



GLEANINGS

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

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*“Sustained
by divine grace,
we respond to God
with the
obedience of faith,
which means
the full surrender
of ourselves to God
and the acceptance
of his truth
insofar as it is
guaranteed by
the One who is
Truth itself.”*

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Catechism of the Catholic
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Our Lenten Journey

The Way of the Cross - Part I

This article is Part 1 of a Lenten reflection, with many scriptures to meditate upon concerning four steps to deeper conversion – surrender, obedience, sacrifice and unity – to deepen our faith, hope and love. Part 2 will be in next month’s GLEANINGS. These articles are the fruit of Deacon Richard Labrecque’s journey of faith, and adapted from the teaching he shares with his RCIA group in Port Angeles. Edited and revised by Virginia King.

Jesus says: *“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.”* Mark 8:34-36

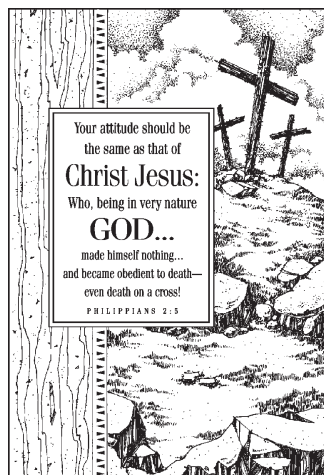
What does this mean - to take up and embrace our cross? How do we lose our lives for Jesus’ sake, and what is the life we gain in return? There are four steps, each one demanding a greater loss (death), and promising a greater gain (resurrection).



FIRST STEP: SURRENDER

We humans want to be in control of our own destiny. We must come to understand that we are creatures and only the Creator is in control. God sets the rules and they must be honored and obeyed. However, we are very stubborn and don’t give up the desire to “be like gods” (Gen 3:5) very easily.

Just looking at the vast universe should make us realize how little we are in control. We didn’t create it, and we can’t even understand how it came into being or how it operates. We are helpless to protect ourselves from the power of nature. It is beyond our ability to control. We can’t control nature and we can’t control our own destiny.



Jesus is the perfect picture of the humbleness and surrender of self that we must imitate. *“Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather he emptied himself...”* Phil 2:5-6

Though He was God, He came down from heaven leaving all His glory behind, to be born not in a palace, but in a stable. He suffered through all of life’s mishaps: having escaped death at Herod’s hand His family wandered as homeless immigrants

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From Virginia's Desk

Our theme article this month on “the way of the cross” is a good consideration of the role of devotions in our life. It is my belief that devotions of all kinds, from the Rosary to the Way of the Cross to our Morning Offering, are meant to be tools to be used for our growth in holiness and for our cooperation in the plan of God for our lives.

Devotions are not the end point of our prayer, but the starting point, the skeleton or framework upon which to build. So, in Deacon Richard Labrecque’s article about the Way of the Cross, he is not talking

about the devotion but rather the manner in which we live. He mentions meditating on the **Sorrowful** Mysteries of the Rosary; likewise, meditation on the traditional Stations of the Cross is a tremendous help in understanding the truths of who Jesus



is, what he has done for us, and what he calls us to do.

I believe that all devotions are intended to do that. There is a danger that we will “say the prayers” instead of “*pray the prayers.*” The difference is in how you allow the prayers to transform you. That is what Deacon Richard is demonstrating for us. The way of the cross is a way of life. What appears to be death is really fullness of life.

In addition, any of the traditional devotions can be a powerful framework on which to build our intercession for those we love and for the world. As we make the words our own, as we pray them from our hearts, as we change them and adapt them to the particular people and concerns for which we are praying, we experience the power of the Holy Spirit. This is an example of what “*living in the power of the Holy Spirit*” looks like.

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in Egypt; He suffered the early death of His earthly father; He lived a hard workman’s life; and He suffered the rejection of many; and the abandonment of His friends when He needed them most. These are sufferings that any one of us may have experienced. Jesus truly became one of us. He was humble and gentle of heart - because He surrendered all to His Father.

It is pride and vanity that keep us from taking this step of full surrender. Without an acknowledgment that we are helpless and dependent upon God for every good thing, we are lost. We become vulnerable to the whims and losses that life deals to those who try to go it alone as their own god.

Faith is what helps us take the crucial step of surrender. The key that unlocks the door of our heart and opens the way to God’s Kingdom is faith in our loving God. Through faith we learn to trust in Him rather than in ourselves.

So the first step to taking up our cross (losing our life) is losing our false self-image, denying the “self” that seeks to be in control, and surrendering to God who will make us what we can only be under His power alone - sons and daughters.

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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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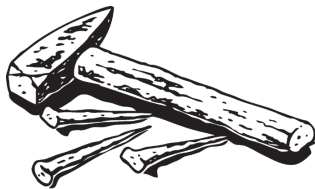
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This step must be the first taken, nothing else works for us until it is taken successfully.

Through surrender we lose our pride and vanity, independence and self-sufficiency (death) – and we gain our identity as beloved children of God (resurrection).

Reflection question: What specific action can I take this Lent to deepen my surrender to the Lord? How can I nail my pride, vanity, independence and self-sufficiency to the cross?



Prayer: Lord, give me the faith to trust you completely, and to surrender all control of my destiny to you.

SECOND STEP: OBEDIENCE

Jesus says: “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few.” Matt 7:13-14

God gives us His rules out of love for us, knowing what will truly lead to our happiness and contentment. This is the narrow road. These rules are the result of His great wisdom and not of our finite understanding. “For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.” 1 Cor 1:25 “O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!” Rom 11:33

The perfect example of obedience is Jesus. “Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him.” Heb 5:8-9 It did not make sense to His disciples that the Messiah should be crucified, but Jesus trusted fully in the wisdom and ways of God. We must do likewise, even if the way seems hard and we would prefer a different path.

The question at the bottom line becomes, do we really trust that God loves us? If so, then we can surrender to His wisdom and feel very secure following His rules, no matter how “foolish” they may appear to our feeble minds, our weak wills, and our lack of understanding.

Again it is faith and trust that govern our taking this second step of obedience in accepting the narrow road that God places before us. God loves us and the sign that we love Him in return is that we follow His commands. “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” John 14:15 The Resurrection is the perfect sign that obedience works - and is the only Way to the Father.

Through obedience we lose our human wisdom (death) and gain eternal salvation (resurrection).

Reflection question: What specific action can I take this Lent to deepen my obedience to the Lord? How can I nail my human wisdom to the cross?

Prayer: Lord, I trust your wisdom more than my own. Keep me on the narrow path.

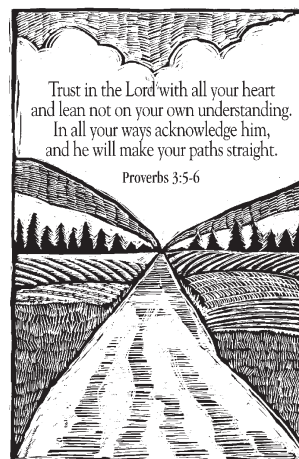
THIRD STEP: LOVING SACRIFICE
Scripture says: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” John 3:16

This was truly a sacrificing action. He did not have to do this - we were and are totally unworthy. He could dismiss us all, and all creation, with just a word. And yet, He sacrificed His only Son for our salvation.

The message of Christ’s life is that God’s way, the narrow path, is to sacrifice yourself for the benefit of others. “Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name’s sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life.” Matt 19:29

Jesus models perfect sacrifice for us on the cross. How could Jesus have done this? He took the first two steps - surrender and obedience. Once you have done this, everything else fits in place. The first two steps must precede this ability to suffer for the Way. A serious reflection on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary reveals that one does not and cannot accept such suffering in their humanity alone. It takes supernatural love to do so. The good news is that those who are filled with the love of God take this step willingly, just like Christ did. The kind of unconditional

agape love that God fills His saints with, enables and gives them both the will and the power to accept such suffering for the benefit of others - in thanksgiving for the love which they themselves have received from God.



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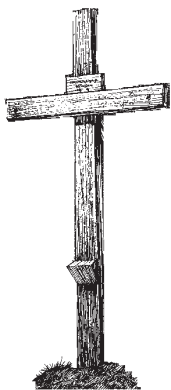
Jesus suffered because He loved His Father; and because He and His Father loved us so much. Love does that. Love envelops the beloved in grace and blessings; it is not content until the beloved is safe and full of all the best in life. To God, our eternal destiny with Him was worth the sacrifice. Thank God!

Love empowers sacrifice - that one would suffer for the love of God and for the love of others. This kind of love merits much grace, for us and for others. This self-emptying is the power of the Body, the power of prayerful intercession for others, the acceptance of suffering like Jesus.

Through loving sacrifice, we lose our human attachments to comfort

and security (death) and we gain the joy of sharing in the work of salvation (resurrection).

Reflection question: What specific action can I take this Lent to offer loving sacrifice to the Lord? What attachments to comfort and security can I nail to the cross?



Prayer: *Lord, thank you for your love poured out into my heart through the Holy Spirit whom you have given to me. Through your love, I offer all my sufferings and sacrifices for the benefit of others.*

Next month we'll look deeper into the sacrifice of Jesus and continue with the final step, which is unity with God. In this step, we lose our very selves, all that keeps us bound to the earth (death) and we gain the realization of all we have hoped for in the kingdom of heaven (resurrection).

Deacon Richard Labrecque is the Vice President of the WWCCR Board of Directors. He and his wife Sharon live in Sequim, WA. He serves as deacon at Queen of Angels Church in Port Angeles and is also active at St. Joseph Church in Sequim.

WWCCR Auction Gala!

An opportunity for fun, good food, a chance to go home with some amazing auction items AND to share a Spark of the Spirit with friends and family who may not know of the work of WWCCR.



Do you own a business that can donate services?

Do you own a time-share that you could make available as a getaway?

Seating is limited for this Gala Event and **pre-registration is required**. Invitations are in the mail. If you want to make sure that you receive an invitation please contact WWCCR.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENT!

WWCCR is still seeking *donations of items* for both the silent and live auctions which will happen at this wonderful event.

Procurement Deadline is March 7th!

Please help us find these fabulous items and support the ministry of WWCCR at the same time. Auction procurement forms and letters are available now at www.wwccr.org/auction.htm.

We are also looking for *volunteers* to help at the Auction in various positions. If you are able to help in any way, or have any questions, please contact Kate Grosvenor, Auction Chair, at 425-814-2981 or by email at pekajaju@msn.com.

Watch your mail, GLEANINGS and the WWCCR website for more information.



2011 Pentecost Celebration Day



Saturday, June 11, 2011

Guest Speaker: Dr. Tom Curran

St. Michael Church

1512 Pine Ave, Snohomish WA

More information coming soon!

Financial Update

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



Of the 97 who returned the pledge cards (as of February 14), we have received the following:

22 one-time gifts totaling: \$3,340.00

72 pledges totaling: \$48,001.00

many also committed to praying for WWCCR - *prayers we truly value and rely on!*

We need to receive \$32,885 in additional pledges to meet our projected budget goals for pledges for 2011. We budgeted for \$80,886 in pledges, which is about 30% of our total budgeted income of \$272,384. If you haven't had a chance to respond yet, please consider making a pledge today. If 137 more households would pledge just \$20 per month, we would make this goal. Perhaps you can do more or less than that, but please do whatever you can. It will be worth it! Thank you, and thanks be to God for His provision.

You may phone in your pledge, make a pledge online at wwccr.org or use the pledge form that was mailed to you or that was in the January GLEANINGS. **God bless you!**

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 a great multitude of voices in prayer to the Lord on March 4 to *unlock the power* - that the Church in our country might be renewed in the grace of Pentecost.

For the Lenten journey - that all will be open to the voice of the Holy Spirit as He speaks to us about resisting temptation and offers strength and grace to make changes and grow spiritually.

For the practical needs of WWCCR - particularly for the early procurement and preparations for the auction to be held in the spring.

For these prayer groups this month:

Mar 6 Jesus de Nazareth Grupo de Oracion, Des Moines

Mar 13 Yahweh Nissi Prayer Group, Everett

Mar 20 The Open Door Prayer Group, Gig Harbor

Mar 27 Prayer & Share Group, Gig Harbor

Next IPN events:

Sunday, March 6, 2011

Sunday, April 3, 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.

*Let us pray that these men would give themselves to Jesus in order to enter the immensity of His great Heart and lose themselves in this abyss of love, charity, mercy, humility, purity, patience, submission and holiness.**

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

- Mar 1 Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
- Mar 2 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS
- Mar 3 Bishop Joseph Tyson
- Mar 4 Fr. Jim Northrop
- Mar 5 Fr. Seamus M. Laverty
- Mar 6 Fr. Gary F. Lazzeroni
- Mar 7 Fr. James E. Lee
Dwight Lewis (seminarian)
- Mar 8 Fr. Gerald X. Lovett
Dcn. Juan Lezcano
Anthony Lezcano (seminarian)
- Mar 9 Fr. John J. Ludvik
- Mar 10 Fr. Fabian T. MacDonald
- Mar 11 Fr. Peter G. Mactutis
Cliff Macaraeg (seminarian)
- Mar 12 Fr. John C. Madigan
Dcn. Abel Magana
- Mar 13 Fr. Paul A. Magnano
Dcn. John Magnuson
- Mar 14 Fr. James E. Mallahan
Dcn. Dean Maher
Kyle Manglona (seminarian)
- Mar 15 Fr. Jacob M. Maurer
Dcn. Terry Marcell
- Mar 16 Fr. David L. Mayovsky
- Mar 17 Fr. Gerald L. Mayovsky
Wankie Dean Mbuzy (seminarian)
- Mar 18 Fr. Richard K. McCallister
- Mar 19 Fr. Lester J. McCloskey
- Mar 20 Fr. Justin D. McCreedy, OSB
- Mar 21 Fr. J. Patrick McDermott
Dcn. Larry McDonald
- Mar 22 Fr. Michael J. McDermott
Dcn. Mike McGillicuddy
- Mar 23 Fr. Thomas C. McEnnis
Dcn. Stephen McGlone
- Mar 24 Fr. Brian J. McGovern
- Mar 25 Fr. Joseph O. McGowan, SJ
Dcn. Rod McGuire
- Mar 26 Fr. William A. McKee
- Mar 27 Fr. Timothy J. McKenna
- Mar 28 Fr. John M. McLaughlin
- Mar 29 Fr. Tom McMichael
- Mar 30 Fr. John E. McMullan
Dcn. Greg McNabb
- Mar 31 Pope Benedict XVI

** St. John Eudes*

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WWCCR HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Day of Refreshment

Involved in prayer ministry? Do what Jesus suggested to His disciples after the mission of the twelve: *“Come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place and rest a little.”* Mark 6:30-31

Theme: Getting Ready to Minister the Healing Power of Jesus

** Come polish your ministry skills * Pray for one another *
Grow Spiritually through the DVD presentation “Baptism in the Spirit: Power from on High” with Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa*

Saturday, March 5, 2011

9 am – 4 pm*

**Registration and Fellowship from 9am to 9:30am*

**St. Brendan Church,
in Lower Brendan House***

10051 NE 195th St., Bothell, WA

**(located in the lower level of the Parish Offices Building)*

Directions to St. Brendan’s are available on our website - Click on the Day of Refreshment link on the homepage. If you need directions and don’t have computer access, call the WWCCR office.

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these
future Days of Refreshment for Healing
Prayer Ministry: June 25, October 1**





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Our Eucharistic Chapel
is available for private prayer any time
that our office is open, 9:30AM until 4:00PM,
Monday through Friday.

OFFICE MASS SCHEDULE:
Thursday, March 17, 11am with Fr. George Rink

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.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 HEALING MASS IN SNOHOMISH, 6:30PM <i>see below</i>	2	3	4 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM UNLOCK THE POWER / MARCH FORTH ON MARCH 4TH <i>see pg 8</i>	5 HEALING MINISTRY DAY OF REFRESHMENT <i>see pg 6</i>
6 INTERCESSORY PRAYER GATHERING (IPN) @ WWCCR, 2-4 PM	7 LA ESCUELA	8	9 	10	11 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM	12 PLEASE PRAY FOR: HISPANIC INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY
13 	14 HEALING MASS IN ISSAQUAH, 7 PM <i>see below</i>	15 HEALING MASS IN OLYMPIA, 7 PM <i>see below</i>	16 MISA DE SANACION IN DES MOINES, 7 PM <i>see below</i>	17 OFFICE MASS @ WWCCR, 11 AM <i>see pg 6</i>	18 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM † Healing Mass in Covington, 7:30 PM <i>see below</i>	19 SHP I - 4
20	21 GLEANINGS WORKERS NEEDED HORA SANTA	22	23	24	25 HOLY HOUR @ WWCCR, 2:30PM	26
27	28 PLEASE PRAY FOR: HISPANIC/LATINO PRAYER GROUP INITIATIVES	29	30	31		

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

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.

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 PM
Presider: Fr. Emmanuel Iweh
St. Michael Church 1512 Pine Ave., Snohomish, WA

Monday, March 14, 7:00PM
Presider: Fr. Michael Manning, SVD
*Mary Queen of Peace Church,
1121 228th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA*

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 PM*
Presider: Fr. Michael Manning, SVD
*Praise and Worship begins at 6:45 PM
St. Michael Church, 1208 11th Ave. SE, Olympia WA

Miércoles, 16 de marzo, a las 7:00 PM
MISA DE SANACIÓN,
Presider: Fr. Michael Manning, SVD
*Iglesia Catolica Santa Philomena,
1790 S. 222nd St, Des Moines, WA*

† **Friday, March 18, 7:30 PM**
Presider: Fr. Jim Northrop
St. John the Baptist Church, 25810 156th Ave SE, Covington
Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Prayer Group
For more information contact
Dave Richardson: 253-631-3427



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**National Day of Prayer and
Fasting - Friday, March 4, 2011**



**Together let us 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.**

**March Forth on March 4th with
WWCCR!
Join us as we Unlock the Power for our
archdiocese and communities during
a time of powerful intercession!
at the WWCCR Office - beginning at 7pm**

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