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PILGRIMS OF HOPE!

By Virginia King

According to the Cambridge dictionary, a pilgrim is **“a person who makes a journey, often a long and difficult one, to a special place for religious reasons.”**

This could easily describe our lives as individuals, from the moment of our baptism to our final rest in the arms of our Heavenly Father. The Jubilee of 2025 invites us to focus on being “Pilgrims of Hope.” If this is the first you have heard of the coming Jubilee 2025, you are not alone. Until I was given the task of writing this article, I had only a cursory awareness of it.

But, because the thematic scripture is Romans 5:5, one of my favorite scriptures, I felt drawn to accept the assignment. And I am so blessed, because it “forced” me to read the entirety of Pope Francis’ document that formally designates this Jubilee Year and explains the theme in detail.

The title of the document in fact is “Hope does not disappoint.” The full scripture from Romans 5:5 is: “Hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy

Spirit that has been given to us.” This scripture means so much to me because the truth of it is lived out every day in my life and in the lives of so many others who have come to a fuller realization of God’s love through baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Way back in 1977, when I first experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit, I was without hope. My life was falling apart and all I wanted to do was run away from my troubles, to start over, and forget all the mistakes I had made. But, by the grace of God, I realized running away was not the solution. It would only lead to more troubles. Through this realization, God was preparing me for something better than I could ask or imagine!

Through the intercession of those who loved me and could see my despair, and through the witness of others whose lives had been turned around, I was led to surrender my life, with all its troubles, to Jesus. I asked for God’s love to fill me, which I later realized was asking for the Holy Spirit to fill me—because “God’s love has

been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” As the love of God, the Holy Spirit, filled me, hope also filled me and my life has never been the same.

I went from being without hope to being full of hope. It was so dramatic that to this day I am surprised by the change that came over me. Glory to God! Of course, my troubles didn’t all go away,

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OFFICE NOTES FROM KATHY MOORE

WWCCR Office Manager

Carol Kearns from Sandpoint, Idaho, became sick last March with an infection. She got weaker and weaker until one day in April, she fell and couldn't get up. Shock! Fear! She had to overcome this fear. She put her trust in God the healer. It was a miracle that she didn't die from this infection. Her second miracle was that blood clots formed, broke loose, traveled through her heart and into her lungs, but she didn't die. Then came another shock—the diagnosis of an aggressive cancer with no known cure. A doctor she knew agreed to be her oncologist. Not being able to go to her prayer group, many came to her. Her friends, parish, prayer chains, convents, had her on their prayer lists. She went forward in the belief that God knows best, no matter the outcome of prayer. In

September she had another CT scan. The third miracle: her numbers are good, very good, in fact phenomenal—improvement in areas thought to be incurable. One doctor said, "Some kind of Divine intervention took place." In her countdown of miracles, infection healed, no damage from blood clots, and cancer thought to be incurable almost gone, she contributes to faith and prayer, science of her treatment, and her doctor's expertise. There's still a patch of cancer, so keep Carol Kearns in your prayers for God answers all sincere prayer.

God heals today. Let us find opportunities to pray for healing, such as having Healing Masses in our parishes where the Sacrament of the Sick and prayer team ministry are offered. ■

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but my attitude toward the challenges of my life was completely different. I was trusting God to help me, instead of trying to solve my problems by myself. “By the power of the Holy Spirit,” I was “abounding in hope!” (see Rom 15:13) This is why I am so deeply committed to sharing the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit with others.

What does this have to do with Jubilee 2025? Look at what Pope Francis writes: “Hope, together with faith and charity, makes up the triptych of the “theological virtues” that express the heart of the Christian life (cf. 1 Cor 13:13; 1 Thess 1:3). In their inseparable unity, hope is the virtue that, so to speak, gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers. For this reason, the Apostle Paul encourages us to “rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer” (Rom 12:12).

Surely we need to “abound in hope” (cf. Rom 15:13), so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope.” SNC #18 (italics added)

It is a major part of the mission of WWCCR to be “living, proclaiming and nurturing baptism in the Holy Spirit.” In recent years we have offered one-day retreats, called Life With the Holy Spirit, in parishes throughout the archdiocese. This is a particularly effective way for us to promote hope during the Jubilee year. And I would encourage each of us to invite someone to join us in attending one of these retreats

when it comes to a parish near us. You might even work with others to invite the retreat team to come and present it right in your own parish.

“For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the ‘door’ (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as “our hope” (1 Tim 1:1).” (Pope Francis, - SPES NON CONFUNDIT #1) ■

To read the full text of Pope Francis’ document, go to: Vatican.va and search for SPES NON CONFUNDIT or go to this link:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html

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Meet the Living Water Prayer Group

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 name: Living Water

Meeting at: St Pius X Parish (Social Hall), Mountlake Terrace

Day & Time: Every Friday night at 7:00pm

Meeting for 11 years

Average attendance: 15 - 17 people

Typical meeting format: Approximately 45 minutes of praise and worship and then time to listen to God speak. The second half varies. We sometimes

have a speaker, sometimes pray over each other in groups of 3, Lectio Divina, scripture based discussion questions etc.

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

Do you have anything else that you would like to share with us about your prayer group?

We consider ourselves a family. All are welcome!

Any other events in 2024? Not yet.

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.*

CALLED TO SERVE

by Sharon Fox

So, you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, now what? Here are some ministry opportunities to consider:

Every Spring, the **Women's Retreat** committee prayerfully discerns the theme and speaker for this annual retreat. Each committee member takes on a task including decorating, handling registrations, preparing small groups, planning praise and worship and liturgies, praying and then interacting with the retreatants on the weekend. With several online meetings during the year, they work with the WWCCR office and the retreat center to

make sure that the retreat is a blessing to the women who attend.

The **Life with the Holy Spirit** retreat team members make a one-year team commitment every year. They have monthly in-person team meetings to build community, learn and grow in the gifts of the Spirit and pray together. Each retreat is all day on a Saturday, so the team arrives early to set up and greet people. The team presents all of the teachings, the praise and worship, the testimonies and serve as prayer teams. They can try different roles and develop presentation skills. A

month after the retreat, many of the team return to the parish to host a reunion where the retreatants have a chance to share their testimonies of how the Holy Spirit has changed their life.

The **GLEANINGS** planning committee meets online every other month to plan this newsletter. They pray and discern each issue's theme and articles. Then they work to find the writers for articles and event reports. Proofreaders check the articles before it goes for layout. Once designed, it goes to the printer and the webmaster.

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We are also looking for **Board of Directors** members who have a heart to see WWCCR survive and thrive. If you have leadership skills, budgeting, an understanding of Charismatic Renewal, business sense and ministry experience, this could be a good fit for you.

Every year we host a **Pentecost Celebration (Spring)**, an **Anniversary event (Fall)**, and other events. We form a planning committee to discern the theme and the direction of the event. Committee members contact the speaker, find the location, work with the venue (parish) staff for the building use. In addition, they find a worship team, prayer ministers, ushers and greeters, photographers, set up and clean up helpers, people to give testimonies, handle sound, and the

hospitality afterwards. There is plenty to do and help is always needed on the day of the event. If you are not sure how to get involved, these events are a great place to start without a longer time commitment.

WWCCR is a place to try different kinds of ministry experiences to see where you are gifted. And we'd like to do more! We're looking for team members, worship leaders, event planners, prayer ministers, fundraisers, mentors, intercessors, and so much more. Please pray about this. Could the Lord be calling you to serve on a committee at WWCCR? If so, please contact WWCCR office for more information at 206-364-2272 or info@wwccr.org. ■

Sharon Fox is a Board member and a parishioner at St. Anthony, Renton.



Oh, come let us
adore him!

Peace to you
and your family

from WWCCR



WWCCR WOMEN'S RETREAT

Radiant with Joy

"Look to Him that you may be radiant with joy" - Psalms 34:6

March 7-9, 2025



with speaker:
Sarah Kaczmarek

Sarah is the Director of Pastoral Ministry at Encounter Ministries and the Director of the Encounter School of Ministry. She holds an MA in counseling and has served in ministry for 20 years. Before her time at Encounter, she served in a parish as the director of evangelization and youth ministry and the Associate Director of Alpha Catholic. Her deepest desire is for everyone to know the love of the Father and walk in the holiness and wholeness Jesus paid for.

**at Archbishop Brunette Retreat
at the Palisades, Federal Way**

For more information, go to wwccr.org or contact WWCCR at 206-364-2272 or info@wwccr.org

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:

“May this intense Year of Prayer allow hearts to be opened to receive the outpouring of God’s grace and make the ‘Our Father,’ the prayer Jesus taught us, the life program of each of his disciples.”

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

AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL

by Drea Garcia

“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.” - Romans 5:5

Webster's definition of Hope: A desire that is accompanied by an expectation or belief that it will be fulfilled.

Pope Francis has announced 2025 Jubilee as the Year of "Hope;" as pilgrims, what does that really mean for us? I'd like to share some thoughts.

Scriptural understanding is based on the belief that God has promised something that will happen, while the secular understanding is based on a wish that something good will happen.

The Bible defines hope as the confident expectation of what God has promised, and is based on trust in God's faithfulness. It's a living hope that's rooted in love. The Bible says that hope is an anchor for the soul, and can lead to virtues like patience, courage, and determination.

Secular hope is a state of mind that wishes for something good to happen, but without any assurance that it will. It's based on knowledge, reason, and possibility, and can be exhausted because it's not backed up by a hope that fulfills human aspirations. The secular view rejects the possibility of supernatural help. I like to give an example.

I live in a rental house that my parish owns. It's an old craftsman style house that needs lots of work. In August, I was finally going to have the water pressure fixed in my kitchen after a lengthy time without it. As the workers were putting in new pipes they asked me if I was aware that I have a 5-ft sinkhole in my basement where the main structural beams hold up my house. A sink hole?! Oh dear. (That's not what I said but I'll leave it at that)

What am I going to do? To be honest I went a little crazy and when I came to my senses I knew. I am going to trust and lean on his promise and wait. I am confident he will take care of me and my house. He is my hope that will not disappoint. Thank you God and thank you, Mr. Fixit Man.

Reflection. Think back to a time when you lost Hope and then God restored it.

Action. In what ways can you spread Hope to those around you?

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

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:

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| Nov. 30 | Deacon Steve Wodzanowski | Dec. 30 | Deacon Mauricio Anaya |
| | | Dec. 31 | Fr. Michael Angelovic |

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

In Memorium

In the month of November, we remember all who have gone before us into eternal life in 2024. We remember below those who have been part of the life of the WWCCR family, who are now our “heavenly intercessors.”

Bill Joyce
(11/2023)

Ann Kormos [Johannessen]
(4/2024)

Joan Celix
(8/2024)

“God of all holiness, you gave your saints different gifts on earth but one reward in heaven. May their prayers be our constant encouragement for each of us to walk worthily in our vocation. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!”

*(Opening prayer
from the votive Mass
for All Saints.)*



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Romans 12:9-11

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1:00pm Mass
Celebrant & Homilist **Fr. Cal Christiansen**
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