

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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YOU ARE INVITED

by Jean Beers

These three important words can lead to a life-changing event. How often have we accepted an invitation that turned out to be life-changing for us? We listened to someone tell how Jesus became real to them, and we desired that for ourselves. And how often have we extended an invitation to someone that became an encounter with Jesus that changed their lives? Invitations are really all around us: ubiquitous advertising, appeals inviting us to participate and donate, casual words saying that we must keep in touch, both email and postal invitations to celebrations; all part of the fabric of our lives. But those that can lead to an encounter with Jesus Christ are the most valued of all.

WWCCR has issued many invitations over the past 40 plus years that always present Jesus, that encourage participants to have a personal relationship with him that will change their lives forever. Two of those events were held this last May: A Holy Spirit Retreat on May 4 at St. Thomas parish, Tukwila, and a Mass in preparation for Pentecost on May 11 at St. Pius X parish, Mountlake Terrace. Both began with invitations through emails, bulletins, and personal words. Many people brought others with them.

Twenty seven people accepted the invitation to come to the Holy Spirit Retreat at St. Thomas parish. The presentations, testimonies and prayer all led to participants opening their hearts to an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes before we can invite a friend to a special event, we must build a relationship that includes words of encouragement. The gift of encouragement can open the hearts of people because it gives them a hopeful

view, it builds them up. Establishing a good relationship with another is laying the foundation of trust and love that we need to become open to a deeper experience of the love of God through the Holy Spirit.

Another gift we can use is the gift of faith, to step out in faith with an invitation to someone where they will hear the gospel. We extend the invitation believing that the Lord can use the occasion to touch them with his love. God will answer our prayers for those we invite, even though we might think our prayers and invitations are not working. Our faith is in God, not in ourselves. If we sinners know how to give good gifts to others, how much more will the Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask? (Luke 11:13)

“You are invited.” Three important words that can change a life, maybe our own. Paying attention to invitations, discerning whether they are of the Holy Spirit, praying for guidance, these are all elements that help us be led by the Spirit to “walk in the works God has prepared for us beforehand.” (Ephesians 2:10). ■

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OFFICE NOTES FROM KATHY MOORE WWCCR Office Manager

If you would like to see first-hand the workings of the Holy Spirit, you should attend a Gleanings planning meeting held on Zoom. The meeting starts with prayer and reflection. At this last meeting the words “invite” and “invitation” kept coming up. Someone recalled that one of the Word Gifts at our Mass of Preparation for Pentecost included “invite,” and thus “invite” became the theme for this month’s Gleanings. Articles were then assigned. The transcription of the video of the Word Gifts that were given during that Mass showed that all of them, not just one, reflected “invitation.” The Holy Spirit was guiding us. You can find those Word Gifts on page five.

Jean Beers’ article on page one is about the invitations sent out by WWCCR to the various charismatic events held in Western Washington.

We use our charismatic gifts of encouragement and faith to pass on these invitations to others. One event that invitations were sent out for was the Life With the Holy Spirit Retreat and its follow-up session four weeks later. Some responses of those who accepted the invitation are on page four. Sharon Fox’s article, page three, reflects on what happens when no one responds to your invitation.

The GLEANINGS committee invited prayer groups associated with WWCCR to describe their prayer meetings. An article on El Shaddai DWXI-PPFI (Seattle-Tacoma Chapter), one of the first to accept the invitation, is on page three. Drea Garcia’s article, page six, details what can happen when an invitation turns out to be different than expected. ■

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INVITATION AND STRUGGLE

by Sharon Fox

Invitation is important. When you experience a personal relationship with Jesus, you naturally want others to know him too. A friend of mine has been inviting people to WWCCR events for the last few months and not one person has come with him to an event. I once printed 100 youth retreat brochures and took them to my parish youth group. I was so excited to share about the next retreat coming up. I stood at the door and handed them all out and at the end there were 90 flyers left on the floor. Not everyone will accept your invitation.

Every invitation should start with prayer. Lord, who do you want me to invite? Pray and seek the Lord about how to ask. The Lord already knows who is ready to accept an invitation, so he might direct you to the least expected person. Often if someone is facing illness or other challenges, they may be ready to try anything to find comfort.

Remember the story of the king who invited people to his wedding and no one came? (Matthew 22:9-11) He sent his servants out to invite people from the "highways and byways" to bring in strangers. Some strangers are more open to our invitation. Strangers are everywhere: sitting next to you at Mass, in front of you in line to buy coffee or groceries, or even at a school PTA meeting. When you start praying for who to invite, your view of who to invite will grow and probably include strangers.

The Lord may have a different planned outcome all together. Even unanswered invitations don't have to be disappointments. When you stay rooted in your relationship with Jesus, grounded in prayer and scripture, and connected to community, God can even use your disappointment to help you draw closer to him.

Never give up! Step outside your comfort zone and keep sharing your excitement about what the Holy Spirit is doing in your life. Patiently stay in relationship with people who need an invitation to know Jesus. Then the Lord can use your evangelistic courage to develop new gifts of confidence and wisdom in your life. Your own spiritual life can grow as you continue to daily trust the Lord and invite others into their own relationship with Jesus. ■

Sharon Fox is a WWCCR Board member and a parishioner at St. Anthony parish in Renton.

Meet a Prayer Group - El Shaddai

WWCCR reached out to local prayer groups recently to introduce to them to Gleanings readers. Every prayer group is different. Prayer groups play an important role in helping people experience praise and worship and grow in the charismatic gifts. We are highlighting local prayer groups, so that you might visit them.

Prayer group: El Shaddai DWXI-PPFI (Seattle-Tacoma Chapter)

Meeting at: St Vincent de Paul Parish (Willenborg Bldg), Federal Way

Day & Time: Every Sunday at 1:00-4:30pm

Meeting Since: 1998

Average attending: 25-35 people

Typical meeting format: Rosary, Divine Mercy, Praise and Worship songs, Word of God, & Reflections

Is there a message the Lord has for your group these days?: Be united and keep on spreading His Word

They would like to share about their prayer group: Our group started from the Philippines 1984 with our servant leader bro Mike Z Velarde and Ret. Bishop Ted Bacani as our Spiritual Adviser.

Cardinal Antonio (Chito) Tagle became the group Spiritual Adviser when he was the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Manila. Now he is part of the Cabinet of the Pope in the Vatican.

Public events in 2024? On Aug 17 2024, the 8 million members of the group all over the world will be concelebrating the 40th Anniversary of El Shaddai in Manila. Since we are 7 chapters here in the Pacific Northwest we are having a meeting about who will be hosting the big event. More information to come.

For more information about this group:

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God bless us all. ■

For a list of local prayer groups, go to wwccr.org/prayer-groups. If you have an active charismatic prayer group that is not listed, download the **Prayer Group Directory Update Form** on the prayer group page.



We were blessed on Saturday, May 11 to gather for Mass and fellowship at St. Pius X church, to praise the Lord with beautiful music, to receive encouraging words from celebrant Fr. Jim Northrop, and be attentive to Word gifts that gave us vision and strength. These are the words of edification with an additional prayer of response:

There is a great awakening of the Holy Spirit in our region through WWCCR. God is pouring out many gifts that will be needed to foster my mission for the Church. The cup is flowing, you need to be ready!

Prepare to take in the lost sheep. Heal their wounds, give them drink from water that comes directly from me. Feed the hungry and teach the weak. For they are needed in my army but they are in great need for stability of faith. You will be that for many. A beacon of light in this dark time, a safe harbor and a refuge of Hope. Come Holy Spirit. *(Given by Drea Garcia)*

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, direct our eyes to see the lost sheep, the hungry and the weak. Help us to listen for the word that you have for each of them. Provide the stability of faith. May we be faithful to this call to heal, refresh, feed and teach; to

be a beacon, a safe harbor, and a refuge of hope!



Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and sup with him and he with me.

I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne as I myself won the victory and sit with my Father on his throne.

Whoever has ears let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches. (Revelation 3:20-22) *(Given by Bell Moore)*

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, let the word of truth reside in us strongly, that we may be ready to speak the word with courage to those you send to us. Amen.



This is what the Lord has placed on my heart: Come Holy Spirit.

Greater is he that is in me than is in the whole world.

Put your hand on your heart and close your eyes. Jesus is in your heart.

Greater is he that is in me than is in the whole world.

Thank you, Jesus. So the greatest gift that Jesus can give is in you.



Fr. Jim Northrop blesses all mothers.

Photos: Drea Garcia

Every spiritual blessing on earth and in heaven has been given to you through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I feel called to announce and to invite. I feel the Holy Spirit saying, "invite, invite, invite."

Invite Jesus into everything.

When you go to the store, you can invite the person in the checkout line.

Invite people.

Jesus can do more things, anywhere, anytime, in you.

(Given by Kelley Claire Masterson)

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, renew the gifts you have given each of us to build the kingdom of God in this time and place. Help us to earnestly seek those gifts, to step out in faith and use them. ■

LIFE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT Retreat & Reunion

Songs of praise, teaching, testimonies, and lunchtime conversation all made for a full day of renewal in the Holy Spirit for 27 people during the Holy Spirit Retreat on May 4 at St. Thomas parish, Tukwila. Life With the Holy Spirit team members presented teaching and testimonies. Five sessions covered the topics of *God's Love*, *The Gift of Salvation Through New Life*, *Receiving God's Gift*, *Prayer for Baptism in the Spirit*, and *Growth in the Spirit*. At the follow-up reunion four weeks later, people were asked about their experience at the retreat and in the month since. Here are a few of the responses:



One person felt that “she was in a washing machine” after the retreat, that she had a lot of different feelings to discern and pray about.

Another person had been having problems as a landlord for many months before the retreat. After the retreat, the “problems” moved on.

“An awakening of the Holy Spirit in my life.”

“I was nervous, but when people prayed over me, I was very peaceful.”

“I feel a lot better than last time.”

“Definitely feel changes.”

“Tough month...but I am here.”

“Beyond blessed...I feel full of joy.”

“I am grateful.”

“I appreciated the testimonies.”

To schedule a
Holy Spirit Retreat,
contact WWCCR at 206-364-2272
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WWCCR Welcomes new Board member, Mary Grace Crissey



Mary Grace was raised in Bellevue, attended St. Louise and Holy Names Academy, and won a full scholarship to the

UW in Math and Physics from the AF ROTC. Her Catholic faith deepened her call to mission and service. She served for twenty-one years as an Active Duty Officer. She met the challenges of raising a family amid frequent military moves across the country by relying on the Lord's assistance. Her faith is reflected in her relationships with her husband of 43 years, her two adult children, four grandsons, and her son-in-law.

Mary has been affiliated with Catholic Charismatic Renewal since her first Life in the Spirit seminar in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1990. She volunteered in a variety of ministries during her years in San Antonio, Texas. A highlight was the 2016 week-long leaders training sponsored by the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal held at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center, locally in Federal Way.

Mary Grace recently returned to the Pacific Northwest to assist her elderly mom. She sought out the WWCCR community and is active in Holy Family parish, Kirkland. ■

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 as the expression of a single 'heart and soul' (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread.”

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

THE IMPORTANCE OF INVITATION

by Drea Garcia

Webster's dictionary

INVITATION: a: the act of inviting. b: an often formal request to be present or participate.

I was recently reminded of the importance of Invitation.

This past May a few prayer warriors were invited to help at a retreat of thirty University of Washington undergrads for their Spring spiritual retreat. Newman Center director, Fr. Marcin Szymanski, O.P. had asked us to come Saturday evening to pray with these young men and women. We've helped in the past, so I thought we were prepared. Of course I misunderstood a slight, minor detail in the invite. As my friend Catherine and I were driving up the foothills my GPS took us to a campsite. By a river. This must be a mistake, I said to my friend. Where's the Lodge? The indoor fireplace? The bathrooms!! We definitely were not dressed for this place. It was a rainy cold day with only a canopy to keep us dry. Yikes! It had been a very busy couple of months so I probably didn't look close enough at the invitation, because to be honest with you, if I had known where it was, I would never have said yes. I know what you're thinking. What a bad attitude, Drea! Well, you're right.

My friend wisely encouraged me to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet with her as she could probably see the steam coming out of my ears. I was more embarrassed at my mistake. In the car as my feet began to thaw, so did my attitude. With each "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world" I began to see that this was not a mistake. It was an invitation to truly be "present." How blessed we were to "participate" and pray for these young men and women in their deepest need.

If I would have said no to this invitation, we would have missed out in seeing the joy, freedom and gratitude on the faces of these young men and women when we left. This experience helped me to have the best “attitude adjustment” to date. Oh, and we can now say that we've done prayer ministry via car for college Catholics! I can laugh about it now.

REFLECTION. Can you recall a time you needed a spiritual attitude adjustment?

ACTION. For heaven's sake, invite someone to participate in something uplifting! It might just change their life. ■

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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, D.D., S.T.L.	Aug 2 Archbishop Paul Etienne, D.D., S.T.L.
July 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S, D.D.	Aug 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S, D.D.
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July 17 Fr. Stephen Okumu	Aug 17 Fr. Kyle Poje
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July 27 Fr. Val Park	Aug 27 Fr. John Rashford, S.J.
July 28 Fr. Colin Parrish	Aug 28 Deacon Lamar Reed
July 29 Fr. Vincent Pastro	Aug 29 Deacon Steven Reeves
July 30 Fr. Felino Paulino	Aug 30 Deacon Rob Rensel
July 31 Deacon Sagato Pele	Aug 31 Deacon John Ricciardi

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 this summer season, and all those traveling, on vacation, at family gatherings, or finding time to rest, that the Lord will plant in them a fresh vision and new desire to serve him.

For courage and zeal to continue inviting others to “come and see” what a life with the Holy Spirit is like.

For all of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle as they begin their adventure as new parish families, that our clergy, lay leaders and parishioners will listen to the whispers of the Holy Spirit and find creative ways to serve and carry on the mission of Jesus.

For the July 6th Family Celebration, that adults and children alike will find a fun place to celebrate, worship, enjoy good food and fellowship.

For all young adults who are spending time this summer in service through mission trips and home service projects. May the Holy Spirit spark a fire in their hearts to be ever more active Catholics seeking the Lord and his plan for their lives.

For the needs of our WWCCR donors, intercessors, volunteers, staff and Board, that the Lord continue to use us, together, to bring baptism in the Holy Spirit to our parishes, families and communities.

*Come Holy Spirit,
hear our prayer. Amen.*



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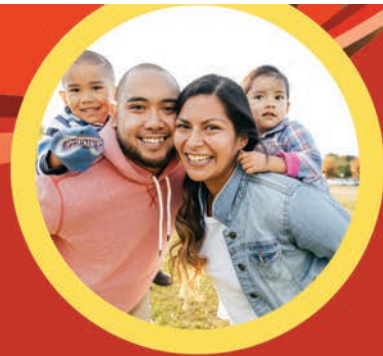
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FAMILY CELEBRATION



Join us on Saturday, July 6th from 12-4
@ St Thomas in Tukwila, WA

- ✓ Praise and Worship
- ✓ Teaching by Fr. Jim Northrop
- ✓ Children's Activities
- ✓ Potluck Lunch

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A-G Salad/Side H-N Main Dish O-Z Dessert
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