



GLEANINGS

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A Future Full of Hope

by Tammie Stevens

From Virginia's Desk

by Virginia King
WWCCR Executive Director

If someone asked you to proclaim the basic Gospel message in 25 words or less, would you be able to do that? With some thought, I would guess that many of us could, possibly by simply quoting John 3:16. But now that you have proclaimed it, can you explain it? These words of scripture do not make any sense to the purely secular mind. Even to those of us deeply involved in the life of the Church, the truth of the Gospel is not easy to comprehend.

I am sure that I could spend every day of the rest of my life reflecting on this one verse of scripture and not fully plumb the depths of the reality it articulates.

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Anniversaries are a wonderful time to look back, see how far we've come, to take stock of where we are currently, and to look forward to the hope of the future. This year WWCCR celebrates 30 years of ministry in the archdiocese of Seattle.

How did it all begin?

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the U.S. grew out of a retreat experience of some college students and their professors in Pennsylvania in 1967 (as described in the book *As By A New Pentecost*).

Within the next ten years people all over the country were attending conferences, and prayer groups were forming in parishes as people gathered to experience and share their faith which had come alive in a new way. As the number of prayer groups multiplied in the archdiocese of Seattle, leaders gathered together regularly for formation and encouragement. At a leaders meeting in 1977, Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen suggested that the prayer

groups develop an organization to provide structure and resources to the growing movement. In answer to this suggestion Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal was born. (For more details on the history of WWCCR click on the "*Our First 30 Years*" button at www.wwccr.org).

As with any Renewal effort, our goal is to help spotlight one aspect of Catholic life. Our mission at WWCCR is to spotlight the grace that was poured out on the Church at Pentecost. We believe that God intends for each of us to experience a "personal Pentecost." So, it is our mission to help people grow in their understanding and lived experience of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. This includes a greater openness to the gifts or charisms of the Holy Spirit. But how does this fit in with the mission of the whole Church?

A few years ago a document was issued from the Archdiocese of Seattle called "*A Future Full of Hope*." In this document Archbishop Brunett and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council expressed the vision, priorities and goals for the Church in western Washington from 2004 to 2009. It is encouraging to

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see that WWCCR is participating in this vision in some very tangible ways. The document highlights five themes. The initiatives of WWCCR often address one or more of these themes. For example:

Communio: Communion with God Made Visible.

Communio is a vision that “the Church is the sign and instrument of the communion willed by God, begun in time and destined for completion in the fullness of the Kingdom.” It is the sense that we seek “daily to live in communion with the Lord and one another.”

The document states that “larger parishes would benefit from the development of small faith communities and neighborhood prayer groups so that the anonymous Catholic would feel a greater sense of identity and ownership as a member of the parish community.” Over

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the past 30 years WWCCR has been dedicated to supporting parish prayer groups, helping to provide resources for formation and strengthening of leaders. As each small community is strengthened so is the larger community to which it belongs.

Another initiative which is in the spirit of *Communio* is WWCCR’s Intercessory Prayer Network. Through praying for the needs of the ministry, our priests and bishops, and the Church as a whole, these intercessors experience: a sense of communion with the wider Church. Intercessory prayer crosses barriers of distance, culture and age, and helps us to focus on the needs of others, while drawing us closer into communion with our Lord.

WWCCR is also very committed to the unity of all the ethnic communities that have active prayer groups, knowing that we are all working toward the same vision and that the strengths and weaknesses of each community strongly affect the health of Charismatic Renewal as a whole. We have promoted Spanish-language radio evangelization, a Spanish-language conference, and Healing Masses in Spanish. We have collaborated with the Korean prayer groups in presenting “Young Leaders Retreats.”

Encuentro – Encountering Jesus Christ.

Archbishop Brunett writes that “those who have encountered Jesus and have experienced his love and grace feel compelled to share the Good News with others.” It is in

this spirit that prayer groups sponsor Holy Spirit Seminars and missions (also known as Life in the Spirit Seminars). WWCCR’s Holy Spirit Team assists a community to put on such an event by providing teachers, training, support, or anything else they might need. Through Holy Spirit events people can *encounter Jesus* through the power of the Holy Spirit because “the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus Christ” and “with his breath the Holy Spirit impels us towards Christ.” (Benedict XVI, Pentecost Vigil 2006).

Encuentro is definitely an element found in the Healing Masses that are scheduled throughout the archdiocese. Many people who have experienced healing and peace at one of these Masses leave with the knowledge that healing is available to them at every Mass; it is through encountering our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist that they can receive the ultimate and complete healing. Many are encouraged and comforted by individual prayer with prayer teams after the Mass and the community is strengthened by the witness of God healing in their midst.

Evangelization as Ministry of the Baptized.

Evangelization is so needed in our world and it is the responsibility of all the baptized to reach out, whether on a large or small scale. “The lay faithful, precisely because they are members of the Church, have the vocation and mission of proclaiming the Gospel: they are prepared for this work by the sacraments of Christian Initiation and by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.” (John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*). WWCCR’s commitment to evangelization has taken many

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Hope continued

forms over the years. Through annual conferences and other events, through Radio Evangelization to the Hispanic Youth in our area, and through the leadership development both in the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities we have sought to cooperate with the Church's mission of evangelization so that all of us could be effective evangelizers in our city, workplaces and our homes.

In *A Future Full of Hope*, the Pastoral Council encourages "the empowerment of the laity as the evangelizers of society, charged with the responsibility of transforming culture in accord with the Gospel of Christ." Through highlighting the power of the Holy Spirit which all have received through the Sacraments of Initiation, evangelization is not only an option but is our responsibility as believers. This message is present through the various initiatives and activities of WWCCR.

As more and more people experience a "personal Pentecost" and are able to cooperate more fully with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, the impact is significant on the final two themes of the document: **Catholic Family Life: Seedbed of Discipleship and Vocations** and **Mission, Stewardship: Faith in Action**.

In looking to the future we look forward to another 30 years of service, to be docile to the leading of the Holy Spirit, to continue to work in cooperation with the Church in the archdiocese in its primary mission of evangelization and seek to see our world transformed by encountering Jesus Christ. We don't know what plans God has for us but we know that it is for a "future full of hope." Come Holy Spirit, come! ■

The document "Future Full of Hope" can be found at: <http://www.seattlearch.org/ArchdioceseWorking/PastoralLetters/futurefullofhope.htm>

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Baptism in the Holy Spirit: A Way of Life

by Tammy Krieger, Board of Directors

There is no better place for me to feel at home than in our prayer group. Even when I don't know everyone's name I somehow feel connected to them,



possibly even more so than to my own family. When we moved into this area I looked for people in the charismatic renewal because of the connection that I believe I have with others living a life in the Spirit. As I look around

the room during the prayer meeting, I have often wondered if they also seek to be surrounded by others baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Last week at our prayer group we were blessed to be joined by three others who were from different cultures, languages and countries. They know what it is to be living a life in the Spirit and they sought out a charismatic prayer group in order to be at "home." One woman was visiting her sister from New Delhi, India. The other two were a married couple from Mexico who had been seeking a group in the U.S. like the one they had left back home.

It is always easy to see that we regulars enjoy our prayer meeting and are a bit "lost" when life takes us away for even a week. It is amazing to know (and have it confirmed) that it is the Holy Spirit that calls us each personally. The question is, is it I who seeks Him or is it He that seeks me? Either way, the answer is YES.

That's why I am even more certain that there is one Spirit. In that same Spirit we are all one. There is but one language and culture in the Spirit that we can all share. No matter where we have come from, we can always be at home with one another in the presence of the beautiful Holy Spirit. ■

30th Anniversary WWCCR Conference



Saturday,

November 3, 2007

9:30AM - 9:00PM

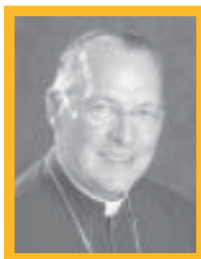
at St. Brendan Church

10100 NE 192nd St., Bothell, WA

Come join us!

as we celebrate *30 years* of sharing the Light which has filled us with joy and peace through the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Conference Speakers



**Archbishop
Alex Brunett**



**Josephine
Cachia**



**Chuck
Hornsby**

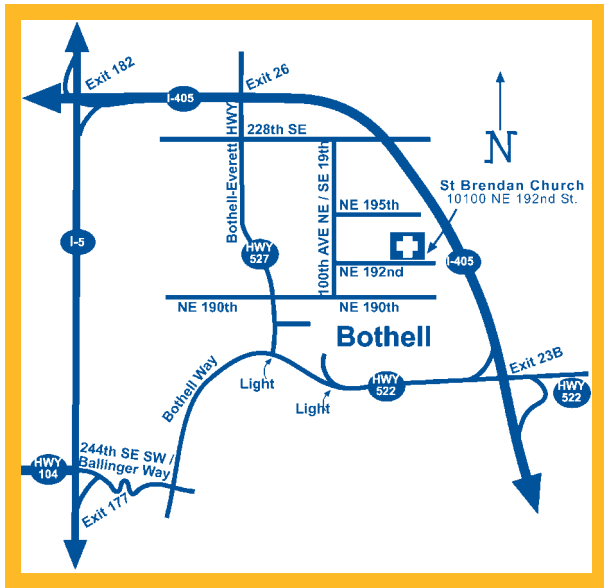
Together, as community, the brightness of this light is stronger. As the light of Christ shines in and through us, together we can be light to the world, piercing the darkness and giving hope to the lost.



"You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:14, 16



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Tentative Schedule

9:30am–12 noon
GATHERING & MASS
 with celebrant Archbishop
 Alex Brunett

12 noon–1:30PM
Lunch break

1:30–2:45PM
WORKSHOP SESSION I

2:45-3:15PM Break

3:15–4:30PM
WORKSHOP SESSION II

4:30–6:30PM Dinner break
*(off campus because of
 Saturday Vigil Mass)*

6:30-9:00PM
**30TH ANNIVERSARY
 PRAYER MEETING**
“Go Light Your World!”
 with speakers Josephine
 Cachia & Chuck Hornsby

Workshops

Session I
1:30-2:45PM

Learning to Live in the Light - Pt I

*Presented by the
 WWCCR Holy Spirit Team*
 Are you ready for more in your
 spiritual life? Attend this introduc-
 tion to baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Letting our Light Shine through Praise

Presented by Josephine Cachia
 Praise is much more than just
 music, it truly is a lifestyle. Praise
 gives witness to the joy of the
 Lord in our lives, dispels darkness,
 and brings healing both in our own
 lives and in the lives of others. We
 will look at how to live a life of
 praise and shine even in the
 darkest times.

Sharing the Light with Others

Presented by Chuck Hornsby
 In 1 Samuel 3, God used Eli to
 help Samuel recognize and learn
 how to respond to the Lord’s call.
 In our lives there are times that we
 are like Samuel and times we are
 called to be like Eli for others. This
 workshop will explore the urgent
 need we have to walk together
 along the path of faith, sometimes
 leading and sometimes following.
*This workshop also is being offered
 by Josephine Cachia during
 Workshop II.*

Session II
3:15-4:30PM

Living in the Light - Pt II

*Presented by the
 WWCCR Holy Spirit Team*
 Are you ready for more in your
 spiritual life? Attend this introduc-
 tion to baptism in the Holy Spirit.
*This is a continuation of
 Workshop I.*

Becoming One Light for the World

Presented by Chuck Hornsby
 In John 17:22-23 Jesus pleaded to
 the Father “that they may be one,
 as we are one” so that we might be
 “brought to perfection” and “that
 the world may know.” This call to
 be one is a call to community, to
 recognize the gifts that God has
 given us through the Holy Spirit
 and to be united in the use of our
 gifts. We need each other so that
 the mission of Jesus will be ful-
 filled. We will explore how to an-
 swer this call to community and
 unity in this workshop.

Sharing the Light with Others

Presented by Josephine Cachia
See description in Workshop I.
*This workshop is also being
 offered by Chuck Hornsby during
 Workshop I.*

30th Anniversary Conference Registration

Use one form per person or husband & wife. Photocopy form for
 additional registrations. Your name & prayer group/community are needed
 for nametag.

For this special 30th Anniversary Conference,

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 community that brings the most people, so please register!*

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Address _____

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Prayer Group/Community _____

Pre-registration is required for Children’s Ministry (ages 5-10)

Child’s name _____ age _____

Child’s name _____ age _____

Pre-register by October 19 to receive a confirmation letter with updates.

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The basic Gospel message is about love, humility, justice, mercy, faith, suffering, redemption—and so much more. We must continue to reflect on God’s love revealed through the self-offering of His Son, and upon the effect of our response to that love in faith. We need to do this not only for our own spiritual growth, but so that we can proclaim it better.

The world needs to hear the Gospel proclaimed by those who know it deeply, who love it and live it with passion. This requires that we know it, love it and live it in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As some theologians reflect on the experience of baptism in the Holy Spirit, which is the basic “charism” of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, they emphasize that “life in the Holy Spirit is not one spirituality among others in the church. It is *the* spirituality of the church.” (*Fanning the Flame*, p. 15)

These same theologians say that “baptism in the Holy Spirit refers to Christian initiation *and* to its reawakening in Christian experience.” This gift of the Holy Spirit is given

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to each person when they are sacramentally Baptized, and yet needs to be reawakened or “fanned into a flame” as St. Paul says to Timothy.

I believe that baptism in the Holy Spirit is absolutely central to our being able to proclaim the Gospel. Does

that mean that everyone in the Church needs to “join” Charismatic Renewal? No! Rather, it means that Charismatic Renewal is at the service of everyone in the Church, as we raise awareness of the need for the graces of our sacramental Baptism to be reawakened and fanned into a flame.

The more this happens, the more fruitful will be the proclamation of the Gospel. This, in turn, will bring about the transformation of our society as individuals embrace the Gospel. This is how the Holy Spirit comes and renews the face of the earth!

“Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth!” ■

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Supporting the Vision of Renewal

Thank you to all who responded to the survey that we sent out to all our donors in August. Here are the results of all the responses we have received as of Sept 7th:

WWCCR initiatives prioritized

(Total respondents: 44)

Holy Spirit Seminars – tied for 1st priority

Strengthening Prayer Groups and Leadership

Development – tied for 1st priority

Healing Ministry, including Healing Masses – 3rd priority

Intercessory Prayer – 4th priority

Conferences and other events – 5th priority

If you haven’t yet replied to the letter, it’s not too late. Please let us know *your* opinion on WWCCR’s priorities. If you need another copy of the survey, give us a call at 206-364-2272. Thank you!



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Board Members for

Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal

“Beloved! The Lord has given you a heart open to the widest horizons: do not be afraid to commit your life completely to the service of Christ and the Gospel! Listen to him as he says again today: ‘The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.’” - Pope John Paul II, Rome 1994

God put a desire in the heart of every one of us to make a difference. Many of us would like to find ways to pass on the precious gift we received when Jesus fulfilled his promise to fill us with the Holy Spirit. Have you ever considered helping WWCCR gather the harvest here in western Washington? There are many volunteer opportunities available, one of which is service on the Board of Directors.

Would you consider undertaking a journey of discernment to see if God might be calling you to serve on the WWCCR Board of Directors?

Because it is important that the Board be vibrant and in tune with where the Holy Spirit wants WWCCR to go, our by-laws call for term limits so the ministry will have fresh input periodically. As a result of these term limits, several of our Board members have fulfilled their service on the Board and we need to fill these vacancies.

As WWCCR celebrates its 30th anniversary, the Board needs applicants who are willing and able to help propel the organization into the future. We seek individuals who have experienced Baptism in the Holy Spirit

and are practicing Catholics, who share a passion for the mission of WWCCR.

Service on the Board of Directors is a volunteer position and requires attendance at monthly Board meetings and involvement in the activities of WWCCR.

Having one or more of the following skills or expertise would be most helpful to meet the responsibilities of an active Board Member:

- finance and accounting
- personnel management
- public relations
- fundraising
- legal issues
- organizational planning

The current Board feels a special need at the present time for new members who have skills in business, finance and accounting.

If you feel called to this type of service (or have someone else to recommend) please contact Virginia King at 206-364-2272, who will give you the details about the mutual discernment process we use to select Board members.

“What we practice, not what we preach, is usually our great contribution to the conversion of others.”

- C.S. Lewis ■

Check out our Spanish radio evangelization program “Jovenes al Frente” on:



Radio Sol

**KKMO 1360AM
Saturdays, 8AM**

Healing Masses

There are no Healing Masses scheduled for October

**November 14-16
Healing Masses with
Fr. Michael Barry, ssc**

Wednesday, November 14; 7PM
at Holy Innocents Church
26526 NE Cherry Valley Rd., Duvall

Thursday, November 15, 7PM
at St. Michael Church
1021 Boundary, Olympia

Friday, November 16; 7:30PM
at St. Anthony Church
416 S. 4th St., Renton



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.

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