



# GLEANINGS

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

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***“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

Romans 8:38-39

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## ***“If God is for us, who can be against us?”*** Romans 8:31

by Virginia King, *WWCCR Executive Director*

There are many images that scripture gives us to help us understand our Christian life and the life of the Church. We are on pilgrimage as “strangers in a strange land.” We are part of the body of Christ. We are a bride, and again, we are bridesmaids. We are like sheep or like goats. We are a “spiritual house made of living stones.” We are stewards and servants. We are good or bad soil upon which the seed of God’s word falls. We are workers in the vineyard. We are soldiers in battle.

Each of these images is worth praying with, studying and wrestling with. In recent weeks, I have been wrestling with the last one, the image of the soldier in what we call “spiritual warfare.” The topic of spiritual warfare seems to come up frequently in discussions among folks who are growing in their “life in the Spirit” and in their involvement in various forms of ministry. How does this image relate to our everyday lives? Sometimes there is an edge of fear in the conversations, and sometimes a sense of bravado - of “engaging the enemy.” This concerns me because I don’t think we should be either fearful or combative.

There is no question in my mind that there is a conflict that can rightly be called “spiritual warfare.” We are faced with temptations from the world, the flesh and the devil. For some people, the term “spiritual warfare” is limited to the fight against the devil, but I think it’s important to remember how often it is the world and the flesh that we are struggling against: it is the tendency to any and all sin. Still it is quite true, and well founded in scripture, in Church teaching and in my own experience that there is a fierce battle being waged by Satan and his demons to destroy all whom God loves.

On the other hand, we know that Jesus won this battle, once and for all, by the shedding of His Precious Blood upon the cross. This is the Good News of our salvation. And though “the world, the flesh and the devil” try to separate us from the love of God, we know that “we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.” Romans 8:37



The Victory Is Won!

Sometimes when we undergo great suffering that is not directly caused by sin, such as ill health, accidents, natural disasters, etc. there is a possibility that this is also “spiritual warfare.” But this is not always the case. Scripture

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# From Virginia's Desk

## Random thoughts for August:

While writing the lead article for this issue of GLEANINGS on the topic of "spiritual warfare" it occurred to me that sometimes people confuse prayers for deliverance with the other types of spiritual warfare that I was writing about. While prayers for deliverance are definitely a type of spiritual warfare, the lead article is instead referring to the more predominant spiritual conflicts that relate to temptations and sometimes to adverse circumstances in our lives. On occasion, prayer for deliverance is part of healing ministry, but we are careful to not isolate the prayer for deliverance from the bigger context of bringing the healing power of Jesus to the individual for whom we are praying.

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**World Youth Day** is taking place in Madrid, August 16-21. This is a great time for us to be interceding for all Catholic youth and young adults. Consider making a special commitment to pray throughout the month of August for all who will attend, and for the ripple effect of this event to be felt throughout the world.

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**Speaking of prayer**, and of spiritual warfare, here is a great quote from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God. *We pray as we live, because we live*

*as we pray. If we do not want to act habitually according to the Spirit of Christ, neither can we pray habitually in his name. The "spiritual battle" of the Christian's new life is inseparable from the battle of prayer.*" CCC 2725

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If you are a healthcare professional, please take note of the ad on this page as well as the article on p.8. This is a great opportunity for those working in healthcare to be blessed and be a blessing as they allow their "life in the Spirit" to inform and transform their work. ♦

## WWCCR Retreat for Healthcare Workers and Allied Healthcare Professionals

September 9-11, 2011

at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat & Faith Formation Center at The Palisades



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Retreat Speaker:

Rich Maffeo RN, MSN

Join us at the Cross, to more deeply experience Christ's love, compassion and desire for our ministry in today's healthcare settings.

For more information about this Retreat contact:

Brenda Wickersham 360-451-1836

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Registration forms are NOW available at [wwccr.org](http://wwccr.org)

### 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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makes it clear that often difficult circumstances are allowed in our lives to test us “as fire tried gold”; or as a discipline to make us stronger. And regardless of the source, it gives us great comfort to know that no matter how bad our circumstances may be, “We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

In the Christian life, we shouldn’t be surprised that there is spiritual warfare and great suffering. Sirach 2 begins with the words, “When you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials.” It goes on to exhort us to grow in virtue, in trust of God and in confidence in God’s ability to help us and save us.

Likewise, 1 Peter 4:12-13 says, “Beloved, do not be surprised that a trial by fire is occurring among you, as if something strange were happening to you. But rejoice to the extent that you share in the suffering of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.”

When temptations come, and when trials and suffering come, we should not be surprised. And regardless of the source, our response is always the same. We are called to



imitate Jesus. If it’s a testing or a disciplining of the Lord, we are to imitate Jesus in his humble obedience to the will of the Father. If it’s a temptation of the world, the flesh or the devil, we are to imitate Jesus in his humble obedience to the Father. Whatever we do, we are to do it for the glory of God, just as Jesus did.

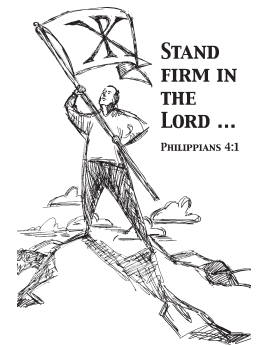
St. Paul says, “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me.” Philippians 4:12-13

I do not in any way minimize the difficulty of the trials, temptations and tribulations we face. These are indeed very difficult, and we cannot face them alone. It is in the power of the Holy Spirit and in solidarity with the Body of Christ that “we are more than conquerors.” This is a truth that I discovered when I was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and I learn it in greater depth every day. Life is hard, but in the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with the Body of Christ, it is a joy and it’s worth it!

I think it is exactly in walking with one another through the trials and tribulations that we learn what it means to “love one another as I have loved you.” We imitate our Lord, Jesus Christ, who learned obedience through suffering; who laid down his life for us while we were still sinners; who did all this that we might have life and have it abundantly; who lived, suffered, died and rose from the dead because of His love for the Father. Jesus loved us because He

loved the Father. If we love the Father, we will love one another and lay our lives down for one another. In this is the Father glorified. “Father, I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.” John 17:4

The scripture that most often is referenced when speaking of spiritual warfare is Ephesians 6:10-20. This is a passage that deserves careful, prayerful and frequent reflection. It is a reminder that we must “draw our strength from the Lord and from his mighty power.” As if by way of explanation, it exhorts us to put on the armor of God in order to stand firm against the tactics of the devil, that we may be able to resist “on the evil day” and hold our ground. The original and constant tactic of the devil is to tempt us to disobey God. In response to this, all our efforts must focus on obeying God.



When we look at the list of the “armor of God” in Ephesians, we see the character of a Christian – **fidelity to truth, righteousness, readiness to spread the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer at every opportunity in the Spirit.** These are not things that we put on in the morning and take off at night. This is the character of Christ that we put on in baptism and that continues to grow stronger throughout our lives, as long as we are cooperating with God’s grace.

I’m reminded of the story of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17. King Saul tried to prepare David for

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the encounter with Goliath by putting his own armor on him. But King Saul's armor was heavy and David couldn't even walk with it on. David takes off that armor and goes forward "in faith." Literally, it is his faith in God, and his zeal for the Lord that clothe him as he goes forward to victory over the enemy. This is not something that David put on in the moment of battle. His faith and his zeal were part of the very fiber of his being.

**So putting on the armor of God means to put on Christ!** Put on obedience and all that implies.

Put on virtue, put on beatitude, be clothed with power from on high! Clothe yourself with humility!

*"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for: 'God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble.' So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you. Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

*Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings. The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory through Christ Jesus will himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you after you have suffered a little. To him be dominion forever. Amen."*

1 Peter 5:5-11

*"The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. For, as he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it."*

Saint Vincent de Paul

## ***Financial update***

**Glory to God!** Thanks to the Auction in May, which netted over \$17,000, we are in the black. Last month we included a report on the Auction, so I won't repeat that, except to say, once again, **thank you** to all who donated, contributed, volunteered, and attended!

June's expenses were more than our income, but this is a normal "ebb and flow" of our budget and nothing to be concerned about.

I would like to draw your attention to the Hispanic Congreso, which is scheduled for August 13 & 14 (*see ad on p.7*). The Hispanic Prayer Groups have been working hard to raise funds to pay for this major event. We expect to go into the event without debt, and to come out of it with seed money for the future. Please keep this event, and all the ministry of the Hispanic Prayer Groups, in your prayers.



	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Cash balance at the end of previous month	\$21,572.37	\$39,883.85	
Income all sources	\$40,812.61	\$21,136.98	\$163,004.40
Expenses	-\$22,790.90	-\$27,762.29	-\$155,728.54
<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>\$289.77</u>	<u>\$564.88</u>	<u>\$533.70</u>
<b>net income/shortfall</b>	<b>\$18,311.48</b>	<b>-\$6,060.43</b>	<b>\$7809.56</b>



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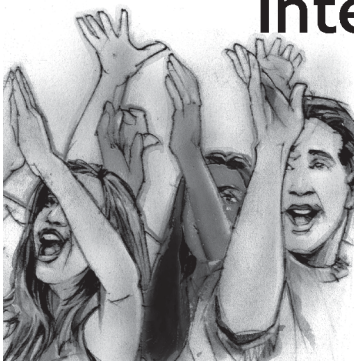
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16-21 AUGUST

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*Join us in praying for all the young people who, as pilgrims, will journey to World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain, August 16-21.*

*May their journey bear great fruit in their own lives, in the parish communities to which they return, and for the Kingdom of God!*

## Mark Your Calendar



# Intercessory Prayer Network

## Special Gathering

LISTEN!

Your watchmen lift up their voices;  
Together they shout for joy.

Isaiah 52:8

Special guest: **Fr. Peter Sanders, Orat.**

Thursday, September 29

7:00 – 9:30 PM

at the WWCCR office

936 N 143rd Street, Seattle, 98133

*This gathering is for all members of IPN and anyone who is interested in intercessory prayer*

**Fr. Peter Sanders** is the director of New Pentecost Catholic Ministries and a member of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri located in Monterey, California. The teaching and healing ministry takes him to communities around the world. (For more information about Fr. Peter visit [www.newpentecost.org](http://www.newpentecost.org)).

*Additional information will be in the September GLEANINGS!*

## Intercessory Prayer Network (IPN)

*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 Lord to call committed 'laborers for the harvest,' particularly in the areas of leadership and prayer ministry.

for spiritual growth for prayer groups, especially as new people seek more of God through participation in prayer groups because of the recent Holy Spirit seminars.

for wisdom, discernment, direction, and refreshment for the Board of Directors on the working retreat this month.

for these prayer groups:

- 07/31-08/06 Saints Alive Prayer Group, Shelton
- 08/07-08/13 Una Mente Y Un Corazon Grupo de Oración, Shelton
- 08/14-08/20 Jesús Fuente de Vida Grupo de Oración, Snohomish
- 08/21-08/27 St Faustina Prayer Group, Stanwood
- 08/28-09/03 Fuentes de Oracion, Sumner

### Next IPN events:

**Sunday, August 7, 2011**

**Sunday, September 4, 2011**

**2:00 – 4:00 pm**

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

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

*"Lord...give us life, make us live from you as our source, and grant that we too may be sources, wellsprings capable of bestowing the water of life in our time. We thank you for the grace of the priestly ministry."*

*~Pope Benedict XVI, 11 June 2010*

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

- Aug 1 Pope Benedict XVI
- Aug 2 Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
- Aug 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS
- Aug 4 Fr. Jim Northrop
- Aug 5 Fr. John J. Wilkie
- Aug 6 Fr. James A. Williams  
Dcn. Howard Wilson  
Dcn. Stephen Wodzanowski
- Aug 7 Fr. Stephen S. Woodland
- Aug 8 Fr. Gerald L. Woodman
- Aug 9 Fr. Michael H. Wright
- Aug 10 Fr. Horacio V. Yanez  
Dcn. Jousa Pao Yang
- Aug 11 Fr. Junkoo Yeo
- Aug 12 Fr. Won Bong Yoo
- Aug 13 Fr. David H. Young
- Aug 14 Fr. Reynaldo T. Yu  
Dcn. Joseph Yuen  
Dcn. Gary Zellmer
- Aug 15 Fr. Gary M. Zender  
Dcn. Matt Zuanich  
Dcn. Scott Aikin
- Aug 16 Fr. Danilo Z. Abalon, SOLT  
Dcn. David Alcorta  
Dcn. Dick Alexander  
Dcn. Dan Allen
- Aug 17 Fr. Joseph Altenhofen  
Jose Alvarez (*seminarian*)  
Dcn. John Amlag  
Dcn. Mauricio Anaya
- Aug 18 Fr. Michael Angelovic  
Dcn. Carl Anderson  
Dcn. David Anderson
- Aug 19 Fr. J. Magnus Attah
- Aug 20 Fr. Larry Bailey  
Seraphin Bamouni (*seminarian*)  
Dcn. Terry Barber
- Aug 21 Fr. R. Roy Baroma Jr
- Aug 22 Fr. Richard J. Basso  
Dcn. Sam Basta  
Dcn. Bill Batstone
- Aug 23 Fr. Michael J. Batterberry
- Aug 24 Fr. Anthony E. Bawyn, JCD
- Aug 25 Fr. Ronald H. Belisle, OSB
- Aug 26 Fr. Thomas A. Belleque  
Dcn. Jim Bemis  
Dcn. Nate Benedict  
Dcn. Jack Bleile
- Aug 27 Fr. Phillip A. Bloom  
Grant Boggs (*seminarian*)
- Aug 28 Fr. Eugeniusz Bolda
- Aug 29 Fr. Martin J. Bourke
- Aug 30 Fr. John J. Bowman
- Aug 31 Fr. James L. Boyle

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## TRAINING FOR HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

### School of Healing Prayer\*

#### 2012 Class - presented by WWCCR

WWCCR will again offer the School for Healing Prayer beginning in **JANUARY 2012**

*(class schedule will be on our website soon)*

*\* The School of Healing Prayer is comprised of DVD presentations from Christian Healing Ministries as well as live presentations, group discussions, and prayer practicums (applying what has been presented).*

**Attendance at ONE of the Orientation meetings is REQUIRED to participate in the 2012 Classes:**

- Friday, October 7, 7:30pm - 9:00pm***
- Saturday, October 22, 9:30am - 12noon***
- Saturday, January 7, 9:30am - 12noon***

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

**All Classes and Orientation meetings will be held at the WWCCR Office, 936 N 143rd Street, Seattle, WA**

Please contact the WWCCR office to let us know which orientation meeting you plan to attend: 206-364-2272 \* [info@wwccr.org](mailto:info@wwccr.org) \* [www.wwccr.org](http://www.wwccr.org)

## WWCCR Prayer Group Development Day

BUILDING  
GOD'S KINGDOM  
ON EARTH



Through  
the Power  
of His Spirit

**Special Guest Speaker:**

**BISHOP EUSEBIO  
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**Saturday, August 27, 2011  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**St. Louise Parish Hall  
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**Pre-registration is appreciated but not required.**

There is no fee for this event. A free will offering will be accepted.

To register or for more information, contact

Bell Moore: [moore.spirit@yahoo.com](mailto:moore.spirit@yahoo.com) or 360-320-0937  
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**Please bring a sack lunch,  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Check our website for updates on events not available at time of print.	1	2	3 OFFICE MASS @WWCCR 7 PM	4	5 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM  PLEASE PRAY FOR: THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONGRESO	6
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## “Paz, Esperanza Y Sanación en Jesús”

CONGRESO DE EVANGELIZACIÓN DE LA RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATÓLICA

**13 Y 14 de Agosto del 2011**  
en el Tukwila Community Center  
12424 42nd Avenue S, Tukwila, WA 98168

“Entrada Gratis.  
Jesús Ya Pago  
por Ti.”

Sábado de 8:00am a 9:00pm  
Domingo de 8:00am a 8:00pm

Habrá cuidado de niños

Para mayor información llame:  
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## ***Living Our Ministry in Christ***

A Retreat for Healthcare Professionals

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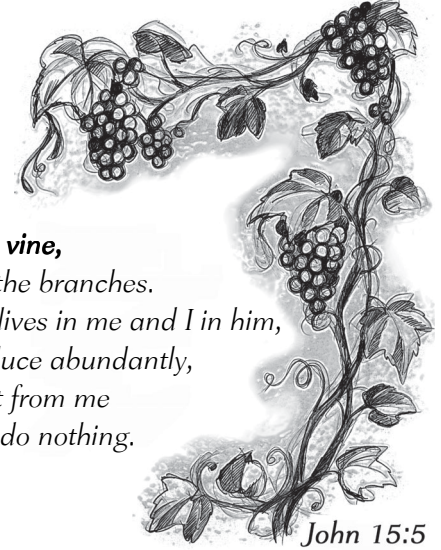
Join us for this special retreat specifically for those who minister Jesus' healing touch through their work in healthcare.

As Christian healthcare professionals, we are called to be the hands, the feet, the eyes, the ears, the heart and the voice of Christ.

To bring Christ's presence to our daily work requires that we have developed our own intimate relationship with him. This retreat time is for you if you are seeking some time out to experience a deepening of intimacy and relationship with Christ.

It is in "going to the Cross" that we are able to experience the deep compassion of Christ Jesus.

***If you are a healthcare worker, or know someone who is, please see page 2 for more information about this retreat or visit [wwccr.org](http://wwccr.org) for a registration form.***



***I am the vine,***

*you are the branches.*

*He who lives in me and I in him,*

*will produce abundantly,*

*for apart from me*

*you can do nothing.*

*John 15:5*

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