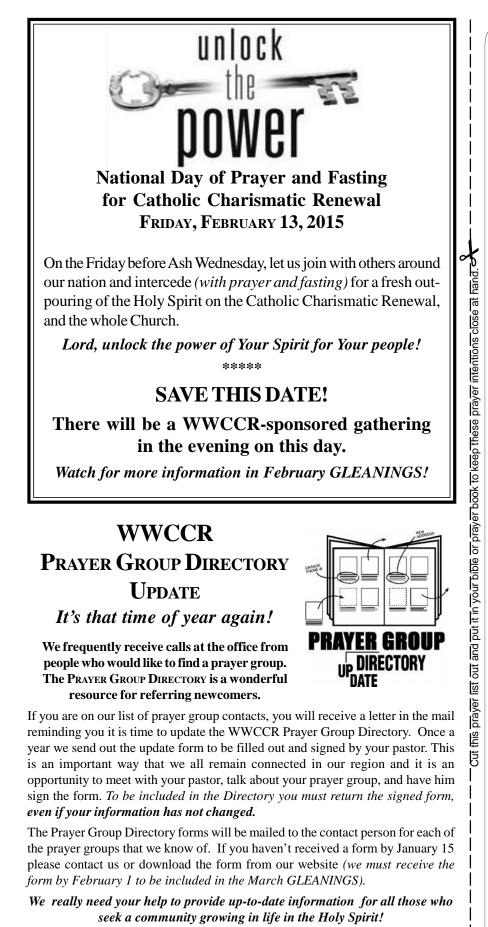
OFFICE MASS SCHEDULE: Wednesday, January 14, 11:00 AM with Fr. Cal Christiansen

Monday, January 26, 7:00 PM with Fr. Tony Bawyn

**Holy Hour:** We would love to have you join us every Friday from 2:30-3:30 pm as we pray for charismatic renewal, the work of WWCCR and your own special intentions.



*St. Hubert Church, 804 3rd St, Langley* for more information contact: Bell Moore, 360-320-0937



#### **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 calendar; particularly the events WWCCR is sponsoring, and also ...

- for the Executive Director, Board of Directors, and staff as they pursue the call to "equip the holy ones for the ministry for building up the Body of Christ" in the coming year.
- for increased presentations of Holy Spirit seminars in our region to bring the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit, "which changes our lives and makes each Christian a witness to God's love."
- for the many and varied resources needed to fulfill this vision and call.
- for these prayer groups:

12/28-01/03	Beloved of Christ Prayer
	Group, Seattle
01/04-01/10	La Luz De Cristo Grupo
	de Oración, Seattle
01/11-01/17	Saturday Morning
	Prayer Group, Seattle
01/18-01/24	Llamados Por Cristo
	Grupo de Oración,
	Seattle
01/25-01/31	El Shaddai-DWXI PPFI,
	Seattle

Next IPN events: Sunday, January 4, 2015 Sunday, February 1, 2015 2:00 – 4:00 pm

IPN gatherings are usually on the 1st Sunday of the month at the WWCCR office, unless otherwise noted.

*Pray that these men let themselves* be enthralled by Christ. In this way they will be, for the world in our time, heralds of hope, reconciliation and peace! (adapted from Benedict XVI)

#### Please pray for these priests, deacons and seminarians this month:

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keep these prayer intentions close at hand.

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Jan 1	Pope Francis
Jan 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
Jan 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
Jan 4	Fr. Jim Northrop
Jan 5	Fr. Gerald L. Mayovsky
Jan 6	Fr. W. Dean Mbuzi
Jan 7	Fr. Richard K. McCallister
Jan 8	Fr. Justin D. McCreedy, OSB
Jan 9	Fr. J. Patrick McDermott
Jan 10	Fr. Michael J. McDermott
	Dcn. Larry McDonald
Jan 11	Fr. Joseph O. McGowan, SJ
	Dcn. Mike McGillicuddy
Jan 12	Fr. Shane P. McKee
	Dcn. Stephen McGlone
Jan 13	Fr. William A. McKee
	Dcn. Rod McGuire
Jan 14	Fr. Timothy J. McKenna
Jan 15	Fr. John M. McLaughlin
Jan 16	Fr. Tom McMichael
Jan 17	Fr. John E. McMullan
	Dcn. Greg McNabb
Jan 18	Fr. Francis S. Mien, OP
	Dcn. Henry Miner
Jan 19	Fr. Lukasz K. Misko, OP
Jan 20	Fr. Joseph P. Mitchell
	Jeff Moore (seminarian)
Jan 21	Fr. Gilberto Mora Tapia
Jan 22	Fr. Kevin J. Moran
Jan 23	Fr. Gary J. Morelli
	Dcn. George Mounce
Jan 24	Fr. David T. Mulholland
	Dcn. Carl Moyer
Jan 25	Fr. Kurt W. Nagel
	Dcn. Pat Moynihan
Jan 26	Fr. Thomas J. Nathe
	Dcn. Don Murdy
Jan 27	Fr. Matthew Naumes
	Dcn. Pierce Murphy
Jan 28	Fr. M. Maurice Ngalamulume
	Dcn. Phil Myer
Jan 29	Fr. Marion Nguyen
Jan 30	Fr. Hung T. Nguyen
	Dcn. Phillip Mau Nguyen
Jan 31	Fr. Tuan V. Nguyen
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## Financial update

There are many worthy causes to give your tithing money to. When you give to WWCCR you are giving to a ministry that is dedicated to bringing Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through the



power of the Holy Spirit. Many people leave the Church only because they were not led to a personal relationship with Jesus and an understanding of His presence in the Eucharist. The Church needs the Holy Spirit. Unite with us in this work by making your pledge of support this month. It helps us to plan our budget for the year. Thank you for all your prayers and donations. God bless you!

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### **TRAINING FOR HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY**

## **CHM School of Healing Prayer\* 2015 Class** - presented by WWCCR

WWCCR will again offer the School for Healing Prayer beginning in JANUARY 2015

\* The School of Healing Prayer is comprised of DVD presentations from Christian Healing Ministries as well as live presentations, group discussions, and prayer practicums (applying what has been presented).

Attendance at ONE of the following Orientation meetings is **REOUIRED** to participate in the 2015 Classes:

> Friday, January 9, 7:00pm - 9:00pm Saturday, January 10, 9:30am - 11:30am

> > **SPACE IS LIMITED**

For 2015 all Classes and Orientation meetings will be held at the WWCCR Office 936 N 143rd Street, Seattle, WA 98133

For more information, and to let us know which orientation meeting you plan to attend, contact: WWCCR: 206-364-2272 / info@wwccr.org

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25	GLEANINGS 26 WORKERS NEEDED DWELLING PLACE see below OFFICE MASS	27	28	29	HOLY HOUR @ 30 wwccr, 2:30pm	31
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WWCCR events are CAPITALIZED, Prayer Group and other events are marked with a *Check our website for updates on events not available at time of print.* 



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Join us for a Leaders' Event "I Have Come to Bring Fire" Sunday, March 1, 2015 4:00 PM -7:00 PM at the WWCCR Office

We will begin with a **Potluck Dinner** & fellowship followed by Praise & Worship led by Tammie Stevens and Friends and a DVD viewing of **MARK NIMO's** keynote talk at the National Leaders' and Ministries' Conference held in Pittsburgh, PA in November 2014.

Come & Bring a Friend! Sponsored by the WWCCR Prayer Group Development Committee **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 NIGHTThere is no Dwelling Place in DecemberWhen:January 26, 2015 at 7:30 pmWhere:St. Stephen the Martyr Church<br/>13055 SE 192<sup>nd</sup> St, Renton, WA

Sponsored by Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal https://wwccr.org/healing-ministry/dwelling-place-healingnights/

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by Carolyn McNerney

There is no joy or merry-making quite like that of singing praise to the Lord simply to delight Him, delight in Him, and thank Him. It brings the Lord near in a way that is hard to describe, but that most folks reading this newsletter understand. This is the joy and the nearness of the Lord that we want everyone to have!!

On December 13, WWCCR and many friends gathered in the gym at St. Brendan's in Bothell to celebrate all that God did in 2014 and all He has planned for 2015. The celebration began with Fr. Jim Northrop, our Spiritual Director, praying the Mass for us and honoring the courage of St. Lucy on her feast day. Fr. Jim shared with us his testimony of receiving baptism in the Holy Spirit while on retreat at The Palisades. In his special

style of wit and humor and gentleness, he encouraged us to pray with humility, surrendering to God's will – "God doesn't take orders from us." It requires courage, and we must conform ourselves to His will. We must ask to be a good witness to God's love and His will in all circumstances, especially through suffering. Fr. Jim said that the Holy Spirit is working with WWCCR, and challenged all of us to be willing to "be a fool for Christ." He reiterated that Pope Francis has said that every Catholic to be willing to "be a fool for Christ." He reiterated that Pope Francis has said that every Catholic to be willing to "be a fool for Christ." He reiterated that Pope Francis has said that every Catholic to be willing to "be a fool for Christ." He reiterated that Pope Francis has said that every Catholic to be willing to "be a fool for Christ." He reiterated that Pope Francis has said that every Catholic to be willing to "be a fool for Christ." He reiterated that Pope Francis has said that every Catholic to be willing to "be a fool for Christ." He reiterated that Pope Francis has said that every Catholic to be willing to "be a fool for Christ." He reiterated that Pope Francis has said that every Catholic to be willing to "be a fool for Christ." He reiterated that Pope Francis has said that every Catholic to "be will with the mathematic to "be will will be a fool for Christ." He reiterated that Pope Francis has said that every Catholic to be will be a fool for Christ." He reiterated that Pope Frances has a fool for Christ.

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