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“Stir into Flame the Gift of God that You Have...” 2 Tim. 1:6

by Virginia King

From Virginia’s Desk

by Virginia King
WWCCR Executive Director

Monthly GLEANINGS once again!

Earlier this year, because of budget restrictions, the WWCCR Board of Directors made the hard decision to make GLEANINGS a quarterly publication rather than a monthly one. But thanks to the extremely generous donation of an anonymous donor couple, we will be able to resume monthly publication of GLEANINGS, beginning with this issue. The donation is specifically designated to underwrite the production, printing and mailing of GLEANINGS for the rest of 2007. Thanks be to God! Please say a prayer for this generous couple and for God’s blessing on them and their family.

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This scripture passage from 2 Timothy is often referenced as an invitation to seek more of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is an exhortation that is valuable for each of us to respond to on a daily basis. One of the ways that we can respond is through being involved in a Holy Spirit Seminar.

In the past four months, there have been a number of Holy Spirit Seminars held in the Archdiocese. What is a Holy Spirit Seminar and why would I want to attend one? And why would a parish want to sponsor one?

Is it a seminar? Is it a retreat?

Is it a journey or pilgrimage? Is it an experience?

First of all, the term “seminar” is confusing because it generally implies something related to academics or business. But a Holy Spirit Seminar is very different than that. The term has been used in Catholic Charismatic Renewal since the very early years because of the “Life in the Spirit Seminar” that was developed by the Word of God community in 1971. Those who developed it were university students and professors, and that is probably why they gave it the title “seminar.”

Over the years, the title has stuck, but the reality is quite another story. There are now many different formats besides the original “Life in the Spirit Seminar.” They are sometimes presented as a weekend retreat or as a 7-week series. They have titles like “*Born of the Spirit*”, “*Come, Holy Spirit!*” and “*Finding New Life in the Spirit*.”

The important thing that every Holy Spirit Seminar has in common is the invitation to “stir into flame the gift of God that you have.” This is an opportunity to experience a “personal Pentecost.” We believe that Jesus intended each one of us to be baptized in the Holy Spirit as he spoke about in Acts 1:5. Jesus further said that “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

A Holy Spirit Seminar (HSS) is not the only way that you can experience a personal Pentecost. In fact, many people who attend comment that they have had the experience many years earlier but didn’t really understand what had happened to them. Attending the HSS gave them a vocabulary to articulate a

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spiritual experience that they already had. And it gave them a forum to learn more and gain understanding of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Being baptized in the Holy Spirit, though, is not a single event that happens in a person's life. It is rather a way of living, of being continually immersed in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, surrendering our lives to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit so that He may guide us and use us. The purpose of this surrender to the Holy Spirit is that we will be more effective witnesses for Jesus "to the ends of the earth."

The elements of a Holy Spirit Seminar include singing and praying together, listening and learning as teachings and testimonies are presented, discussion and sharing in small groups, and the opportunity to be "prayed over with laying on of hands" for baptism in the Holy Spirit.

What happens when people receive prayer for baptism in the Holy Spirit? The answer is as varied as the individuals receiving prayer. Some have a tangible experience of the presence of God, perhaps a feeling of warmth or tingling in their body. Some don't "feel" anything, but notice that in the following days and weeks, their prayer life is

very different. They feel closer to God and begin to enjoy prayer much more. Some receive very profound healings, including physical, emotional, relational and spiritual healing. At a recent HSS

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at St. Brendan's in Bothell, one participant testified that his marriage and family life were transformed in just a few short weeks.

Whether a person's initial experience is dramatic or seemingly uneventful, it's the long term fruits that are important. Because we are seeking a daily, fuller surrender to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, the thing we are looking for is ongoing conversion and spiritual growth. Above all, are we cooperating with the Holy Spirit in being a witness for Jesus in our daily life?

The privilege and responsibility of being a witness for Jesus is given to each baptized Christian. The Catechism of the Catholic Church articulates it this way:

"The Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members (that's you and me), the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity... The ultimate purpose of mission is none other than to make men share in the communion between the Father and the Son in their Spirit of love." CCC 738, 850

If we are to fulfill our mission in the world, to be a witness for Jesus, we *need* the power of the Holy Spirit. Even as the apostles needed to receive the Holy Spirit in a new way on Pentecost, for the sake of the mission of the Church, so do we each need a personal Pentecost to empower us for mission. Most often our "mission field" is in our home and neighborhood, in our school or workplace, in our parish and community, among our family, friends and acquaintances.

Presenting or attending a Holy Spirit Seminar

Part of the mission of WWCCR is to assist parishes and prayer groups in

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with speaker

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Here at WWCCR, we are constantly thanking God for the hundreds of people who make sacrifices of their time, talent and treasure in order to further the vision of “spreading the spirituality of Pentecost” in the Church and in the world. This is a vision and mission that is accomplished by many people working together for a common purpose, pooling our resources for the sake of building the Kingdom of God.

Even as we are thanking and praising God for this most recent large donation, we are aware of the need to look to the future. To be able to sustain the momentum that is started by this single gift, we need other generous donors to step forward and make a commitment to supply the funding for GLEANINGS for next year and the years beyond—and the same for the Healing Masses and the Conferences and the Holy Spirit Seminars and the many other initiatives of WWCCR.

There’s a clever story about “*Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody*” that I think of often when it comes to responding to a need like this:

There was an important job to be done and *Everybody* was sure that *Somebody* would do it. *Anybody* could have done it, but *Nobody* did it. *Somebody* got angry about that, because it was *Everybody’s* job. *Everybody* thought *Anybody* could do it, but *Nobody* realized that *Everybody* would not do it. It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Nobody* did what *Anybody* could have done!

This story, of course, is overly dramatic. But you get the idea. If we each are willing to make a small sacrifice and do whatever the Lord enables us to do, it will make a big difference. If we think that our contribution is not significant and therefore delay or decline, waiting for someone else to take the necessary action, it might never happen.

If those of us who share the vision and mission of WWCCR don’t give, who will? Let us recommit ourselves to “pool our resources” through monthly donations so that baptism in the Holy Spirit will be proclaimed and nurtured for many generations to come. ■

A Servant of Christ Jesus *Romans 1:1*

by Mike Daoust, Board Member

Last month, as I sat in the adoration chapel, I was reading from the book of Romans; or, I should say, *trying* to read from the book of Romans. I could not get past the first verse, Paul’s simple introduction of himself to the people of Rome. I began to meditate on what this introduction meant and what it was actually saying.



“Greetings from Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle. . . .”

The first eight words seem so easy. Yet, as I looked at them and then my own life, I had to ask myself if I could say the same thing to you when we meet. I certainly know my name; here is the hard part, can I truly say that I am a servant of Christ Jesus? What does it mean to be a servant of Christ Jesus? I thought, at first, that this would be easy, also.

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The more I thought about being Jesus’ servant, I came to realize that I only had a small idea of what was being asked of me. When the Father chose me and I accepted His call, I opened the door to a treasure room full of gifts and talents and, most important, a room full of charisms. It has taken me many years to realize this—that even the gifts and talents that allow me to do both secular and spiritual work are from the Father. This is exactly what He did for His Son, Jesus. He gives us what we need to succeed in the time and place that He has put us in.

I then asked myself, “Am I living the commandment that Jesus gives us? Do I accept everyone with love? Do I open my arms and welcome the most despised of our society?” There are so many more questions that each of us can ask regarding our own lives, in how we serve the Lord.

Jesus came to show us how to love and serve. He did it through miracles, teaching, preaching and healing. He also did it through washing the feet of his disciples, and above all by laying down his life for each and every person who will ever live. I have come to realize that to call myself a servant of Jesus is to live as he did, serve as he did.

Each of us has been given the same gifts and charisms that were given to the apostles and all the disciples who followed Christ. I am also reminded of two of Peter’s responses that he spoke to Jesus. The first was when Jesus asked the apostles and disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matt. 16:15) The second were his words after the discourse on the Bread of Life, when Jesus asked them if they also would leave. (Jn. 6:67-68) I put these two responses together for myself as a guide to help me in serving others, trying to live as Jesus showed us: “You are the Son of the Living God. You have the Words of Everlasting Life.” ■

God is Good! All the Time! And That is His Nature! WOW!

by Tammie Stevens

Wow! is a great way to describe the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal that was held at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey from June 22 to 24. The conference was organized by the National Leadership Groups for Catholic Charismatic Renewal who gather annually to pray, discern and seek ways of fostering unity among those in the Renewal in the United States. One fruit of this collaboration was a celebration of over 5,000 people which was multi-ethnic

and multi-generational—a beautiful picture of our Church. It was amazing to see people coming by busloads to join in the celebration and exciting to hear that the tent for the youth track and some of the other Saturday tracts had gone beyond expected capacity. *Wow!*

The theme: **40 Years of Renewal: Pour Out Your Spirit Anew** resounded throughout the sessions. At the beginning of the conference, we were challenged to “have a great expectation of what God will do” in our midst. The sessions asked questions like: “What is the Lord saying to the Renewal?” “Where have we been and what have we learned?” and we looked at “Fostering

the Spirituality of Pentecost in the Life and Mission of the Church.” Through these and other topics, the speakers shared the ways they’ve seen God working over the past forty years and a new hope for the future. One speaker, in seeking an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, asked God to “do it again, but not in the same way, because we are not the same.” This was a call for **more** of the Holy Spirit, a more radical conversion and a deeper awareness of God. Another speaker pointed to the fact that “prayer is the key to unity” citing the scripture John 17.

Love was a key theme throughout the weekend as well. We were called to “build a civilization of love—a culture of Pentecost” (and given steps and challenges to do this); we were challenged to “realize how much God loves us—and that out of that realization we can proclaim with boldness that Jesus Christ is Lord!” We were given the example of

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- U.S. Bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee
- Association of Diocesan Liaisons
- Alliance of Filipino Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities
- Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships
- Comité Nacional de Servicio Hispano
- Korean Service Committee
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- National Service Committee

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WWCCR’s 30th Anniversary!*

WWCCR Anniversary Conference

At the Service of the King:

Letting Our Light Shine

**Saturday, November 3, 2007
9:30AM - 9:00PM**

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10100 NE 192nd St., Bothell, WA

including

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and much more!**

More information to come!

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30 Years of Service!

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the lives of the apostles and disciples of Jesus, about whose witness was: "See how they love one another," that they would "gather together at Eucharist" and "proclaim what God has done." It is baptism in the Holy Spirit which enabled them, and us, to live this kind of witness.

We were given the tools of how to proclaim what God has done in very practical terms: 1) Start a conversation; 2) Extend an invitation; 3) Give a witness. As someone who first experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit because of what began as a conversation, this really spoke to me. We sometimes think of evangelization as being difficult but we can all share with one other person how God has touched our lives— *this is our witness!*

In looking to the future, Bishop Sam Jacobs put forth the idea of preparing for the great 50-year jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in 2017. He said we could do this by trying to bring as many people into the experience of baptism in the Holy Spirit as possible. *But how?* As I reflected on this call, I did a little math: if all those who attended the conference reached out to 1 person per month over the next ten years, using the simple method listed above, over 600,000 people could come to know the love of God and experience a personal Pentecost. How many more if *all* of us, in our prayer groups and communities, made this commitment to reach out to family, friends and coworkers over the next ten years. Through *our witness* the Holy Spirit could renew our communities, our cities and even the face of the earth! ■

CD's and Tapes are available for purchase through Resurrection Communications: www.resurrectiontapes.com. CD's of the talks from General Sessions, the English Track, the Hispanic Track and the Day for Priests & Seminarians (presented by Fr. Groeschel, CFR) are also available to be checked out from the WWCCR Media Library.



Intercessory Prayer Event

with
Fr. Peter Sanders, CO

Thursday, August 23,
7:00-9:30PM

at the WWCCR office
936 N 143rd St., Seattle.

For more information
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Western Washington Catholic Charismatic
Renewal Presenta:

El Congreso Carismatico Catolico
Hispano Regional

“Jesus Fuente Y Pan de Vida Eterna”

Sabado 25 y Domingo 26 de Agosto 2007
comenzar a 8:30AM

Green River Community College Gym

12401 SE 320th St, Auburn 98092

“Alabamos al Dios Y Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que por su gran misericordia nos ha hecho nacer de Nuevo por la resurreccion de Jesucristo. Esto nos da una viva esperanza. - *Io. Pedro 1:3*



Un fin de semana lleno de bendiciones para ti, que Dios ha preparado desde la eternidad. Dios te ama y siempre quiere lo mejor para ti. Responde a su invitacion y

ven a gozarte junto con todos los Catolicos del Oeste del Estado de Washington.

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The Spirit is A-Movin!

There was a great sense of anticipation as the leaders and prayer teams met in the sacristy at Blessed Sacrament Church just prior to the Pentecost Celebration. A period of sustained praise alerted all who were present that the Spirit was about to move in power.

The evening celebration began with a word of welcome from Sr. Renee Kittelson MSC. She reminded the audience of 125 people, that there has always been a strong alliance between the parish of Blessed Sacrament and Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal. The late, great Fr. Joseph Fulton O.P. was from the parish. He started the first prayer meeting in Seattle which helped to spread Charismatic Renewal all over the Northwest. The late, great Fr.

Leo Thomas, O.P. was also in residence at Blessed Sacrament. He founded the *Institute for Christian Ministries* (ICM), creating healing ministry training courses and writing two books on the subject. Blessed Sacrament was also the home of a prayer group that went on for 30 years.

Sr. Renee spoke a word to the people who were new to Catholic Charismatic Renewal. She defined Catholic Charismatic Renewal as a radical renewal of faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. She provided a basic handout for those who are new to the renewal. The handouts are available through the WWCCR office.

“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together.”

Acts 2:1



“NOW is the favorable time, this is the day of salvation.” 2 Cor. 6:2

Come and Grow!

Joan Chavez of NOW ministries will be teaching at the following events...

Daytime Retreat

August 14-15, 9AM-3PM each day

Theme: “The Fruits of the Spirit”

Lunch is provided - Both days at the home of Caron Zech DeNotta’s at East 17321 Hwy 106, Belfair, WA

Days of Reflection

August 16; 6:30-8:30PM

“Growing in our Relationship with Jesus”

August 17; 6:30-8:30PM

“How our Relationship with Jesus Affects our Daily Lives”

August 18; 9AM-3PM - Bring a sack lunch this day!

School of Prayer: “Mary kept all these things reflecting on them in her heart” Luke 2:19, 3:51

These three days are at Prince of Peace Church 1171 Sandhill Rd., Belfair, WA

Through her testimony, music, and teaching Joan Chavez shares the goodness and power of God. Her ministry to others reflects her dedication of God’s Word, her prayerful preparation and openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Joan and her husband, Abe are both actively involved with ministries at St. Timothy’s Parish in Mesa, Arizona.

No registration needed; A free-will offering will be taken.

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Sister began the evening with the following prophetic word, “Behold the waters are parting. You shall pass through dry shod. Seek the higher gifts and behold all shall be given you besides. Here I am ready to shower you with gifts. Are *you* ready?” With that she asked MC Michael Koontz to lead the prayer and praise with the assistance of the music ministry lead by Sharon Fox and Tammie Stevens.

Michael invited the group to imagine themselves floating on their backs in the ocean of God’s love. The prayer and praise that followed was truly anointed. Cindy Stuart and the Word Gift Ministry shared several prophecies about how God was pouring out his mercy, peace, joy and deliverance. There was a vision of many spiritual gifts being given but some had not fully opened, nor were all using the gifts they received.

Virginia King, Executive Director of WWCCR, gave a teaching based on chapter 7 of *Sober Intoxication of the Spirit*, an inspiring book by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa. In a commentary of Acts 2:1-41, he outlines the four stages of the Pentecost event and helps us to seek those same stages in our own lives.

Bob Brown gave a testimony about how he came to experience the Holy Spirit through his activity in the parish prayer group. It was through the invitation of his wife Bobbie and his brother that he first got involved. His life was also touched by Fr. Leo Thomas and Fr. Fulton. Eventually Fr. Fulton asked Bob to take over leading the prayer group at

Pentecost continued

Blessed Sacrament. Bob's life has been filled with numerous blessings, thanks to movement of the Holy Spirit.

Bob and Michael then asked all the fathers and husbands present to stand. Those present prayed for a spirit of repentance and a boldness of Spirit for men to truly live godly lives.

The pinnacle of the evening was adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

The evening concluded with an opportunity for healing prayer. What a surprise when at least one third of those present stayed later to receive prayer. Eight prayer teams were available. Reports of spiritual, physical and emotional healing have been received.

Plan to join us in September for the next meeting, now called "Encounter the Spirit." See below. ■



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Come pray with us
An evening of praise & worship, teaching, testimony, fellowship, and prayer ministry! Bring a friend!

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6:45-10:00PM**

**@ Blessed Sacrament Church,
5041 9th Ave. NE, Seattle
Speakers to be confirmed**

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Holy Spirit continued

presenting Holy Spirit Seminars. Our goal is to provide encouragement, information, training and hands-on help at whatever level a parish or prayer group needs. If you would like to explore the possibilities, please call or email our office. Now is the time to begin planning for a Holy Spirit Seminar to be presented in 2008.

If you would like to attend a Holy Spirit Seminar, watch for announcements on the WWCCR web-page and in GLEANINGS. The next Life in the Spirit Seminar on the calendar is scheduled to begin October 14 in Covington.

After a Holy Spirit Seminar

Because baptism in the Holy Spirit is an on-going way of life, it is important to have an attitude of learning and growing in this "life in the Spirit." One of the best places to learn how to cooperate more fully with the Holy Spirit is through participation in a Charismatic Prayer Group. At the weekly Prayer Meetings you are able to learn from others who have more experience, to be mentored in using charisms. Through trial and error and through good teaching you learn to be attentive to the

promptings of the Holy Spirit, and to discerning in how to respond to these promptings.

Growing in our "life in the Spirit" is exciting, challenging and rewarding. It's an amazing journey that I have been on for over 30 years and look forward to each day. It is sometimes very difficult, but it's always worth it. One of my favorite scriptures confirms this truth:

"Affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Rom 4:3-5) ■

You are invited to attend

Healing Masses

**Healing Mass
with Fr. Emmanuel Iweh
Monday, August 13; 7:30PM**
at Blessed Sacrament Church
5041 9th Ave NE, Seattle



**Healing Mass
with Fr. Peter Sanders, CO
Friday, August 24; 7:30PM**
at St. Thomas More Church
6511 176th St. SW, Lynnwood



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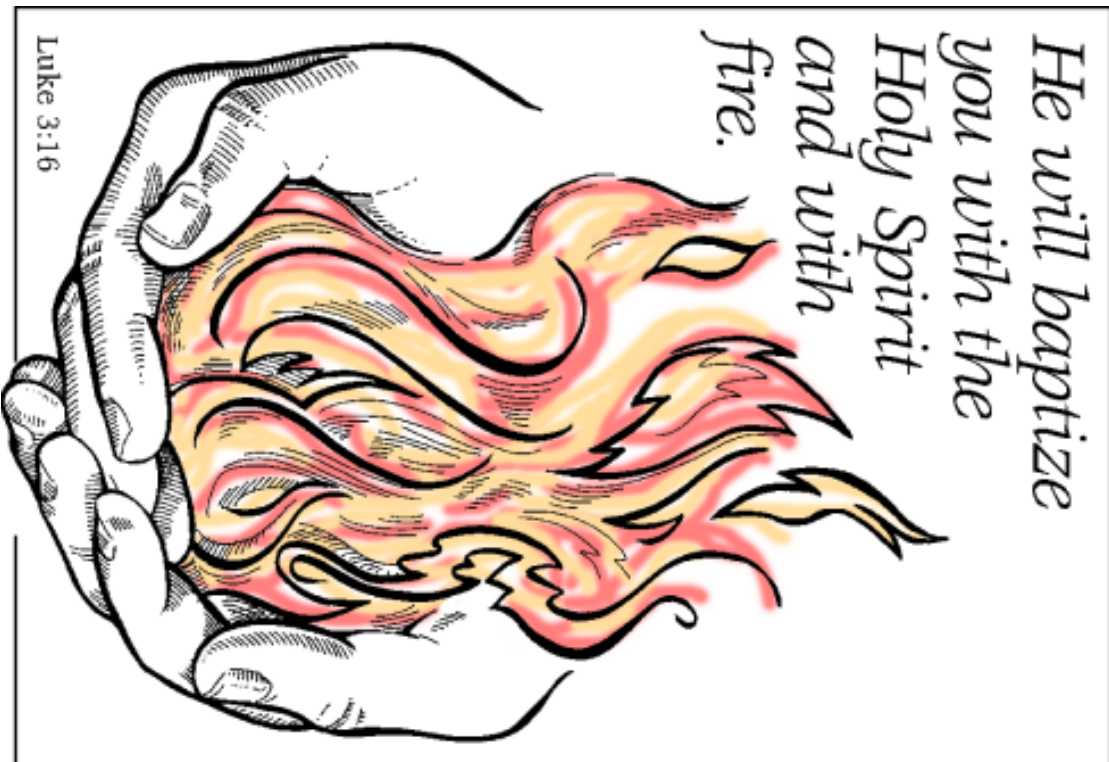
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Luke 3:16

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