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“Let us therefore preserve our fervor of spirit. Let us preserve the delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing, even when it is in tears that we must sow. May it mean for us - as it did for John the Baptist, for Peter and Paul, for the other apostles and for a multitude of splendid evangelizers all through the Church's history - an interior enthusiasm that nobody and nothing can quench.”

*Pope Paul VI,
Evangelii Nuntiandi, 80*

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Evangelizing Like St. Paul

by David Thorp

This is an excerpt from a workshop that was presented at the WWCCR Day of Renewal on August 16, 2008. All of the points have been abbreviated for the sake of space except the 4th point, which is presented in full to illustrate the depth of each point. The complete teaching is available on CD and can be ordered by calling or emailing our office. We highly recommend it!

Jesus gave his disciples instruction on how to pray. He said, in Matthew's gospel, "pray like this." So for two millennia we've been saying the words that Jesus said: "Our Father, who art in heaven..." and that's very good.

But I think Jesus also intended more than just repeating those words. He was giving us a model for whatever prayer we prayed. And so he was saying, "Say all of those things but also, what I'm really saying is have your first focus on the Father, acknowledge the Father's presence and the holiness of the Father. Acknowledge the Father's plans, His will, His Kingdom. Seek to have His plans and His will fulfilled. Give over to the Father every part of your life – your past, your present, your future. Give over to your Father your physical needs. Pray to receive bread for today. Give to your Father your past, your anxieties and your guilt, so ask Him to forgive your trespasses. And ask the Father to relieve you of any worry or concern about the future by saying 'don't put us to the test.'" He's giving us a model, not just exact words, to be prayed all the time.

When I think of that - Jesus teaching us *how* to pray, not just *what words* to pray – it leads me to think about evangelizing like St. Paul. Not just *what* I'm supposed to say – St. Paul preached these exact words, so I'll memorize these words and put them in a little formula, and when I have the opportunity to talk to someone, I'll say exactly what St. Paul said - no, I think a better thing is to look at St. Paul and learn *how* I should evangelize. So I'm going to share with you ten points from scripture that instruct us on *how* we evangelize like St. Paul.

1. Evangelize with Zeal - 1 Corinthians 9:16

St. Paul is being transformed. He is being remade – his heart is being configured, conformed so it is the heart of Christ. Amazing things are happening but St. Paul says that's not enough. He is also compelled to preach:



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From Virginia's Desk

by Virginia King,
WWCCR Executive Director

In the sidebar on the front page of this issue is a wonderful quote from Pope Paul VI, *"Let us preserve our fervor of spirit, the delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing..."* How do we sustain this fervor of spirit, how do we cultivate zeal for the gospel?

This fervor is, above all, a gift of the Holy Spirit. I have no doubt that the Holy Spirit continually provides the grace we need to be fervent in our living and proclaiming the gospel. But I also am very aware that my lack of response to these graces can lead me to become dejected, discouraged, impatient, anxious or just plain lazy in my own efforts to live and proclaim the gospel.

I believe that one of the most important ways we can sustain our fervor is to be in frequent contact with others who share that zeal. We need to encourage one another in this primary call of the Christian life. So, we come together at prayer meetings and at other events to be encouraged by stories of lives that have been transformed by the Lord as the result

of someone taking the risk to share the Good News.

Also, we need to realize that this fervor is not simply an emotion. Emotions are erratic. We can't depend on our emotions to sustain us in the call to evangelize. So our fervor must be rooted in our commitment to Jesus and sustained by discipline. As we follow the Lord with discipline in prayer, reading Scripture, our Sacramental life and involvement in our parish communities, we will become more receptive to the grace that the Holy Spirit is constantly pouring out upon us.

I would also recommend reading (again or for the first time) the full text of Pope Paul VI's exhortation "On Evangelization in the Modern World." (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*) It is sure to inspire you to a deeper understanding and greater fervor.

Once more, let us hear from St. Paul, as he exhorts us in 2 Timothy 4:2, 5:

"Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; ...be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry."

Evangelizing continued

"Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel, I'm doomed if I do not preach the Gospel." We need to have, if we're going to evangelize like St. Paul, a zeal for the Gospel.

2. Evangelize with Humility

Acts 14:14-15, 2 Corinthians 4:7
Paul saw himself as a clay pot, a mere human, a slave of Christ. We need to evangelize with humility.

"Evangelization is one beggar, showing another beggar where the bread is." or "...evangelization is one sinner showing another sinner where to find mercy."

3. Reconcile Others to Christ with gentleness & caring

2 Corinthians 5:18,
1 Thessalonians 2:6-7, 11
Evangelization is a ministry of reconciliation. It's taking what was broken in relationship with God, what's broken in yourself, what's broken in relationship with others and bringing it into healing...with gentleness.

4. Show & Tell: Your Life & Your Words / Ambassador for Christ

1 Thessalonians 2:8:
"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well..."

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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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Evangelizing continued

1 Corinthians 11:1: *“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”*

How many of you tell people to follow Jesus? I do! You know what we should be doing if we want to evangelize like St. Paul? We should say “Follow me! Do you want to know the way to salvation? Follow me!”

St. Paul says, “I don’t just want to share with you good news, I don’t want to share just a message with you, I want to give you my very self. So that in case you might forget the words I speak, you say ‘I’ll just do what Paul’s doing.’”



Remember the book, “Everything I needed to know I learned in Kindergarten?” Here’s one of the things we all learned in kindergarten: *Show and Tell*.

Picture this: we are in kindergarten, it’s the first activity of the day, everyone’s ready. Brenda stands up and says “I have the most beautiful teddy bear, it comes with me to bed, his eyes sparkle,” and the teacher says, “Could you show us the teddy bear?” “Oh no, teddy bear’s not here, teddy bear’s at home.” “Brenda, it’s *show* and tell.”

On another day, Bill’s getting ready and he’s all excited about show and tell. He’s sitting in the circle, reaches behind him for his favorite truck and he holds it up for all to see (and says nothing). The teacher says, “No Bill, it’s show *and tell*.”

St. Paul evangelized by showing *and* telling. If I want to evangelize it’s the witness of my life *and* the witness of my words. Not just the witness of my words, not just the witness of my life but the witness of my words and life. So many people

say to me “Well, I evangelize by living a good life.” and my usual response is “How does that evangelize? Do only Catholics live good lives? When others see you living a good life are they going to say: ‘That’s a Catholic!’ A good life: what does it evangelize to? It evangelizes to you.”

When people say “Why are you like that? I see something in you.” You give them the Word of Life if you reply: “I’m following Jesus. It’s not me, it’s this life of Jesus in me that transformed me from where I once was to where I am now and I’ve discovered that it’s for anyone who wants to be transformed from death to life, darkness to light, from anger to peace, from stress to lack of worry. Jesus does it for everyone.”

On the other hand, it’s not enough for me to say “You know something, Jesus makes your life peaceful,” while you live a life of high anxiety. Your life must give evidence to the words you speak.

If we want to evangelize like St. Paul we must be able to say “follow me, imitate me as I imitate Christ.” This doesn’t mean that we are free from all struggles in our efforts to practice what we preach. But it does mean that we will continue to make progress in our spiritual life that is evident for others to see.

St. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:20 that *“we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us.”* We’re ambassadors for Christ, that’s what we are! If you were named the ambassador to France, in a certain sense people would say “What’s it like to live in the United States? I’ll see what the ambassador is like. If I see what the ambassador is like, I can make the decision of whether or not I want to go to the United States. Hmm, that’s what they’re like? No thanks, I’ll stay

home.” All because of the ambassador.

Ambassadors are really representatives, samples. Do you want to have a snap shot of the Christian life? Take my picture. Do people want to leave where they are to come into the Christian life after they’ve seen me? That’s what we’re called to be: Ambassadors for Christ.

“So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”
1 Corinthians 5:20

Ambassadors also are people who assist others to leave where they are if they choose to immigrate. “You want to come to the US? Here’s how you do it... You want to leave the kingdom, the country, the place where you are living now and you want to live in a whole new kingdom, called the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Christ, this new wonderful, peaceable Kingdom? Let me show you how to get there. I can ease it for you, in fact I can walk you through the steps, I can walk *with* you through the steps.”

The other thing that’s wonderful about ambassadors is that they live in embassies. If you are in Kazakhstan and there is trouble they will tell you to get to the American Embassy. Why? Because when you step inside the Embassy you are no longer in Kazakhstan, you’re now in United States territory. You’ve left that place of trouble and you’re now in a place of safety; you’re home, you’re where you belong.

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We ought to all have mobile embassies. Put the Embassy of Christ on the road so wherever it is that you're traveling – the supermarket, your bank, a doctor's waiting room, a school, the office where you work, your neighborhood – the Embassy has just moved there. As ambassador you can say: "If you're in trouble, why don't you come here because this is home for you. Step inside the boundary of my life and you've exited from the troubled land and you've come to safety. It's a safe place." Showing and telling, being ambassadors, that's how Paul evangelized.

5. Tell Your Story - Acts 26

Paul evangelizes by telling his personal story. Paul will say, "this is what happened to get me from where I was to where I am." You've also got a story. In fact, you don't have only one story, you have dozens of stories. St. Peter says always be prepared to give the reason for the hope that is in you. Get ready!

6. Willing to Risk - Galatians 1:13-15, Acts 16:13

Paul was the Jew of all Jews. He had made huge progress in his faith. He was well equipped to proclaim the Gospel to the Jews, he could answer all of their questions and all of their objections. But God said 'I'm going to send you to the Gentiles.'" Can you imagine how huge a divide that was for St. Paul? It was as if God said, "Paul, you've been hanging around church people all the time, you've been hanging around the good Christians all the time. I'm going to send you to the worst of the worst."

God calls Paul to risk going beyond his comfort zone, to go beyond where he was perfectly suited. If we want to evangelize like

St. Paul, we need to find a way move out from where we are, to those that God is sending us to. We can't wait for them to come to us, we need to go to them.

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope..."

1 Peter 3:15

7. Open to the Spirit & Willing to Help - Acts 16:9

St. Paul was in the middle of a mission trip through Asia Minor when the Lord interrupted him and sent him in a different direction. Can we be interrupted by a dream, a vision, a prophetic word, an insight from God? Are we willing to respond like Paul? When Paul arrives in Macedonia, he has to find out what help they need. So when we evangelize like St. Paul we need to do more listening than speaking. "I need to hear from you. I need to hear your concerns." After I listen, then I can help them come to a place where they can encounter Jesus.

8. Speak Their Language

1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Acts 17

St. Paul adapts his message according to the audience. He is a genius at doing this. St. Paul is able to grab from agriculture and politics, from military life and legal life. He's able to draw from Roman life, Jewish life, Greek life, all kinds of metaphors and examples that would make sense to the people that he's addressing. Are we willing to do that – to find words that people are going to understand?

St. Paul evangelized in the language of others.

9. Be Faithful to the Gospel of Jesus - 1 Corinthians 11:23

St. Paul says: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." I want to understand the gospel of Christ and hand it on to you. I don't get to make up my own gospel. I get to immerse myself in the Word, I get to immerse myself in the teaching of the Church and that is what I hand on.

10. Don't worry about who gets credit - 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Paul evangelized with no concern for who gets the credit. It's amazing what you can do when you don't care about who gets the credit. It's amazing how affirming you become about what another has done when you don't care about getting the credit.

St. Paul has some amazing words. He shares with us insights into the mystery and the wonder and the beauty and the truth of God. His words are important to learn. But more important is the example of *how* he evangelized. He did it as a minister of reconciliation. He did it as someone who was telling his story, as someone who was responding to the needs of others. St. Paul teaches us how to evangelize. And now he says to you and to me, "With the same Holy Spirit in you that was in me – with the same Holy Spirit, with the same imagination, with the same creativity, with the same impulse – yield to *that* and find a way to bring **this** gospel to your world which is in need of help." **AMEN!**

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Retreat continued

In our day, we too are entrenched in a culture of unbelievers. We too are tempted to idolatry in many disguises, and we need to repent. We too can find ourselves ridiculed or scorned for following the Commandments and dedicating our lives to Jesus.

It is into this framework that we entered into this weekend of praise & worship, intercession, fuller surrender and healing. On the evaluations that were returned at the end of the weekend, we asked **“In what way do you anticipate this weekend will bring change to your life and/or your ministry?”** Here are some of the responses we received:

I feel it will change my life more than my ministry. It has always been easy to share God’s love with others, however, it’s often hard to receive God’s love for myself.

This weekend will change my prayer life for the better. And as leader I will share what I have learned this weekend.

I came seeking empowerment and direction for something new in our prayer group & parish as well as my family.

I feel it will help me to stay connected to the Body of Christ and community. I feel more sent out, validated, empowered.

To really believe within me that I am a King’s kid & honor & accept my birthright.

It’s an extension of my current call by the Lord. It “fit” beautifully into a program I’ve committed to in order to heal, get well & be more available to God.

Give me the courage to make changes God has been speaking to me about. Let go.

I feel God gifted me with courage to step out more in leadership this weekend.

Where do I begin. I walked in a peasant and am leaving as a daughter of the King. I am increasingly surrendered to the Lord and will prepare to act as God prompts. I am willing to be a part of changing the face of the earth by bringing Jesus to the people God brings into my life.

Wow! It’s given me such a wonderful feeling of being the daughter of our King, Jesus! & So Be-Loved! It’ll give me much courage to get out there & know how much is behind me & how much Jesus is with me/all of us.

**“See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers.”
Isaiah 43:19**

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

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. Thank you!

Please pray for God to bring about His desires through the work of preparation and the events you see in this newsletter and calendar; in particular the events WWCCR is sponsoring, and also:



For the fruit of the labor represented by the events and activities of WWCCR—that all Catholics mature in a personal relationship with Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. It’s not just a slogan, it is truly the vision.



For encouragement and blessing for the prayer groups, presenters, and sponsors of seminars and other activities offered to help others begin and deepen their spiritual lives.



For healing of our broken world’s relationship with the Lord, that we may experience His blessing for our future.



For continued provision for the practical necessities that keep the WWCCR office afloat.



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, October 5, 2008
Sunday, November 2, 2008
2:00-4:00 PM**

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

*“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:**

- Oct 1 Archbishop Alex Brunett
- Oct 2 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPs
- Oct 3 Bishop Joseph Tyson
- Oct 4 Fr. Jim Northrop
- Oct 5 Fr. Derek Lappe
Dcn. John LaRussa
- Oct 6 Fr. Leo Larrivee, SS
- Oct 7 Fr. Jan Larson
- Oct 8 Fr. Seamus Laverty
- Oct 9 Fr. Gary Lazzeroni
Chuck Leonard (seminarian)
- Oct 10 Fr. James Lee
Dcn. Juan Lezcano
- Oct 11 Fr. Gerald Lovett
- Oct 12 Fr. John J Ludvik
Tom Lucking (seminarian)
- Oct 13 Fr. Fabian MacDonald
Dcn. Bruce MacPherson
- Oct 14 Fr. Peter Mactutis
- Oct 15 Fr. John C. Madigan
Dcn. Abel Magaña
- Oct 16 Fr. Paul Magnano
Dcn. John Magnuson
- Oct 17 Fr. James E. Mallahan
Dcn. Dean Maher
- Oct 18 Fr. Maurice Mamba Ngalamulume
Dcn. Terry Marcell
- Oct 19 Fr. David Mani
- Oct 20 Fr. David Mayovsky
Jacob Maurer (seminarian)
- Oct 21 Fr. Gerald Mayovsky
Dcn. Alvin Mazonna
- Oct 22 Fr. Richard McCallister
- Oct 23 Fr. Lester McCloskey
- Oct 24 Fr. Justin McCreedy OSB
- Oct 25 Fr. J. Patrick McDermott
- Oct 26 Fr. Michael J. McDermott
Dcn. Lawrence McDonald
- Oct 27 Fr. Thomas McEnnis
Dcn. Michael McGillicuddy
- Oct 28 Fr. Brian McGovern
Dcn. Stephen McGlone
- Oct 29 Fr. Joseph O McGowan, SJ
Dcn. Rodney McGuire
- Oct 30 Fr. William A. McKee
- Oct 31 Pope Benedict XVI

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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 Mass with Fr. Jay DeFolco

Tuesday October 7, 6:30 PM

St. Michael Church, 1512 Pine Ave, Snohomish

Healing Mass with Fr. Emmanuel Azike, OP

Tuesday October 28, 7:00 PM

Church of the Assumption, 2116 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham

Mark Your Calendar for these

November Healing Events:

Healing Mass with Fr. Jay DeFolco

Tuesday November 4, 6:30 PM

St. Michael Church, 1512 Pine Ave, Snohomish

Healing Mass with Fr. Larry Carew

Thursday November 6, 7:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church, 5041 Ninth Avenue NE, Seattle

Healing Retreat with Fr. Larry Carew

Friday & Saturday, November 7-8

St Michael's Westside Chapel, 1835 Overhulse Rd. NW, Olympia

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www.nsc-chariscenter.org

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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: Monday October 27, 7pm with 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.*

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**2009 WWCCR
WOMEN'S RETREAT
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at the Palisades Retreat Center
Guest Speaker: Laura Prato
more information coming soon!**

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**“Healing Through
Prayer to the Trinity”
A Healing Retreat at the Westside Chapel
with Fr. Larry Carew**
Friday, November 7 - 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Saturday, November 8 - 10:00am to 6:00pm
St Michael’s Westside Chapel, 1835 Overhulse Rd. NW, Olympia
Bring a sack lunch & snack to share, Beverages provided
Pre-registration is not necessary
check our website: www.wwccr.org for more information

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.
10/20 - The “Birth of the Apostle”
St. Paul Parish, 5600 S. Ryan St, Seattle
Contact: Mary Ann Boley, 425-793-9741

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2008 Leaders & Helpers Retreat Report

On Sept 5-7, about 45 people gathered at Palisades Retreat Center for the 4th Annual Charismatic Leaders & Helpers Retreat. Each year, Jim Murphy has come to lead us in this retreat. Each year, we have experienced a profound sense of the Lord calling us to deeper holiness and greater service.

We began the weekend with a meditation on the reality that we are God's "beloved" children. To embrace this reality, we must allow ourselves to "be loved." It sounds simple, but many of us need to be healed of past hurts before we can receive the love that God wants to give us. Suffice it to say, a lot of healing took place on the weekend.

This year, the theme was, "Now It Springs Forth, Do You Not Perceive It?" from Isaiah 43:19. Jim Murphy helped us to delve deeply into the whole of Isaiah 43. In the context of the whole chapter, we realize that historically, the "new thing" that is springing forth is the beginning of the end of the Babylonian Captivity.

Jim asked us to consider what this might mean to our modern world. When the Jews were in captivity in Babylon, they were entrenched in a culture of unbelievers. Many of them had begun to practice idolatry. It took a lot of courage and commitment to remain faithful to the Law. Before they could return to Jerusalem, many needed to repent and be purified.

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