

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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RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S CALL

A Testimony by Ruth Ashburn

I attended the "Life With The Holy Spirit" retreat sponsored by WWCCR on June 29th at St. Hubert's in Langley, Whidbey Island. A great prayer team guided our group to let go of our cares, really trust in what God wants to reveal to us, and be open to what gifts/charisms he is happy to give to us, if we but ask and are receptive to his call. At the end of the retreat, members of the WWCCR team prayed over those who wanted prayer for a specific healing or being open to the charisms the Lord wants to give us. I've been discerning about asking for the gift of healing so I felt it was time to pray for this specifically. I didn't "feel" any differently afterward but came away with a sense of peace, joyful anticipation of how the Spirit would lead me in the days ahead, and emotional after spending the day with so many faithful people.

Two weeks later I really felt the Holy Spirit moving in me. A motorcycle/pickup truck accident happened right on the corner of our property. My husband ran to our bedroom asking me what I had dropped and then we both realized it was actually the collision we heard! I instinctively grabbed my "spiritual" bag of Miraculous Medals/St.

Benedict Medals and ran outside not thinking about what I'd find but knowing I needed to give out my packets of medals to whoever was involved.

By the time I got there, several people had stopped and the injured motorcyclist was lying on the grass, conscious but very dazed with injuries to his legs and feet. A few people were there helping him until the EMTs arrived. I crouched beside him and asked if I could give him a medal packet for protection from the Blessed Mother. At first he said "No, I don't need...wait, yes please I want them." I was able to put a packet in his hand and after a minute or two, stood up assessing the scene. At that moment two women ran up to me praising God that there was someone else of faith there to minister to him and asked to pray with me for the man. We embraced in a tight circle and prayed for him. After our prayer I offered both women a packet of medals which they took gratefully. The driver of the pickup was standing near us in a daze as to how it all happened, so I went to him and asked if I could pray with him which he agreed to without hesitating, saying he was a man of faith too. He also was grateful

to receive a medal packet. At that time a woman drove up fast and frantically got out of her car screaming "Where is my husband? Where is my husband?" She was only told her husband was in a motorcycle accident and didn't know what she was going to find when she got there. She rushed to her husband's side, sobbing hysterically, but after seeing he was conscious and able to talk, was able to calm down a bit. I went over to her and asked her if she would like a medal packet also and she immediately

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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

I was excited to register for the Eucharistic Congress held at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, July 18, 2024. Love for the Eucharist was the main gift of the Holy Spirit that I received when I was baptized in the Spirit. The belief that Jesus was truly present in that wafer of bread: body, blood, soul and divinity, filled my whole being, was no longer just head knowledge. I had to go to this Congress. And to have the Congress just one hour away from where my brother lived was even more special. But then, at my brother's, I got Covid, and could not attend the sessions.

Sue Gallwas, former Executive Director of WWCCR, was able to attend the Eucharistic Congress. "Heaven", she said, "was the word I would describe for 50,000 Catholics in one place, adoring and worshiping the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, kneeling in silence for an hour. 'On earth as it is in heaven.' One heart, one mind, one Body in Christ! All singing a cappella. Amazing! When I received the Eucharist, it was like a party going on in my heart! There were so many priests and bishops that it took over thirty minutes for them to process in. One, Holy, Apostolic!"

Archbishop Charles Thompson of Indianapolis gave this prayer: "We pray for a greater outpouring of your Spirit that we might come to know and love Our Lord Jesus even more as he gives himself always in the Holy Eucharist and to share that gift with all those we meet. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord." ■



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said “Yes, thank you so much!” By this time the EMTs and police had arrived, so people began to leave knowing the situation was being handled. A few days later one of the women I prayed with at the accident recognized me in the grocery store and once again thanked me for handing out the medal packets and praying with her at the accident; it turns out she is a neighbor of the injured man who lives just a mile down the road from us. She was happy to report the injured man was doing better; he had a broken foot and many lacerations but no other major in-

juries. She also told me that both he and his wife wear the medals every day!

As I reflect back on what happened, it feels almost like a dream. I didn't spend a moment thinking about if I should or shouldn't minister to those in need; I felt I was guided by the Holy Spirit to somehow bring a message from the Lord of healing, trust, love, & peace. I realize that the gift of healing isn't just in the physical sense but in whatever way one needs it at the time. I praise God for opening my heart to be receptive to hearing his call. ■

Ruth Ashburn is a parishioner at St. Hubert parish, Langley.

HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT AND FOLLOW UP REPORT

Over thirty people were blessed by the June 29th Holy Spirit Retreat and follow-up session held a month later at St. Hubert parish on Whidbey Island.

Here are some of the responses:

“The retreat was a great blessing, well organized sessions, the booklet was easy to follow, the music came at the right time, so did the sharing and the ending. The Wild Goose put us in the mood for power.

The sessions built on each other. I enjoyed meeting Julia Cox and her sharing.”

“Loved the retreat. They didn't talk over me. I could understand what they said; liked the prayer ministry.”

“I like it when people share.”

“Saturday was a blessed day. I told my family.”

“I am impressed with the Retreat speakers, especially Jim's personal sharing as an aspiring super hero. Session one teaches that the Holy Spirit brings freedom. I lived in fear, I listened to the lies of the accuser. Now I have freedom, freedom to dance! As you receive baptism in the Spirit you receive the gift of healing. With the prayer partners ministry I heard that I would be a light.”

“The Lord is asking me to surrender and do his will.”

“When we are weakest we depend on him. I need you to fill me with energy today.”

“A wow moment. I am excited about this retreat, the sharing was great, the prayer ministry was an enormous help.”

“This retreat gave immense gratitude in my heart. It is an amazing gift. You touch my heart to be with you.” ■

MEET A PRAYER GROUP - LIVING LIGHT

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: Living Light Prayer Group

Meeting at: St. Hubert Church, sanctuary, Langley, Whidbey Island

Day & Time: Tuesday, 3 pm

Meeting over 30 years

Average attending: 10 people

Typical meeting format:

Opening prayer, praise songs, sometimes singing in the Spirit, quiet reflection, scriptural and personal sharing, intercession, prayer ministry, closing prayers.

Is there a message the Lord has for your group these days?

The Lord is near, he loves us, we are to tell others of his love and mercy.

They would like to share about their prayer group: There has been a charismatic prayer group at St. Hubert since 1970. Present members are all very active in the parish but want more teaching and events.

Public events in 2024? We hosted a Life with the Holy Spirit Retreat on June 29, 2024 with 30 people attending, and a Follow Up reunion on July 27, with 20 people. (*Reports are on page 1 and 3 of this issue of Gleanings.*)

For more information about this group:

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*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.*

My Catholic Will

A LEGACY OF FAITH

by Tom Carmody

WWCCR partnered with My Catholic Will when we learned that a substantial number of adults do not have a will. Some people do not want to hire an attorney. Others simply don't want to ponder the questions posed when writing a will. Many don't know where to start. Yes, we think it's a good idea to have a will whether you have lots of assets or very few.

Having a Catholic organization help generate a will for you will ensure that your Catholic desires for handling your own funeral and estate are met. The process is all online and it's free to you.

We are sponsoring this effort for our readers and supporters. *Why?* This organization comes highly recommended by other Catholic organizations. We want to offer this program and be of service to people like you. Also, you will be given an opportunity during the will writing process to remember us in your will. We think we are doing a good thing while at the same time we are planting seeds for our future as a ministry. Any future bequests will support WWCCR to continue to proclaim baptism in the Holy Spirit to future generations.

If you or a family member are interested in the free Will, use the QR code or go online to start your free will. ■

Tom Carmody is a Board member and a parishioner at St. Joseph parish in Issaquah.

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WWCCR WOMEN'S RETREAT

Radiant with Joy

"Look to Him that you may be radiant with joy"

- Psalms 34:6

March 7-9, 2025

at Archbishop Brunette Retreat
at the Palisades, Federal Way

with speaker: Sarah Kaczmarek

More information to follow



What a fun day!

The praise and worship and Fr. Jim Northrop's talk were wonderful. We were able to pray with Fr. Jim as he moves to his new parish family. Delicious potluck! Talking with friends, coloring scripture verses, blowing bubbles, corn hole toss and Daniel making rosaries—a few of the favorite activities of the day!



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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 as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity.”

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

REFLECTION



MENTORING 101

by Drea Garcia

"So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come." - Psalms 71:18

As I reflect on this passage I can feel the gray hairs increase exponentially! Even though in my mind I feel twenty-five my body laughs and reassures me that I am indeed fifty eight! Time.

Let us think of the many mentors in the Charismatic Renewal, the men and women whom we have watched over time and have passed truth, beauty and goodness to us along the way. It is the sign of good discipleship.

The time has come to step up and mentor the next generation. In the last issue of Gleanings we reflected on the importance of Invitation, a chance to "Come and See." The next step is Mentoring. A time to "See and Do." The definition of mentoring is when someone shares their knowledge, skills, and experience with another person to help them grow in the spiritual life. So, if you've taken the time to share any knowledge, skills, or experience with another person, you've been a mentor.

Dear Lord, help us to "proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come."

REFLECTION. Who were the people who mentored you when you first heard the Good News of Jesus?

ACTION. Look around you. There is someone waiting for you to share your knowledge, skills, and experience with to help them grow in the spiritual life today. This is part of passing on of the faith. ■

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

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:

Sept 1	Pope Francis	Oct 1	Pope Francis
Sept 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne, D.D., S.T.L	Oct 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne, D.D.,S.T.L
Sept 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS	Oct 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
Sept 4	Bishop Frank Schuster, D.D.	Oct 4	Bishop Frank Schuster, D.D.
Sept 5	Fr. Jim Northrop	Oct 5	Fr. Jim Northrop
Sept 6	Deacon Michael Riggio	Oct 6	Fr. Dennis Sevilla
Sept 7	Fr. Kyle Rink	Oct 7	Deacon Tim Shamrell
Sept 8	Fr. Dennis Robb	Oct 8	Fr. John Shannon
Sept 9	Deacon David Robinson	Oct 9	Deacon Joseph Sifferman
Sept 10	Deacon Ted Rodriguez	Oct 10	Deacon Mark Shine
Sept 11	Fr. David Rogerson	Oct 11	Deacon Joe Shriver
Sept 12	Fr. Stephen Roman	Oct 12	Deacon Daniel Stamper
Sept 13	Deacon Rey Ronquillo	Oct 13	Fr. Vinner Raj Simeon Raj, H.G.N.
Sept 14	Deacon Jack Roscoe	Oct 14	Fr. Richard Spicer
Sept 15	Deacon Gary Rose	Oct 15	Fr. Aloysius Ssensamba
Sept 16	Fr. Cody Ross	Oct 16	Deacon Daniel Stamper
Sept 17	Fr. Stephen Rowan	Oct 17	Sem. Simon Stehr
Sept 18	Sem. Sylvester Rozario	Oct 18	Fr. Todd Strange
Sept 19	Sem. Tyler Russell	Oct 19	Fr. Mel Strazicich
Sept 20	Fr. Justin Ryan	Oct 20	Fr. Thomas Suss
Sept 21	Fr. Michael Ryan	Oct 21	Fr. Stephen Szeman
Sept 22	Deacon Jerry Sadler	Oct 22	Fr. Marcin Szymanski, O.P.
Sept 23	Fr. Ramon Santa Cruz	Oct 23	Deacon Mirec Sztajno
Sept 24	Deacon Ron San Nicolas	Oct 24	Sem. Joseph Tapia-Beeman
Sept 25	Archbishop Emeritus Peter Sartain	Oct 25	Deacon Ike Tarabi
Sept 26	Fr. Timothy Sauer	Oct 26	Fr. Kingsley Tebulo
Sept 27	Fr. Rajasekar Savarimuthu	Oct 27	Fr. Stephen Arockia Doss Thomas
Sept 28	Fr. Milhton Scarpetta	Oct 28	Fr. Navykumar Thomas
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Sept 30	Fr. Thomas Selvaraj Anthony Muthu	Oct 30	Deacon Donald Tillitson
		Oct 31	Fr. John Paul Tomassi

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of your priests, deacons, seminarians and religious throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. Set their souls on fire for the love of your people. Give them the wisdom they need to spread the Gospel.

Grant them strength to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. 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 all families who are returning to school and involved in community activities, that they will demonstrate the love of Jesus in everything they do and be a witness to power of the Spirit at work in their life each day.

For all prayer groups, for their leaders and members, that they will be inspired with a new evangelistic fervor and find fresh ways to reach out and build up the body of Christ in their parish community.

For our archbishop, bishops, priests and parish families as they guide us through these early months of Partners in the Gospel, may we all be open to new things, new celebrations and customs, new perspectives and new creativity as we listen to the Spirit's direction for us.

For all young adults who are discerning their vocation, that the Holy Spirit guide and direct their seeking, so that they can follow the path that leads them to their call from God.

For peace in our world, in our country, and peace in our hearts during this political season, that we can rise above the partisan noise to be a beacon of hope to those who need Jesus, no matter their viewpoint or affiliation. May the Lord guide us to be faithful citizens and may the Lord heal our country from our divisions.

For the ministry of WWCCR, as we strive to bring baptism in the Holy Spirit to people, prayer groups and parishes, that our efforts may bear fruit that endures and renew our church.

Come Holy Spirit,
hear our prayer. Amen.



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