



On my bookshelf is an old hard bound copy of the *Silmarillion* by J.R.R. Tolkien. It inspired me and began a love of Tolkien that has continued to this day. I was given this book while staying at a host home during our trip to World Youth Day in 2000 in Rome. This was just before the Lord of the Rings movies came out and before I learned about how Tolkien's deep Catholic faith informed his life and his writings. Much of Tolkien's fiction is about journeys, people traveling together, and completing a mission. This book is kind of the back story for all his later writings. What I treasure about this book, in addition to its content, is how it came to me: through a conversation with someone I'd just met who was providing a place to stay for our group while on pilgrimage.

Just as that book was the beginning of my love of Tolkien, that trip to Rome was a beginning of a deeper appreciation for pilgrimage. I've always loved travel but I think being a pilgrim is more about who we are than where we are going. Saint John Paul II stated that the whole of our life is a pilgrimage to the heart of the Father:

## **Keep Praying, Keep Sharing, So That Others Can Grow In Faith**

*by Tammie Stevens*

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*"The whole of the Christian life is like a great pilgrimage to the house of the Father, whose unconditional love for every human creature, and in particular for the 'prodigal son' (cf. Lk 15:11-32), we discover anew each day. This pilgrimage takes place in the heart of each person, extends to the believing community and then reaches to the whole of humanity" (Tertio millennio adveniente, n. 49)*

Let's look at this new year as a year on pilgrimage. Since "this pilgrimage takes place in the heart of each person" we can apply the principles of and preparations for pilgrimage to our daily lives, whether we travel or are staying in our own communities. I was inspired by the

instructions below that were given prior to my pilgrimage to the Holy Land (thanks to Fr. Dave Pivonka) and we can apply these each day, at work, at home, and in our communities:

**We are on pilgrimage as the body of Christ. Pray for the grace to be more aware of the brothers and sisters with whom you are journeying. Seek to serve, love and honor one another.**

3 John 1:5-8 is from a letter to Gaius, who welcomed missionaries spreading the Gospel. The footnotes highlight that this assistance "is a manifestation of his true

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## OFFICE NOTES FROM KATHY MOORE WWCCR Office Manager

Strangers, we were all strangers at one time. The events of WWCCR supply the opportunity to meet new friends, to share our story with others. On page one, “Keep praying, sharing, so others can grow in faith” by Tammie Stevens, looks at 2023 as a pilgrimage—a journey into the heart of the Father. Tammie Stevens will be the speaker for the Women’s Retreat and with this article I look forward to hearing her. She suggests making it our goal for 2023 to serve, love and honor one another, to look for moments of God’s grace throughout the day, to slow down in order to pray and reflect, and to take the step of faith to trust totally in the Lord.

Drea Garcia’s article on page six gives a personal experience and example of doing just that—complete trust in the Lord on a pilgrimage that she took.

Those of you who attended WWCCR’S 45th Anniversary, have heard Father Jay DeFolco’s inspiring talk. The theme was, “It only takes a Spark” which fit right into the prayer that Howie Jones said over



Photo: Julia Cox

young Jay in 1975, “Let the fire fall.” The highlights of his talk are found on pages four and five.

Notice the sidebar on page six with the gifts or charisms of the Holy Spirit found in scripture.

Please pray for our priests and pray how the Lord would like you to support WWCCR financially and through volunteering.

The WWCCR Board welcomed two new members, Cathy Williams and Tammie Stevens. They will be introduced in the March April issue of GLEANINGS. ■

Giving always works miracles. We witness miracles at the charismatic events that WWCCR sponsors—our Pentecost Celebration, Holy Spirit retreats, and the annual Women’s Retreat. WWCCR has printing and general operations costs in fulfilling its mission to help others experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and we need your support. Consider asking your bank to set up automatic withdrawals to monthly partner with WWCCR. Contact the WWCCR office to request a yellow envelope to send in your support. Call (206) 364-2272 or mail your support to: WWCCR, P.O. Box 68575, Seattle, WA 98168.



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Christian faith.” Whether missionaries or the people in our communities, what are some concrete ways we can seek to serve, love and honor one another? Rather than resolutions this year, perhaps we can each make some specific goals and pray to be able to live out these ways more deeply.

**God’s grace is found on the journey not merely the destination. Be present to God’s grace wherever you are.**

Last summer, I made a 3100-mile road trip, first to a National Conference in Rhode Island and then to spend a week camping at Acadia National Park in Maine. While I had specific destinations in mind (and reservations), I was blessed with a couple surprises: lunch with two friends who were staying near my camp in Maine and a detour on the way home which resulted in fellowship with new friends and my first-time sailing. Both were grace-filled encounters that were not part of my “trip plan.” Let’s pray to be able to recognize these moments of grace that God puts in our daily life.

**On pilgrimage there is the tension between being “busy” and seeing “everything” and slowing down a bit in order to pray and reflect. Pray to be able to encounter the Lord wherever you are.**

I don’t know about you but this tension between “busy” and “slowing down” is not restricted to pilgrimage or travel. In my day at work, in my life at home, taking the time to be present to the Lord can be challenging. How can we “pray always without becoming weary.” There is a parable in Luke 18:1-8 about a widow who wears down the judge because of her persistence. It’s easy for us to be persistent when there is a pressing need, like the widow’s judgment, or when we have a loved one with a health issue. In our day-to-day life, I think this is translated into being intentional. The Liturgy of the Hours is an amazing way to recognize God’s presence at specific times of the day. Many of us don’t have the opportunity stop in the middle of our workday or family life for this depth of prayer, but all of us can encounter the Lord throughout the day. I have a Fitbit that reminds me every hour to get up and walk 250 steps. Perhaps we can set up a reminder to spend a couple minutes in prayer throughout the day. Bonus: do them at the same time! This might also be a witness to those around you who will benefit from the fruit of this prayer in your life.

**Trust that the Lord is present in all the situations.**

I recently heard a talk on Trust and Hope. The speaker shared the song “Promises” by Maverick City Music, which talks about

God’s faithfulness throughout history: “You have proven You’ll do just what you said.” Scripture is full of how God has been faithful in the past and that his faithfulness continues. Trust is an action more than a feeling; it is a step of faith. Let’s take this action, even if we don’t feel it, knowing that our Lord will not leave us abandoned.

**Accept what the Lord brings when he brings it. This includes snacks, water, bathrooms and prayer times.**

This last point is very practical. Our relationship with Jesus is not limited to times of pilgrimage, Mass, or even Adoration. Jesus wants to be present to us every minute of every day, if we let him. His blessings come at unexpected times so our challenge is to be able to see what the Lord provides and accept it in the moment. Sometimes the Lord is asking us to surrender in one area so that he can bless us in another. In this new year let’s give God permission to move even deeper in our lives, in our communities, for our sake and for the sake of those around us. Let’s renew our “Yes” to him and to his plan and allow ourselves to be surprised by the Holy Spirit! ■

*Tammie Stevens currently lives in St. Louis, MO and is a parishioner at Incarnate Word Parish in Chesterfield. She recently joined the WWCCR Board of Directors. She is the featured speaker for the Women’s Retreat in February. See ad page 8.*



# Let The Fire Fall!



Fr. Jay DeFolco

*(This is Fr. Jay DeFolco's exhortation to the 45th Anniversary participants held November 19th at St. Pius X Church, Montlake Terrace, WA. )*

In the spring of 1975, I attended my first prayer group in the school at St Luke. My sister-in-law Judy invited me. I remember feeling at home there, praising God. My family was going through difficult times and for the first time in a long time I felt peace and joy. A man

named Howie knelt down next to me and began praying, asking the Holy Spirit to come upon me. He kept crying out to the Lord, "Lord, let the fire fall!"

There was something powerful about that prayer. Was he calling for the fire of Mt. Carmel where Elijah took on the false prophets of Baal? Who knows? But it was a fire of

spiritual awakening that exploded. The fervent prayer was simply, "Lord, let the fire fall!"

Do you know that prayer of 47 years ago is as relevant today? We need a spirit of revival to burn through our church, ignite our churches and purify our lives so that we can be instruments of God in a world of darkness. We need a revival from God. Billy Graham has said, "A revived condition should be the normal." We should have a spirit of revival daily in our lives.

In his book, *"The Spark that Ignites,"* Robert Coleman gives to us the condition of the church today, "People everywhere are sensing something is missing in the life of the church. We go through the motions of religion but there is no power. The joy of the Lord has leaked out. There is no spring in our step, no shout in our soul, a spiritless boredom is the norm!"

Many in our churches have grown dull in the things of God. The psalmist begins to pray: "Will you not revive us again that your people may rejoice in you?" (Psalm 85:6) He recognized the people were spiritually impotent. The fires of devotion were burning low. Their joy was gone. The cry comes, "Lord, revive us! Lord, let the fire fall!" God's desire is to send revival.

Ask most Christians, "What do you think of when you hear the word revival?" Some will say singing, preaching, a series of meetings. Others will say a week to whip up interest in the church. Still others will comment, "it's some kind of religious emotionalism."

Look at Psalm 86:11-13. Revival is bringing one into a deeper walk with



*This is Howie Jones, who prayed over Fr. Jay many years ago.*



*Praise and worship time*

God. Revival is bringing one back into obedience. Revival is allowing God to work fresh in our lives. The word revive means to quicken or to bring back to life. It is the movement of God in the heart of his people. It is not man-made or program driven, instead it reigns from above.

Richard Owen Roberts says, "Revival is an extraordinary movement of God which produces extraordinary spiritual results." In other words, revival is a move of God. Ten seconds in the presence of God will accomplish more than all the human efforts of all time combined. Revival is not what

you can contrive, connive or commence. It is allowing God to send his revival fire in our lives. Revival is not the activity of man but the action of almighty God. It is allowing the supernatural God to bring about his will, his plan in your life and mine.

Remember, revival means to wake up and live. In the Old Testament it comes from the word which means to live. It is like breath. It means to have the breath of God flowing in our lives. In the New Testament, the word means to live again. It conveys the idea of the penitent prodigal who returns to the father's house. (Luke 15) Once he lived in the midst of the blessings of his father, only to awaken to realize sin has digressed him to the pig pen of life. To be revived is to allow the freshness of the Spirit's work in our lives and allow the Spirit to rekindle the slow-dying fire. Revival is returning to the nature and the purpose for which we were saved. It brings us into the power, the purpose and the presence of almighty God.

That is exactly what revival does! It awakens our hearts to the presence of God. Believers who experience awakening, are no longer content to fill the margins of their Bibles with great insight. Rather, they become eager to get the Word in their daily lives. Once this happens, there is birthed within a driving desire to be obedient to the Lordship of Christ.

WWCCR has been spreading God's love for 45 years. Prayer groups have come and gone. New leaders have come forward.

Retreats continue to be offered. Life with the Spirit retreats continue to change lives. The spark is still here, lighting fires in lives and in our communities. I truly believe that God has been calling us to a maturity of our spiritual walk. In the midst of the noise and craziness of our world, God has been calling us to the quiet and stillness and to recognize the gentle breeze of God's presence. Even Jesus went off to pray by himself to be in the presence of his heavenly Father. The Charismatic Renewal is alive and well and the fire is still waiting to be discovered.

Today we give thanks to God for the gift of 45 years of WWCCR. We give thanks for all who have served in ministry over the years. May the Fire fall anew in our lives and within our communities. Let the Fire Fall! ■

*Fr. Jay DeFolco is a long time friend of WWCCR and the pastor at Holy Cross parish in Lake Stevens.*



*MC Sue Gallwas shares a phone call from Fr. Cal Christiansen, who tells how his life was changed by the Holy Spirit*



*Bobbie Brown shares about her experience with the Holy Spirit*



*Angela Fernandes describes her recent healing.*



*Grace "Babs" Glasgow shares her testimony.*



# Gifts of the Spirit

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

- ◆ the expression of wisdom
- ◆ the expression of knowledge
- ◆ faith by the same Spirit
  - ◆ gifts of healing
  - ◆ mighty deeds
  - ◆ prophecy
- ◆ varieties of tongues
- ◆ interpretation of tongues.

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

I Corinthians 12:4-11

## REFLECTION



# 2023

## NEW YEAR, NEW JOURNEY

The Lord would like to bless your socks off! That's right. You heard me. He would like nothing better than to bless your 2023 in ways unexpected! I say that because in the past he's done just that for me.

In 2014, I was at adoration at my church praying for discernment about a trip to Ireland. I'd been there twice before so it wasn't that important to go but I was in need of a journey into something different. I had no idea how different! During my prayer time I felt the Lord ask me if I would be willing step out in faith, to trust him in a way I never have before. I said yes. Then I heard him say, "Great, here's what you're going to do to prepare for your trip. Nothing. No itinerary, no hotel arrangements No planned transportation. All you need is to rely on my Divine Providence. You will be blessed." Wait. What?

It's funny but the Lord knows me very well. I am a stickler

for itineraries... where I'm visiting, where I'll stay, how I'll get there. I definitely felt vulnerable, but in those two weeks traveling in Ireland I learned what a good thing it is to rely on God completely for everything. What a journey. I was blessed.

### REFLECTION:

Are you the type of person who needs to be in charge of every aspect of your life?

### ACTION:

Surrender. God loves you and wants to take you on a journey of your own in 2023!

### ACTION:

Ask the Lord for a scripture passage for the new year.

Your word is a lamp  
for my feet,  
a light on my path.  
- Psalms 119:105 ■

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

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

**Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:**

Jan 1	Pope Francis	Feb 1	Pope Francis
Jan 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne	Feb 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne
Jan 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS	Feb 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
Jan 4	Bishop Frank Schuster	Feb 4	Bishop Frank Schuster
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Jan 29	Fr. Arulanandam Antony		
Jan 30	Fr. Hendry Arokiasamy		
Jan 31	Fr. Albert Arulappan		

*Let us pray...*

THIS YEAR, LORD,  
may we all be filled with  
your Spirit and open to  
your leading.

THIS YEAR, LORD,  
bring your healing to the  
wounded and sick, bring your  
hope to the weary, and your  
peace to the grieving.

THIS YEAR, LORD,  
direct your young people with  
your Holy Spirit so that they  
grow to know, love and serve  
you today and always.

THIS YEAR, LORD,  
bless the volunteers and staff  
of WWCCR, so that their  
labors will be fruitful and  
anointed. Raise up ministry  
leaders who have the zeal to  
win souls and equip others.  
Please provide the people and  
the resources that we need to  
serve this Archdiocese.

THIS YEAR, LORD,  
may we praise you with one  
heart and one mind, and  
proclaim you as Lord,  
now and forever more!

Lord, hear our prayers.  
Amen.

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Archdiocese of Seattle as priests, deacons, seminarians and religious. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free, and renew the face of the earth. Amen



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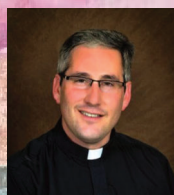
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## *Great is Your Faithfulness*

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end; they are new  
every morning. Great is your faithfulness."

- Lamentations 3:22-23

Retreat Presenters:



Tammie Stevens Fr. Jim Northrop

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February 17-19, 2023**

**Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center, Federal Way**

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of the Lord for the plans he has for you this new year. Register today at [wwccr.org](http://wwccr.org).