



NEW WINE: PENTECOST CELEBRATION

"We are an Easter people, Alleluia is our song!" - St. John Paul II. It might also be said that "we are a Pentecost people, and "Come, Holy Spirit!" is our song." The mission of Catholic Charismatic Renewal could be summarized as keeping these "sayings" and "doings" in front of the eyes of all Christians. Our identity as a people of God is inextricably tied up in the Resurrection of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit, through which the Father is glorified! WWCCR has a focus on living, proclaiming and nurturing baptism in the Holy Spirit, fostering the experience of a personal Pentecost, and cultivating a culture of Pentecost in the Church and in the world.

WWCCR hosts a celebration of Pentecost each year. We invite anyone and everyone to "come and see" what the Lord Jesus is doing in our midst through the power of the Holy Spirit. This year we gathered for a time of praise and worship led by Gabby Herndon and United Praise; adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by Fr. Jim Northrop; listening to the Lord through inspired teaching presented by Kevin Monette; and prophecy and sharing the gifts and fruits of

the Holy Spirit through prayer and fellowship, led by Sue Gallwas. The emcee for the day was John McGinn. The following articles report on this year's celebration, which was held at St. Thomas Church in Tukwila on the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday, May 28.



Pentecost Celebration speaker Kevin Monette, Director of Encounter Ministries, Portland, said that he was baptized in the Holy Spirit 11 years ago, and learned that God would use him right where he was at, even with his shortcomings and past failures. God can glorify his past. "Jesus came to forgive me so that he can fill me with the Holy Spirit."

Kevin asked how do we become new? Like old wine skins that are cleaned, soaked in oil, and renewed. From experience he learned that where Jesus is stretching him, then Jesus is anointing him. Kevin outlined four ways to receive God's anointing and renewal:

1. Get Uncomfortable: Kevin gave two examples to show how he took risks in practicing the word of knowledge. The first was with a college student who complained

of pain in his jaw. Kevin told him that if he prayed with him the pain would be healed. This was a surprise to Kevin that those words came out of his mouth. But he prayed with the student, asked how he was doing and the student was amazed that the pain was totally gone. Another incident was when he walked by three people sitting on a park bench, and heard the woman in the middle complain about back pain. Kevin kept on walking until he heard her again complain about the pain. He felt the Holy Spirit telling him to stop and pray with her. He hesitated then went back and spoke to the woman, asking about the pain. He

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WWCCR VISION AND MISSION

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Mission: to renew the face of the earth by nurturing and inspiring Catholics:

- + To experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- + To fan into flame the gifts we receive through the Sacraments
- + To develop a deeper life of prayer and worship

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OFFICE NOTES FROM KATHY MOORE WWCCR Office Manager



We at WWCCR hope that you were able to join us at the Holy Spirit Retreat or at the Pentecost Celebration the last weekend of May. We have a recap of the two events in this issue. A brief summary of Kevin Monette's talk Pentecost Sunday, outlining four ways to receive God's anointing and renewal, starts on page one. We give a link to the whole celebration that you can watch on YouTube on page three. Four members of *Living Light Prayer Group* carpooled and each gave their impression of the day's event on page three.

The chairperson for the *Life with the Holy Spirit* Retreat team, Ron McNerney, wrote an interesting

summary of giving the retreat at Holy Spirit parish in Kent—from meeting the pastor, Fr. Carlos Orozco, to the day's end of a very glorious retreat giving praise of the blessings bestowed on all. Page six has a reflection by Drea Garcia on how the Holy Spirit changed her life when she was only thirteen years old.

Be sure to check out the source of the Church's teaching on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sidebar found on page six.

Please contact the WWCCR office to share your experience of the Holy Spirit, at either of these two events.



You do not want to miss Fr. Michael Barry coming to St. Anthony's in Renton Sept 21, and a Retreat that weekend at Glacier Peak Lodge, at Black Diamond Camp in Auburn, WA. More information is found in WWCCR's weekly email.

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told her that Jesus could heal her, she agreed to receive prayer and after the prayer he questioned how she felt. After a long interval she sat straight up and said the pain was gone.

In both examples Kevin's feeling of unworthiness could have stopped him from taking the risk of praying with those people. Taking risks leads to everything getting uncomfortable. But taking those risks make a person look more like Jesus. God is calling each of us to get uncomfortable. As we step out in faith we will receive the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

2. Fasting: Fasting prepares a place, fasting comes before anointing. Fasting gives a landing place for the Holy Spirit. Fasting deals with our old nature. Abstaining becomes a lifestyle. Fasting is not only about abstaining from food. Kevin challenged us to try abstaining from the news for a year.

3. Seek unity: We must be aware of the power of the tongue. Watch what we say about other Christians, what has been said about Catholics and Protestants. The measure you measure with will be measured out to you. There are different parts of the same body. Those we might condemn are like the prodigal son whose father embraces him on his return. "How good it is when brethren dwell as one, it is as when the oil of anointing runs down the beard of Aaron." Jesus prayed in John 17, That "they might be one..."

4. Costly worship: Go all in. The bridesmaids who ran out of oil did not bring oil with them. And the woman who anointed Jesus feet with oil and dried them with her

hair, poured out expensive oil, perhaps her whole livelihood. True worship is to give God everything. He wants a new wine skin. We must make God our first love, surrender it all to him.

Kevin asked, "Who have you measured today? Throw down the box you have put that person in. Pray for the one you measured." He asked, "What ways have I measured myself? Throw down that box you put yourself in. Forgive yourself, be specific in forgiving yourself." (Kevin's entire message can be viewed at bit.ly/WWCCRPentecost)

One of the great blessings about our gathering together on Pentecost is prayer ministry. We are very blessed to have many well-trained, anointed prayer teams in our area. Of course, it is the Lord who heals! Kevin's inspired teaching and the time spent in adoration set the perfect environment for the prayer ministry time. Many prophetic words of healing were shared and people who were experiencing those illnesses were encouraged to stand for prayer. A few raised their hand that they had already experienced some healing. That was just the beginning! Then the prayer teams assembled in the front and people went forward for prayer. And the Lord showed up with his healing touch and comforting words—healing of knees, ankles, stomach pain, arm pain, and much more. Many others were released from trauma, fear, and depression, and then filled with a new joy and praise. Jesus is alive and he's bringing restoration and healing to his people! If you experienced healing this Pentecost please

contact the WWCCR office to share your good news.

Four members of *Living Light Prayer Group* carpooled to the Pentecost Celebration share their experience of the day:

Maria: "When we enter through the doors we are in a completely different space. There is energy, faith, music, holiness, the light becomes bright, you can feel the presence of God. I have never felt that way, I wish all could experience this."

Aida: who for the first time experienced a charismatic event, said "When you go into the church you feel the music, there is more faith, the Holy Spirit is by my side, then a message is given that the Holy Spirit is with you. I am happy to be with you. I want to go next year, I have to go."

Dan: "The risen Christ was present in the Eucharist, pouring out his Spirit. I want to remember what he has done for us, to turn my mind and heart to Jesus to be transformed. During adoration there was a sense of the intimate presence and power of Jesus, made more powerful through the Holy Spirit. I was grateful for the music."

Jean: "I appreciated Kevin's four points about how God anoints us, one of them being through unity with other Christians. The question asking, 'who have you measured today?' struck me. Then the answer, to throw down the box you have put them in, and pray for them." ■

Introduction written by Virginia King, talk review and carpool sharing by Jean Beers, and prayer ministry by Sharon Fox.



HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT MAY 27, 2023

by Ron McNerney

Months ago, last year actually, the WWCCR office was contacted by Holy Spirit Parish in Kent about hosting a Life with the Holy Spirit Retreat.

At our first meeting at the parish, we were introduced to the pastor, Fr. Carlos Orozco. Father Carlos explained that he was looking for an event that could help invigorate the parish after the toll taken by the pandemic. What could be more uplifting and invigorating than a Holy Spirit retreat!

We got to know Fr. Carlos as we sat in his office and chatted. He was born in Mexico, became interested in charismatic prayer at an early age, was ordained in 2019... has three Labs: Noah, Levi, Coby. Our excitement for the parish and a Holy Spirit retreat grew the more we talked.

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In the days immediately prior to the retreat, things came up that made several team members unavailable. But the team remained excited about the retreat.

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Saturday morning, we arrived bright and early at Holy Spirit Parish. The presenting team gathered for a time of prayer—praising the Lord for all that he had done up to this day and for all the blessings that he would be bestowing upon those attending the retreat.

The sound equipment, laptop, and projector were tested and everything worked.

Sharon Fox gave a powerful teaching and exhortation on praising God through song.

*"Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Holy Spirit, come."*

Then it was time for the first session, which involved watching *The Wild Goose* ministry video with Fr. Dave Pivonka...and there is no sound! I s'pose one should expect a certain amount of resistance. However, prayer happened. God proved, once again, that he was the one in charge of the day. We did manage to get the sound working enough to use the video. I observed everyone was totally involved in watching the video. This was followed by good discussion in small groups.

*"...the thing in the video that most moved me...
when he talked about the woman and the
penny...shiny or dirty...she recognized that the
penny, and the person, still has value..."*

During the second session, Ana Pereyra spoke about what it means to be saved. She explained that, "...salvation is not for the future, it is for now!" She also referred back to something that Fr. Dave said, "...God loves you and he wants you to be saved..."

There were a wide variety of people who attended. I observed one group with a young man who has a six-month old baby at home chatting with another man who is about to retire and has grandchildren. Two different ends of the spectrum; yet they were both present—sharing—having something in common, the desire to grow in their knowledge and relationship with the Holy Spirit.



"...never been to a charismatic event before...Fr. Jim [Northrop] kept promoting it...thought I'd give it a try..."

Surrounding Max with prayer

In another small group, Francis Cacalda borrowed a guitar and shared a song, "Please Stay," that he had written. He agreed to share it with the whole retreat a bit later. Francis explained that friends asked him, "Which girl did you write this song for? He would respond, *"It is a love song for God."* The folks were really blessed by this impromptu sharing.

Lunch was a time of relaxed conversations. I overheard one discussion prompted by the question about the origin of WWCCR.

After lunch and Praise & Worship, Jim and Jodie Hardesty gave a very high-tech presentation about a very traditional topic, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Focusing on a brief description of the gifts: when one receives them, how they work, who they are for. Think of the old essay writing prompt; who – what – when – where – why.

During the afternoon group session, I was able to see and hear different individuals becoming more open to the idea of spontaneous prayer and leading it.

Jim asked a question of the group at large, "What brought you here?"

"...I kept seeing the poster and it called to me..."
"...this is exactly what I needed..."
"...better than what I expected..."
"...first time I've ever prayed like this..."

We had a guest, seminarian Max Muñoz, visit at the invitation of Fr. Carlos. Max mentioned that he had been made aware of the retreat and had been praying for it. He also spoke of the struggles faced by seminarians and asked that we would all pray

for them. [Max was ordained as a transitional deacon on May 31st.]

The high point of the retreat was the prayer time. Some people had taken in what Jim

had said about the various gifts and were asking for an outpouring of specific gifts, while others were quite open to whatever the Holy Spirit had in mind for them to receive.

There was a spontaneous blessing for all the men present, encouraging them to stand out, step up, and continue to be role models for all in the Body of Christ, whether at church, with family, during work or with strangers that they might encounter.

Mary Grace Crissey and Carolyn McNerney gave examples of how to take the retreat home, including several different resources.

The retreat ended on a very positive note. People who had never met before were talking about their experiences of the day.

"...special...not been to something like this before...being prayed over was special..."

"...so many blessings...powerful...strong, powerful, committed people of prayer...great examples and encouragement..."

"...glad I came...was resisting...amazing having people pray over me...never experienced this in 57 years of Catholic life..."

"My mom and my aunt always go to church. And I used to go but then my life got away from all that. When I walked in here I could feel his spirit here. I know I'm in the right place, where God wants me to be." ■

Ron McNerney and his wife, Carolyn, are parishioners at St. Theresa in Federal Way.

HOLY SPIRIT SCRIPTURES

Thus says the Lord:
I will pour out my spirit
upon all flesh. Your sons
and daughters shall
prophesy, your old men
shall dream dreams,
your young men shall see
visions; even upon the
servants and handmaids,
in those days, I will pour
out my spirit.

Joel 3:1-2

The love of God has
been poured into our
hearts through the Spirit
of God dwelling within
us, alleluia.

Rom 5:5

Then there appeared
to them tongues as of
fire, which parted
and came to rest on
each one of them.

And they were all
filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak
in different tongues,
as the Spirit enabled
them to proclaim.

Acts 2:3-4

REFLECTION



(Excerpts from my testimony on "New Life" from Holy Spirit retreat May 2023)

Yes. I am here to share about new life. But in order to share about the new I have to share a little of the old life.

Many of you don't know that I am a worship and prayer minister, a WWCCR Board of Directors member, Holy Spirit and Women's Retreat team member and I wouldn't be here if it hadn't been for an encounter I had many years ago. In my world, I was a broken teenager with little purpose and no real talent to speak of. Because of traumatic events, I felt I had zero hope of anything new.

And then it happened. I attended my first Catholic charismatic conference and it was during Mass that I felt that breath of new life inside me. I was filled with something a 13-year-old didn't understand, the Holy Spirit. A hunger for truth, beauty and goodness followed and it became a lifelong journey to Jesus, the love of my life.

By the power of the Holy Spirit I was transformed and was showered with gifts and a purpose to share with others. That is why I am here today. You too, can have new life and have it to the fullest.

Reflection. Ask God to show you his truth, his beauty and goodness in your life.

Andrea Garcia is Vice President of the WWCCR Board and a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament parish in Seattle.

JULY/AUGUST INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:

July 1	Pope Francis	Aug 1	Pope Francis
July 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne	Aug 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne
July 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS	Aug 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS
July 4	Bishop Frank Schuster	Aug 4	Bishop Frank Schuster
July 5	Fr. Jim Northrop	Aug 5	Fr. Jim Northrop
July 6	Fr. Armando Perez	Aug 6	Fr. Cody Ross
July 7	Fr. Leonardo Pestano	Aug 7	Fr. Stephen Rowan
July 8	Fr. C. Vincent Peterson	Aug 8	Seminarian Sylvester Rozario
July 9	Fr. Theman Pham	Aug 9	Fr. Justin Ryan
July 10	Fr. James Picton	Aug 10	Fr. Michael Ryan
July 11	Fr. Paul Pluth	Aug 11	Fr. Roberto Saldivar-Ureno
July 12	Deacon Dale Pollard	Aug 12	Deacon Ron San Nicolas
July 13	Fr. Daniel Powers	Aug 13	Fr. Ramon Santa Cruz
July 14	Fr. Elias Puentes	Aug 14	Fr. Timothy Sauer
July 15	Fr. Mathew Pyrc	Aug 15	Fr. Rajasekar Savarimuthu
July 16	Fr. Michael Rachko	Aug 16	Fr. Milhton Scarpetta
July 17	Fr. Michael Rademacher	Aug 17	Deacon Duane Schireman
July 18	Deacon Arturo Ramirez	Aug 18	Fr. Dennis Sevilla
July 19	Fr. Jose Maria Ramirez Briseno	Aug 19	Deacon Sam Shamrell
July 20	Fr. John Rashford	Aug 20	Fr. John Shannon
July 21	Deacon Lamar Reed	Aug 21	Fr. Patrick Sherrard
July 22	Deacon Steven Reeves	Aug 22	Deacon Mark Shine
July 23	Deacon Ron Rensel	Aug 23	Deacon Joseph Sifferman
July 24	Deacon John Ricciardi	Aug 24	Fr. Vinner Raj Simeon
July 25	Deacon Michael Riggio	Aug 25	Seminarian Miguel Smith
July 26	Seminarian Kyle Rink	Aug 26	Deacon Lloyd Snider
July 27	Fr. Dennis Robb	Aug 27	Fr. Richard Spicer
July 28	Deacon David Robinson	Aug 28	Fr. Aloysius Ssensamba
July 29	Deacon Ted Rodriguez	Aug 29	Deacon Daniel Stamper
July 30	Deacon Jack Roscoe	Aug 30	Seminarian Simon Stehr
July 31	Deacon Gary Rose	Aug 31	Fr. Todd Strange

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray...

For all prayer groups that serve their local parishes and communities and for new prayer groups that will be formed. Lord, send your Holy Spirit on those people who thirst for more of your Spirit to be drawn to a prayer group nearby. Together may they be fed and grow in the Spirit together.

For health, safety, and protection for the WWCCR board, staff, and volunteers, and their families, as they serve the Renewal here in western Washington.

For all those who attended the Life with the Holy Spirit retreat and the Pentecost Celebration in May, that those experiences will be the beginning of a deeper life with the Spirit, with Jesus and the Church.

For ourselves this summer, that we will have holy boldness to share the love and hope that we have living our life with the Holy Spirit with our families, our children and grandchildren, and our friends.

Come Holy Spirit,
hear our prayer. 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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