

# 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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## CONTINUE YOUR MISSION

by Tammie Stevens

On May 30th Pope Leo XIV addressed the world-wide Catholic Charismatic Renewal at a special gathering in the Paul VI Hall at the Vatican. This was part of a multi-day event organized by CHARIS in preparation for the 60th Anniversary of the Renewal next year. The morning schedule included wonderful praise and worship, addresses and testimonies by various leaders in the Renewal including Michelle Moran, Bishop Peter Smith, and the CHARIS moderator, Pino Scafuro, and many others. In the middle of the schedule were the words "Arrival of the Holy Father" which we all waited with great anticipation.

Pope Leo began by acknowledging the birth and growth of the Renewal in the years following the Vatican II Council and highlighted the affirmation by the each of the popes from that time to today, that this movement of the Holy Spirit has been seen as "a gift to the Church." He

expressed that he, too, wishes "to foster the relationship of mutual respect, closeness and support between the See of Peter and the great family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal." And, like the popes before him, he reflected on five "key aspects" of our spiritual experience: baptism in the Spirit, prayer of praise, the word of God, communion, and charity.

He began with baptism in the Spirit, our personal experience of the Holy Spirit, from which "comes the inner desire to be witnesses and heralds of his love, bringing his consolation to people oppressed by a sense of emptiness and loneliness." Now, more than ever before, how our world needs this grace, and it is our call to share what we have experienced.

Pope Leo emphasized our prayer of praise, highlighting that this "new capacity for spontaneous and sincere dialogue with God,



Pope Leo XIV

are essential aspects of Christian prayer." It's more than the songs we sing, it's the foundation of our communication with God. The word of God, which many experience as a new hunger in this life in the Spirit, should serve as our "source of discernment for guiding our daily choices."

The final two aspects were communion and charity. We were reminded of Pope Leo XIII's earlier encouragement to pray

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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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## What did the Pope say to Catholic Charismatic Renewal?

by Sharon Fox, *Interim Director*

Did you know that every Pope since Pope Paul VI has had a relationship with Catholic charismatic renewal, through public meetings, correspondence, direct line relationships through the hierarchy, and even in the establishment of the international office of CHARIS in Rome?

Pope Leo XIV had his first meeting with charismatic leaders in Rome on Saturday May 30. To watch his audience or read the text of his address, see the links in the pink box on page 3.

Pope Leo's remarks showed that he knows Catholic Charismatic Renewal: our purpose, our history, and our desire to bring baptism in the Holy Spirit to others. My favorite part at the end of his speech was:

“Dear friends, I thank you for your commitment and encourage you to continue your mission. Put yourselves at the service of the dioceses and parishes, offering your experience and methods of evangelization. Faithfully follow the guidance of your priests; and, in your communal discernment, listen to the voices of wise people, even if they do not belong to your groups. Cultivate harmony and cooperation among the communities to which you belong, taking care never to give way to the desire for self-promotion, or the pursuit of power or personal prestige. May the Holy Spirit always be a light and a source of strength on your personal and communal journey, and may the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, protect you. And now, with these heartfelt sentiments, I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing.” ■

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the Novena to the Holy Spirit from Ascension to Pentecost which has at its core the intention of Christian Unity. Charity: through this new “capacity to love” through the Holy Spirit, we are invited to keep “alive this love for the poor, which reveals the true face of God.”

While it’s possible to simply report on what Pope Leo said to those gathered, and by extension to the whole Church, describing the encounter and the atmosphere within that place is hard to adequately put into words. For me, being in the midst of many members of the Italian Renewal and those who had come from countries all over, whether they were friends or strangers, all of us gathered were family through this common experience of the grace of the Holy Spirit which, as Pope Francis said, is “for the whole Church, not just for some.”

When I posted a video of his arrival on social media, there was a comment that “he is not a rockstar.” This is so true. Pope Leo’s encouragement to the world-wide Renewal, which is to each

of us individually in the Church, was one of a beloved father, our Holy Father who acknowledged our birth and growth through the Holy Spirit, affirmed our place in the “family” though our history and the reminder to place our gifts at the service of our local dioceses and parishes, and encouraged us to go forward and “continue our mission.” ■

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## Check it out!

**To read  
the Pope's Address:**  
<https://bit.ly/4g4UVUU>

**To watch  
the Pope's Address  
on YouTube:**  
<https://bit.ly/4eBS4QQ>

## ANNOUNCING TWO NEW PRAYERS GROUPS!

### OLYMPIA

St. Michael Charismatic  
Prayer Group

Meets Thursdays, 7:00 pm  
at St Michael Parish  
1055 Boundary St SE, Olympia  
in the Parish Office Building,  
Multipurpose Hall  
Church: 360-754-4667

Prayer Group Contact:  
Connie Smith  
360-970-8715

### KENT

Holy Spirit Charismatic  
Renewal Prayer Group

Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays  
5:00PM to 6:30PM  
at Holy Spirit Parish  
327 2nd Ave S, Kent  
in Room 8  
(Swahili and English)

Prayer Group Contact:  
Lusefine Adala  
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For a list, go to [WWCCR.org](http://WWCCR.org)



Check out this new podcast

## Grace in the Midst of Chaos

Fr. James Northrop  
Spiritual Director of WWCCR

On YouTube - @GraceInTheMidstofChaos



# WE HAVE A STORY TO TELL!

by Virginia King

At the WWCCR Pentecost Celebration, on May 23, we were blessed to join together for Mass and a reflection by Fr. Jim Northrop, our Spiritual Director.



When Fr. Jim shared with his high school voice teacher, a Baptist, that he was baptized in the Holy Spirit, his teacher said, “We don’t need that any more.” Like him, there are still so many people who think that the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit, which the apostles experienced at Pentecost, is not needed or no longer avail-

able. But this is precisely what we **do** need. That is why the mission of WWCCR is so important.

Reflecting on the life of St. Paul, we can see how God transformed him in order that he could bear witness about Jesus to the Gentile world. We are each commissioned, as Paul was, to bear witness to the grace of conversion in our own lives and boldly spread the Good News of Jesus. The Church needs this. The world needs this.

Bearing witness boldly involves what Fr. Jim called “the Three P’s: Power, Purpose, Proclamation.”

**POWER** – Luke 24:49 “I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with **power from on high.**” It is the **power of Pentecost**, of the initial and ongoing “baptism in the Holy Spirit” that is first required to be able to fulfill the mission that Jesus is giving us. We are confident that the Father will give the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks. (see Luke 11:13)

**PURPOSE** – Acts 26:16-18 (Paul bearing witness to what Jesus had told him on the road to Damascus) “I appoint you...to open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may obtain forgiveness of sins

and an inheritance among those who have been consecrated by faith in me.” To Paul, nothing else matters but fulfilling the specific mission he has been given of being a witness in order that others might be saved, even as he was. He is laser-focused on this **purpose**. All the suffering he endured was worth it s long as it supported this goal.

**PROCLAMATION** – Col 1:27-28 “God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we **proclaim**, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.”

St. Paul proclaimed Jesus in many ways, but often simply by telling the story of his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. He told this story over and over because



it was pivotal in explaining why he had faith in Jesus. We, too, have a story to tell, which will explain our faith in Jesus, and may be exactly what someone needs to hear in order to “open their eyes.”

These three “P’s” are reliant on a fourth – **PRAYER**. Pray to be able to bear witness to Jesus. Pray for boldness. Pray for the gifts to be fanned into flame. Pray for yourself and for others:

“May you be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit, and may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith that, rooted and grounded in love, you may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with the fullness of God.” (paraphrased from Eph 3:14-19) ■

*Virginia King is a parishioner at St. Pius X parish in Mountlake Terrace.*

# INVITING THE HOLY SPIRIT IN

by Julie Schlumpf

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”  
Matthew 28:19-20

Our Pentecost Celebration at St. Catherine’s parish in Seattle was truly blessed. I left uplifted, fired-up,” and ready to proclaim the greatness of God!



At the beginning of the event we were led into praise and worship by St. Catherine’s marvelous music group. With songs like “House of the Lord” and “Praise,” seeing all the uplifted hands of those worshipping the Lord was beautiful!

Fr. Jim’s brilliant red and gold vestments, and all those dressed in Pentecost red added to the spirited celebration. Bright banners and a picture depicting the Holy Spirit descending on the apostles adorned the altar. You could feel the Holy Spirit’s presence and power there.

During Fr. Jim’s homily, he spoke to us about the three P’s: power, purpose, and proclamation. He said we need to, “Get out of the tomb,” and that, “We need boldness!”

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”  
2nd Timothy 1:7



After the Mass, there were stirring testimonies of conversion and healing that encouraged all of us. Then, those who wanted prayer met with teams in small groups.

Finally, we were able to meet and have a delicious lunch together with lots of laughter and fellowship.

I left asking myself, how can I be more courageous about proclaiming the good news of Jesus and of the gospel? Reaching out to others, committing to daily reflection and prayer, and being more involved in my parish family are ways I can do this. Continually inviting the Holy Spirit into our lives will bring God’s presence, love, hope, and healing. ■

*Julie Schlumpf is a parishioner at All Saints in Puyallup and a member of Revive Us Lord Prayer Group.*

# AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

by Sue Gallwas

“They had all things in common”  
Acts 2:44

No matter whether it’s been years since we have seen each other or we have just met for the first time, people who are filled with the Holy Spirit are blessed with great joy when we have the opportunity to be together! Sharing the love of the Lord with each other is the most important thing and it makes us feel fully alive. ... [T]hat gives God great glory because, “The Glory of God is mankind fully alive.” St Irenaeus

At our Pentecost Celebration this year we definitely experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in our praise and worship, in the Eucharist, and in the prayers for healing. Many people took the opportunity to meet with prayer teams who asked them, “what would you like Jesus to do for you today.” When a person prays that way, Jesus sends his Spirit into their hearts to lead them to an encounter with Jesus, which fulfills the mission of WWCCR that all people experience a personal relationship with Jesus empowered by the Holy Spirit!!!

“Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven!” It was most definitely heaven on earth! Alleluia! Alleluia! ■

*Sue Gallwas is a parishioner at All Saints in Puyallup and part of the Core Team for the Revive Us Lord Prayer Group at All Saints that meet every third Saturday.*

# *Ite Missa Est* GO, YOU ARE SENT

by Jean Beers

“Go out” was the message from the Eucharistic Revival held in Bellevue this past May. Participants had the sense of being sent, anticipating what they were called to do.

We hear the words, “Go, the Mass is ended” as Mass is concluded, but in the days of the Latin Mass we heard, “Ite Missa Est,” which meant, “Go, you are sent.” We are still “sent” today, having been fed and strengthened by the Word of God and the Eucharist. We’ve been filled for a purpose: to share what we have received with others. We are to go out with our treasure and distribute it to those in our life.

Our treasure is the scriptures and the presence of Christ within us. We have the words that give life and we have the grace of the love of God poured into our hearts. Jesus said to the apostles, and to us, *As the Father has sent me, so I send you.* We already have what we need, not only in the word of God and the Eucharist, but in the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit whom we have received.

Let’s have that spirit of readiness. Ready to go, to be sent. Aware that we are being called today. Let’s ask for the willingness to cooperate with the grace of God for this day. Our morning prayer helps us to have the awareness that we are sent today. Our work may be intercessory prayer.



Fr. Jim Northrop,  
WWCCR Spiritual Director

We may be sent to pray for someone, maybe someone difficult to love, or to love them with our attention, encouragement, or help.

*For from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.* When our hearts are full of the word of God we can speak the words of comfort, and strength to those that the Lord sends to us in our daily life. Especially as we pray for them, we may find an opening to speak those words that give life and hope.

Then there are the opportunities for service: to feed the poor in our neighborhood and beyond, to help others with simple or complicated aid, faithful commitment to serve in the many capacities in our parishes, such as the needed coffee hours that provide fellowship for so many. These lead to our support of the ministries with outreach to large areas of need throughout the world. But we begin at home, not neglecting those in our own families.

Our evening prayer can be a reflection: whom did I help today, how did I fail, and who will the Lord send to me tomorrow? The Lord will provide all that we need to do his will in our lives. *Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.* ■

*Jean Beers is a parishioner of St. Hubert parish in Langley and a member of Living Light Prayer Group.*

## JULY/AUGUST INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:

Jul 1	Pope Leo XIV	Aug 1	Pope Leo XIV
Jul 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne	Aug 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne
Jul 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S,	Aug 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S
Jul 4	Bishop Frank Schuster	Aug 4	Bishop Frank Schuster
Jul 5	Fr. Jim Northrop	Aug 5	Fr. Jim Northrop
Jul 6	Dcn. Greg McNabb	Aug 6	Fr. Kurt Nagel
Jul 7	Fr. Maurice Mamba	Aug 7	Fr. Joji Nagineni
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Jul 12	Fr. Dean Mbuzi	Aug 12	Fr. Hung Nguyen
Jul 13	Fr. Richard "Woody" McCallister	Aug 13	Fr. Kahn Nguyen
Jul 14	Fr. J. Patrick McDermott	Aug 14	Dcn. Phuoc Nguyen
Jul 15	Fr. Michael McDermott	Aug 15	Fr. Tuan Nguyen
Jul 16	Fr. William McKee	Aug 16	Sem. Dung Nguyen
Jul 17	Fr. Timothy McKenna	Aug 17	Fr. Paul Nkolombidzo
Jul 18	Fr. Thomas McMichael	Aug 18	Fr. Timothy O'Brien, F.S.S.P
Jul 19	Dcn. Armando Medina	Aug 19	Fr. Matthew O'Leary
Jul 20	Dcn. Henry Miner	Aug 20	Dcn. Phil O'Loane
Jul 21	Sem. Bradley Miller	Aug 21	Dcn. Phil O'Loughlin
Jul 22	Fr. Joseph Mitchell	Aug 22	Fr. Matthew Oakland
Jul 23	Fr. Jeffrey Moore	Aug 23	Fr. Bryan Ochs
Jul 24	Fr. Gilberto Mora Tapia	Aug 24	Fr. Crispin Okoth
Jul 25	Fr. Kevin Moran	Aug 25	Fr. Stephen Okumu
Jul 26	Dcn. George Mounce, III	Aug 26	Fr. Andrii Oliinyk
Jul 27	Dcn. Pat Moynihan	Aug 27	Fr. Hans Olson
Jul 28	Fr. David Mulholland	Aug 28	Sem. Rich Ordos
Jul 29	Fr. Maximiliano Muñoz	Aug 29	Dcn. Eric Paige
Jul 30	Dcn. Don Murdy	Aug 30	Fr. Myong-Kun Park
Jul 31	Fr. Brian Myers	Aug 31	Fr. Sung Jun Park

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 many graces and blessings received on Pentecost, especially for all those who gathered at the WWCCR Pentecost Celebration this year. Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew us with new zeal and hope to witness to your love in our families, prayer groups and parish families.

In thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV who graciously met with charismatic leaders in Rome in May. May the Holy Spirit renew his strength and fill him with wisdom to lead the Catholic Church each day.

For the WWCCR volunteers and staff as we plan our fall events. May we be open to hear the Holy Spirit's leading and may those you want to attend these events hear your call and respond to the invitation.

For our ongoing Executive Director search, that our efforts and promotion will fall into the hands of the right candidate and may the candidate recognize the call of the Lord for this key position of leadership at WWCCR.

For our spiritual director, Fr. Jim Northrop, and all the priests of the Archdiocese, that they may be encouraged and strengthened in their vocation so that they can help us grow as faithful witnesses to the love of Jesus and the church.

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



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