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Renewing the face of the earth Empowered by the Holy Spirit

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"The wise men point out to us the path of our journey through life. They sought the true Light."

"It is the Holy Spirit who called them and prompted them to set out; during their journey they were also to have a personal encounter with the true God."

Pope Francis Homily, Epiphany of the Lord 6 January 2015

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Our Legacy: The Grace of Baptism in the Holy Spirit

by Tom Mangan

"A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" Robert Browning

The Christian life isn't difficult; it's impossible. That is why grace and mercy are so integral to our pursuit of God. We can't talk to him, we can't love him and we can't serve him without the Holy Spirit. He is far beyond our grasp; he exceeds our capabilities. We absolutely need God to live for God. If it were not for Father sending the Son there would be no way into the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is Jesus who says, "You have heard from me, for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:4-5). With that the apostles retire to Jerusalem where, in the upper room, they will await and welcome the Holy Spirit into their lives. Can you imagine? The world is about to be turned on its ear!

I can think of no other more poignant spiritual experience in my life, no greater grace than having been baptized in the Holy Spirit. In that moment, in that "upper room" of St. Paul's monastery in Pittsburgh in 1969 I had met God! The incredible grace of that moment was full joy and peace. Surely, the Lord was in that place and I knew it!

From that day until now I can say unequivocally my life in Christ has been sustained by that extraordinary encounter. The mere thought of forfeiting such a grace or underestimating the significance of its effect is odious to me.

When our Holy Father addressed 50,000 charismatics in Rome's Olympic Stadium in June 2014 he challenged them to share with all in the Church, "the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit." As I reflected on his inspiring exhortation I thought, "This is our part in the New Evangelization." In effect, Pope Francis has commissioned us to bear witness to "the love the Holy Spirit has poured out into our hearts" as a result of our personal Pentecostal experience.

The joy of the Gospel is that Christ is alive in us. Let's tell the world, but let us begin by telling our brothers and sisters in the pews! We dare not hoard this "holy thing" for it may cause us to be prideful and we may forfeit the great grace associated with it. Rather, we must give away freely what we have so freely been given. Love only increases if we pass it on. The fruit of the Holy Spirit actually deepens in our heart when we let it fly.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit has awakened in us a deeper relationship with God that is fired with unspeakable joy. Therefore, in answer to the Holy

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From Sue's Desk

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

How are you? Are you ready for 2016? Are you prepared for an extraordinary year of mercy? In December, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo presided at our Annual Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving at St. Benedict Church in Seattle. He reminded us that as Charismatic Catholics, we are a people of joy. He asked us if our faces reflect this joy in good times and in hard times, as a witness to the hope that we have received through our baptism in the Holy Spirit. God uses our joy to spread the fire of His love. Our Board member Kelley Masterson shared, "The call to joy is central to our mission, especially in the atmosphere of adoration and praise of God at Dwelling Place and Masses with prayers for healing and empowerment, 'for in Your presence IS the fullness of JOY!" Psalm 16:11.

Bishop Elizondo challenged us with this statement, "The longest distance in the world is between the head and the heart." We know the truth of the Gospel in our minds, but has

this truth traveled to our heart in a way that is transforming it into joy? Let's think about mercy in light of this question. We understand and believe in mercy. We can define mercy. But do we live it from our heart in our day-to-day lives? Has the message of mercy enabled us to embrace our friends and enemies with understanding and forgiveness? With Christ, all things are possible and by

the power of His Spirit, they are possible in extraordinary ways. Personally I have learned that being intentionally present to people is an act of mercy. Responding to a need for a hug, a prayer, or an encouraging word can go a long way in bringing God's mercy to a lost, hurt, or lonely soul. There are a lot of people in the Northwest, and many of them are lonely. You may be one of them. The best way to make a friend is to be a friend. Ask Jesus to show you someone who needs a friend and show them mercy by reaching out to them in love. The Spirit's indwelling is given for service and action. Bring a meal to a neighbor who is sick or invite someone to dinner who lives



alone. Offer a ride to someone who can't drive anymore. I ask myself, "am I too busy?" I hope not. Join me in being intentional about living out our life in the Spirit in a way that is kind and merciful to those around us.

Mercy is another word for love. God has an ocean of mercy that is available for us to experience in the Sacraments, so that we can go out into the world empowered by the Holy Spirit. By the grace of God the message of mercy will travel from our mind into our heart each day and His grace will lead us to be merciful as Christ the Lord is merciful.

Jesus loves you. Happy New Year!

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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Father's encouragement to share this experience with others we dare not be "lukewarm" because lukewarmness nauseates Jesus (Rev 3:15-16). We ought to be compelled to impart the grace of this awakening!

We have drunk of the one Spirit. We have set our sights on the things above now we must pay it forward. Grace should be answered with gratitude, and how better to express our thanks than by spreading the Good News of our encounter with him?

The oil of gladness has been poured out on us; we represent Christ, his Word and sacrifice. It is simply not enough that we keep him to ourselves. It is imperative that we receive, reciprocate and *share* God's love. We were made for this purpose and it should be as natural to us as flight is to a bird.

Pope Francis, in his inimitable way, has called us back to our humble beginnings back to when we were witnessing to others with ease the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the exciting news of our redemption.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is "roof top news" or "go tell it on the mountain news." It can never be dull, run-of-the-mill or boring news. The only possible response to charis is eucharistia. Thus, deep, heartfelt gratitude must follow such great grace.

Thank you, Holy Father, for assigning us the task to proclaim to the whole Church our legacy in the Holy Spirit.

Tom Mangan is the former senior coordinator of the People of God Community in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Tom is a member of the NSC. This article originally appeared in the Winter 2015 issue of Pentecost Today, a publication of the National Service Committee. It is reprinted here with permission. For more information visit www.nsc-chariscenter.org

2016 WWCCR Women's Retreat

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 3, 2016



SIGN UP TODAY!!

February 19-21, 2016

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

Guest Speaker: Sister Lucy Lukasiewicz, DLJC



For more information click on this QR code: or call WWCCR: 206-364-2272 wwccr.org/events-outreach/wwccr-womens-retreat/



Coming to Seattle - April 2016 Apply Today - Space is limited!





Teachers include: Michelle Moran, Jim Murphy, and Andres Arango







For more information visit: www.wwccr.org or email: LTC2016@wwccr.org

For seasoned leaders - to be strengthened; for new leaders - good formation; for those who participate regularly in a prayer group, community, or ministry - a foundation for service.

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share his love with us. The Church feels the urgent need to proclaim God's mercy. Her life is authentic and credible only when she becomes a convincing herald of mercy." (MV 25)

Our Year of Mission in Mercy has four emphases:

- Renew our zeal for souls;
- Promote Life in the Spirit Seminars;
- The New Evangelization; and
- A Culture of Pentecost

The above text is from the introduction of the Statement on the Year of Mission in Mercy 2016. This statement gives concrete suggestions of how individuals, prayer groups, and larger groups can live out this year of Mission in Mercy, especially through the four emphases listed above. Join us as we journey together on a Mission in Mercy.

The full statement can be found at wwccr.org as well as on the website for the National Service Committee: nsc-chariscenter.org.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Join us for a Teaching

Event

Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 2:00 PM -4:00 PM at the WWCCR Office

We will begin with a time of Praise & Worship and a DVD viewing of a talk from the recent National Leaders' and Ministries' Conference held in Herndon, VA in November 2015.

Come & Bring a Friend!
Sponsored by the WWCCR Prayer Group
Development Committee

"In 2016 may Jesus fill our hearts with mercy so that we will go out proclaiming the love of the Father, the Lordship of Jesus, and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit." Statement on the Year of Mission in Mercy 2016

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Events listed below are sponsored by groups other than WWCCR For more information please refer to the contact listed.

THE GIFT CONFERENCE - 2016 -

THE GIFT OF JUBILEE

EXPERIENCING GOD'S MERCY
IN YOUR LIFE AND FAMILY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2016 8:00AM (MASS)

9AM - 1:00 PM (CONFERENCE)
ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR CHURCH
13055 SE 192ND ST. RENTON, WA

REGISTER NOW!

GIFTCONFERENCE.COM 888-765-9269

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St. Joseph Prayer And Healing Ministry's 39th Annual Healing Retreat

February 19, 20, 21, 2016

Ft. Worden Conference Center Port Townsend, WA

For more information visit:

<u>www.stjosephministry.com</u>, or <u>www.healingoutreachwa.com</u>. Call Kathy at (360) 353-8598, or email at: <u>stjoheal@outlook.com</u>.



National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Catholic Charismatic Renewal FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2016

On the Friday before Ash Wednesday, let us join with others around our nation and intercede (with prayer and fasting) for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, and the whole Church.

Lord, unlock the power of Your Spirit for Your people!

SAVE THIS DATE!

There will be a WWCCR-sponsored gathering in the evening on this day.

Watch for more information in February GLEANINGS!

WWCCR PRAYER GROUP DIRECTORY UPDATE

It's that time of year again!

We frequently receive calls at the office from people who would like to find a prayer group. The Prayer Group Directory is a wonderful resource for referring newcomers.



If you are on our list of prayer group contacts, you will receive a letter in the mail reminding you it is time to update the WWCCR Prayer Group Directory. Once a year we send out the update form to be filled out and signed by your pastor. This is an important way that we all remain connected in our region and it is an opportunity to meet with your pastor, talk about your prayer group, and have him sign the form. To be included in the Directory you must return the signed form, even if your information has not changed.

The Prayer Group Directory forms will be mailed to the contact person for each of the prayer groups that we know of. If you haven't received a form by January 15 please contact us or download the form from our website (we must receive the form by February 1 to be included in the March GLEANINGS).

We really need your help to provide up-to-date information for all those who seek a community growing in life in the Holy Spirit!

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 particularly ...

- that in this Year of Mercy the joy of the Lord would be evident on our faces, and the interior peace that passes all understanding would witness to the world of God's love and truth;
- for preparations for the Masses for healing and empowerment, the Women's Retreat, "Unlock the Power" Mass and other events that WWCCR is sponsoring in the coming months.
- for generosity of spirit to invite people to Dwelling Place, or a prayer group meeting, or other event — and even be willing to provide the transportation.
- that priests and parishes will respond to the Pope's encourage-ment to have Holy Spirit seminars and to pray for baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- for these prayer groups:
 - 01/03-01/09 Llamados Por Cristo Grupo de Oración, Seattle
 - 01/10-01/16 El Shaddai-DWXI PPFI Seattle, Seattle
 - 01/17-01/23 Saints Alive Prayer Group, Shelton
 - 01/24-01/30 Jesus Esta Vivo Grupo de Oración, Shelton
 - 01/31-02/06 Luz y Vida Grupo de Oración, Shelton

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Lord Jesus, we pray that these men, united to You through prayer and sacrament, may cooperate with You in building Your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen (adapted from Pope Francis)

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

Pone Francis

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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. Francis K. Thumbi
Jan 6	Fr. Jaime M. Tolang
	John Tomassi (seminarian)
Jan 7	Fr. L. John Topel, SJ
	Dcn. Bill Townsend
Jan 8	Fr. Phuong D. Tran
	Anh Tran (seminarian)
Jan 9	Fr. Vu P. Tran
	Thomas Tran (seminarian)
Jan 10	Fr. Anthony Lan Tran
Jan 11	Fr. William Treacy
	Dcn. Asipeli Tuifua
Jan 12	Fr. Patrick J. Twohy, SJ
Jan 13	Fr. Thomas L. Vandenberg
	Dcn. Gene Vanderzanden
Jan 14	Fr. Joseph Dang Hai Vu
Jan 15	Fr. Michael Wagner
	Dcn. Dick Wallace
Jan 16	Fr. John R. Walmesley
Jan 17	Fr. Dick J. Ward
	Dcn. Jack Warfield
Jan 18	Fr. Paul Weckert
	Daniel Webster (seminarian)
Jan 19	Fr. Gary C. Weisenberger
Jan 20	Fr. Edward G. White
	Dcn. Ed White, Sr
Jan 21	Fr. John D. Whitney, SJ
Jan 22	Fr. Nicholas Wichert
Jan 23	Fr. John J. Wilkie
Jan 24	Fr. James A. Williams
	Dcn. Stephen Wodzanowski
Jan 25	Fr. Stephen S. Woodland
Jan 26	Fr. Gerald L. Woodman
Jan 27	Fr. Michael H. Wright
Jan 28	Fr. Horacio V. Yanez
Jan 29	Fr. Gabriel Dong Hyuk Yang
	Dcn. Joua Pao Yang
Jan 30	Fr. David H. Young
Jan 31	Fr. Reynaldo T. Yu
	Dcn. Joseph Yuen

Financial update

"Every good and perfect gift is from above."

James 1:17

You are an important part of WWCCR and we appreciate your loving and prayerful support as we move into a Jubilee Year of Mercy. We are seeking more insight and direction as we strive to do God's perfect will in 2016. Each new day is a gift that we are blessed to unwrap.

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	October	November	YTD	
Income all sources	\$32,499.85	\$16,712.07	\$201,521.55	
Expenses	-\$21,866.76	-\$18,911.50	-\$203,608.66	
Adjustments	-\$212.43	\$99.00	\$5,044.33	
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TRAINING FOR HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

CHM School of Healing Prayer* 2016-2017 Class - presented by WWCCR

WWCCR will again offer the

School for Healing Prayer beginning in APRIL 2016
* The School of Healing Prayer is comprised of DVD presentations from

* The School of Healing Frayer 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 <u>REQUIRED</u> to participate in the 2016-2017 Classes:

Friday, March 18, 7:00pm - 9:00pm Saturday, March 19, 9:30am - 11:30am

SPACE IS LIMITED

For 2016-2017 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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- Jan. 1 **WWCCR Office Closed -** A Very Blessed 2016!
- Jan. 13 Office Mass @ WWCCR at 11:00 AM
- Jan. 18 Dwelling Place in Mountlake Terrace at 7:30 PM see below
- Jan. 19 WWCCR Mass in Everett 7:00 PM see below
- Please pray for WWCCR Board and Staff Jan. 21
- Jan. 25 Dwelling Place in Renton at 7:30 PM see below



Our Eucharistic Chapel

is available for private prayer any time that our office is open, 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

OFFICE MASS SCHEDULE: Wednesday, January 13, 11:00 AM with Fr. Cal Christiansen

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 vour own special intentions.

WWCCR events are in Bold, Prayer Group and other events are marked with a P Check our website for updates on events not available at time of print.

WWCCR 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.

Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 PM*

with Fr. Zevier Arockiam H.G.N. Concelebrant: Fr. Bryan Hersey Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church 2617 Cedar St, Everett WA

*Praise and Worship music will begin at 6:40 PM, preceeded by the Rosary at 6:20 PM Confessions will be available from 6-7PM and during prayer time after the Mass



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, Jan. 18 at 7:30 PM St. Pius X Church 22209 59th Ave W

Mountlake Terrace, WA

Monday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 PM St. Stephen the Martyr Church

> 13055 SE 192nd St, Renton, WA

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evident its mission to be a witness of mercy." In his Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (Misericordiae Vultus), the Holy Father refers to this year as "an extraordinary time of grace." (MV 5) "In the present day, as the Church is charged with the task of the new enthusiasm and renewed of mercy needs to be proposed again and again with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action." (MV 12) "In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of throwing open the doors of his heart and repeats that he loves us and wants to

As we near the 50th anniversary of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit we call the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, 2016 is designated a Year of Mission in Mercy. We do so in recognition of the Holy Father's call for a special Holy Year of Mercy, December 8, 2015 until November 20, 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 1.1. A state of Mercy 2015 until November 20, 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 1.1. A state of Mercy 2015 until November 20, 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 2015 until November 20, 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 2015 until November 20, 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 2015 until November 20, 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 2015 until November 20, 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 2015 until November 20, 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 2015 until November 20, 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 2015 until November 20, 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 2015 until November 20, 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 2015 until November 2016. It is a way for the Church, he said, to "make more 2016 until November 2016 until November

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