



GLEANINGS

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A Time for Prayer, Fasting and Discernment

by Jim Dagnon

From Virginia's Desk

by Virginia King,
WWCCR Executive Director

You will find the invitation to our Spring Conference on Saturday, March 24 on page 4 of this GLEANINGS. This may come as a surprise, since we seldom have a Conference this early in the year. This year, we are planning two one-day conferences—one in March and the second one on November 3, which is the precise weekend of the 30th Anniversary of the incorporation of WWCCR. Archbishop Brunett has accepted our invitation to say a special anniversary Mass at the November 3rd Conference.

Our theme for the Spring Conference is: *At the Service of the King: Hearts Attuned to God's Mercy*. The phrase "hearts attuned to God's mercy" is taken from the Catechism of the

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As WWCCR celebrates 30 years of providing support and leadership to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Archdiocese of Seattle, we must take to heart the words of Isaiah 43:19 *"See, I am doing something new! Now it*

springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

"The fire on the altar is to be kept burning. It must not go out!"

Leviticus 6:5

The world of today is very different than the world of thirty years ago when WWCCR was founded. As the Holy Spirit moves the Church in new ways, WWCCR must do its part to keep the fire of the Holy Spirit burning brightly. We must adapt the way we reach out to current and future generations. Your WWCCR Board of Directors is

committed to listening to you and listening to our Lord.

We have turned to a time of prayer, fasting and discernment to guide us in taking the steps that will keep the flame burning brightly as we face the future. The Board has dedicated each Tuesday as a day of prayer, fasting and discernment as we seek God's direction for the Charismatic Renewal in Western Washington. We invite you to join us in this weekly day of prayer.

To assist the Board in its discernment, we gathered a group of thirty-one leaders for an evening of prayer and discernment with Jim Murphy on November 18, 2006. We began with a time of praise and worship, seeking to answer what the Lord is asking of us.

By the end of the evening the following three themes evolved:

1. Importance of helping people connect with (come to know) the person of Jesus.
2. Companion with people on a life transforming journey facilitated by an experience of the Holy Spirit for an entirely new transformation of life, living in God's Spirit.
3. Finding ways to relate with and dialogue with the broader church.

We all left that evening of prayer, excited that these three themes should be the foundation we use to begin the fourth decade of WWCCR's ministry. You

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Living, Proclaiming, and Nurturing Baptism in the Holy Spirit

will notice that these three themes are not new. In fact they confirm the direction that we have been traveling these past 30 years. But this confirmation is an important encouragement for us all and a means of re-focusing our attention to the central purpose of WWCCR.

Based on this “*Spirit-inspired direction*” the Board is acting to finalize WWCCR’s *purpose, mission, initiatives* and *budgets*. We will keep you posted on our progress.

We are committed to keeping our expenses in line with our income. As we have limited financial resources we must undertake only those activities that are the highest priorities and can be funded by the finances provided by our donors.

Recently the Board received feedback after a fundraising appeal from a participant saying “They (WWCCR) are always asking for money.” Though this was raised as a complaint, it is merely a statement of fact. As with any spiritual, service-oriented apostolate, we rely totally on the generosity and sacrificial giving of those who share the vision as well as those who directly benefit from our ministry. We cannot continue to function without asking for money, any more than the St. Vincent de Paul Society or your parish could survive without ongoing support. We must continually raise money to fund our participation in the awesome work that God is accomplishing through the charismatic renewal in Western Washington.

Over recent years the support donations we receive have been about the same basic amount year after year. However, due to inflation and the increase demands for more WWCCR activities, the cost of accomplishing our mission has steadily increased. In a number of the past years WWCCR resorted to borrowing money in order to meet our payroll and to pay our bills.

We are convinced that from this

point forward we should spend no more than what we receive in donations. This is why our **discernment** about **exactly what it is that God wants us to accomplish** is so important. We will use our discernment to cut enough expenses and activities to keep our finances in the black for 2007 and all future years. This is tough decision making, as there are so many worthwhile things people would like us to do. Steps have been taken to discontinue some things that we have done in the past. For example, with this issue of GLEANINGS we will only be publishing every 2 to 3 months until we are able to afford to resume monthly issues. We are cutting back on WWCCR staff support and the remaining staff has agreed to take cuts in pay. In fact, an outstanding testimony to the dedication of our staff is that Bobbie Brown and Joan Celix, who previously were paid staff, have offered to continue to do their same jobs as volunteers, at least for a time. This is sacrificial giving! We will be seeking even more volunteer involvement to help us accomplish our mission.

There are several schools of thought about matching financial needs with ministry activities:

1. Discern what it is that God wants you to do and trust Him to meet your needs.

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Items for the May/June/July issue are due April 2.

2. If the Lord is not providing enough to meet your needs you may be doing more than He wants you to do.

3. We must be good stewards and manage our finances in a way that maximizes the end result that God is seeking from the ministry.

Our pledge is to do our best to discern God's highest priorities for WWCCR's ministry, and manage the money that you donate to WWCCR wisely to accomplish these priorities within a balanced budget. We will only take on additional activities if additional donations can be found to finance them.

We will ask God in prayer to prompt our supporters to provide exactly the amount of finances needed to accomplish exactly what He wants us to do. We trust the Lord will guide our deliberations and touch the hearts of WWCCR's supporters to provide the finances to fund the work He wants done in western Washington. We welcome your prayers as we take the steps to prepare the way for WWCCR's exciting next decade and see what God has up His sleeve. (God does have sleeves, doesn't He?!) ■

Jim Dagnon is a member of the WWCCR Board of Directors. He and his wife Sandy are prayer group leaders and parishioners at St. Francis Parish in Eastsound, WA.

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If we continue our quarterly publishing schedule, the rest of 2007 would be like this:

- May/June/July 07 issue - Events & Articles due April 2nd
- Aug/Sept/Oct 07 issue - Events & Articles due July 2nd
- Nov/Dec/Jan 08 issue - Events & Articles due Oct 1st

If there is limited space for the listing of events in an issue, events will be published with this priority:

- WWCCR events
- Western Washington area charismatic prayer group events
- Western Washington area events
- National charismatic events

If our publishing schedule changes, local prayer groups will be contacted or you can contact Sharon for more information at sharon@wwccr.org.

Please keep our fundraising efforts and the GLEANINGS newsletter in your prayers.

Update on Our Finances

by Virginia King, Executive Director

In December, we sent out letters to everyone who receives GLEANINGS, about 2300 households. This letter was a request for people to make donations and to pledge support for 2007. As of January 10th, we had received responses back from 88 households. 18 were year-end gifts without pledges. 48 were renewals of pledges from last year, with 24 of those increasing their pledge. 15 were new pledges.

We fully expect that many others will have responded by the time you are holding this newsletter in your hands. However, I suspect that many others still have not replied.

There's a phrase that I've seen at two different parishes recently, "Equal sacrifice, not equal gifts." Fr. Jay DeFolco told me that one of his parishioners had just bought a new flat-screen TV and hadn't even taken it out of the box. They heard about this concept of equal sacrifice and realized that they could make the sacrifice of keeping their old TV set, so they returned the new one and donated the money to the church. Another person had been saving money for a new car, but decided to keep their current car and donated the savings to the church.

For the sake of the strength of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in this Archdiocese, we ask that you consider how you might make a sacrifice to match the sacrifices that others are making. If you have not already responded to that December mailing, we request that you do so quickly. It takes all of us doing our part to fulfill the mission that God has given us. Another copy of the pledge form is included in this GLEANINGS for your convenience.

In the January GLEANINGS, we included a request for people to sponsor a Healing Mass. We itemized the expenses involved, which total approximately \$800 per Mass. People remarked that they had no idea that the Healing Masses involved that much investment.

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HEARTS ATTUNED
TO GOD'S MERCY

“Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master...so our eyes look to the Lord our God till he have mercy upon us.” Psalm 123:2 RSV

Jesus is the King of Kings!

Out of love for us He chose to exercise His kingship by becoming the servant to all. As servants of the King we are called, not to stand idle but to be attentive to His leading, listen for his direction, and wait for his command to go! As we seek His face we are also called to bring others before the tender mercy of God in prayer. We invite you to this conference as we seek together to attend to our King and learn to be attuned to His heart.

WWCCR
Spring Conference
Saturday, March 24

at **Bellarmino Preparatory School**
2300 S. Washington, Tacoma, WA
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Tentative Schedule

• **9:30–10:30AM - GENERAL SESSION**

• **11:00AM–12:30PM - WORKSHOPS**

• **Workshop 1: Tools of Prayer**

• Our Catholic Tradition provides many outstanding avenues for praying for our loved ones and for the needs of the world. This workshop will explore a number of them such as the rosary, novenas, devotions and fasting as tools to bring others before the face of God.

• **Workshop 2: Standing in the Gap: Answering The Call to Prayer and Overcoming the Obstacles**

• The importance of praying for others is evident throughout Scripture, but who is called to this kind of prayer? What are the costs in praying for the sake of others? What are the obstacles one might encounter? What if I don't answer this call? We will explore these questions in this workshop.

• **Workshop 3: Prophetic Intercession**

• Prophetic Intercession involves deep attentiveness to the Lord's guidance about who or what you are to intercede for – as well as an openness to the use of prophetic charisms while you pray. This workshop will help you to understand and experience this type of prayer.

• **12:30–2:00PM - Lunch Break**

• **2:00–5:00PM - GENERAL SESSION**

• **5:00–7:00PM - Dinner Break**

• **7:00–9:00PM - CLOSING MASS**

Flyers will be available soon. For more information about the Conference contact WWCCR:
(206) 364-2272, info@wwccr.org or at our website: www.wwccr.org.

At the Service of the King: Hearts Attuned to God's Mercy



Praise Fest!

Friday, March 23; 7:30-9:30PM
at St. Ann Church
7001 S. Park Ave., Tacoma

*An evening of praise and worship,
exhortation and prayer.*

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Leaders & Helpers Meeting



Theme:
"They That Hope in
the Lord will Renew
their Strength"

Sunday, March 25; 2:30-5:30PM
at St. Ann Parish Hall
7001 S. Park Ave., Tacoma

*What would inspire you to come to this meeting
after being at the conference all day Saturday?
How about praise and worship, refreshment,
ministry and encouragement? Come and be
refreshed to keep on keeping on.*

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**Calling volunteers of the
past, present and future...**

Do you have a knack for hospitality, ushering, moving chairs,
selling books, arranging flowers or are just willing and able?
The WWCCR Conference in March needs you. We need
plenty of volunteers to assist with the Conference scheduled for
March 24th in Tacoma. If you are interested please contact
Tammy Krieger, volunteer coordinator, at atzkrieger@msn.com
or 425-318-0670.



2007 Conference Registration

Use one form per person or husband & wife. Photocopy form for
additional registrations. Full name & address are needed for nametag.

please print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DayPhone (_____) _____

Email _____

**COST: Register before March 9..... \$15 per person
Or at the door..... \$25 per person**

Registration Total \$ _____

Additional donation for WWCCR \$ _____

TOTAL PAID \$ _____

Pay to:
WWCCR
in US Funds

*If you are unable to pay the full registration
amount, please pay whatever you can.
No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.*

PAYMENT INFORMATION Check/M.O. Mastercard Visa

Name on card _____

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Send registration to:
WWCCR, P.O. BOX 33609, SEATTLE, WA 98133-0609

For Office Only: Check/MO# _____ Date _____

CC _____ Amount _____ by _____

Healing Masses

Healing Mass

with Fr. Tom Suss

Tuesday, February 13; 7PM
at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church
14601 "A" St. S., Tacoma



Healing Masses

with Fr. Dan Wetzler

Monday, March 5; 7PM
St. Jude Church
10526 166th Ave. N.E., Redmond

Tuesday, March 6; 7PM

St. Michael Church
1021 Boundary St. SE, Olympia



Healing Mass

with Fr. Jim Northrop

Friday, April 13; 7:30PM
St. John the Baptist Church
25810 156th Ave. SE, Covington

Misa de Sanción en Español con el Padre Jay DeFolco

viernes, 13 de abril; 7PM
a la Iglesia San Miguel
1512 Pine Ave., Snohomish

Healing Masses

with Fr. Lou Cerulli

Monday, April 16; 7:30PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,
2617 Cedar St., Everett

Tuesday April 17; 7:30PM

Holy Disciples Church
10425 187th St. E., Puyallup

Wednesday April 18, 7PM

St. Joseph Church
220 Mt. Park Blvd. SW, Issaquah,



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Catholic Church, paragraph 2635, as a way of describing the prayer of intercession.

By virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation, we have each received a privileged call, to live our lives intentionally at the service of Jesus Christ, the King. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to bring the mercy of God to the world.

At this time of history, it truly must be said that the world is desperate for God's mercy. So many lives are being lost, so many people exist in fear and loneliness, so many individuals are seeking love and happiness in all the wrong places.

This Conference will be a time where our own experiences of God's mercy will be reinforced and we will learn how to deepen our intercession



Day of Prayer and Fasting Friday, February 16

The National Service Committee and the other national leadership groups of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal have designated the Friday preceding Ash Wednesday as a Day of Prayer and Fasting.

Renewal participants are encouraged to pray for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the United States and that the Church in our country might be renewed in the grace of Pentecost.

This will be the sixth year designated for such a day to strengthen the unity of the Renewal and communion in the Church.



for our family and friends, for our parishes and communities, indeed for the whole world.

We know it is challenging for many people to carve a day out of their busy lives to attend a Conference. We know that it may take a great deal of sacrifice. But we urge you to make every effort to attend, in imitation of Jesus, our Lord, whose sacrifice makes the mercy of God accessible to the world. The

sacrifice we make is nothing compared to His. And yet, the results of our small sacrifices will be a share in His joy!

"For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross..."
Heb 12:2

For the sake of the joy that lies before you, I heartily encourage you to sign up now for the March 24th Spring Conference and also ask a friend or two to come along with you.

Those of you who come from some distance may choose to book a motel room for Friday or Saturday night, so that you will be refreshed and able to fully enjoy the whole day. In the past, when we had three-day conferences, this was a common practice. We hope you will consider this possibility to make the most of this opportunity to be *At the Service of the King*.

I'd also like to invite you to attend a pre-Conference Praise Festival on the evening of March 23. Details of this event are on page 5. The vision for this event is to prepare our hearts for the following day through praise and worship and Eucharistic Adoration.

As we join together for this time of prayer, as we gather to bless God, we will be blessed!

Reserve March 23rd and March 24th on your calendar—you will be glad you did! ■

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When you read Jim Dagnon's article on page 1, you might wonder exactly what the budget restraints are. What kind of numbers are we looking at?

The budget that the Board of Directors approved assumes that we will have income from donations, book sales and event registrations in 2007 in the same amount as in 2006, approximately \$219,000.* The problem is that our expenses in 2006 were approximately \$293,000, a difference of \$74,000. Thanks to the Matching Gift Campaign of 2004 & 2005, we had reserves to cover this deficit. But the reserve is used up and so, in order to have a balanced budget in 2007, we need either cut expenses by 25% or increase income by that amount.

So as good stewards, the Board made the hard decisions that Jim mentions in his article. That's why this

GLEANINGS is for February/March/April. If we see an increase in donations of 3%, we will be able to publish GLEANINGS every two months, instead of every three. If we see an increase of 10%, we will be able to reinstate the pay-cuts that the staff agreed to take. And if we see an increase of 30%, we will be able to resume publishing GLEANINGS every month and meet the cost of living increases that we owe our employees.

This may seem like a lot to you, but we are confident that if everyone who reads this makes a sacrificial gift, we will have no difficulty achieving the 30% goal. Some can give only a little, some can give a lot. Prayerfully ask the Lord what your part should be. "Equal sacrifice, not equal gifts."

"The Lord will open up for you his rich treasure house of the heavens, to

give your land rain in due season, blessing all your undertakings, so that you will lend to many nations and borrow from none." Deut 28:12 ■

* At the time of this writing, the final reports from December were not completed, so we don't have exact figures.



You can now make your donations to WWCCR online!

Go to www.wwccr.org and click on the yellow envelope!



30 Years of Serving the Church

2007 Pledge Form

My one-time gift is \$_____.

My 2007 Pledge

I intend to give \$_____ in 2007.

I will make monthly payments of \$_____

or
I will make quarterly payments of \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Make checks payable to: WWCCR

Please use the enclosed envelope and send to:
WWCCR, P.O. Box 33609, Seattle, WA 98133-0609

You may make your donations using the envelope enclosed each month in GLEANINGS. If you prefer, we can charge your donations to a credit card.

Card # _____

Circle one: **VISA** or **MasterCard** Exp. date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Amount to be charged: \$_____

Installment donations will be processed on the 20th of the month.

Pledge examples

Monthly Pledge	Annual Total
\$250	= \$3000
\$100	= \$1200
\$50	= \$600
\$30	= \$360
\$10	= \$120

When you make a pledge to WWCCR, you will be sent reminder letters and prayer request slips.

Thank you! God bless you!

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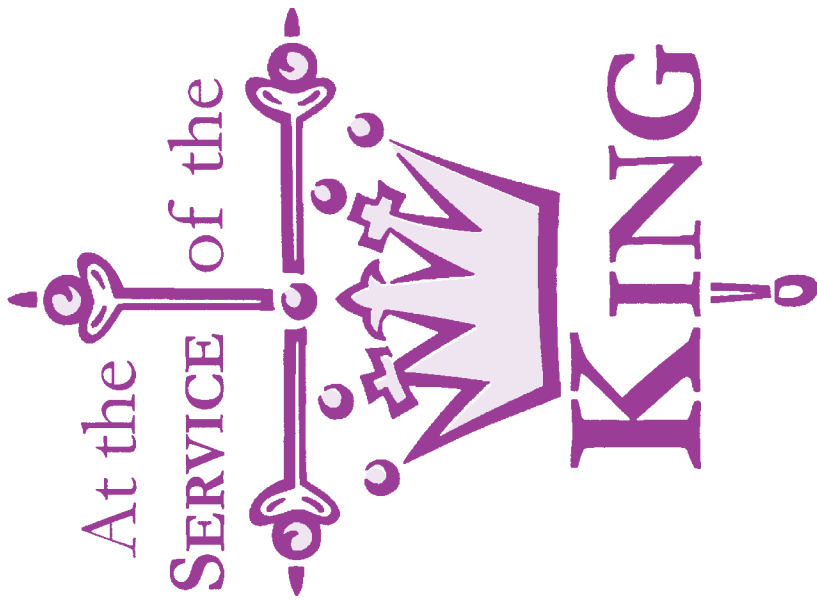
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