



# GLEANINGS

Renewing the face of the earth  Empowered by the Holy Spirit

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**Prayer:**

***“It is the longing  
for God, love too deep  
for words, a gift  
not given by man  
but by God’s grace.”***

...

***“When the Lord gives  
this kind of prayer to  
someone: he gives him  
riches that cannot  
be taken away,  
heavenly food that  
satisfies the spirit.  
One who tastes this  
food is set on fire with  
an eternal longing for  
the Lord; his spirit  
burns as in a fire  
of the utmost intensity.”***

Saint John Chrysostom

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## ***Keeping and spreading the fire through a personal life of prayer and service.***

by Christof Hemberger

*(Editor’s note: In preparation for the 50th Jubilee the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services, like the National Service Committee, designated themes and mottos for the years leading up to 2017. This is what is referred to in the paragraphs below).*

When I was young I used to attend a summer camp. In the evenings, we regularly had bonfires. One of the team placed wood in an elaborate tower. When it was lit, the dry sticks burnt until high flames ignited the thicker logs which would burn way into the night. A bit of wood was added regularly to feed the fire so that it would burn for a long time.

These bonfire evenings came back to mind when reflecting on our motto towards our Jubilee: After **“Fire Starters”** (2012-13) and **“Fanning the Flame”** (2014-15) we now begin the year 2016 with **“Spreading the Fire.”**

It is relatively easy to start a fire or to be ignited by a fire. To keep a fire burning for a long time, through all of life’s tempests and adversities, is a rather difficult task. It takes stamina and perseverance.

I think the fire that was entrusted to us as a Charismatic Renewal resembles the bonfires of my youth: a fire was entrusted to us: the experience of the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in our Church, in our time. This fire should now burn in us, should become big and strong. There are three questions we need to ask ourselves:

**How can we let this fire take hold of us (anew)?** Over the last few years, we have really focused on this question. It is about experiencing the action of the Holy Spirit afresh every day. It is about living in the power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism in the Holy Spirit and using the charisms, both in our daily lives and in special situations, are the foundation. These experiences resemble the lighting up of the fire: Enthusiasm springs forth, flames spread in no time, the fire burns brightly and can be seen from afar.

**How can we keep the fire burning for a long time?** A fire needs to be fed; you constantly need to add logs or the fire will die down. The same is true for our relationship to God. It is not enough to know about baptism in the Holy Spirit or to have experienced it way back. We constantly need to focus on God, seeking his presence. We need to let him fill us and take hold



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## From Sue's Desk

***"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit falls upon you! And you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of all the earth" Acts 1:8.***

Jesus said these words right before He ascended into heaven. As we await His return, we strive to be worthy witnesses of God's love and mercy in our lives. We do not strive alone but we surrender to the Spirit that dwells in our hearts and we let Him lead us and move us to practice Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy.

On February 5th, the Friday before Ash Wednesday, we joined people throughout the nation, as the National Catholic Charismatic Renewal celebrated a day of prayer and fasting. We offered a Mass of the Holy Spirit at St. Pius X and prayed for God to "unlock the power" of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and the world. The Holy Spirit fell upon us in a variety of ways: through the Blessed Sacrament present on the altar; the powerful praise and worship music, the beautiful Word gifts shared

by a variety of voices; the intercessory prayers that opened our hearts and challenged us to practice the Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy. We are making these prayers available on our website, [www.wwccr.org](http://www.wwccr.org). Here is an example of one of the prayers: "Fan into flame our desire and ability to forgive all injuries and offenses quickly and willingly, and to bear patiently with those who do us ill. Lord, we cannot even begin to do this without your grace – yet you have commanded us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us and pray for those who mistreat us. (Luke 6:27-36) It is precisely in this context that the scripture commands us to "be merciful as the Father is merciful." We surrender our need to be treated "fairly" as the world defines it, and embrace the call of disciples to follow in the footsteps of our Master, who, for the sake of the joy that lay ahead of him, endured the shame of the cross. (Heb 12:2)" Fr. Jim Northrop and Fr. Cal Christiansen spoke these words of blessing over each person,



"Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful." The prayer teams prayed for healing, while we all prayed as one in intercession. We are already planning the third annual Unlock the Power Mass of Intercession on February 24, 2017. We have so much to be thankful for.

We are in the middle of the season of Lent, our 40 days of spiritual battle over evil. How is it going? Don't give up. You have the same Spirit Jesus had when He was in the desert being tempted. The enemy lies to us. Don't listen to him. Every day is a new opportunity for the Holy Spirit to conquer the temptations in our lives. We can be victorious, if we stay in the battle. Don't give up, finish strong! We are all in this together as the Body of Christ. You are not alone! Jesus loves you, Mary loves you, and I love you.

+ 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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of us over and again. This is the only way to safeguard that the fire is not just a flash in the pan. This is how our personal life can withstand the tempests and adversities of life and so that we do not remain in the initial excitement or even lose it but grow in depth and maturity. A continuous encounter with the Lord, constantly being filled with the Holy Spirit, and an intimate prayer life are what it takes to not only ignite the fire but keep it burning for a long time.

Finally, the third and last question: **For whom is this fire supposed to burn?** Has God entrusted us with the fire so that we feel good, enjoying a cozy life in our prayer groups? Of course not! Sure, the Spirit of God should take hold of our personal lives, penetrating us with his power, joy, and peace day by day. But this is not the end of the task; it is the beginning! We are called to share

and pass on this fire! We share in the mission of Jesus to set captives free, to open the eyes of the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and bring the Good News to the poor of this world (see Lk 4:18-19). We live in a world that cries out for God's love. To pass on the Good News is truly necessary. But how can it be done concretely and above all effectively?

I think we first need to answer the question: ***Have we started to keep the fire to ourselves?*** If this is the case, we need to repent and refocus. Then it is important to serve and, above all, live where God has placed us. This is where we are to be living testimonies to the world. Many have gotten used to withdrawing to a pious corner and renounce the world. I believe this is not what God wants. He has called us into this world to live there as his witnesses. There we can pass on what we have received

through relationships and by serving our neighbor.

At the start of this new phase towards our Jubilee in 2017, I want to encourage you today to keep the fire burning that God has placed in your life. This is best done by a regular prayer life and a deep relationship to the Lord. Only then will we succeed on the long journey to keep the fire burning that God has placed in us. And only then will we succeed in passing on this fire to others.

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## ***SAVE THE DATE - PENTECOST VIGIL***

WWCCR 2016



# PENTECOST *Celebration*

**Saturday, May 14, 2016**

**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

***Location to be announced***

***Sponsored by Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal***



# Share Your Good News

## A Testimony of Healing

The best way to describe my experience at the Mass with Fr. McAlear and Fr. Jim Northrop in December was "a Jesus encounter."

While standing in line to get a blessing, I heard Jesus speaking to my heart, "Karen, you are going to feel a huge blessing fall upon you by Fr. McAlear." When it was my turn for prayer, I asked Fr. McAlear to pray for my daughter Danielle, who is in a wheelchair. I gazed directly into his eyes. Peace which surpassed all understanding came upon me and through me. As I looked into the depths of Fr. McAlear's eyes, I saw Jesus looking into my whole being

as if to say, "I love you and who you are Karen. I created you for this very moment. Tonight is a new beginning for you in Christ."

When I opened my eyes, I wasn't standing in front of the priests anymore, a prayer minister was there and we were embracing each other in Jesus' love. I was crying a little and sat down in the front row. Fr. McAlear approached me again and asked if I was embarrassed and encouraged me to "Just let it happen." I stood up and gazed again into his eyes. This time I began to full on cry/sob uncontrollably. I felt so much love, peace, and joy and understood that my past sins had been forgiven. Jesus is Divine. Jesus is in all things. Jesus is in me! He has bought me for a heavy price. I felt the Blood of Jesus come alive

in me. His gifts have been bestowed upon me and I do not intend to waste them, but share them with others in the form of prayer and love. God is so good that he sent his Son Jesus to live among us, and given us the Spirit of Jesus to live in us.

When I returned home I blessed Danielle as Fr. McLearn had blessed me, believing that the Holy Spirit's powerful blessing would be upon her as well.

In Fr. McLearn's book on Tears it says, "He will change your tears of sorrow into joy!" May this awakening of God's special love for me, continue to grow so I may love and serve the Lord forever! Amen.

*Karen Hauge is a parishioner at Sacred Heart Parish in Enumclaw and part of the Dwelling Place Team and a graduate of the School of Healing Prayer.*

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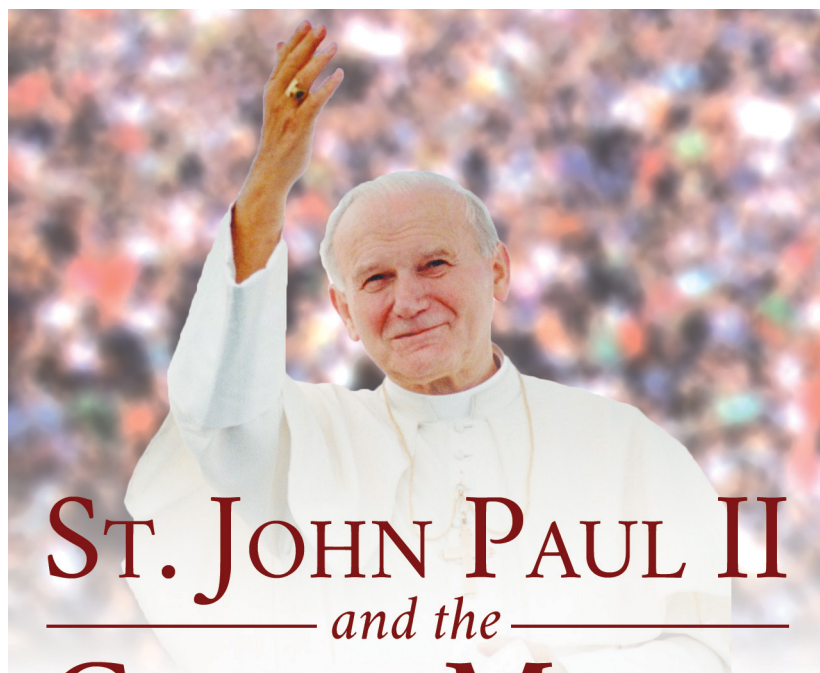
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*Events listed below are sponsored by groups other than WWCCR.  
For more information please refer to the contact listed.*



# ST. JOHN PAUL II *and the* GIFT OF MERCY

*by Dr. Tom Curran*

Available on CD, DVD, and MP3 at  
[Shop.MyCatholicFaith.org](http://Shop.MyCatholicFaith.org)

*Catholic Renewal Ministry - 2016 Annual Conference*

## Approach the Throne of Grace

*"So let us boldly approach the throne of Grace to receive mercy  
and grace in time of need." Heb. 4:16*

**Friday April 1, 7 PM**

**Saturday, April 2, 9 AM to 4 PM**

**with Fr. John Farao, OFM, Conv.  
at Gonzaga Preparatory School, Spokane, WA**

*For more information and online registration go to:  
[www.catholicrenewalministry.org](http://www.catholicrenewalministry.org) Please register by March 20th.*

## 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 the Holy Spirit, would fan into flame the gifts that have given to every baptized Christian – that we will nurture and use every grace that He gives us to be merciful as the Father is merciful.
- In this Year of Mercy: Come Holy Spirit, fan into flame the charisms that we need to meet the physical needs of our brothers and sisters through the Corporal Works of Mercy.
- For the participants of the ICCRS Leadership Training Course that will take place in April at The Palisades, that their travel would be safe and that their hearts and minds would be open to all that our Lord has for them.
- For the continued work of WWCCR, that we would be faithful to the calling of God and for financial provision to live out this calling, vision, and mission.
- Pray for these prayer groups:
  - 02/28-03/05 El Buen Pastor Grupo de Oración, Tacoma
  - 03/06-03/12 Rose of Sharon Prayer Group, Tacoma
  - 03/13-03/19 Milagro Guadalupano Grupo de Oración, Vancouver
  - 03/20-03/26 Jesus En Ti Confio Grupo de Oracion, Aberdeen
  - 03/27-04/02 Joy Of The Lord Prayer Group, Anacortes

*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:**

March 1	Pope Francis
March 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
March 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
March 4	Fr. Jim Northrop
March 5	Fr. John J. Bulger
March 6	Fr. Gerald Burns
March 7	Fr. Robert A. Camuso
	Dcn. Adolfo Carbajal
March 8	Fr. Francisco Cancino
	Dcn. Antonio Cavazos
March 9	Fr. Paul Binh The Cao
	Jonathan Cheever (seminarian)
March 10	Fr. Peter F. Chirico, SS
	Dcn. Carl Chilo
March 11	Fr. Cal R. Christianson
	Dcn. Kwok Chin
March 12	Fr. Timothy J. Clark
March 13	Fr. Patrick S. Clark
March 14	Fr. William Cleary
March 15	Fr. Raymond V. Cleaveland
March 16	Fr. Victor A. Cloquet
	Dcn. Richard Combs
March 17	Fr. Marlin J. Connoles
	Dcn. Joseph Connor
March 18	Fr. K. Scott Connolly
March 19	Fr. James P. Coyne
	Dcn. Don Cummins
March 20	Fr. James L. Dalton
	Louis Cunningham (seminarian)
March 21	Fr. Thanh X. Dao
March 22	Fr. Anthony K.A. Davis
	Dcn. Jim Decker
March 23	Fr. Jay DeFolco
	Dcn. Jose DeLeon
March 24	Fr. Eugene P. Delmore
	Dcn. Marshall Denby
March 25	Fr. Bryon A. Dickey
	Dcn. Frank DiGirolamo
March 26	Fr. Bryan E. Dolejsi
	Michael Dion (seminarian)
March 27	Fr. Anthony V. Domandich
March 28	Fr. Gordon W. Douglas
	Dcn. Denny Duffell
March 29	Fr. Kevin F.X. Duggan
	Edward Duncan (seminarian)
March 30	Fr. Oliver F. Duggan
	Dcn. Joe Dunne
March 31	Fr. James E. Eblen
	Dcn. Bill Eckert

## Financial update

*"WWCCR helped me find the 'extra spirituality'  
that I was searching for in the Catholic Church."*



Although this person has moved out of state, and this happened many years ago, she sent us this message recently with her regular donation. She wants to be part of more people finding the "extra" that leads them into the fullness of the faith, alive in the Holy Spirit. ***Thank you for your donation this month!***

\$17,788.72 Cash at beg. of 2016

	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income all sources	\$27,761.76	\$27,761.76
Expenses	-\$24,650.42	-\$24,650.42
Adjustments	-\$433.41	-\$433.41
<b>net income/shortfall</b>	<b>\$2,677.93</b>	<b>\$2,677.93</b>

\$20,466.65 Cash at end of January

*Correction: in February GLEANINGS November net should have indicated a shortfall of \$2,100.43 rather than as net income. It was reported correctly in January.*

## 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 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 REQUIRED 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





March 2016						
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- March 9** Office Mass @ WWCCR at 11:00 AM
- March 13** Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 17** St. Patrick's Day
- March 18** School of Healing Prayer Orientation see pg 6
- March 19** School of Healing Prayer Orientation see pg 6
- March 20** Palm Sunday
- March 21** Dwelling Place in Mountlake Terrace at 7:30 PM see below
- March 24** Please pray for WWCCR Board and Staff
- March 24** Holy Thursday
- March 25** Good Friday - WWCCR Office CLOSED
- March 27** Easter Sunday - Alleluia!
- March 28** Dwelling Place in Renton at 7:30 PM see below
- March 28** GLEANINGS Volunteers Needed!



WWCCR events are in **Bold**, Prayer Group and other events are marked with a †  
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.

**Details for Masses in March were not available at the time of print. Please check our website for updated information and locations.**



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

**OFFICE MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**Wednesday, March 9, 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 your own special intentions.



## 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, March 21**  
**at 7:30 PM**

**St. Pius X Church**  
22209 59th Ave W  
Mountlake Terrace, WA

**Monday, March 28**  
**at 7:30 PM**

**St. Stephen the Martyr Church**  
13055 SE 192nd St,  
Renton, WA

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**Saturday, April 16th at 7PM  
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won't want to miss this!



**International Praise Rally**

**JESUS**

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