



Sarah Kaczmarek

It was Friday evening, the Feast of Saints Felicity and Perpetua. One hundred expectant women gathered at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center, anticipating the particular grace the Lord had for each of us. Following the praise and worship, the speaker Sarah Kaczmarek from Encounter Ministries, introduced herself and began the first session: *One Thing*, boldly stating the truth that God is bigger than *anything* in our lives. She reminded us that "for the JOY set before him, Jesus endured the Cross." That motivating joy for Jesus was spending eternity in heaven with the Father and the Holy Spirit and... *each one of us*. You and me. The call in this opening session was for us to live in the JOY that comes from looking at the Lord first, for as William Blake wrote, "We become what we behold."

## RADIANT WITH JOY

The Women's Retreat Message Shared  
by Margaret Whetham

*Reflection Question:* How different would my life be if I looked at God *first* in every situation?

Next day, with many humorous quips, Sarah presented the Saturday morning talk: *Joy: An Inside*



*Job*. It happened to be International Women's Day, and Sarah encouraged us to dwell on the image of God as a gentleman. She drew this from meditating on the Song of Songs. She made the scripture alive for us, saying that the Lord, wet with dew, had been knocking at the door of our hearts all night long while we were sleeping! Pondering this image will deepen our awareness of our

identity as beloved daughters of the King. Sarah reminded us that the Lord wants to be a full-time resident in our hearts—not just a guest. As in the Garden, God calls out to us, "Where are you?" We don't have to hide in shame because *everything* in our lives comes under the gaze of his love;

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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

BY KATHY MOORE

WWCCR Office Manager

Kathleen Kafka joined Joy of the Lord Charismatic Prayer group last fall at the invitation of co-chair, Carol Stromberg. She attended WWCCR's Life With the Holy Spirit Retreat in November, 2024 at St. Mary, Anacortes. Kathleen came faithfully to the meetings. As someone new, she was very quiet. Then at one meeting in March, when sharing was finished and the Scripture was about to be read, she spoke up, "Wait! I have something to share. The other morning I awoke early and started my prayers. I prayed, 'Lord, I would really like to experience the Holy



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Spirit. Please, fill me with the Holy Spirit.' And at that very moment, my whole house shook!" The date was March 3. At 5:02 a.m. the Pacific Northwest experienced a 4.5 earthquake centered at Orcas Island, 12 miles from Anacortes. Kathleen felt so much joy and peace and happiness. For more experiences of the Holy Spirit turn to page five. ■

We wish to thank the St. Joseph Foundation of the Archdiocese of Seattle for their generous grant to WWCCR to help people grow their prayer life with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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2025 Women's Retreat retreatants and team



Fr. Cal Christiansen

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this makes it easier for us to be reconciled to our particular histories, not letting anything from the past be an obstacle to our living an intimate relationship of love with our God.

*Reflection Question:* Are there areas of shame in my heart that God wants to smother in mercy?

We gathered together again late Saturday afternoon for session three: *Can't Keep It for Yourself*. We were all amazed to learn just how powerful a praying woman can be for the world as we heard the story of the Hebrides Revival in the 1950's: two elderly women committed to praying for young people brought about an intense revival. This encouraged us, regardless of age, to pray for our young people. And finally, Sarah reminded us of the Tent of Meeting in Exodus 33, where Moses would meet with God and talk with him as a friend would. This *Tent* was a retreat highlight for me: I googled an image of the Tent of Meeting, and I go into that tent in my imagination twice a day,

to spend time with God as his friend, and to listen.

*Reflection Question:* How might Jesus be calling me to share his joy with those I encounter in everyday life?

The retreat ended on a high note with Sunday morning Mass. Our faces radiant, we left the retreat and headed home to our various spheres: ready to champion other women; ready to radiate joy to others; ready to gaze at the Lord *first*; ready to give the Lord permanent residency in our hearts; ready to pray for youth; and ready to be the Lord's modern Perpetuas and Felicity in our time. ■

Margaret Whethem is a parishioner at Holy Rosary Parish in West Seattle.



"I was on the Women's Retreat, *'Radiant with Joy,'* in March at the Palisades and I just want to say a huge THANK YOU! to all those who make it possible. I felt like writing 150 Thank You's to all those who attended as well! The priests were wonderful, meeting Sarah K, the speaker, and all my new friends lifts me up in my faith. I also loved the 3,000 daffodils and those that I took home smiled at me all week, reminding me of God's great Love for us. Truly, it was a great blessing for me to praise God with 100+ women! God bless all of your ministries." - Nancy Keller-Scholz

# RECEIVING BLESSINGS THROUGH CONNECTION

by Theresa Jordan

As the volunteer receptionist at the WWCCR office, I have had the privilege of receiving numerous blessings through the interactions I have had with friends and supporters of our ministry. Recently, one such blessing came in the form of a phone call from a friend of WWCCR's, Walt Sears.

Walt reached out with the intention of renewing his monthly pledge donations for the year 2025. Our conversation was a reminder of the profound impact that the ministry of WWCCR has on individuals near and far. Walt's voice was filled with a deep sense of commitment and generosity, and he expressed his desire to continue supporting the work that we do. His words were a testament to the power of consistent and heartfelt giving.

During our conversation, Walt shared a bit about his past experiences with WWCCR. He currently lives in Hilliard, Ohio. When he lived in Washington state, he actively participated in the events organized by WWCCR. One of the most significant experiences for him was his participation in "The School of Healing Prayer." This program, which required a year-long commitment, involved several levels of study and was using the series, "School of Healing Prayer" from Christian Healing Ministries.

Walt spoke passionately about the impact that the school had on his life. He mentioned that he learned the "Cutting Free Prayer" during his time in the program. This particular prayer, he noted, had made a huge difference in his life, and he continues to pray it every day. As a chaplain, Walt has taken the lessons he learned and shared them with others. He teaches the "Cutting Free prayer" to his patients and fellow chaplains, extending the blessings he received to a broader community.

Walt's story is a beautiful example of the ripple effect that our ministry can have. His dedication to our mission and his desire to share the transformative power of prayer highlight the core values of WWCCR. It is through the support of individuals like Walt, that we are able to continue our ministry and reach even more people. Reflecting on this conversation, I am reminded of the

importance of connection and the many ways in which we can be a source of support and inspiration to one another. The blessings that come through these interactions are immeasurable, and they serve as a constant source of motivation for me in my role as a receptionist.

Every day, I am blessed to witness the generosity and kindness of our supporters. Whether through phone calls, emails, or in-person visits, each interaction is a reminder of the strong community that surrounds WWCCR. It is a community built on faith, prayer, and a shared commitment to healing and transformation and empowering lives through the Holy Spirit. ■

*Theresa Jordan is a WWCCR volunteer staff member and parishioner at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Seattle.*

## Cutting Free Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for sharing with us your wonderful ministry of healing and deliverance. Thank you for the healings we have seen and experienced today. We realize that the sickness and evil we encounter is more than our humanity can bear, so cleanse us of any sadness, negativity or despair that we may have picked up. If our ministry has tempted us to anger, impatience or lust, cleanse us of those temptations and replace them with love, joy and peace. If any evil spirits have attached themselves to us or oppressed us in any way, we command you, spirits of earth, air, fire, water, the netherworld or the satanic forces of nature, to depart—now—and go straight to Jesus Christ for him to deal with you as he will.

Come Holy Spirit: renew us—fill us anew with your power, your life and your joy. Strengthen us where we have felt weak and clothe us with your light. Fill us with life. Lord Jesus, please send your holy angels to minister to us and our families—guard us and protect us from all sickness, harm and accidents. (Give us a safe trip home.) We praise you now and forever, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and we ask these things in Jesus' Holy Name that he may be glorified. Amen.

A prayer by Dr. Francis MacNutt  
[www.christianhealingmin.org](http://www.christianhealingmin.org)



# RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT

*"Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. Seek to have an abundance of them for building up the church".*

1 Corinthians 12:31, 14:12

A primary mission of WWCCR is to fan into flame the gifts we receive through the Sacraments. We do this by sponsoring events to encourage Catholics to use their gifts, and by conducting Life With The Holy Spirit retreats that teach people to receive the outpouring of the gift of the Spirit that will empower them to live a life that builds up the body of Christ. The gifts of the Spirit build us up personally, so that as we use them, the church, the body of Christ is built up. Let's ask, seek and knock for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Read how two people were renewed in the Spirit.

## MORE FOR ME

*by Dolores Covarrubias*

In 2022, I attended my first Life With The Holy Spirit (LWTHS) retreat. I was just going for healing, but the Lord had more things for me. I learned about

the charismatic gifts, and how we need to build a relationship with the Holy Spirit. After that, I started to be more open to the Holy Spirit, and this helped me in my conversion. Suddenly, I started to receive more graces through the Holy Spirit. I fell so in love with this movement that I decided to join the retreat team. My life changed so much, and now I want everybody to experience what is Life with the Holy Spirit!

## WAITING FOR THE SPIRIT

*by Sharon Fox*

A faithful volunteer named Bob Deleo had been active in charismatic renewal since the early 70s. When he was baptized in the Holy Spirit, he did not receive the gift of tongues, instead receiving a hunger for scripture and the gift of wisdom. He wanted to pray in tongues. I met him in the 90s. He then shared that he



Photo: Rose McAvoy

was still waiting for tongues and he wondered if God would ever give him this gift. In the early 2000s, we were at a local charismatic conference and he was helping with the audio duplication. Even though he was working separate from the audience and distracted by his tasks, he was drawn into the praise happening nearby. Without thinking about it, his praises turned into the gift of tongues! Thirty years of waiting paid off and he was filled with joy! Whenever I think about perseverance, I remember Bob and how he never gave up waiting on the Spirit. ■

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## 2025 MONTHLY MASSES

WWCCR Spiritual Director, Fr. Jim Northrop, will offer Mass at 9 am once a month at Sacred Heart Church, Enumclaw, WA

For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit for all those serving and receiving through the ministry of WWCCR.

You are invited to attend the Mass with Fr. Jim or unite in prayer for this new outpouring, which began on February 5, and will continue on the dates below:

May 5

June 4

July 4

August 4

September 4

October 3

November 3

December 4

## REFLECTION

# READY, SET, GO!

by Drea Garcia

"Great is the army that carries out your word." Joel 2:11

I remember when I first started volunteering for WWCCR back when I was a "baby" Spirit-filled Catholic. I mostly followed in the footsteps of seasoned workers in the vineyard, going to a Healing Mass wherever I could find one and I attended my fair share of days of renewal, classes, teachings and leadership training, with no real intention of being a leader. I really just wanted to be around people who lived in a way that was so spiritually alive and on fire for God!

As I grew in the Spirit so did my desire to share it, just like the disciples at Pentecost. I was sharing with our retreat team awhile back, how LWTHS (Life With The Holy Spirit) reminds me of setting out like Peter and the disciples, going from town to town offering a new way of life guided by the Spirit. We, too, are going out to the world: Whidbey Island, Tukwila, Anacortes, Bothell, Kent and soon Enumclaw, to name a few.

Jesus sends us out two by two, robed in power. It is not for us only, it's for power to be sent out. It takes being prepared, continual growth and the attitude of readiness to serve. It may be years of praying when seemingly nothing is happening, and then, boom, many invitations begin to be received. There's an investment in being prepared to be sent. On-the-job training after years of prayer, I am no longer a baby. I am a soldier in the Lord's army.

**REFLECTION.** Pentecost is almost here. In what way is the Holy Spirit preparing you to be sent? Ask for the Holy Spirit to guide you.

**ACTION.** Ready. Set. Go! ■

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



Drea, late 1980s

## MAY/JUNE INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

**Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:**

May. 1 Pope Francis	Jun. 1 Pope Francis
May. 2 Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne	Jun. 2 Archbishop Paul D. Etienne
May. 3 Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.	Jun. 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.
May. 4 Most Rev. Frank Schuster	Jun. 4 Bishop Frank Schuster
May. 5 Fr. James Northrop	Jun. 5 Fr. James Northrop
May. 6 Dcn. Fred Johnson	Jun. 6 Fr. John Ludvik
May. 7 Dcn. James Johnson	Jun. 7 Dcn. Craig Lundberg
May. 8 Fr. James O. Johnson, Jr.	Jun. 8 Dcn. Jack Luz
May. 9 Fr. Clarence E. Jones	Jun. 9 Fr. Fabian T. MacDonald
May. 10 Dcn. Dave Jones	Jun. 10 Sem. Evan Mackenzie
May. 11 Fr. Bernard F. Jonientz	Jun. 11 Fr. Peter Mactutis
May. 12 Fr. Jacob Kasak, F.S.S.P.	Jun. 12 Sem. Maliko Madden
May. 13 Fr. Nicholas Kayongo	Jun. 13 Fr. John Madigan
May. 14 Dcn. Dennis Kelley	Jun. 14 Dcn. Abel Magaña-Sainz
May. 15 Dcn. Patrick Kelley	Jun. 15 Fr. Paul Magnano
May. 16 Dcn. Lyle Kendall	Jun. 16 Dcn. Felix Maguire
May. 17 Dcn. Larry Kheriaty	Jun. 17 Fr. Dominic David Maichrowicz, O.P.
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May. 22 Fr. Ronald Knudsen	Jun. 22 Fr. David Mayovsky
May. 23 Dcn. Richard Labrecque	Jun. 23 Sem. Patrick Gitau Mbuiyu
May. 24 Dcn. Loren Lane	Jun. 24 Fr. Dean Mbuzi
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May. 31 Dcn. Juan Lezcano, OFS	

Let us pray, 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

*Come Holy Spirit...*  
in thanksgiving for our mothers and fathers, living and dead. For those who guided and provided for their children, and for the parents whose failings and sufferings may have left us to deal with unresolved pain. May the Lord bless them all and show them his mercy and forgiveness.

*Come Holy Spirit...*  
and fill us anew as we gather at Pentecost. May we desire more and more of your Holy Spirit so that we can be more effective witnesses to the people that we meet each day.

*Come Holy Spirit...*  
to direct and guide the WWCCR Board, Committees and staff as they seek to serve the needs of charismatic renewal in this archdiocese.

*Come Holy Spirit...*  
to refresh and renew our spiritual director, Fr. Jim Northrop, today and always and especially as he celebrates his 28th anniversary of priesthood at our Pentecost Celebration on June 7th.

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





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**CLEANINGS**  
MAY/JUNE 2025

*Joy in the Holy Spirit*  
**PENTECOST**  
Romans 14:17

**Saturday, June 7th, 2025**  
**Sacred Heart Parish Hall**  
1614 Farrelly St, Enumclaw

1:00pm Praise & Worship  
1:40pm Presentation & Testimony  
2:30pm Holy Spirit Celebration  
of Father Jim Northrop's  
Priesthood Anniversary

★Please bring a snack ★  
to share at the celebration.  
WWCCR will provide a  
Holy Spirit cake for Father Jim.  
*Hosted by Sacred Heart prayer group  
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