

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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HIS LOVE BROKE THROUGH

by Julie Schlumpf

*“O Lord, your loving kindness
extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.”
- Psalm 36:6*

I am often reminded when I travel by airplane, that as we take off with great power and speed, it may be gray and cloudy below, but it is sunny and clear sailing up above, with no obstacles in sight. In aviation terms, breaking through the cloud ceiling means the plane is flying at an altitude above the lowest layer of the clouds.

It makes me think about how God sees the world and life through a lens of endless possibility and positivity; whereas, our vision is limited and often we see only what is directly before us and the challenges that face us.

In 1976, a Christian artist, Keith Green, wrote a song called, “Your Love Broke Through.” It is about finding a sense of meaning in life through loving and surrendering to God. The words are powerful and apply today even as they did then. In the song Green writes:

“You pulled away the clouds that hung like curtains on my eyes. Then, You took me by surprise, like waking up from the longest dream, how real it seemed, until Your love broke through.

He goes on to say that, “It’s like the power of the wind,” Green discovered in his Christian walk, what we all learn as we walk daily with Jesus. We must constantly ask him into our lives, and surrender to his will. We learn that God’s vision is all-powerful and his plan is far better than ours. The power of the wind is reflective of the power of the Holy Spirit, uncharted, and unfettered, able to go and do God’s mighty work.

Recently, this faithful way of life was tested as I, along with many other women, looking forward to attending WWCCR’s Women’s Retreat, Beloved, discovered it was canceled due to weather and a power outage. It was not what we expected. But through God’s grace, there were some silver linings. Here are some that were shared with us:

Katie Gedrimas said that, “I took time to rest in the spirit, without pressure. God provided the opportunity for a holy time of revelation.”

Nancy Keller-Schultz said, “I was so sad to miss the retreat but I was able to get some much needed rest and prayer time alone with the Lord. I also connected with my brother by phone overseas, whom I rarely get to chat with.”

As for me, one of the blessings I experienced as a result of the canceled retreat, was that I was able

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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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ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?

by Sharon Fox, *Interim Director*

“Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.”

Philippians 4:9.

The mission of WWCCR is only made possible through the dedication, prayer and perseverance of our volunteers who keep doing what they learned, heard and have seen. Each one has experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in their life. Now they are ready to serve at WWCCR!

Please take a moment to pray (yes, right now!) and ask the Lord if he is calling you to serve WWCCR on a committee or to help at an event. If you have training from another ministry or you’ve never been a volunteer before, we need you! Some volunteers will serve in person and some will do their ministry from home. All are needed! Please pray and discern your call to volunteer with WWCCR.

Next, go to wwccr.org and click the **Are You Ready to Serve?** image to see our areas of need, including:

trained prayer ministers, planning the annual Pentecost Celebration (spring) or Anniversary event (fall), GLEANINGS newsletter planning & writing, office support, praise & worship teams, dedicated intercessors, Women’s Retreat team, Life with the Holy Spirit Retreat team member, and much more!

Then click the online questionnaire link and answer the two questions to introduce yourself to us. Once you submit it, someone will contact you with more information. Training, mentoring, collaboration and support are available so that together we can serve others.

The Kingdom of God needs your heart and hands and voice to share baptism in the Holy Spirit with more people. Please pray and say yes! **“Keep on doing what you have learned...”** ■

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Above: Retreat sign in the snow
On right: 2026 Women's Retreat team



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to be with a dear aunt in the ER after she had a terrible fall that Saturday morning. We were told by the doctors her prognosis was grim. She had massive blood clots in her lungs, a blockage in her heart, and a head injury. My cousin, her sister-in-law, my aunt and I all prayed for her recovery along with many dear family members and friends. I asked Mary to hold one of her hands, and Jesus to hold the other and to walk with her on this journey. With the doctors' advice, we opted for a mild treatment of blood thinner to help her recover and held our breaths.

That evening, in the ICU, my aunt was showing improvement! We were so grateful and encouraged.

Jeremiah 32:17 says, "O Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you."

My aunt told me that day, she guessed the Lord had more work for her to do, and that God's will be done.

We have been so grateful that she has been given more time here with us, as she continues to improve. As we know, prayers don't always end the way we hope for, but that weekend his love broke through for her and for us!

In Psalm 36:6, David writes: "O Lord, your kindness reaches to heaven, your faithfulness to the clouds." When we choose to look ahead with the lens of possibility and gratefulness, even when life is difficult, when our prayers go unanswered, God still can and does marvelous things!

It is written in Isaiah 55:11:

"So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to the void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." God always has a better and greater plan.

May is the month of Mary as well as Pentecost occurring on May 24th. Take Mary's hand and let her lead you to Jesus this May, and as you walk your path in life. Let us all ask the Holy Spirit to come and encourage us. To fill us with his fire and love as we invite him into our hearts. Just as Keith Green wrote in his song, "And now I see the answer was as easy as just asking you in, and I could never doubt Your gentle touch again."

I pray that the Lord's love breaks through for you and your families this spring; that as you walk daily with him, you experience his gentle and healing touch. ■

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LET US PRAY

PENTECOST SEQUENCE

Reflection *by Sharon Fox*

During the Great Jubilee of 2000, charismatics all around the country started to pray the Pentecost Sequence. I vaguely remember even seeing this prayer at Mass on Pentecost before that point. The prayer seemed so long that I wasn't sure I would want to pray it every day. Fortunately, I worked at WWCCR at the time, and we began the habit of praying this prayer every day at noon. Slowly, as we prayed each line, the words started to come alive for me. I found little spiritual gems in this prayer that still resonate within my heart when I pray it today. I now savor each stanza.

Let these words wash over you as you pray it. Let the Holy Spirit open a new fervor in your mind and in your heart that wasn't there before. I pray that the Holy Spirit will break forth from these words and bring new gifts into your life. That's the true power of this Pentecost Sequence.

Pentecost Sequence

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine.

Come, Father of the poor.
Come, source of all our store.
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill.

Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end.

Amen. Alleluia.

ENCOUNTERED AND FORGIVEN

by Jane Guenther

Dear Friends of the
Renewal,

There's something striking about how the charismatic experience of the Holy Spirit and the quiet, radiant message of Divine Mercy Sunday meet each other. As we enter into this weekend we remember that the spirituality often associated with the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is marked by energy—praise that overflows, spontaneous prayer, a deep awareness that God is alive and acting now. It emphasizes

encounter: the Spirit not as an abstract doctrine, but as fire, breath, and gift. People speak of being moved, healed, and awakened. Now we come to Divine Mercy Sunday, rooted in the revelations received by Saint Faustina Kowalska—and the tone shifts, but not the depth. Here, the focus is not so much outward expression, but inward trust. Not the fire descending, but the Heart already opened. The message is disarmingly simple: Jesus, I trust in You.

Yet these two currents are not opposed—they complete each other. The charismatic movement reminds us that God moves toward us, dynamically, personally. Divine Mercy reminds us why: not because we are strong, but because we are loved in our



weakness. One emphasizes the immediacy of grace; the other its inexhaustible tenderness. Divine Mercy gently anchors everything in humility: grace is not something we generate or sustain by emotional fervor—it is given freely, especially when we feel least worthy. And if devotion to mercy risks becoming quiet or even passive, the charismatic impulse breathes into it a boldness: trust is not merely a feeling, but a living surrender that can cry out, sing, and proclaim. At their best, both lead to the same place:

a heart that knows it has been encountered and forgiven.

And perhaps that's the deepest beauty of Divine Mercy Sunday—it doesn't demand a particular style of prayer. Whether in stillness or in song, whether one feels lifted or empty, the invitation is the same: to step into the flood of mercy flowing from Christ's side, and to trust that it is enough. Our most "charismatic" act may be the quiet, radical surrender of a soul that says, again and again:

Jesus, I trust in You. ■

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Gifts of the *Spirit*

“Pursue love, but strive eagerly for the spiritual gifts, above all that you may prophesy.

For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to human beings but to God for no one listens; he utters mysteries in spirit.

On the other hand, one who prophesies does speak to human beings, for their building up, encouragement, and solace. Whoever speaks in a tongue builds himself up, but whoever prophesies builds up the church.

Now I should like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be built up.”

1 Cor. 14:1-5

REFLECTION

RISE ABOVE

The spiritual life is rarely a constant sunlit path; it is more often a climb through thick, disorienting fog. In the natural world, a pilot flying through a storm knows that the turbulence and darkness are localized to a specific altitude. To find clarity, they must climb. This is the essence of "rising above the clouds"—a mental and spiritual ascent that finds its perfect scriptural heartbeat in *Psalm 123:1-2*, “To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!”

When we are surrounded by the "clouds" of life—anxiety, the scorn of others, or the mundane heaviness of daily struggle—our instinct is to look down at our feet or around at the gloom. This horizontal focus only reinforces our sense of being trapped. However, the Psalmist offers a vertical alternative. Lifting our eyes is not a denial of the storm, but a recalibration of our soul. It is a deliberate "looking up" to the One who sits enthroned above the weather of human circumstance.

To rise above the clouds means recognizing that while the fog feels infinite, it is actually thin. Above the ceiling of our current crisis, the sun is still shining, and God remains unshaken on his throne. This perspective shifts our identity from victims of the storm to servants of the Sovereign.

Just as the second verse says, “Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his master,” our upward gaze becomes a posture of expectant peace. We stop asking “How long will this storm last?” and start asking “What is my Master’s hand directing me to do now?”

By keeping our eyes fixed "above the clouds," we tap into a peace that is not dependent on a clear sky. We realize that the "throne in the heavens" is higher than any earthly authority or internal fear. Today, let the ascent begin with a single, upward glance, trusting that the light above the clouds is the truest reality of all.

REFLECTION

1. **What is my "cloud" today?** (What one thing is making my world feel a bit foggy or heavy right now?)
2. **What is one way I can look up?** (What is one small thing I can do to remember that God is bigger than this cloud?)
3. **Remember to keep looking up!** ■

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MAY/JUNE INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:

May 1	Pope Leo XIV	Jun 1	Pope Leo XIV
May 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne	Jun 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne
May 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.	Jun 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.
May 4	Bishop Frank Schuster	Jun 4	Bishop Frank Schuster
May 5	Fr. Jim Northrop	Jun 5	Fr. Jim Northrop
May 6	Dcn. Jeffrey Greer	Jun 6	Dcn. Lyle Kendall
May 7	Fr. Randy Guarino	Jun 7	Dcn. Larry Kheriaty
May 8	Fr. Mark Guzman	Jun 8	Fr. Da Wool Kim
May 9	Fr. Armando Guzmán	Jun 9	Fr. Mark Kiszewski
May 10	Fr. Bradley Hagelin	Jun 10	Fr. Anthony Kitema
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May 20	Dcn. Del Hoover	Jun 20	Fr. John Ludvik
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May 31	Dcn. Patrick Kelley		

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,
Come Holy Spirit...*

In thanksgiving for the volunteers who serve on our committees, our Board and the office. *They are WWCCR!* They are living sacrificially to make sure that the mission of WWCCR is extended around this archdiocese. For their health, a new joy, new gifts and for any of their personal intentions.

For the WWCCR office as we prepare and install a new database system this summer. May it be easy to learn and assist us in our daily work.

For the ministry projects that WWCCR has in mind to offer, but don't have the people or resources to do so yet. May the Lord provide and guide us so that more people can operate in the charismatic gifts.

For the needs of prayer groups, that they may be excited with a new evangelistic fervor and to be a sign of encouragement in their parishes.

For our priests and parish families as they finish their second year of *Partners in the Gospel*. May they never lose sight of their original call to form missionary disciples. Be with those parish families that are struggling with the changes that are coming their way. Give us all hope and faith to stay faithful and flexible.

Come Holy Spirit, hear our prayer. Amen.



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PENTECOST CELEBRATION

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1ST CORINTHIANS 2:13

Saturday, May 23; 10:00am-3:00pm
at St. Catherine Church
814 NE 85th St, Seattle

Praise and Worship
Mass with Fr. Jim Northrop
Prayer Ministry
Potluck Reception to Follow

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