



BEARING GOOD FRUIT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!

by Jean Beers

I've just re-read Fr. Dennis Bennett's, "Nine O Clock In The Morning," where he recounts his initial resistance to and eventual embracing of baptism in the Spirit. He was faced with the big changes in his own Episcopal parishioners who were showing the effects of receiving the power of the Holy Spirit. He said that it was their joy and love of one another that attracted him. He later relayed how Fr. Joseph Fulton, OP, from Seattle's Blessed Sacrament parish invited him to tell his experience to priests from the Archdiocese of Seattle who were on retreat at St. Thomas Seminary. It was during Fr. Bennett's talk that Fr. Fulton quietly received the baptism in the Spirit and began speaking in tongues. This was in 1969. From that time, Fr. Fulton started the charismatic prayer meeting that was held in the parish hall of Blessed Sacrament and it became the gathering place of hundreds of Catholics baptized in the Spirit and eager to learn more.

Other prayer meetings soon started all over western

Washington. Leaders began to gather together for encouragement and training. Conferences and workshops were being held to help people grow in their life in the Holy Spirit, and in their ability to share this new life with others. It was a time of rapid spread of this new life, not only here but all over the world.

At a leaders' meeting in 1977, Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen suggested that the prayer groups develop an organization to provide structure and resources to the growing movement. That was the beginning of Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal. It has always been our goal to foster baptism in the Spirit among Catholics in the Archdiocese of Seattle. WWCCR was like a young sapling full of life and fresh green leaves. The organization expanded services in many directions to bring the gifts of the Spirit into people's lives. There was communication with prayer groups through the newsletter, *GLEANINGS*; there were annual conferences, healing masses and the Youth Ministry

Team, reaching thousands where the gifts of the Spirit were fostered.

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Mature trees show their development and changes through the roughened bark, the evidence of pruning, and shaping. When a tree is felled and the trunk cut through, its history is in the rings

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GROWING INTO MATURITY



It only takes a spark! WWCCR—45 years of spreading God's Love. Jean Beer's article on the front page tells how it all started in 1977, fostering the baptism in the Spirit through events we all loved and cherished and which we associate with the organization of WWCCR. Comparing WWCCR to a garden reminds me of Psalm 92:13-16, "The just shall flourish like the palm tree, shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon, planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age, they will stay fresh and green."

Deacon Labrecque's article on page four, "Praying with the Saints" inspires us to expand the effectiveness of our prayer life. It reminds me of some of the inspiring speakers WWCCR brought to our area, Neal Lozano and his Unbound ministry, and Fr. Michael Barry, each helping us with our prayer life in its own unique way.

Each article in this issue hopefully draws us in remembering the spark of the Holy Spirit that set our love aflame. Drea Garcia's article on page six on the Gift of the Holy Spirit of hospitality reminds me of the events sponsored by WWCCR that Sister Matthew and I attended and then were invited to spend the night with another attendee rather than heading back to Anacortes late at night.

Join us on November 19 as we celebrate a day of remembering, 45 years of lighting the spark and tending the garden. ■

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of the trunk. You can see the years of new growth, of drought, of strength, of struggle by each ring. I once had an old apple tree in our backyard which had lost its main branches, but valiantly carried on with one strong branch. Every summer that branch yielded several Golden Delicious apples. It continued to deliver its purpose in life, to produce fruit.

WWCCR has developed through many years of history, of growth, of struggle, of pruning, but it continues to deliver its main purpose: to foster baptism in the Spirit. The recently developed

Holy Spirit Retreats is one way we are renewing the effort to bring baptism in the Spirit to Catholics in the Archdiocese of Seattle. This program is available for parishes to help people receive the joy and power of the Spirit in their lives and to rejoice with others in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Prayer groups offer opportunities for prayer ministry and development of the gifts of the Spirit. Meanwhile the Women's Retreat team continues its yearly retreats that renew and strengthen women from all over the Northwest, (see *ad page 8*).

For 45 years WWCCR has worked to spread God's love and fulfill

its purpose of encouraging the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Catholics. We will celebrate those years with "It Only Takes A Spark: an Anniversary Celebration" on November 19, 2022, at St. Pius X parish. Fr. Jay DeFolco will be our guest speaker. Plan to attend and bring your family and friends to share our celebration with praise and worship, and fellowship with each other so that we can continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. Whether young or old our purpose is to bear fruit, let's do it together. ■

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WWCCR 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK!

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PRAYING WITH THE SAINTS

By Deacon Richard Labrecque

From Eucharistic Prayer III: “May [Christ] make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.”

[November is a month when we especially join in prayer with all the Saints and pray for all Souls. Deacon Richard has written a reflection about how he has learned to invite the saints to be prayer partners with him as he intercedes for many people. See his previous article on intercession in the July/August issue of GLEANINGS.]

I would like to tell you how I discovered a deeper sense of effectiveness in my intercessory prayer life. First, I did what Christ tells us to do—I looked for prayer partners, two or more others. As Christ tells us, where “two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them” Matt 18:20. For our prayers to be successful, we are asked to bind together our words for the needs of others, acting together as the one Body of Christ.

I already had those who requested the prayer or indicated the need for my prayer, but I needed others who I could call upon to join with me to make my prayer more effective. Who better to call upon than “saint” partners! Are they not those who God has indicated are best to lead us into communion with God the Father, in knowing and following his will better and more perfectly? The Spirit led me in this selection also. Whenever a saint’s name came into my purview, I would test it with the Spirit, asking to sense if this one was chosen for me as partner. Within time, a set of 10-20 prayer partners came into normal use. Why so many? There are many kinds of needs, not everyone is an expert in all

possible needs. Also, maybe the Spirit had an escalating set of these needs he wished to engage me in. I stopped trying to outguess him long ago, seems like that also was part of my training—follow, not lead.

Second, I was led to the Mother of all the saved, Mary. She who has been chosen by God for the special ministry to care for the Church, to know the needs of her children and to join with others to lead them safely home to her son and our savior. I do not pray to Mary; I was led to pray with her. She calls me beside her, I look for her warm inspiration and confirmation. It is not denied. With these two sets of partners, how can my prayer ever be unsuccessful, or neglecting or missing the will of God?

Having this effective set of prayer partners gives me the confidence that just seeing the face or name of a person or situation as I pray, is enough to place them right before the God who knows everything and is deeply in love with them.

The last technique that I learned was to use the rosary beads to cover all the needs that keep accumulating in this prayer chain. I am sure this is a “problem” many have to face at one time or another. One name, one bead, one intention. If the need is large—war in Ukraine—then maybe a whole decade of the rosary is utilized.

I believe these words of God about how to live a faith-filled life have been given to us very clearly, these ways of prayer have been given to us just as they seem. Faith is living up to them, incorporating them, letting the Spirit guide us to this perfection. I have shared how the Spirit leads me to intercede for others. How is the Spirit the author and guide for your prayer life? ■

Deacon Richard Labrecque is a parishioner at St. Joseph Parish in Sequim.

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MY BREAKTHROUGH

by Karen Hauge

Cast all your anxiety on him
because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

In 1997, I suffered a manic episode that landed me in a mental hospital for two weeks. Upon discharge, I was diagnosed with bipolar 1 disorder and sent home with medication and a plan to see a psychiatrist and a counselor regularly.

I could write a book (and need to) on the next several years of medication changes, psychiatrists, and counseling and how it affected my family and friends. Bipolar 1 was my identity at this time in my life, setting me into deep water; deep water of crying out, “Why me?” “How come I’ve received this “label,” as you would say, and “Where can I go from here?”

People looked at me differently and I felt I would not ever have a platform to speak again. I was mentally “not stable”; not a person anyone would want to hang out with. I struggled every day with my diagnosis and had to continue to be a wife, mother, and a Christian. Looking back, I took all this stuff to bed with me every night and woke up to it each morning, trying on my own strength to fix the problem of bipolar 1 disorder. What happened to me?

When I remembered to pray, it helped. Prayer brought me to the Catholic Church in 1999 and I received my Confirmation in 2003, September 14, 2003, to be exact—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross—during which time I attended a Life in the Spirit retreat with Fr. Jim

Northrop! Being new to my Catholic faith, I was learning so many things: in the bible, readings, Mass, bible study, and now the Holy Spirit! The Trinity was beginning to take shape for me as I grew in my faith.

A good priest once told me: Philip-pians 4:6-7, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Also, “keep the television on channel 233 EWTN even if you don’t listen. Keep it in the background as you go about your day.” It stuck with me.

As I was prayed over for healing of my mind, I began to take authority through Jesus that: Yes, Jesus can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13. I am loved by Jesus, this I know. And through the Holy Spirit I have received his love for me in a new way and continue to keep receiving all of the gifts he has for me each year. My mind was being renewed in Christ as I began to rely not on my power and strength but, first, on the strength of the Catholic Church, my faith in God, and as I let go and let God, take the reins in my life (and still am). I seek only the face of Jesus through our Blessed Mother Mary, the rosary, prayer, the words of God in the bible, and the blanket of the Holy Spirit who reigns in me.

I am truly blessed to not be defined by the spirit of oppression but the knowledge that bipolar 1 disorder does not define me. I have the promise of 1 Peter 5:10: “And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will restore you and make you strong,

firm, and steadfast.” Jesus, I love you. Come, Holy Spirit, renew our minds for you as we surrender all.

During the 2022 Pentecost Celebration, I felt the gentle wave of the Holy Spirit come upon me. I wrote on paper, after the announced request for facilitators for the upcoming Life With the Holy Spirit Retreat, “Jesus, should I be on the team of Life With the Holy Spirit retreat?” A “Yes” was my answer. An undoubtable, resounding “Yes.” The worship music moved around the sanctuary in such a way that I almost felt like resting in the Spirit in my pew. I had an inner peace of understanding that my “yes” meant commitment, commitment to Jesus.

My prayers have been to surrender all of me and allow the Holy Spirit to live in me; not just at prayer groups and events, etc., but every day; when I rise and when I go to bed to have the name of Jesus on my lips.

Our time is so precious, and I want my time to be about Abba the Father, Jesus on my breath, the fire of the Holy Spirit in me. I want to be the one who gets out of the boat with no hesitation and follows Jesus as he says, “Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men!” Do you want to be fishers of men? Get up out of that boat and follow Jesus!

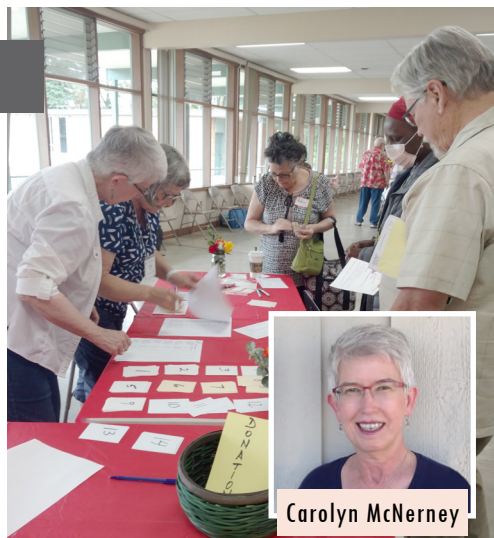
P.S. After writing this, the Holy Spirit nudged me to play Bethel music on Pandora and the song “I’m Listening/Breakthrough” by Chris McClarney came on. Before I wrote this testimony on mental illness, Holy Spirit/Jesus said I would receive breakthrough! ■

Karen Hauge is a parishioner at Sacred Heart Parish in Enumclaw.

REFLECTION

LOVE THROUGH THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY #101

by Drea Garcia



I was talking to a friend the other day about one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit she experienced at a recent WWCCR event. She said, "I already felt a sense of peace when I walked in to the church hall for your event but it was when I met Carolyn McNerney's greeting and welcoming smile, along with the others at the registration table, that I felt God's love."

Like the early Christians, Jesus also says to us, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

With further insight, John Paul II writes, "Welcoming our brothers and sisters with care and willingness must not be limited to extraordinary occasions but must become for all believers a habit of service in their daily lives" (Address to volunteer workers, March 8, 1997).

Reflection. How Lord, can I show hospitality to others in my every day world this holiday season?

Prayer. Lord, help open my eyes to the opportunities of hospitality to family friends or strangers you send my way today. Help me to follow in the footsteps of the early disciples as they followed your examples of what true hospitality is. Help me to serve others when it is easy and especially when it is not. I thank you Jesus, for I am learning each day to serve as you served the world. Amen.

Action. Practice hospitality. Who knows, you just might be entertaining angels!

"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." Hebrews 13:2 ■

Andrea Garcia is a WWCCR Board member and a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Seattle.

Appreciating the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

And 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, to the extent of the full stature of Christ, so that we may no longer be infants, tossed by waves and swept along by every wind of teaching arising from human trickery, from their cunning in the interests of deceitful scheming.

Rather, 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, brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:11-16

November/December INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:

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Nov 8	Deacon Mark Shine	Dec 8	Fr. Anh Tran
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Nov 16	Deacon Daniel Stamper	Dec 16	Deacon Sonny Ungco
Nov 17	Seminarian Simon Stehr	Dec 17	Fr. Thomas Vandenberg
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Nov 21	Fr. Stephen Szeman	Dec 21	Fr. Joseph Dang Hai Vu
Nov 22	Deacon Mirek Sztajno	Dec 22	Deacon Dick Wallace
Nov 23	Fr. Marcin Szymanski	Dec 23	Fr. John Walmesley
Nov 24	Seminarian Joseph Tapia-Beeman	Dec 24	Deacon Jack Warfield
Nov 25	Deacon Ike Tarabi	Dec 25	Deacon Richard Werner
Nov 26	Deacon Mike Teskey	Dec 26	Fr. Edward White
Nov 27	Fr. Navykumar Thomas	Dec 27	Fr. Nicholas Wichert
Nov 28	Fr. Brian Thompson	Dec 28	Fr. John Wilkie
Nov 29	Fr. Francis Thumbi	Dec 29	Fr. James Williams
Nov 30	Deacon Donald Tillitson	Dec 30	Deacon Steve Wodzanowski
		Dec 31	Fr. Stephen Woodland

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.

In Memorium

In the month of November, we remember all who have gone before us into eternal life in 2022. We remember below those who have been part of the life of the WWCCR family, who are now our “heavenly intercessors.”

Connie Ballantyne

Mario Barger

James Beback

Fortunato “Nat” Calacat

Fr. Robert Egan

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Mary Heckel

Bernadette Kalafatich

Virginia Mimnaugh

Janet Reischling

Fr. George Rink

Maria Graciela Soto

Rosa Irene Velasquez

John Wallace

“God of all holiness, you gave your saints different gifts on earth but one reward in heaven. May their prayers be our constant encouragement for each of us to walk worthily in our vocation. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!”

(Opening prayer from the votive Mass for All Saints.)



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every morning. Great is your faithfulness."

- Lamentations 3:22-23

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