



GLEANINGS

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

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“Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves, they must proclaim him. A new apostolic outreach is needed, which will be lived as the everyday commitment of Christian communities and groups.”

*John Paul II,
Novo Millennio Ineunte, 40*

“For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the holy Spirit and (with) much conviction.”

1 Thessalonians 1:5

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Beyond the Desert

by Virginia King

“Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. ...Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.”

Luke 4:1-2, 14-15

We’ve entered into Lent, into the 40 days of prayer and fasting, in memory of and in union with Jesus’ 40 days in the desert and also of the 40 years that the Hebrew people spent wandering in the desert. After 40 years in the desert, the Israelites were ready to enter the Promised Land. After 40 days in the desert, Jesus was ready to begin his public ministry. What will we be ready for at the end of these 40 days?

When the Israelites entered the Promised Land, they entered with a very big task ahead of them. The land wasn’t handed to them on a silver platter. They had to do battle for the land. There were many casualties. And once they gained the land, they had to settle it, and do the hard work of building or rebuilding cities and villages where they would live. Entering the Promised Land took a lot of courage and faith.

They relied on the promise of God – *“I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be firm and steadfast, so that you may give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers I would give them. ...I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go.”* Joshua 1:5, 6, 9

When Jesus began his public ministry, he faced great acclaim but also great opposition. There were many who followed him out of curiosity. Some followed him in an effort to trap him, for the purpose of destroying his ministry. Others followed him out of gratitude for what he had done for them personally. Others followed him in hope, expecting that he might heal them too. Some followed him out of love. But no matter the attitude or motivation of the crowds that surrounded him, Jesus was faithful to proclaim the message of the Kingdom of God and to do the work that his Father had sent him to do. That work included healing people and working “signs and wonders.”



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From Virginia's Desk

by Virginia King,

WWCCR Executive Director

God has truly blessed WWCCR with amazing volunteers whose dedication to the Lord is firm and inspiring. He has given us an experience of 1 Cor 12, as we work together with the broad variety of gifts and as we learn to appreciate the differences in our giftedness and experiment with the interaction and mutual dependence of our gifts. Chief among the volunteers are those who serve on our Board of Directors. And the gift-mix on the Board is changing.

At the end of December, Mike Daoust resigned his position as Treasurer of the WWCCR Board of Directors for a very good reason – he is getting married and moving to the state of Virginia. Congratulations Mike, and may the Lord bless you and your bride with many years of joy in your marriage. We are grateful for your years of service to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Church in Western Washington.

I guess the Lord didn't want to leave us without a "Mike" on the Board. We are happy to announce two new members of the WWCCR Board, both also named after St. Michael the Archangel.

Michael Koontz is currently serving as Chairman of the Leadership Development Committee (*now also known as the Experience Leadership Project*) and also on the core team for the Intercessory Prayer Network.

He has been a prayer group leader and is very involved in parish and pro-life work. Michael and his wife Mary are members of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help/Immaculate Conception Parishes in Everett.

Mike Solon is on the leadership team of the St. Anthony Prayer Group. Mike has served on the Donor Development committee and was very instrumental in our database conversion a few years ago. He and his wife Kathy have chaired the registration committee at our conference/day of renewal the past several years. They are involved in several ministries at St. Madeleine Sophie Parish in Bellevue.



OPTIONS FOR PRESENTING

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARS

The New Life in the Spirit Seminars Team Manual

A 7-session course designed as an evangelistic tool, a formation experience, and an introduction to a life lived in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. It invites us to experience a personal Pentecost, a new release or revitalization of the Holy Spirit's presence. Books are available through the WWCCR office or from NSC-Chariscenter USA – www.nsc-chariscenter.org

Come Holy Spirit! DVD series featuring Dr. Tom Curran

A 7-week journey to a life-changing experience of the Holy Spirit. DVD's of all the teachings and a CD with supplemental materials designed for group interaction and prayer. Order from www.MyCatholicFaith.org

The Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is a 15-session introduction to the Christian faith designed to be used by parishes who want to reach out to non-churchgoers and people who are disconnected from the Church. It is also an effective tool for awakening faith in people who are on the fringes of the parish as well as faithful Catholics.

See *HSS* on page 5

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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DEADLINE: In order for any news or calendar items to be considered for publication in **GLEANINGS**, it must be submitted by the 1st of the month before the month of publication. **Items for the April 2009 issue are due March 2.**

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As I reflect on what God might be calling me to at the end of the 40 days of Lent, I realize that it is the same thing that he called the Israelites to do after their 40 years in the desert. And it is also the same thing that he called Jesus to do after his 40 days in the desert. He is calling me to do battle for the land and to settle it. He is calling me to proclaim the message of the Kingdom of God and to heal people and perhaps even to work signs and wonders.



Settle the land

We are building the “cities and villages” where we will live, not physically but in terms of relationships within the community of faith. Our prayer groups and other small groups in our parishes need to become places where virtue and faith are nurtured and where we learn to love one another as Jesus has loved us. If our witness to the world is to be effective, we must, in the words of Pope John Paul II, learn “to ‘make room’ for our brothers and sisters, bearing ‘each other’s burdens’ (Gal 6:2) and resisting the selfish temptations which constantly beset us and provoke competition, careerism, distrust and jealousy. Let us have no illusions: unless we follow this spiritual path, external structures of communion will serve very little purpose. They would become mechanisms without a soul, ‘masks’ of communion rather than its means of expression and growth.” (NMI 43)

The ministry of healing is also a large part of “settling the land.”

Many times people need to be healed and comforted before they can really be open to the message of the Kingdom of God.

At the end of Lent, we immerse ourselves in the paschal mystery of the crucifixion and death of Jesus and his triumphant Resurrection. For three days we live again these most important moments in the history of the world. Easter is the summit of our liturgical year, and also the summit of our lives. We are on a high mountain with Jesus, and our hearts rejoice. But we are not allowed to stay there.

We’ve passed through the desert time, we’ve experienced the glory, and now we are sent forth. What are you ready to do?

***“Eternal Father,
make me ready to do the work
you have called me to do.***

***Use these 40 days to prepare me
to do battle and take the land.***

***Use these 40 days to prepare me
to proclaim the Kingdom of God.***

***Use these 40 days to prepare me
to respond to the needs of
those around me.***

***And after these 40 days,
Lord, use me in whatever way
you choose to renew the
face of the earth. Amen.”***



Progress Report on 2009 Pledge Drive

Pledge and Regular Donations Goal for 2009	\$160,680.00
Amount pledged (<i>not yet received</i>)	\$ 46,568.50
Special donation to cover cost of GLEANINGS	\$ 10,000.00
Amount received so far in 2009	- \$ 11,212.10

Amount still needed in pledged & regular donations **\$ 92,899.40**

***Keep praying with us for God’s provision - because it’s worth it!
Please use the enclosed yellow envelope to send your donation today!***

PENTECOST OF THE NATIONS

...for a new culture of Pentecost

An ICCRS 10-Day Pentecost Project

May 22-31, 2009

“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 22-30, 2009 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.

Together we celebrate!

PART 2: PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

You can participate in the Pentecost Celebration sponsored by WWCCR on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 30, 2009 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Seattle.
See page 6 for details.

Our local involvement in this international project will be:

1. Asking you to make a commitment to pray for at least one hour of the “day and night” prayer for the 9 days before Pentecost. Register with Kathleen Haner, letting her know which hour(s) you will be praying.
2. Asking you to pray each day, using the Burning Bush Pentecost Novena prayers or other novena to the Holy Spirit.
3. Asking you to come to the Pentecost Celebration on May 30, and bring one or more friends who would benefit from hearing more about the power of the Holy Spirit.

To register or for information on participating in the global “net” of prayer, contact Kathleen Haner, NSC Coordinator, USA by email at usintercessorsnetwork@clearwire.net or go to our website and click on the link “Pentecost of the Nations”

“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:1)

*“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:**

- March 1 Archbishop Alex Brunett
- March 2 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS
- March 3 Bishop Joseph Tyson
- March 4 Fr. Jim Northrop
Dcn Gene Vanderzanden
- March 5 Fr. Thomas Vandenberg
- March 6 Fr. Ramon Velasco
- March 7 Fr. Terence Wager, OSB
Michael Wagner (seminarian)
- March 8 Fr. Philip Wallace
- March 9 Fr. Jack Walmesley
- March 10 Fr. Richard Ward
Dcn T. Jackson Warfield
- March 11 Fr. Christopher Weekly, SJ
- March 12 Fr. Gary Weisenberger
- March 13 Fr. Edward White
Dcn Ed White Sr.
- March 14 Fr. John Wilkie
Nick Wichert (seminarian)
- March 15 Fr. James Williams
Dcn Ted Wiese
- March 16 Fr. Gerald Woodman
Dcn Howard Wilson
- March 17 Fr. Michael Wright
Dcn Stephen Wodzanowski
- March 18 Fr. Horacio Yanez
Dcn Joua Pao Yang
- March 19 Fr. David Young
Dcn Joseph Yuen
- March 20 Fr. Reynaldo Yu
Dcn Gary Zellmer
- March 21 Fr. Gary Zender
Dcn Matthew Zuanich
- March 22 Fr. David Anderson, SJ
Dcn Scott Aikin
- March 23 Fr. Michael Angelovic
Dcn David Alcorta
- March 24 Fr. Conrado Aquino, M.Sp.S.
Dcn Dick Alexander
- March 25 Fr. Arturo Araujo SJ
Dcn Dan Allen
- March 26 Fr. Thaddaeus Arledge OSB
Joe Altenhofen (seminarian)
- March 27 Fr. Magnus Attah
Jose Alvarez (seminarian)
- March 28 Fr. Emmanuel Azike, OP
Dcn Mauricio Anaya
- March 29 Fr. Larry Bailey
Dcn Carl Anderson
- March 30 Fr. Yung Hoon Bang
Dcn David Anderson
- March 31 Pope Benedict XVI

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



**We have a new floor at the
WWCCR Office!!!**
Again, we thank our donors
who donated the money
for the materials and a
big THANK YOU!
to Mark Patterson and his
crew who donated the labor.
The floor is beautiful, truly
reflecting God’s glory -
in more ways than one!!



Save the Dates!!!



**WWCCR Pentecost Celebration
Saturday, May 30, 2009**

Guest Speaker: Maria Vadia

*Join us for a dynamic evening
of praise & worship, testimony,
teaching, and prayer-team ministry.*

**at Blessed Sacrament Parish,
5050 8th Avenue NE, Seattle**

**WWCCR Day of Renewal
August 15, 2009**

**Guest Speaker:
Peter Herbeck**



You don’t want to miss it!!

*Go to our website, which will be updated
as information becomes available.*

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

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 INTERCESSORY PRAYER GATHERING @ WWCCR, 2-4 PM	2 HEALING MASS in SUMNER 7 PM See pg 8 LA ESCUELA	3 HEALING MASS in POULSBO 7 PM See pg 8	4	5 OFFICE MASS @ WWCCR 7 PM See below	6 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM	7
8 	9 PLEASE PRAY FOR: HISPANIC/LATINO PRAYER GROUP INITIATIVES	10 HEALING MASS in SNOHOMISH 6:30PM See pg 8	11	12	13 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM † Healing Mass in Covington, 7:30 pm See below	14
15	16 LA HORA SANTA	17 	18	19 PLEASE PRAY FOR: WWCCR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF	20 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM	21 CHM III - CLASS 2
22	23 GLEANINGS WORKERS NEEDED	24	25	26 HEALING MASS in OLYMPIA 7 PM See pg 8	27 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM MISA DE SANACION en BELLEVUE 7 PM See pg 8	28 RETIRO de LIDERES HISPANO in SEATTLE
29	30	31 PLEASE PRAY FOR: WWCCR OUTREACH TO YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILIES				

La Escuela and La Hora Santa are part of the Hispanic Prayer Group Leadership Development Initiatives.



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:

March 5, 7:00 P.M., 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.

Healing Mass with Fr. Jim Northrop

Jesus, our cornerstone...is he not wonderful in our eyes?

Friday, March 13, 7:30 PM

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

25810 156th S.E., Covington

Sponsored by St. John the Baptist Charismatic Prayer Group in collaboration with WWCCR

For more information contact Dave Richardson 253-631-3427

Prayer Group Events

† **A Catholic Journey through the Life of St. Paul**

7:00pm to 8:30pm in Roman's Hall July 2008 - June 2009
sponsored by St. Paul Parish Upper Room Prayer Group.

03/09 - Legacy of Different Churches

04/13 - St. Paul "My Life is Christ"

05/11 - The Truth of Faith

06/08 - A Relic of St. Paul

St. Paul Parish, 10001 57th Ave. S, Seattle

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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 Masses with Fr. Dan Wetzler

Monday, March 2, 7:00 PM - St. Andrew Church, 1401 Valley Ave E, Sumner

Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 PM - St. Olaf Church, 18943 Caldart Ave. NE, Poulsbo

Healing Mass with Fr. Jay DeFolco

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 PM - St. Michael Church, 1512 Pine Ave, Snohomish

Healing Mass with Fr. Jim Northrop

Friday, March 13, 7:30 PM - see page 7 for details

Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Charismatic Prayer Group

Healing Masses with Fr. Peter Sanders, CO

Thursday, March 26, 7:00 PM - St. Michael Westside Chapel

1835 Overhulse Road NW, Olympia

Viernes, 27 de marzo, 7:00 PM Misa de Sanacion/Healing Mass in Spanish

St. Louise Church, 141 156th Ave. SE, Bellevue

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