



GLEANINGS

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

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***“And not only that:
we too, who have the
first-fruits of the Spirit,
even we are groaning
inside ourselves, waiting
with eagerness for our
bodies to be set free.
In hope, we already
have salvation;
in hope, not visibly
present, or we should
not be hoping — nobody
goes on hoping for
something which is
already visible.
But having this hope for
what we cannot yet see,
we are able to wait for it
with persevering
confidence.”***

(Romans 8:23-25)

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The Spirit: Promise and Hope

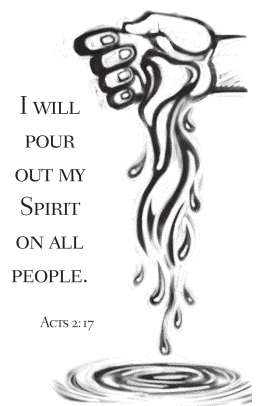
by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap
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In the Scriptures we find the same tension between promise and fulfillment with regards to the person of Christ as with regards to the person of the Holy Spirit. Just as Christ was first promised in the Scriptures, then later made manifest in the flesh, and then awaited in his second coming, so also the Spirit, once “promised by the Father,” was poured out at Pentecost, and is now once again awaited and invoked “with indescribable moaning” by mankind and all creation, who, having tasted the first fruits, await the fullness of this gift.

During this period of time that spans from Pentecost to the Parousia, the Spirit is the strength that pushes us forward, that keeps us on the path, that doesn’t allow us to become a “sedentary” people, that makes us sing the “psalms of ascent” with a new enthusiasm: “What joy when they told me: we will go up to the house of the Lord!” He is the one who creates the momentum and gives wings to our hope; what is more, he is the very principle and soul of our hope.

In the gospel of Luke and in the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus speaks of the Spirit as “the Father’s promise.” He says, “I will send my Father’s promise upon you.” “While at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is,’ he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but, not many days from now, you are going to be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’” (Acts 1:4-5)

What is Jesus talking about when he calls the Holy Spirit the Father’s promise? Where is it that the Father made this promise? It could be said that the entire Old Testament is a promise of the Spirit. The work of the Messiah is constantly presented as being fulfilled in a new universal pouring out of God’s Spirit upon the earth. Looking at what Peter says on the day of Pentecost shows that Luke thinks particularly about Joel’s prophecies: “In the last days — the Lord declares — I shall pour out my Spirit on all humanity.” (Acts 2:17) But how can we not also think about what we read in the other prophets? “Until the spirit is poured out on us from above” (Isaiah 32:15) “I shall pour out my spirit on your descendants” (Isaiah 44:3) “I shall put my spirit in you.” (Ezekiel 36:27)



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From Virginia's Desk

by Virginia King,
WWCCR Executive Director



We thank God for the season that included Jim Dagnon's service on our Board of Directors for the past 6 years. Jim has fulfilled the maximum term of service on the Board and we thank him for the tremendous contribution he made to the work of the Board during a time of transition and transformation in the structure of WWCCR.

Jim has a heart for evangelization and for bringing healing to those who are hurting. He truly strives to follow Jesus in living out the anointing announced in Luke 4:18-19:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Jim and his wife Sandy were very instrumental in bringing the Christian Healing Ministries School of Healing Prayer to WWCCR, and coordinated the launching of the first class in 2008-09. Even before his term on the Board was up, he made a commitment to chair our Healing Prayer Ministry Committee, to help move forward our many initiatives for bringing healing to those who need to be set free from physical, emotional, spiritual, psychological and relational sickness and pain.

Jim's dedication to the work of the Lord, and to the work of WWCCR in particular, is very inspiring. Please join me in thanking God for him and in praying for him as he moves into this new season of service.



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With regards to the content of the promise, Luke highlights the charismatic aspect of the gifts of the Spirit, in particular the gift of prophecy. The Father's promise is the "strength from on high" that will make all disciples capable of bringing salvation to the ends of the earth. However he does not ignore the deeper, sanctifying and salvific aspects of the Spirit's actions, such as the remission of sins, the gift of a new law and of a new covenant, as can be taken from the juxtaposition he creates between Sinai and Pentecost. Peter's words: "The promise that was made is for you" (Acts 2:39) refer to the promise of salvation, not just the promise of prophecy or some other charisms.

The Holy Spirit makes us abound in hope

With his encyclical on hope, the Holy Father Benedict XVI points out the practical consequence that comes from our meditation: hope, hope always, and if we have already hoped a thousand times in vain, return and hope again! The encyclical's title "Spe Salvi," "Saved in Hope," is taken right from Romans 8:24. The encyclical begins with these words: "According to the Christian faith, 'redemption'—salvation—is not continued next page

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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simply a given. Redemption is offered to us in the sense that we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present: the present, even if it is arduous, can be lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey.” (Spe Salvi, 1)

A certain equivalence and interchangeability is established between hoping and being saved, just as also between hoping and believing. The Pope writes, “Faith is hope.”

Just as we distinguish two types of faith, the “fides quae” and the “fides quae,” that is, the things believed and the very act of believing, the same applies to hope. There is objective hope that indicates the thing hoped for, eternal life, and there is subjective hope which is the very act of hoping for that thing. This second thing is a driving force, an internal catalyst, an extension of the soul, an opening of oneself toward the future. One of the early Church fathers called it, “A loving migration of the spirit toward that which it hopes for.”

The Holy Spirit appears to us as the wellspring and the strength of our theological life. It is due to him, in particular, that we can “be abounding in hope.” A bit later in the Letter to the Romans the Apostle writes “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit you may be rich in hope.” (Romans 15:13) “The God of hope,” what an unusual definition of God!

Hope has sometimes been called the “poor relation” among the three theological virtues. There has been, it is true, a movement of intense

reflection on the theme of hope, even to the point of creating a “theology of hope.” But what has been lacking is a reflection on the relationship between hope and the Holy Spirit. Yet we cannot understand the peculiarity of Christian hope and its distinction from every other idea of hope, if we do not see it within its intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit. The theological virtues are such not only because they have God as their end, but also because they have God as their principle; God is not only their object, but also their cause. They are caused, infused, by God.

***“We need hope to live
and we need the
Holy Spirit to hope!”***

We need hope to live and we need the Holy Spirit to hope! Every moment is a good one to hope, but above all the time of tribulation. The Apostle writes: “Knowing that 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 5:3-5). Hope is the most necessary virtue in this time of crisis for the world and of tribulation for the Church.

One of the principle dangers in the spiritual life is that of discouragement when faced with the repetition of the same sins and the seemingly useless cycle of resolution and relapse. Hope saves us. It gives us the strength to start over again, to believe each time that it will work, the strength of true conversion. In this way, God’s heart is moved and

he will come to our aid with his grace.

We cannot be satisfied with keeping hope just to ourselves. The Holy Spirit wants to make us planters of hope. There is no gift more beautiful than spreading hope at home, in the community, in the local and universal Church. It is like certain modern products that clean the air, making the whole room smell beautiful.

I end this series of Lenten meditations with a text from Paul VI that summarizes many of the points I have touched on:

“We have asked ourselves many times... what need do we see, in the first and final analysis, for this our blessed and beloved Church. We should say it in an almost fearful and prayerful way, because it is his mystery and his life, you know it: the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, animator and sanctifier of the Church, her divine breath, the wind in her sails, her unifying principle, her interior source of light and strength, her support and consolation, her source of charism and song, her peace and her joy, her pledge and prelude of blessed and eternal life. The Church needs his perennial Pentecost; she needs fire in her heart, word on her lips, and prophecy in her vision... The Church needs to recover the desire, the taste, and the certainty of her truth.”

(Paul VI, Discourse at the general audience of 29 November 1972 (Insegnamenti di Paolo VI, Tipografia Poliglotta Vaticana, X, pp. 1210s.) ◆

This is an excerpt from the Lenten Sermon delivered in the presence of Benedict XVI on 04/03/09 titled: “The Holy Spirit, soul of Christian eschatology.” A link to the complete text can be found on the WWCCR website or by visiting Fr. Cantalamessa’s website: www.cantalamessa.org. Used with permission of the author. English Translation by Zenit.



WWCCR HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Day of Refreshment

Saturday, March 13,

9:30am – 4 pm

Christ the King Church

405 N 117th Street, Seattle

“Being Spiritually Prepared for Healing Prayer Ministry”

Come to be refreshed through Praise & Worship, and to be renewed in your ability to bring the healing love of Jesus to those who are hurting!

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

For more information call: 206-364-2272

PRAYER GROUP EVENTS

✠ *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

**This is a DVD presentation of teachings by Dr. Tom Curran. See page 8 for a reflection from the St. Hubert Prayer Group who just used this series.*

✠ *Come to the Water Prayer Group Presents*

UNDERSTANDING EVANGELISM IN TODAY’S WORLD

A Retreat Day with Guest Speaker: Mark Shea

Saturday, March 13, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish Hall, 14601 “A” Street, Tacoma

Please Register by e-mail to Giselle Loveland:

gmloveland@msn.com or by phone to Kathy Painter 253-847-9273

A free-will offering will be taken. Lunch and refreshments will be served.



by Carolyn Mc Nerney

About 6:15 in the morning, my husband and I arrive at the couch for morning prayer—sometimes feeling like a couple of *limp balloons*. Even though we are showered and dressed for work, we are still sluggish, petting the cat and dogs that come to sit with us.

After thanking God and praising Him with help from the psalms, our first prayer every day is “*O breathe on me, Breath of God, Holy Spirit, fill me with life anew, that I may love what You love and do what You would do...*” Oh, to live up to that offer!

And then, “*Holy Spirit, at creation’s first dawn You came forth to give form and life to all; hear me at the beginning of this new day.*”

Shape my life today in the image of Christ; let nothing unpleasant be found in me. Illumine my life’s horizon with your light; dispel all darkness from my mind and soul; light the fire of love in my heart; and be the light I radiate today, and every day of my life.” Glory be to the Father...

Now we are warming to the rest of our prayer time and being revived for the day ahead. We know first-hand that it is true: “**The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the LORD, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him.**” Lamentations 3:22-24 ♦

Carolyn Mc Nerney is on staff at WWCCR. She and her husband are parishioners at St. Theresa Church in Federal Way, WA. The prayers she mentioned are taken from the book “Devotions to the Holy Spirit” by Brian Moore, SJ which can be ordered through the WWCCR bookstore.

If the Lord could make an old stick to sprout, he could bring new life to our prayer group and parish, no matter how old and inadequate I felt. (Later I showed the stake to the famed garden expert, Cisco, who had never seen anything like it.)

The *Come Holy Spirit Journey* attracted 30 people and we consistently had over 20 participants for each of the seven weeks. Tammie Stevens committed to the ferry ride each week to our parish on Whidbey Island and led us in contemporary praise and worship that most participants enjoyed. The music helped create an atmosphere of praise and expectancy. And on the fifth week Andy Lee and Barbara Neiman, from the Prayer Group Development Committee, joined us to pray for everyone.

Since then our little afternoon prayer group has added an evening prayer meeting with a dozen regular members. We plan to have a guest speaker once a month and now Bell is talking about another seminar. Praise the Lord for new life! ♦

Jean Beers is one of the leaders of the St. Hubert Prayer Group in Langley.

Editor's note: If this can happen in the small parish of St. Hubert's, with a core group of only 4 people, imagine what can happen in your parish! If you need help planning or presenting a Holy Spirit seminar in your parish, please call the WWCCR office and we will get you in touch with the Prayer Group Development Committee.

SAVE THE DATE

May 22, 2010

More information coming soon...

Unleashing Spiritual Gifts in Community



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 planning and preparation for the Pentecost Celebration this year on May 22.



The planning and preparation for Holy Spirit Seminars this year between Easter and Pentecost.



The prayer ministry teams that so faithfully give their time and bring the love of Jesus to people in need of prayer ministry at our healing Masses and other events.



The students and facilitating team for the second presentation of the School of Healing Prayer through September of this year.



If you are willing to receive weekly WWCCR related prayer requests by email, please contact us at info@wwccr.org.

God bless you!



**Next IPN events:
Sunday, March 7
Sunday, April 11
2:00-4:00 PM**

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

*"May your priests be holy,
filled with the fire of your love
seeking nothing but your greater
glory and the salvation of souls.
Amen."*

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

- Mar 1 Archbishop Alex Brunett
- Mar 2 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
- Mar 3 Bishop Joseph Tyson
- Mar 4 Fr. Jim Northrop
- Mar 5 Fr. Bryan E. Dolejsi
Dcn. Bob Dolan
- Mar 6 Fr. Anthony V. Domandich
- Mar 7 Fr. John P. Donato, CSC
- Mar 8 Fr. Gordon W. Douglas
Dcn. Denny Duffell
- Mar 9 Fr. Kevin F.X. Duggan
- Mar 10 Fr. Oliver F. Duggan
- Mar 11 Fr. Peter J. Duggan
Dcn. Joe Dunne
- Mar 12 Fr. Piotr Dzikowski SCh
- Mar 13 Fr. James E. Eblen
Dcn. William Eckert
- Mar 14 Fr. Robert J. Egan, SJ
Dcn. Lee Edtl
Malek Eman
- Mar 15 Fr. Robert L. Evenson
Dcn. Daniel Farrell
- Mar 16 Fr. Sean P. Fox
Dcn. George Ficken
- Mar 17 Fr. Patrick W. Freitag
Dcn. Peter Flatley
- Mar 18 Fr. John Fuchs, SJ
Dcn. Hank Fraczek
- Mar 19 Fr. Richard J. Gallagher
- Mar 20 Fr. William E. Gallagher
- Mar 21 Fr. David Gese
Spencer Getz
- Mar 22 Fr. Peter S.K. Gillette
- Mar 23 Fr. Patrick B. Godley
- Mar 24 Fr. Jorge Gomez del Valle, MSpS
Dcn. Lawrence Gorman
- Mar 25 Fr. Emilio R. Gonzalez
Dcn. Gerald Graddon
Chad Green
- Mar 26 Fr. Jerry D. Graham, SJ
Dcn. Jeffrey Greer
- Mar 27 Fr. Harry A. Grile, CSsR
- Mar 28 Fr. Simon E. Grillo, F.M.R.
- Mar 29 Fr. Mark A. Guzman
- Mar 30 Fr. Armando Guzmán
- Mar 31 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, March 2, 6:30 PM

St. Michael Church, 1512 Pine Ave. Snohomish

Also check out these Prayer Group Sponsored Healing Masses

✠ Healing Mass with Fr. Ed White

Friday, March 19, 7:45 PM*

St. Anthony Church, 314 S 4th St, Renton

Sponsored by St. Anthony's Friday Night Prayer Group

**Praise and Worship will begin at 7:30 PM*

✠ Healing Mass with Fr. Jim Northrop

Friday, March 19, 7:30 PM

St. John the Baptist Church, 25810 156th Ave SE, Covington

Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Prayer Group

For more info contact Dave Richardson: (253) 631-3427

Financial update

Thank you, all you who have responded by returning the Pledge Form!

In January we mailed out a letter encouraging you to "stride forward with us to meet the challenges of 2010." Our focus for the year is:

Unleashing Spiritual Gifts in Community. We are confident that this has already begun and will continue throughout the year.






Of the 83 who have returned the pledge cards (as of February 10), we have received the following:

10 one-time gifts totaling:	\$781.00
67 making pledges totaling:	\$34,819.00
34 committed to praying for WWCCR	<i>*of inestimable value*</i>

For the sake of comparison, *by this time last year*, we had 130 people pledging a total of \$54,313. And *by the end of last year*, we had \$96,258 in donations from pledges. To be fair, we need to take into account that the mailing went out a little later this year, so we expect that the difference will be made up soon, as people have time to respond. But as this demonstrates, we have a long way to go!

The desire to unleash spiritual gifts in community is not for our own sake, but for the sake of our children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends. Ultimately, it is for the sake of renewing the face of the earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Please don't delay in joining the 83 others who have already returned their pledge cards. No matter how little or how big your sacrifices, they make a difference!

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Check our website for updates on events not available at time of print
 WWCCR events are CAPITALIZED, Prayer Group and other events are marked with a ✠

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We know how quickly time passes by, and it's easy to put a letter aside and not get back to it right away. We would appeal to you right now, to take a moment to send in your pledge or your one-time gift. If you haven't yet had a chance to respond, we've included another copy of the form here for your convenience.

As always, we include an envelope with each newsletter, so you can send in your monthly donations easily. WWCCR is financially supported almost totally by individuals like yourself, although we occasionally receive donations from prayer groups and parishes as well.

Thank you!

Note: If you print this from Gleanings online please remember to include your name and address with the pledge card

- I pledge to give a total of \$ _____ in 2010 to be paid:
by installments: 12 monthly 4 quarterly or 1 single payment
- Enclosed is a one-time gift of \$ _____.
- I am unable to donate at this time, but will give when I am able.
- I commit to pray for WWCCR regularly, including the intentions in GLEANINGS (Intercessory Prayer Network).

Please make checks payable to: WWCCR

If you prefer to make a donation by credit card, fill out the information below or online at www.wwccr.org & click on the yellow envelope.

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New Life

by Jean Beers



There were only three of us praying last spring: Peggy, Bell and I. Bell was the newest prayer group member and had just announced that she had bought Tom Curran's *Come Holy Spirit Journey* DVD series. My heart sank, thinking, "That is a lot of work for us." However Bell reminded me that I was the one who said the only way we will grow is to have a Holy Spirit seminar.

Was I going to hold back or go with this new fire in the form of Bell? "Let's do it!" was my answer. Soon our energetic parish faith formation superintendent, Patty, joined us in our planning, and a fourth prayer group member, Karen, was added.

As the summer progressed and four of us met frequently to plan and digest the seminar material, I found myself trusting the Lord more, even though I felt so inadequate to the task. I prayed earnestly, "Without you I can do nothing. Please strengthen me."

It was in the midst of feeling weak that the Lord gave me a wonderful sign. During a hot spell last August I diligently watered my small flower garden and staked my dahlias and gladiolas with thin bamboo stakes painted green. As I rearranged the stakes one day I was surprised to see that one old bamboo stick had sprouted with some bright yellow green leaves. This stake had belonged to my father—who died in 1978!

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