



## WESTERN WASHINGTON CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CELEBRATING 48 YEARS!

Photo: Sharon Fox

Board members, staff, prayer group members and friends celebrated the 48th birthday of WWCCR at St. Brendan parish on Saturday morning, November 15. It has been 48 years since the incorporation of WWCCR as a ministry to serve the Archdiocese of Seattle through charismatic renewal at the request of Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen. Reports of the event follow below.

### Happy Birthday WWCCR!

Songs of praise and words of encouragement began our celebration at St. Brendan parish: “Be not afraid.” “Come Holy Spirit!” “Let the Holy Spirit fill those needy areas of your life with his gifts. These gifts are for you, for your family, for your neighbors.” “Be not afraid.”

Emcee Julie Schlumf graciously led us through the packed program of praise and worship, Mass, introductions, testimonies and Fr. Jim’s closing exhortation, followed by a potluck.

Mass Celebrant Fr. Jim Northrop called on us to not be stuck with thinking that the old things are better. The Lord makes all things new. This is a new time, ask for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is

the first installment of our inheritance. The enemy tries to undo everything. Don’t go back to the old script, but “Proclaim his marvelous works.” Seek the gift of prophecy, the words of comfort, edification, consolation. Use our words to build up, not tear down. Use prudence in speech. Correct teaching about the life in the Spirit is important. Proclaim your testimony, how God is working in your life.

Chris Peterson and Katie Gedrimas shared how their lives changed during the Holy Spirit Retreat in Enumclaw this summer. Chris told how he became open to receiving the gifts of the Spirit during the retreat. His testimony was featured in the November/December issue of GLEANINGS. Katie shared her need of continuing healing after a heartbreaking divorce, but gave thanks to the Lord for rescuing her, giving her hope and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

We joyfully closed with Fr. Jim leading us in the Victory Chant, “Hail, Jesus, you’re my King, Your life frees me to sing. Glory, glory to the Lamb, You take me into the land.”

*Reported by Jean Beers*

### New Faces, New Outpouring of the Spirit

Come Holy Spirit! It was a beautiful day to celebrate 48 years in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. It was a day filled with familiar faces, thank you Lord, and, praise be to God, some new faces! As I listened to the testimonies of Chris Peterson and Katie Gedrimas I was filled with a great sense of continuation. The Holy Spirit is like that, you know. It reminded me of why serving with the Life With The Holy Spirit team is so awesome. To meet people like Chris and Katie who were basically strangers to us, having just met them

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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 Sharon Fox, *Interim Director*

## ST. JOSEPH FOUNDATION GRANT

In September 2025, WWCCR applied for grant funds through the St. Joseph Foundation to support some key ministries at WWCCR. Thanks to the Foundation, we were granted funds to cover some costs of the Women's Retreat to make it more affordable for women to attend. We will be able to offer a *Life with the Holy Spirit* retreat for young adults. Some funds are granted for promotion the *Catherine of Siena Spiritual Gifts Workshop* that help people grow and realize their own giftedness. We also want to develop, support and train those involved in prayer ministry. Watch **GLEANINGS** for more details and event information in the months ahead.

## WWCCR DONOR SUMMARIES WILL BE MAILED SOON!

We will be mailing out donation tax summaries to all who donated in 2025 by the end of January. Please prayerfully consider donating to WWCCR in 2026. Any amount (\$10, \$25, or more) given once a month is so greatly appreciated. Not able to donate every month? Please remember to donate every time you attend a WWCCR event. If you're like me and you no longer carry cash or a checkbook around, we also offer online options at our events, or you can donate at [WWCCR.org](http://WWCCR.org) anytime that's convenient for you. Thank you for your prayerful support of WWCCR!

May you be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit this year so that you bring the hope and love of Jesus to all those that you meet. ■

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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at WWCCR's Life With The Holy Spirit Retreat at Sacred Heart Church in Enumclaw back in July. Our ministry team has been to a number of parishes and we love to see how each one has a unique quality to it. This parish had an openness from the moment we started and we knew that God was going to move in a deep and powerful way. He did, and here they were, standing at the ambo that Anniversary morning sharing the story of how God moved in their hearts. What a privilege to be a part of something so profound. Join us in praising the Lord for leading us, and pray, pray, pray for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the coming year!

*Reported by Andrea Garcia*

### **Celebrating Together**

What a blessing for us to gather at St. Brendan parish in Bothell for our Anniversary Mass! The parish community there was so helpful as we prepared for that day together. It was an especially wonderful day to have Fr. Jim Northrop with us as our celebrant. He had been the pastor at St. Brendan's several years ago and there were many of his former parishioners in attendance to listen to his preaching and singing one more time.

We had over 100 people at this Mass and they came from all over the archdiocese; some as far away as Bremerton, Anacortes, Enumclaw, Lake Stevens and Whidbey Island. New friends and old alike gathered to praise the Lord and pray together, listen to testimonies, to Fr. Jim's wisdom and encouragement, and to spend time together at the potluck that followed. This is the way

we celebrate our experience of baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The WWCCR office has been encouraging local prayer groups to bring a banner to represent their group. We hope that the banners will become part of the procession at future Masses. This was especially popular in the early days of WWCCR when we hosted our annual conference every year. Dozens of prayer group banners would process in and their presence remained around the

room to showcase all the groups in attendance. Some banners were made from simple felt pieces, while others were quilted and quite elaborate. Today one could easily be printed on vinyl or a group could even borrow a banner from their parish. WWCCR will be encouraging groups in hopes that we could have a banner from every prayer group walking into our 50th Anniversary Mass in 2027. ■

*Reported by Sharon Fox*

## **THE GOODNESS OF GOD**

Fr. Jim Northrop's exhortation at the WWCCR Anniversary Celebration was a heartfelt reminder of the goodness of God. Last summer, Fr. Jim had walked "the Camino" in Spain. He said that during the hours of walking, he found himself thanking God for all the people who had been instrumental in bringing him to this time of his life. He mentioned especially those who had invited him to attend his first Life in the Spirit Seminar, when he was in college, and who had prayed with him for baptism in the Holy Spirit. We in turn can be very grateful to God for those folks because the subsequent trajectory of Fr. Jim's life has brought us so many blessings through him.

He also spoke of lessons he has learned about the need for forgiveness. A lack of forgiveness blinds us to our own failures. How often do we ignore our own bad behavior while ranting against that same bad behavior in others? Fr. Jim put it very succinctly: "You will become what you don't forgive." This really struck home with me. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us!"

Finally, he spoke of the importance of being open to the new thing that God is doing, which God is always doing, in our personal lives and in the Church and the world. He spoke of speaking prophetic words of encouragement to others. He challenged us to step out in faith. He reminded us of the beauty and importance of praying "in the Holy Spirit" and being open to new charisms. He mentioned redemptive suffering as a way that God is at work in us and through us. Basically, he was telling us not to get into a rut, but to stay on the path where the Spirit is leading us afresh every day. "Come, Holy Spirit!"

*Reported by Virginia King*



The Disciples of the Lord  
Jesus Christ sisters with  
the Seattle delegates

## RENEWAL THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT: REFLECTIONS FROM THE PENTECOST TODAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

*by Fr. Jim Northrop*

I was incredibly privileged to join three sisters in Christ from WWCCR at the Pentecost Today USA Leadership Conference in Houston, TX, during the second week of October. The atmosphere was one of expectant faith, filled with trust in the Lord's goodness and a collective desire to pray for the grace of a New Pentecost in our Church.

This conference served as a profound reminder of the renewal that is possible when we step outside our comfort zones, fully trusting in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A pivotal moment for me came during an invitation to engage in prayer ministry with the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, a relatively new and dynamic religious order rooted in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Founded in 1972 by Mother John Marie Stewart, this community embraces a life enriched by deep prayer, joyful witness, and openness to the Holy Spirit. Their commitment to living out the charism of their founding inspires me, and I witnessed firsthand how joy manifests in their ministry.

At the conclusion of the conference, I had the honor of praying with a sister from this community who had not been present during the earlier prayer time with the other sisters. The Lord gave me a word of encouragement for her. The joy I saw in her and her fellow sisters would undoubtedly attract many people to their order. As St. Paul reminds us, "the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17).

This sister also shared with me her testimony about how the Lord brought about her vocation through a tragedy in her life. Truly, "all things work together for good for those who love God" (cf. Romans 8:28).

As we, the Church, navigate this challenging period in our history, it is vital to remain steadfast in our mission of guiding others to a saving relationship with the Lord and a vibrant life in the Holy Spirit. Despite the many obstacles we face, it is a great blessing to witness the Holy Spirit working in hidden and mysterious ways, bringing about the Lord's plan of salvation in our world today.



## HOLY SPIRIT 2025

OCT 10-12, 2025

HOUSTON, TX

St. John Paul II once addressed the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, urging us in our times of hunger for hope: “Make the Holy Spirit known and loved. Help bring to life that ‘culture of Pentecost’ that alone can make fruitful the civilization of love and friendly coexistence among peoples.” His call to action resonates even more today, encouraging us to pray fervently: “Come, Holy Spirit! Come! Come!”

My experience at the conference and with the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ was a beautiful reminder of how the Lord continually blesses his Church with opportunities for renewal. We must recognize his generous nature and his desire to pour out the Holy Spirit upon us, ushering in a new springtime of evangelization.

Let us not doubt the goodness of the Lord or his desire to anoint us to share the Good News. I encourage you all to reflect on how you can invite the Holy Spirit into your lives and communities. Together, let us embrace this call to renew our commitment to the mission of the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is Lord! ■

*Fr. Jim Northrop is pastor of the Parish Family of Sacred Heart, Enumclaw/St. Barbara, Black Diamond/St. Aloysius, Buckley.*



**PENTECOST TODAY**  
*USA* bring · build · serve

Pentecost Today USA continues the work begun by the National Service Committee in the 1970's to raise up, connect, and equip Renewal leaders in new and dynamic ways in order to:

**BRING** baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church

**BUILD** unity in the Body of Christ

**SERVE** the Poor

A group of over 50 Renewal leaders from across the U. S. serve as board and council members of Pentecost Today USA.

In 2020, we prayerfully decided to rename and align our organization with the threefold mission of CHARIS to bring, build, and serve.

Launched at Pentecost in 2019, CHARIS (Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service) is the new unifying body that operates on international, continental, and national levels to help coordinate and support the life and growth of the Charismatic Renewal within the Church and beyond. Pentecost Today USA supports this mission, and has many current and past members who also assist with roles within CHARIS.

**[PentecostTodayUSA.org](https://PentecostTodayUSA.org)**

Check out their website for more information about Catholic Charismatic Renewal around the USA, teaching resources, national conferences, and more.

# Experience a **LIFE** with the Holy Spirit **RETREAT**



**Saturday, January 31, 2026**

9:30am to 4:30pm

**Church of the Visitation**

in the Social Hall

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Pre-registration is required.

No onsite registration.

Registration cut-off date is

Thursday, January 22nd.

**Bring your lunch.** It's a very full day, so this is a closed retreat and we stay together for lunch.

We begin promptly at 9:30am.  
Doors open at 8:30am for check-in.  
Retreat ends at 4:30pm.

## REFLECTION

# IGNITED!

by Drea Garcia

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16*

I've been reflecting on the word Ignite. As my brothers and sisters from the WWCCR community gathered for our 48th anniversary celebration this past November, that word has taken on a whole new meaning. What an awesome day that was. Talk about "Ignite!" The Holy Spirit is crazy powerful! I love this definition: "To set in motion or spark." The term conveys a sense of being set ablaze with passion and purpose for God.

For me this word explains perfectly what happened recently. As WWCCR Board members and our spiritual director set off for the National Leaders Catholic Charismatic Conference in Houston this past October that word started to move Friday at dinner. Being raised in the Renewal, I have learned to ask the Holy Spirit, OK, so you've brought us 1,874 miles here for multiple reasons: how to better serve the Renewal here in the Northwest, to fellowship with other leaders from across the country and to see the Holy Spirit move this weekend. So, I quietly prayed, "Who would you like for us to have a holy encounter with this weekend?" And there they were, a group of very young sisters from the Franciscan charismatic religious community called Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ from PrayerTown, Texas, to be precise. As I introduced myself and fellow Board members, too many "God Incidences" convinced me that this was a meeting meant to be. At the evening main session I felt that spark move again during praise and worship. I was minding my own business, enjoying the music and then, bam! I heard it clearly in my mind, "Tell Fr. Jim that he is to speak prophetically into these sister's lives." Gulp. I prayed for the right time to ask, and of course without missing a beat, Fr. Jim said, YES! It was a marvelous miraculous time with these women, Fr. Jim, Sharon, Cathy and myself, doing what we all are called to do, speak life into new and old friends, to simply, *let the fire fall*.

**REFLECTION.** In what ways have I hidden my lamp under the basket? Acknowledge it, say sorry and move forward.

**PRAYER.** Help me Lord, to "Ignite" those areas in my life so that I might truly reflect you to the people around me in 2026. ■

*Drea Garcia is WWCCR Board Vice President and a parishioner of Parish Family 55 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Seattle.*

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

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

Jan 1 Pope Leo XIV	Feb 1 Pope Leo XIV
Jan 2 Archbishop Paul Etienne	Feb 2 Archbishop Paul Etienne
Jan 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS	Feb 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS
Jan 4 Bishop Frank Schuster	Feb 4 Bishop Frank Schuster
Jan 5 Fr. Jim Northrop	Feb 5 Fr. Jim Northrop
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Jan 10 Deacon Dan Allen	Feb 10 Fr. Ronald Belisle
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Jan 12 Deacon Mikhail Alnajjar	Feb 12 Deacon John Bergford
Jan 13 Fr. Joseph Altenhofen	Feb 13 Deacon Raymond Biersbach
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Jan 16 Fr. Raphael Ambadan	Feb 16 Fr. Martin Bourke
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Jan 18 Fr. Victor Raj Anas Dass	Feb 18 Fr. Benjamin Bray
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Jan 20 Seminarian Ayden Andersen	Feb 20 Fr. Jack Buckalew
Jan 21 Fr. John Peter Anderson	Feb 21 Fr. John Bulger
Jan 22 Fr. Michael Angelovic	Feb 22 Fr. Gerald "Jerry" Burns
Jan 23 Fr. Thomas Selvaraj Anthony Muthu	Feb 23 Fr. Robert Camuso
Jan 24 Fr. Hendry Arokiasamy	Feb 24 Fr. Francisco Cancino
Jan 25 Fr. Albert Arulappan	Feb 25 Deacon Steve Cano
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Jan 29 Deacon Terry Barber	
Jan 30 Fr. Roy Baroma	
Jan 31 Deacon Samuel Basta	

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

*Let us pray...*

**“Behold, I make all things new.”** Revelation 21:5  
For an openness and expectancy for what the Lord has in store for each of us as this new year begins.  
*Come Holy Spirit!*

**“I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me.”**  
Philippians 4:13  
For a renewed confidence and courage to step out and share the love of Jesus with others, inviting them to come and see what God is doing in our lives through our testimony and in the Church.  
*Come Holy Spirit!*

**“Praise the LORD, O my soul! With all that is within me, praise his holy name!”**  
Psalm 103:1  
For a new, deep, passionate, infectious joy to fill each of us and a desire to live a life of praise and worship so that we may draw ever closer to our beloved savior, Jesus Christ.  
*Come Holy Spirit!*

**“How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one!”**  
Psalm 133:1  
For all parish families in the archdiocese to continue growing together in their liturgies, their planning, and care for each other.  
*Come Holy Spirit, hear our prayer. Amen.*



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*Zephaniah 3:17*



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