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NEW LIFE, NEW HOPE

By Jan Alkire

"May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened that you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe."

- Ephesians 1:18,19

My husband and I have twin daughters who grew up to be loving, caring adults. But for a while during their teen years, every day featured a battle of the wills with an overall theme: their way or our way. One hot-button item surfaced again and again: our ban on R-rated movies. "Everyone else watches them, why can't I?" "You don't respect my choices." "It's not fair."

Toward the end of the girls' sophomore year at Bishop Blanchet High School, I sat down in the chaplain's office with Fr. Gordon Douglas and tearfully told him it had been a tough year. After chatting for awhile, he said St. Paul wrote about faith, hope, and love and told the Corinthians that the greatest virtue is love. "That's true," said Father Doug. "But I believe the first virtue we need is hope. To be able to love difficult people, you have to have hope that they will not always be like this."

Hope: I feel no need for it when skies are blue, children are angelic, and all's well with the world. But I surely do need it with difficult people and during difficult times like these. That's when I long for the Spirit to "enlighten the eyes of my heart" so I can discover—or rediscover—how to be more deeply connected to "the greatness of God's power."

Recently I imagined turning back the clock 2,000 years to join the holy men and women who journeyed with Jesus during

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OFFICE NOTES FROM JEAN BEERS Interim Office Manager

Hope in Fellowship



One of the blessings of charismatic renewal for me has been fellowship with other believers. It was in gathering with others who praise God out loud, who prayed for others with faith and hope, that I experienced the strengthening that I needed.

**We need the fellowship
of others to build our
hope and strength.**

WWCCR helped me to hope in difficult circumstances through its encouragement to prayer groups, sponsorship of seminars, healing Masses, conferences and messages in the newsletter,

GLEANINGS. I was renewed on a weekly basis in prayer meetings at local parishes where I received prayer ministry. Just sharing our faith in the small details of our lives gave hope and strength, and we invited others to be blessed too.

Today in the midst of the threat of Covid variants, WWCCR is seeking new ways to continue to encourage fellowship and provide circumstances for people to be renewed in the Spirit. The *Life with the Holy Spirit Retreat* team has been meeting to plan retreats that can be offered to parishes this year. Zoom meetings, webinars and masked and distanced events are not the same, but it is the reality in which we are living. We need the fellowship of others to build our hope and strength. Let's continue to reach out to others, especially in this time, with the hope that we have received and the strength of the Holy Spirit. ♦



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his time here on earth. These faithful disciples traveled with Jesus in his public ministry, were shattered by his crucifixion, and rejoiced in his Resurrection. And then? Then perhaps they wanted—and expected—a return to those good old pre-crucifixion days when Jesus was physically present with them, ready to heal the sick, speak words of infinite wisdom, and settle disputes that inevitably arise in any close-knit group.

But no. Instead of going backwards, the Risen Lord appeared briefly over the course of 40 days, said puzzling things about getting “clothed with power on high” (Luke 24:49), then vanished into a cloud, leaving behind a stunned group of followers. Was this the end?

Of course we now know that what looked like the end soon became a glorious beginning: Pentecost. The coming of the Holy Spirit! The lived reality of Jesus’ words: “I am with you always, until the end of time.” (Matthew 28:20) Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Fast forward to the 21st century and the arrival of a plague called Covid-19. Two years ago it slammed into the world, upended our lives, killed and sickened millions—including some of our loved ones—kept us physically apart from one another, and gave rise to bitter fighting about a vaccine. It’s been a long crucifixion.

I often hear people say, “I can hardly wait for Covid to be over so we can go back to normal life.” They dream of returning to those pre-Crucifixion,

pre-Covid days. I’d like to suggest something better: ponder our own passages from Good Friday to Pentecost and beyond—reflect on how Jesus’ journey during his life on earth has been ours as well; receive a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit; be renewed with hope.

We are part of a world that longs for—is dying for!—hope. God wants you and me to be messengers of the blessings we receive, to pass on to others the words that God spoke to Jeremiah: “I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope.” (29:11). For this prophecy to blossom, we must be willing to actively seek the Lord’s will, believing his plan will unfold as we do so. We also need the courage to go where the Spirit leads us and share what our Good and Gracious God has done for us. Let us begin with prayer:

“God of heaven and earth, thank you for caring about the choices I make. Thank you for leading me toward fullness of life. I ask you to give me ears to hear, eyes to see, and a heart to sense your will for me today, tomorrow, and on into the future. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening. Amen.”¹ ♦

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¹ Closing prayer is from Chapter 12: “Discernment,” *Seeking Christ through Friendship* by Jan Alkire (Paulist Press, 2019).

**Is God “calling”
you to attend this
year’s WWCCR
Women’s Retreat
on Feb 18-20?**

The theme is:
Called to Hope!
based on Eph 1:18.

Two of our articles this month are written by women who will be speaking at that retreat, **Jan Alkire** and **Gabby Herndon**. **Fr. Jim Northrop** will also be there to celebrate the sacraments with us.

Whether you attend in-person or via Zoom, you will have a chance to set time aside to know more deeply “the hope to which God has called you.” We will also be encouraged and blessed by all our sisters-in-the-Lord who join us in praising God and more fully opening our hearts to the Lord and to one another.

- Register now -
at wwccr.org or by calling
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206-364-2272.

*February 9th is the last day
to register for either
in-person or live-stream.*

PRAISE: A FOUNDATION FOR HOPE

By Gabby Herndon

Imagine this: you are in a foreign land on a mission with your friend, taken captive, beaten, and thrown in prison together. Due to the unrelenting body aches from the torture, chains around your ankles, and uncomfortable prison floors, you just can’t sleep. Right around midnight, all you know to do to keep a little hope within you is to sing some old songs. As you are singing, the prison walls begin to violently shake... the prison doors swing wide open... your chains fall off... and your freedom is at hand!

This is the story of Paul and Silas paraphrased from Acts 16. It is a story of praise and hope that I have been mesmerized by for years. How were Paul and Silas able to sing songs of praise to God after everything they had just been through?

Keeping hope can be a challenge when life throws unfair trials at us. It can be easy to become discouraged. I believe one of the keys to remaining confident in hope is to position ourselves in a place of praise, no matter the circumstance. Psalm 22:3 tells us, “God inhabits the praises of His people.” As we give praise to the Lord, we are essentially inviting him to come into our lives, we remember who he is, and we (re)establish our trust in his promises over our lives.

I admire Paul and Silas for singing hymns to the Lord in the middle of the night in an undesired circumstance. Oftentimes when I find myself in a “prison,” or difficult situation I didn’t choose for myself, my first response isn’t necessarily “praising” but rather “complaining.” It’s funny though, complaining never seems to fix my situation but I find that the moment I shift my focus, praising does.

If I believe God inhabits my praise to him, if I believe his presence is all-powerful, if I believe he wants good for me, then why don’t I sing his praises in my prisons? If I believe God is without limits, that he knows all things, that he makes a way when there seems to be no way, then why do I let my chains inhibit my hope? Paul and Silas knew that praise isn’t only for when life is great and we love our conditions, but that it is also a weapon in times of trial. Praise shifts the atmosphere, shakes our prisons, rattles our chains, and paves the way for miracles. Praise is a foundation for our hope.

God is with us in our “prisons,” but we have a choice to either let our praise break our chains or let our chains break our praise. What do you choose today? ♦

Gabby Herndon is Co-founder of United Praise NW, and member of St. Cecilia parish, Stanwood.

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Cardinal P. Raniero Cantalamessa OFM CAP

Talk # 5 - CHARIS Servant Leadership Course

Reflection by Hollis Mason

More than a dozen people from Western Washington participated in an online Servant Leadership Course offered by CHARIS, the international Service of Communion, headquartered in Rome. This 14-part Course began in January 2021. We have asked some of the participants to share briefly what they are learning from each of the sessions.

Acts 1:4-5 When they were gathered together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, saying, "Wait there for the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak. For John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa is the Preacher to the Papal Household, an appointment he received from Pope John Paul II in 1980. His doctoral degrees are in theology and classical literature. A powerful intellect and the joyful presence of the Holy Spirit are immediately evident in this presentation. It is not a dry delivery.

In this teaching he explores both the Sacrament of Baptism, and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He puts forth the idea that we cannot speak of the baptism in the Holy Spirit without first understanding this sacrament. Water Baptism cleanses and brings us into the family of Christ. It is derived from the command of Jesus:

Matthew 28:19 "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

Throughout the presentation Cardinal Cantalamessa reflects on the relationship between the Sacrament of Baptism and the baptism in the Holy

Spirit. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is described as bringing us into the power and authority of God. Its significance is illustrated in the following scripture:

Acts 8:14-17 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived there, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

In 1977 Cardinal Cantalamessa experienced the baptism in the Holy Spirit which he described as, "A renewal of my whole Christian life."

"Through the baptism in the Holy Spirit one experiences the action of the Holy Spirit:

Its anointing in prayer.
Its power in the apostolic ministry.
Its consolation in times of trial.
Its enlightenment in personal choice and discernment."

"Even prior to its manifestation in charisms, it is perceived as Spirit, which transforms internally, grants the gift of enjoying the praise of God, makes it possible to discover a new joy, opens one's mind to the understanding of Scriptures and above all teaches to proclaim Jesus as 'Lord.'"

A separate consideration, my own, looks to the Jewish roots of baptism. Baptism is seen as a washing away of sin, a ritual purification. Then there is the completely different ritual of the tradition of the Jewish prophets anointing kings and priests to impart God's Spirit upon them. Is this what happened at Pentecost with the appearance of tongues of fire? Should we use different words when we talk about the prayer for the infilling of a Christian with the Holy Spirit, words that denote more of an anointing—an impartation of good rather than a cleansing away of evil? All this leads me to ponder the term "baptism in the Holy Spirit" because we are not ritually cleansed in the Holy Spirit, rather we are given the attributes of the Holy Spirit and the actual indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Although "baptism in the Holy Spirit" is the term Jesus used, it's not uncommon in recent years for people to use a different term to avoid confusion between the Sacrament of Baptism and baptism in the Holy Spirit. In France, they most often call it "the infusion of the Holy Spirit." It is also called "the infilling with the Holy Spirit." Some call it, "the grace of a personal Pentecost," or "the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

Precise words in any language are difficult to find and, words are only important as they give us understanding. In this teaching Cardinal Cantalamessa gives us a clear understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism and what we know as the baptism in the Holy Spirit, showing us that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Acts 2:39 "For the promise that was made is for you, for your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call." ♦

REFLECTION

*Arise, shine for your
light has come, darkness
covers the earth, nations
come to your light.*

Isaiah 60:1-3

By Andrea Garcia

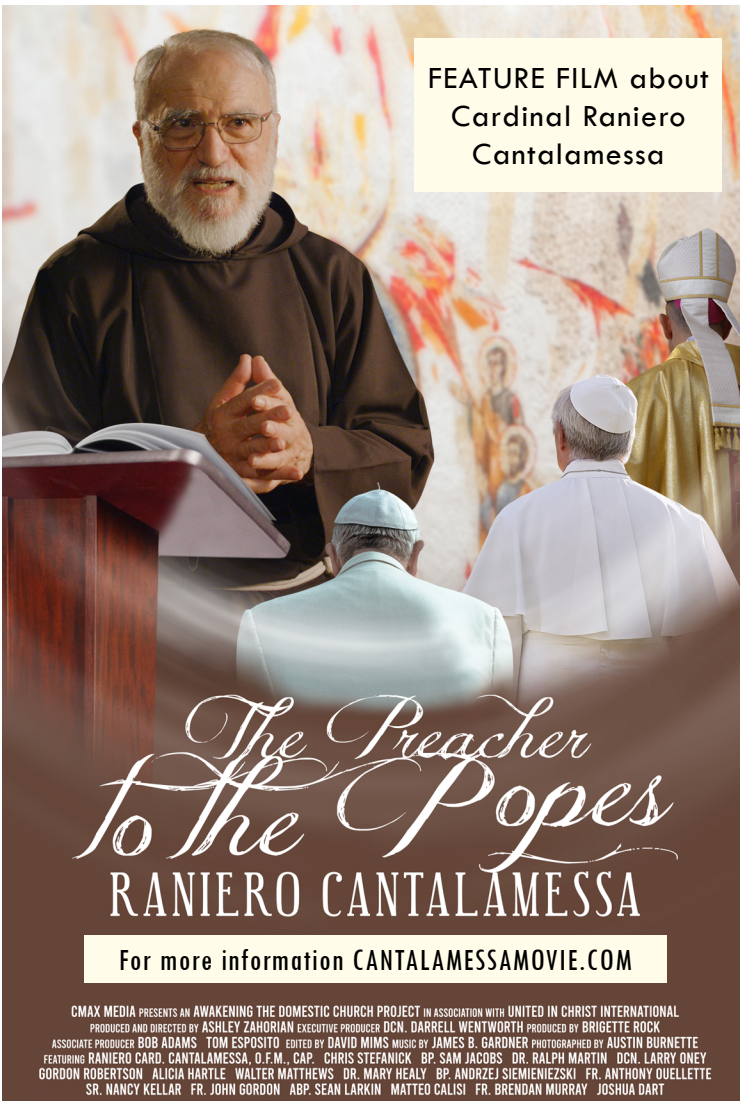
In Seattle a few months ago we had a windstorm that packed a powerful punch, knocked down three big trees, crushed two cars and took out power on my block for three days. Thank God no one was hurt but let me tell you, life without power and light is so inconvenient!

Pulling out the flashlight and candles I prepared myself for the “darkness that covered the earth” on my own little street.

When the power and light finally did come back on I thought about something else I at times spiritually take for granted. Power and Light. We must never take for granted that our God is THE power source that will never go out in the windstorms of life. Thank you, Lord!

Reflection. How in life have you encountered the power and light of God in a particular area of darkness, that gives you reason to shine? ♦

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Cardinal Raniero
Cantalamessa

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Jan 31	Deacon Joseph Connor		

"Lord, lift up your holy priests, deacons and seminarians; grant them the graces they need to minister to your people. Keep them pure and strong in your love; give them courage when things are difficult and accompany them when they are lonely; strengthen them in times of weakness. Amen."

Let us pray...

O Saint Joseph,
assist us by your
powerful and effective
intercession, and present
this intention to your
Divine foster-son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord: We
place the interests and
needs of WWCCR
before You, Jesus,
especially as we settle
into our new location in
Tukwila. Provide clarity
and wisdom in all our
decisions. Continue to
bring the expertise we
require, in order that we
may serve you and serve
the people of western
Washington. Thank
you, Jesus, for hearing
this prayer. Thank you,
St. Joseph, for your
protection and guidance.

Amen.

*(Feel free to cut out this prayer
and keep it in your bible or
prayer book.)*



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the hope to which he has called you.