



GLEANINGS

Renewing the face of the earth † *Empowered by the Holy Spirit*

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*“God raised
this Jesus;
of this we are
all witnesses.*

*Exalted at the
right hand of God,
he received the
promise of the
holy Spirit from
the Father and
poured it forth,
as you (both)
see and hear.”*

Acts 2:32-33

The Narrow Road that Leads to Christ’s Healing Love

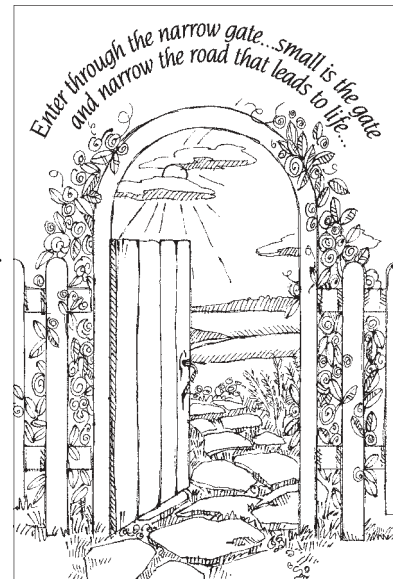
2010 Women’s Retreat Report by Sue Gallwas

On Presidents’ Day Weekend, God blessed 100 women during the annual retreat at the Palisades. His sweet love came down from heaven and softened our hearts to receive the powerful healing of the Holy Spirit. He was present in various and beautiful ways including Praise & Worship, Confessions, Adoration, The Holy Mass and in fellowship with old friends and new.

Our speaker, Caroline Gambale-Dirkes, traveled from New Jersey with her husband Dan and daughter Catherine in the middle of the snow storms. Through prayer, there were no delays, only blessings. *“Thank you, Mother Mary, for your intercession.”*

Our theme, “Enter through the narrow gate...small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life” Matthew 7:13, was very timely because we all struggle on the narrow path and are tempted to take the easy road that can lead to destruction. Caroline’s talks were challenging and affirming. She is an awesome presenter. Friday night began with our need to rely on Jesus, who is our Beloved. The narrow road leads to His heart.

Saturday morning Caroline spoke on the wide road and helped us to see how Satan lies to us; Satan distracts us with busy-ness and worldly pleasures and causes us to doubt our faith. Doubt, disappointment, discouragement and distractions lead us away from a deep, personal relationship with our Lord. We must be aware of Satan’s lies so we can reject them and believe the promises of Christ in His Word instead. To illustrate this we received a “lies inventory” based on the book Lies Women Believe by Nancy Leigh DeMoss. We were then led into a powerful prayer service to allow Jesus to break the hold these lies have in our lives. Here is a



*“You shall know
the truth and
the truth shall
set you free.”
John 8:32*

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From Virginia's Desk

by Virginia King,
WWCCR Executive Director



I had the great blessing of going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land during Lent this year. It was inspiring to see the sunrise over the hills that surround the Sea of Galilee, and to consider that Jesus and Mary and the early disciples saw that same scene. And not only them, but also Abraham, Elijah, David, and so many others whose names are familiar to us. The centuries have brought great change to the land, but there are many sights and sounds that have changed very little over time. We ate fish and bread and fruits and vegetables that were probably very similar to what our ancestors in the faith ate. We walked up and down the same hills, and prayed in the same places.

Probably the greatest advantage to a pilgrimage like this is that Holy Scripture has new meaning when you can visualize the setting for the

events that unfold in both the Old and New Testament. It gives your imagination more material to work with.

But I became aware of one very important truth while I was there. The presence of the Lord is not stronger in Jerusalem than in Seattle. He is risen and ascended and has sent us His Spirit, so that whether we are in Longview, WA or Tiberius, Israel, we can experience His presence with us. We don't depend on a *place* to bring us close to God. Rather, we depend on a *relationship* that is available in *every place*. This is truly Good News!

It is true that we honor the holy places, and we visit them not only for the sake of stimulating our imagination, but because the presence of God has truly made these places holy, set apart from the ordinary. The prayers of countless pilgrims before us have also enhanced the holiness of these places. But the great respect we give to these holy places is insignificant in comparison to the awe with which we ought to behold the Blessed Sacrament each time we attend Mass. It's too easy to think we need to go someplace "special" in order to encounter the Lord, and neglect to appreciate the daily encounters

that we have with Him.

Likewise the kindness and patience with which we traveled together as pilgrims, was as much a testimony to me of the presence of the Lord as any of the places we visited. During the trip, some were sick, some were physically challenged, some had a hard time getting back on the bus in a timely manner. But we knew the presence of the Holy Spirit giving us grace to truly delight in caring for each other each and every day. We don't need to go on a trip to experience this – it can and should be what normal Christian fellowship is like.

We don't need to go to the tomb to see that it is empty. We have centuries of witnesses who proclaim from their own experience, in many different places, that Jesus is alive! He has come that we might have life and have it more abundantly, regardless of the place or the circumstances we find ourselves in. ***The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!***

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:

Our mission is to renew the face of the earth by nurturing and inspiring Catholics:

- ❖ *To experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through baptism in the Holy Spirit*
- ❖ *To fan into flame the gifts we receive through the Sacraments*
- ❖ *To develop a deeper life of prayer and worship*

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beautiful testimony of how truth sets us free when we identify how a lie holds us captive:

*“When Caroline said we are to ‘become love’ and that Jesus enables us and goes with us on that journey (of Love); it freed me from the lie that I have been trapped in, **that I am not good at loving people** and that, in fact, I thought I was incapable of really caring about people. I feel like it’s the beginning of a new life.”*

Praise God for this healing of the heart. Praise God because we all can have new life when we surrender everything to God with the faith of a child, with complete trust that God is in control and taking care of us.

Our retreat priest, Fr. Cal Christiansen, reminded us that

“God is always with us, leading us along the path of holiness.” We need not be afraid of embracing the road that leads to life. Caroline asked us to close our eyes and picture our cross. She asked us to name our cross and finally she asked us to kiss our cross; understanding that when we embrace our suffering, we embrace Jesus, “Our First Love.”

Throughout all of her teachings Caroline shared her personal experiences of choosing the narrow path, both in the joys and the sorrows. This was beautifully expressed in the lyrics of a song her husband, Dan Dirkes, sang for us:

“Every high, every low; You never let go. Through the calm, through the storm. Still I will praise you.”

I encourage you to order the entire set of talks on CD. They will minister to you, challenge you, entertain you and make you laugh. They are perfect for encouraging and evangelizing friends and family members. Technology allows us to continue the healing like a ripple from a stone tossed in water. In gratitude to God I pray, “Blessed be the Name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.” ♦

Sue Gallwas is the Women’s Retreat Committee chair and coordinated this retreat with her wonderful committee. She is a parishioner at St. Andrew Church in Sumner and attends the Children of Mary Prayer Group.

The CD order form is available on the WWCCR website or by calling the office.

Women’s Retreat Evaluations

At the end of each retreat we ask the women to fill out an evaluation form. This helps us, not only to make plans for next year of what to do better or what to change, but most of all it gives us a chance to see what God has done and to give Him the glory! The top overall responses about the retreat were: **“awesome, joyful, and spiritually renewing.”** When asked how the retreat made them feel, many of the ladies responded: **“loved and welcomed; that God is real and He loves ME; and filled with the Spirit of God.”** Here are a few responses to the question: ***Did you experience any healing or spiritual benefit from this weekend?***

- The Lord gave me an undivided heart and renewed the love I had for Him at first. (Rev 2:2-5)
- Came out of the darkness into light!!! New insights in my life – the way I live, work, pray, love etc. Supported by awesome women – their prayer and love for me; Fr. Cal – very loving, good in confession and spiritual direction.
- I came in sad and left joyous – a true change.
- During the first night (I was awake) I took a good look at my life and made some life-giving decisions. Alleluia! and Amen!
- I came thinking I had a good relationship/appreciation for the Eucharistic presence. The Saturday night Mass brought new deeper surrender to His Love.
- I feel like I can take another step forward. I feel like I know that I need to find quiet time to open my heart to let God fill it with His Love and that I also need to tell Jesus that I love Him. That this is reciprocal.
- I received a new heart, bursting with God’s love to be shared.
- Reminder to let God’s will be done, not my own. Forgive someone who did me wrong with lies and deceit.
- The Lord touched me to give up something & let it go. I was able to confess to a favorite priest. What a joy.
- I came to find cure for addictions. Instead found out I need to accept them, and use the power of Jesus more instead of fighting them alone. Pick up my cross and carry it! I belong to Jesus – I am His daughter. Persevere! Pray more! I’ve attended lots & lots of healing services – Now the challenge is to hear Jesus say: “Believe you are healed. Go and give meaning and purpose to your life – help others. Take the focus off you – live a life of service for me – Love others as I love you. Choose life.
- Jesus replaced my sense of failure with a sense of being loved, valued, beautiful, special.
- I have more trust in God’s timing and feel safe and protected in that. Saturday night, Father prayed for healing in my family tree and I have full confidence the Lord is answering my prayer.
- I experienced healing during the prayer time lead by Caroline. I was overcome with tears and sobbing and after several minutes of being prayed over, the heavy sadness was replaced with peace. Thank you, Jesus!
- Yes, I received the blessing that I asked for. It was the Blessing of strength from the Holy Spirit to follow His ways and to know how I can follow Jesus.
- I realize more about God’s mercy. I’ve been challenged to evangelize. I know tht God is there waiting for my commitment.

For more of the evaluations go to our website and click on 2010 Women’s Retreat.

PENTECOST OF THE NATIONS

...for a new culture of Pentecost

An ICCRS 10-Day Pentecost Project

May 14-23, 2010

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2010?

In **2010**, Pentecost of the Nations will begin on May 14 and flow into the
ICCRS Pentecost Intercession Event - The Road to Pentecost
- on May 19-23, 2010 in Assisi, Italy.

This will launch the next phase - a 7-year journey toward the
50th Jubilee anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in **2017**.

*"Oh, if only...unanimous and fervent prayers could be raised to Heaven in every part of Christendom,
as they were one in the Cenacle (upper room) of Jerusalem for a rekindling of the Divine Spirit."*

~Bl. Elena Guerra



Imagine what would happen if "unanimous and fervent prayers" were raised
in *every* time zone in the world for nine days!

Imagine what would happen if we witnessed to the power of the Holy Spirit
in every part of the world throughout the 24 hours of Pentecost Sunday!

Imagine what God could do if we united in prayer and celebration for a
fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our world!

Imagine our world transformed!

TOGETHER WE PRAY – TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE!

Pentecost of the Nations has two parts:

Together we pray!

PART 1: MAY 14-22, 2010 OPERATION UPPER ROOM

You can be part of this vision for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in every nation to unite in prayer. Let us weave a dense global "net" of prayer which will be continuous, night and day, during the nine days before Pentecost.

For a copy of a Pentecost Novena go to our website: www.wwccr.org and click on the Pentecost Novena button on the left column.

Together we celebrate!

PART 2: PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

You can participate in the Pentecost Celebration/Day of Renewal sponsored by WWCCR on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 22, 2010 at Kennedy High School, Burien

See page 8 for details.

*"Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or **imagine**, by the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Eph 3:20-21*



Financial Update

We continue to thank God, and thank you, for the financial support you have given so far this year. Since we last reported, 10 more people have sent in one-time gifts and 20 more people have made pledges. The total response so far to our Pledge appeal totals:

20 one-time gifts totaling:	\$ 2,026.24
87 pledges totaling:	\$ 47,733.00

Whether you have made a pledge or not, we urge you to use the envelope we include each month in the newsletter to send a donation to support our focus for 2010: Unleashing Spiritual Gifts in Community.

In 2010, we will include monthly and year-to-date accounting of income & expenses. Because of the accounting cycle and the date of publication, we will normally publish data from 3 months earlier.

Cash balance at beginning of 2010	\$12,961.22
January income from all sources:	+\$19,336.16
January expenses	- \$21,754.05
January shortfall	(\$ 2,417.89)
Cash balance at end of January	\$10,696.21

Intercessory Prayer Network

The Intercessory Prayer Network (IPN) is comprised of all who have offered to pray regularly for God's will to be accomplished through the people and programs of WWCCR. We know that prayer changes things!

Please pray for God to bring about His desires through the work of preparation and the events you see in this newsletter and calendar; particularly the events WWCCR is sponsoring, and also for ...

...The healings that have occurred through ministry at Healing Masses, the Women's Retreat, the School of Healing Prayer, and other occasions, that they will be sealed in the hearts of each individual and that the Holy Spirit would continue to transform their lives.

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...Continued direction for the committee planning the Pentecost Celebration 2010 and for promotion.

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...Ongoing discernment and direction regarding ministry to the men in our region.

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...Financial provision for the work of WWCCR.

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...Strength and protection for all prayer ministers, particularly healing prayer ministry and students.

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If you are willing to receive weekly WWCCR related prayer requests by email, please contact us at

info@wwccr.org.

God bless you!

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Next IPN events:

Sunday, April 18

Sunday, May 2

2:00-4:00 PM

IPN gatherings are usually on the 1st Sunday of the month at the WWCCR office – *unless otherwise noted.*

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

2010 National Leaders' and Ministries' Conference



***Power From on High
for all Generations***

October 29-31, 2010

in St. Paul, Minnesota

Speakers include: Bishop Sam Jacobs, Fr. Dave Pivonka, Peter Herbeck, Caroline Gambale-Dirkes, and Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa

A special discount registration rate of \$69 per person or \$135 per married couple is available until 04/30/10.

Go to www.nsc-chariscenter.org and click on

EARLY REGISTRATION FORM or call 1-800-338-2445

*“And you, beloved faithful,
pray for priests so that they
may be attentive stewards of
the gifts of divine grace...”*

- Pope John Paul II

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

- Apr 1 Archbishop Alex Brunett
- Apr 2 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
- Apr 3 Bishop Joseph Tyson
- Apr 4 Fr. Jim Northrop
- Apr 5 Fr. Dominic Hahn, OSB
Brad Hagelin (seminarian)
- Apr 6 Fr. James M. Harbaugh, SJ
Dcn. William Haines
- Apr 7 Fr. W.R. Harris
Dcn. William Hamlin
- Apr 8 Fr. Brian P. Hart
Dcn. Don Hanika
- Apr 9 Fr. Richard Hayatsu
Dcn. Roy Harrington
- Apr 10 Fr. Anthony J. Haycock
Dcn. Clay Hartzell
- Apr 11 Fr. Kenneth W. Haydock
Dcn. Tom Hawkins
- Apr 12 Fr. Raymond J. Heffernan
- Apr 13 Fr. Jarlath M. Heneghan
Dcn. Tom Henn
- Apr 14 Fr. William J. Heric
- Apr 15 Fr. Brian L. Hersey
- Apr 16 Fr. O. Lee Hightower
- Apr 17 Fr. Phuong V. Hoang
Dcn. Del Hoover
- Apr 18 Fr. John J. Horan
Dcn. Bill Huelett
- Apr 19 Very Rev. Raymond G.
Hunthausen
- Apr 20 Fr. Timothy W. Ilgen
- Apr 21 Fr. Seung C. Im
- Apr 22 Fr. Emmanuel E. Iweh
- Apr 23 Fr. John A. Jennings
Dcn. Lawrence Jesmer
- Apr 24 Fr. James O. Johnson Jr
Dcn. Frederick Johnson
- Apr 25 Fr. Clarence e. Jones, CO
Dcn. David Jones
- Apr 26 Fr. Bernard F. Jonientz
Dcn. Patrick Kelley
- Apr 27 Fr. Paul A. Kaech
Dcn. Lawrence Kheriaty
- Apr 28 Fr. Negusse Fesseha Keleta
Dcn. Duk Kim
- Apr 29 Fr. Robert J. Kenny
Mark Kiszewski (seminarian)
- Apr 30 Pope Benedict XVI

Cut this prayer list out and put it in your bible or prayerbook to keep these prayer intentions close at hand.

Healing Masses

WWCCR sponsors Healing Masses in various locations in the archdiocese of Seattle. At these Masses we are focusing our attention on the healing power of God truly present at every celebration of the Eucharist.

Healing Mass with Fr. Jay DeFolco

Tuesday, April 6, 6:30 PM

St. Michael Church, 1512 Pine Ave. Snohomish, WA

Healing Masses with Fr. Daniel Balizan

Wednesday April 7, 7:00PM

St. Mary Church, 4001 St. Mary's Drive, Anacortes, WA

Thursday April 8, 7:30PM

Blessed Sacrament Church, 5041 9th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA

Misa de Sanación con Padre Daniel Balizan – en español

Friday April 9, 7:30PM

St. Andrew Church, 1401 Valley Avenue E, Sumner, WA

Upcoming May Healing Mass

Healing Mass with Fr. Jay DeFolco

Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 PM

St. Michael Church, 1512 Pine Ave. Snohomish, WA

Join us for
**A Retreat Day with
Fr. Daniel Balizan**

*The Joy of
Being Catholic*

Saturday, April 10

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

St Andrew Church, 1401 Valley Avenue E, Sumner, WA

Fr. Daniel is pastor at St. Joseph and St. Patrick Church in Raton, New Mexico. Fr. Daniel is active in Charismatic Renewal and has served the Renewal as Liaison for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. He is a very popular conference speaker and retreat leader.

Please bring a sack lunch for yourself and a snack to share.

For more information call: 206-364-2272



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	PLEASE PRAY FOR: HISPANIC/LATINO PRAYER GROUP INITIATIVES	HEALING MASS in SNOHOMISH, 6:30 PM <i>See pg 6</i>	HEALING MASS in ANACORTES, 7:00 PM <i>See pg 6</i>	HEALING MASS in SEATTLE, 7:30 PM <i>See pg 6</i>	HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM MISA DE SANACION in SUMNER, 7:00 PM <i>See pg 6</i>	RETREAT DAY in SUMNER, 10 AM-4 PM <i>See pg 6</i> †CHS Seattle 10am <i>see below</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	LA ESCUELA				HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM	CHM II - 4 †CHS Seattle 10am <i>see below</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
INTERCESSORY PRAYER GATHERING @ WWCCR, 2-4 PM	HORA SANTA			PLEASE PRAY FOR: WWCCR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF	HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM	†CHS Seattle 10am <i>see below</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	OFFICE MASS @WWCCR, 7PM GLEANINGS WORKERS NEEDED		PLEASE PRAY FOR: WWCCR OUTREACH TO YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILIES		HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM	

Check our website for updates on events not available at time of print

WWCCR events are CAPITALIZED, Prayer Group events are marked with a †



Our Eucharistic Chapel

is available for private prayer any time that our office is open, 9:30AM until 4:00PM, Monday through Friday.

There are at least two Masses celebrated at the WWCCR office each month. The Mass schedule varies and sometimes is not available in time to print. Please call the office at 206-364-2272 or check our Calendar page at www.wwccr.org for updated information.

Office Mass Schedule:

Date: April 26, 7 PM,
with Fr. Tony Bawyn

Holy Hour: We would love to have you join us every Friday from 2:30-3:30 pm as we pray for charismatic renewal, the work of WWCCR and your own special intentions.

† **Come, Holy Spirit***

*A Spiritual Journey to a Fuller Experience
of the Holy Spirit in Your Life*

10 am - 12 noon

**6 Saturdays: April 10, 17, 24, May 15, 22 & June 5
at St. Benedict Church, 1805 N 49th Street, Seattle**

Hosted by the Parish and the Saturday Morning Prayer Group

For more information contact Zeny Zimmerman: 206-364-1081

**Some of the teaching will be presented by Fr. Steve Salis
and some will be DVD presentations by Dr. Tom Curran.*

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SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday May 22, 2010

Unleashing Spiritual Gifts
in Community



9:30 AM to 9:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Jim Murphy

*A full day of celebration and renewal
in the Holy Spirit!*

at Kennedy High School

140 South 140th Street, Burien, WA

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