



# WESTERN WASHINGTON CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GLEANINGS

THAT ALL CATHOLICS MATURE IN A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS,  
EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.

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## JESUS 2023 IN KANSAS CITY

**By Sharon Fox**

There are so many blessings available for us to experience in a life of the Spirit. In October 2023 there were seven people from Western Washington who attended the *Jesus 2023 National Leaders Conference* held at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas, hosted by Pentecost Today USA (formerly known as the National Service Committee). This is the first full conference they have been able to offer since COVID so there was excitement in the air.

Another underlying inspiration was that in 1977 there was a big ecumenical conference with almost 40,000 people, meeting in Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City (and more than half the participants were Catholic!) This was a pivotal event that brought Pentecostals and Catholic Charismatics together in one time of praise, worship and, teaching. There was an amazing sense of unity among the people gathered at that event.

Now, 46 years later, there is still an excitement in God's people. This year, this conference gave inspired teaching and hands-on ministry experiences as a way for people in the Renewal now to get connected and equipped to carry on the mission of Jesus Christ. There was an evening

of reconciliation and healing, a time for street evangelization, and several opportunities for anointed praise and worship. The Jesus 2023 conference was challenging and inspiring. I'd like to share with you the impressions and lessons learned from some of our conference goers. ■

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**By Bell Moore**

As soon as my sister, Barbara, and I pulled into the parking lot on Friday night, we felt the Holy Spirit! First, we noticed Dr. Ralph Martin walking near the space we chose to park. My sister was so excited to see him, she rolled down her window and greeted him. He came over to our car and we chatted. Next a couple from Tennessee drove up and we chatted with them. They had a bumper sticker: I believe in Miracles. The wife's name was Providence. Then a lady from Topeka, who was driving an hour each day to attend the conference, visited with us. All this before we even got out of the parking lot! Once inside the large Savior Pastoral Center, the praise & worship was phenomenal. The highlights of the conference for me included:

**Ralph Martin's** keynote talk entitled: *The Body of My Son is Broken*. It was very sobering. He spoke about the

conference at Arrowhead Stadium in 1977, which I had attended as a 24-year-old from Texas.

**Father Peter Emanuel** shared his amazing story of founding Opus Novum—new work. Opus Novum Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a collegiate community founded at Duquesne University in 2018. Their scripture verse is Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

I was touched by **Missy Edwards** from the International House of Prayer, who led a Prophetic

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## 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:** *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

Most of us would love to travel but we can't for various reasons. We follow our friends' adventures vicariously. This edition of Gleanings is such an issue. We can travel in our imaginations to the Jesus 2023 National Leadership Conference through the articles by Sharon Fox, Bell Moore, Cathy Williams, and Mary Pelton. Sharon gives a brief history of the Conference's beginnings. I can feel the excitement of Bell Moore meeting so many interesting people just in the parking lot. Each writer gives their take-aways that impressed them. Cathy Williams noted that Fr. Boniface Hicks said, "The Holy Spirit makes a community that drinks of the one Spirit." If you have ever attended a large event, the excitement is contagious and Mary Pelton captured that excitement in her article.

Cathy Williams also wrote an article describing WWCCR's 46th Anniversary celebration held December 2nd. Andrea Garcia calls each of us into a deeper relationship with Jesus this year. WWCCR is helping each one of us to do just that in 2024 by continuing to offer Life in the Spirit seminars, plus we are having our first, in a very long time, gathering of prayer groups together, into community, starting with Northern Washington at Anacortes. See our ad for "Strengthening Prayer Groups" on page 4. If you can join us, it will be Friday evening, January 19th, please let the office know so we will have enough books on hand. WWCCR plans on holding this event throughout Western Washington. ■

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Intercession Workshop. After the conference my sister and I visited Kansas City, Missouri, to experience the International House of Prayer. There was a **Jericho March and SHOUT**, where we rose from our seats in Our Savior of the Word Chapel, marched around the perimeter, returned to our seats and together shouted a loud praise. **Sister Nancy Kellar's** talk on the charisms was good and very practical. She is an excellent teacher, a longtime gift to the Renewal.

I was also very inspired by Alicia Hartle, Executive Director of Pentecost Today USA. She is bold in proclaiming the Gospel and the fire of Pentecost. She unveiled the **Nine-Year Novena** leading up to Pentecost 2033! In preparation for the 2000 Year Anniversary of Pentecost. The first three years we will pray for everyone who has received the grace of Pentecost, that they will be renewed. You can read about it on pages 9-12 in *Pentecost Today* magazine, Issue 2, 2023 on the website: [www.pentecosttodayusa.org](http://www.pentecosttodayusa.org). ■

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**By Cathy Williams**

**Bishop Peter Smith**, Homilist at the Saturday Conference Mass:

God created unity in the garden. He wants that unity back. He leads it through the Holy Spirit calling us back through radical conversion. His love calls us back, renewing creation in the Holy Spirit. Restore unity through witnessing by living your life radically. Joan of Arc said, "I am not afraid for God is with me. I was born for this." You too were made for such a time as this. Drink of one Spirit, the Holy Spirit, in prayer and in community.

**Father Boniface Hicks OSB**, Speaker:

St. John Paul II tells us creation's high point was Adam. Solitude for Adam was real. It was not good for man to be alone. Eve was created "bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh." Relationship happened, two freedoms in a communion of persons—an image of God. From the solitude of Adam to the communion of persons. It's hard to live those relationships. Becoming one body, one spirit in relationship, is hard to do with folks who have free will. Those who become one body, one spirit are members living in Christ.

We must "drink of one Spirit." See how they love one another. Each person has a story, a heart hurting with sin. When we are vulnerable, and naked, we are better in community. The Holy Spirit makes a community, not a group. All in community can drink of the same Spirit. Sharing stories, wounds and successes is vital. Covering up our sin with pride, control, hiding or running away is not being Christ.

Drinking of the same Spirit: What does that look like in community?

Be one to one with Jesus, with prayer as the foundation of the community. Risk to be loved for who you really are, trust the community. Make room for new members and put energy into welcoming new members. Give yourself entirely to Jesus, never lowering your holy and Godly standards.

The Holy Spirit is relationship. In community we get pressed, held together, in the Holy Spirit. With

Jesus we have all that we need to be led by him, to drink of one Spirit.

**Dr Ralph Martin**, Keynote Speaker

The Body of My Son is Broken.

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Where are our Catholics? The youth have been carried off into captivity. Civil laws make Church tradition hard to follow, but Church tradition *must* be followed.

We all have an expiration date. Our Church's and our main mission is to save souls. God's mercy needs a yes! Let's not betray God. Trust in the Holy Spirit to give you words to say (1 Cor. 10). The spirit of the culture wants to silence the word of God.

We must:

- Take responsibility for what the Church clearly teaches and know the mission of the Church.
- Recover our confidence in Sacred Scripture. God is the author of Sacred Scripture speaking through the Holy Spirit. Accept Sacred Scripture as the inspired word of God.
- Break with culture! Love holiness and purity (1 Pt 1). You must be holy as I am holy. God gives grace for you to live holy and pure lives.
- Let evangelization consume your life! Die repenting of your sin. Care about God. Seek him. Live in the light of conscience and grace. Do not be led astray. Folks need to hear the Gospel.
- Jesus wants no bargains but unconditional surrender. My life is his.
- Mary, Our Mother asks us to "Pray and offer sacrifice for souls."

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- Pray. Meditate. There is no limit to what God can do.

Dr Ralph Martin is the author of the book "Fulfillment of All Desire." ■

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### By Mary Pelton

Imagine being in a room with several hundred people who are unashamedly on fire with love for God, united in singing praise to the Father, while praying in the Spirit, and adoring Jesus who is exposed on the altar in the center of the room, gazing back at all those who are reflecting and magnifying his love. This was the epitome of the Jesus Conference.

The Jesus Conference was my first encounter with the charismatic movement on a national scale, and it was both inspirational and empowering. God showed me how I'm often tempted to withdraw back into the small bubble of what I know—Western Washington, my own parish, my family—and I manage to convince myself that my missions and ministries aren't that big in the grand scheme of things. I find myself thinking: this is only a small retreat for local women who I am ministering to, or this is only another moment with my kids that I've had and will have a million times. This conference was a jump start to remind me that God doesn't do "only"!

Tasting a bit of the Renewal on a national scale opened my eyes to remind me that every moment, every ministry, every mission without a doubt belongs to God, and he is doing incredible things with me and through me. Yes, the Women's Retreat serves women of Western

Washington, but it opens up the door for an earth-shattering encounter with God, which then allows the women to go back home and open the door for the Holy Spirit to work in incredible ways in their churches, in their communities, and in their families. Yes, a discussion with my kids is one of many in the day of a homeschooling mom, but they will remember that encounter, and they'll share their thoughts with a friend in whose heart a little spark might be lit for the first time. The Holy Spirit is spreading like wildfire,

and he's using me and you to do it—if we let him!

This world needs God now more than ever, and you and I were born "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14). Have you ever asked God why he chose you for this moment, these people, this place to be his witness? What does he want of you? And when he answers, will you be who God meant you to be, and set this world on fire? ■

*Mary Pelton is chairman of the WWCCR Women's Retreat Team. She is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Bothell.*

## STRENGTHENING PRAYER GROUPS



St. Mary Anacortes welcomes WWCCR with Fr. Jim Northrop to speak about the important ministry of prayer groups.

How do you see the Holy Spirit acting within your group?

How do you depend on the Holy Spirit to help with your organization?

**Friday, January 19, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

**at St. Mary Parish**

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## Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal

# CELEBRATING 46 YEARS OF FOSTERING BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Cathy Williams

On December 2, 2023 at St Thomas Parish in Tukwila many “holy ones” gathered to praise and worship God with singing, testifying and praising the saving power of the Holy Spirit. Theme: Equip the Holy Ones for the Work of Ministry, (Eph 4:12).

In his usual engaging style, Fr. Jim used many scriptures to “equip” us for growing in holiness and for our daily works of ministry. Here are my notes:

Fr. Jim Northrop spoke on equipping us for ministry, reminding us that God searches for us. When we take on Christ we become a child of God, dignified, led by the Spirit of God and holy. (Rom 8:14) Jesus is the way to the holiness we seek. Developing holy relationships between ourselves and others means we *speaking the truth in love*, building Christ’s body up in love. (Eph 4:15-16) We are held together in love. (Do not cut someone off on the freeway. Do not email or tweet in anger to someone who does not agree with you.) Live in peace with family and neighbors. *Speaking the truth in love*, not relinquishing the commandments or beatitudes given us by Christ.

Conversion is ongoing. There is a cost to Pentecost. (Rom 8:18) Because of our brokenness, confusion and need for healing, our hearts and minds will suffer, turning us away from God. Seek the



Fr. Jim Northrop teaching us to seek the Holy Spirit

anointing of the Holy Spirit with a spirit of discernment. The Holy Spirit heals us through repentance. Being devoid of the Holy Spirit is the cause of division. Repent and convert daily through the Examen. God can write straight with a crooked line. You need a Savior. Know the word of God—the truth which is Jesus. Know the lives of the saints. Know that God is faithful in every generation. (Ps 25:7) God is merciful because of your goodness as his child.



Dolores Covarrubias shared her testimony

Pray for the grace of deep surrender, like Our Lady, say, “Be it done to me.”

Trust in the glory that is to come. Jesus has given us Our Lady as a model of faith, courage and perseverance. There is a sweetness in walking with the Lord on the journey to glory. Jesus is all we need.

### Gift Exchange

Father Jim sang the Christmas carol, “Sweet Little Jesus Boy” as a gift to those attending.

WWCCR presented an original framed print by Jodie Hardesty of “Our Lady, Calm in Chaos” to Father Jim.

The celebration closed with a reception in the O’Connell Center. ■

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Every 25 years, the Church celebrates a Jubilee year, and the Jubilee of 2025 will have the motto:



Pope Francis has asked that we prepare for the Jubilee by making 2024 a “Year of Prayer.” He envisions this as a “symphony of prayer” and suggests at least 5 ways for us to focus our prayer during the coming year.

For the next two months, let us focus on:

**“Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him.”**

For more information on the Jubilee and the Year of Prayer, go to: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

## REFLECTION

# LOOK, I'M DOING A NEW THING!

Isaiah 43:18-19

By Drea Garcia

2024 is looking good! I have great confidence in every new year that God has given me, and to have the attitude of gratitude that stems from the words of Isaiah. I have this gratitude highlighted in my Bible and dated July 1st 1999. Sharon Fox was working at the WWCCR office at the time and answered a phone call from a man in Arizona asking Sharon if she knew anyone by the name of Andrea that was a part of the ministry. He felt God had a word for me and so Sharon, being a good friend, called immediately. A word. For me? I was a young pup in the Renewal not quite sure where I fit in and God had a word for me? This man went on to say, "God is calling you to a deeper relationship with him. Do not hesitate. Blessings will be manifested in your life. The Lord wants to be intense with you." Every New Year I read that message to remind me that God is doing a new thing.

So now I, in turn, remind you that the Lord is calling you to a deeper relationship this New Year. Do not hesitate. Blessings will be made manifest in your life and Jesus wants to be intense with you. Recognize it!

**REFLECTION.** Ponder this scripture verse.

"Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness". - Isaiah 43:18-19

What part stands out for you?

**ASK.** How can I share an encouraging word to others so they too can deepen their relationship with God? ■

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## 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, D.D., S.T.L.	Feb 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne, D.D., S.T.L.
Jan 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S., D.D.	Feb 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S., D.D.
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Jan 5	Fr. Jim Northrop	Feb 5	Fr. Jim Northrop
Jan 6	Seminarian Johnathon Cheever	Feb 6	Seminarian David Do
Jan 7	Fr. C. Dominic Chikakheni	Feb 7	Deacon Vu Do
Jan 8	Fr. Deacon Carl Chilo	Feb 8	Fr. Bryan Dolejsi
Jan 9	Deacon Kwok Chin	Feb 9	Fr. Gordon Douglas
Jan 10	Fr. Cal Christiansen	Feb 10	Deacon Denny Duffell
Jan 11	Fr. Patrick Clark	Feb 11	Fr. Oliver Duggan
Jan 12	Fr. Timothy Clark	Feb 12	Fr. Kevin Duggan
Jan 13	Fr. Marlin Connoles	Feb 13	Fr. Quy Duong C.Ss.R.
Jan 14	Fr. K. Scott Connolly	Feb 14	Fr. James Eblen
Jan 15	Deacon Joseph Connor	Feb 15	Deacon Bill Eckert
Jan 16	Fr. James Coyne	Feb 16	Deacon John Elshaw
Jan 17	Fr. Louis Cunningham	Feb 17	Fr. Robert Evenson
Jan 18	Seminarian Robert Currall	Feb 18	Deacon David Field
Jan 19	Deacon Rueben D'Sa	Feb 19	Deacon Jim Fish
Jan 20	Fr. Clemens Dabrowski, S.ch.	Feb 20	Deacon Brain Freese
Jan 21	Fr. James Dalton	Feb 21	Fr. Patrick Freitag
Jan 22	Fr. Thanh Dao	Feb 22	Fr. Ronald Gajettan, H.G.N
Jan 23	Fr. Arulanandu David	Feb 23	Fr. Andrzej Galant, S.ch.
Jan 24	Fr. Anthony Davis	Feb 24	Fr. Naresh Gali
Jan 25	Deacon Jim Decker	Feb 25	Deacon Cesar Galindo-Legaria
Jan 26	Fr. Jay DeFolco	Feb 26	Fr. Richard Gallagher
Jan 27	Deacon Jose DeLeon	Feb 27	Deacon Felix Garcia
Jan 28	Fr. John DePalma	Feb 28	Deacon Leon Garcia-Martinez
Jan 29	Fr. Bryan Dickey	Feb 29	Fr. David Gese
Jan 30	Fr. Frank DiGirolamo		
Jan 31	Fr. Michael Dion		

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

## INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray...

For the new 2024 Year of Prayer announced by Pope Francis beginning this month, in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025, may we “desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him.” May the Lord prepare our hearts to receive all of the many graces he has in store for us.

For a new year of openness and receptivity to the preparations and planning for the next step in the Partners in the Gospel process. May all parish staffs be inspired in how to best serve their parishes.

For a new year to listen to the Lord, who is always calling us into a deeper relationship with him. May we not hesitate to respond to his promptings so that his many blessings will be poured out into our lives and overflowing to the people we love and serve.

For a new year for WWCCR to bring baptism in the Holy Spirit into the lives of the people in this Archdiocese. May the Holy Spirit have his way in our prayers, our planning, and our events.

Come Holy Spirit,  
hear our prayer. Amen.



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