

CCRS NEWSLETTER

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Special points of interest:

- What does a Catholic Charismatic look like?
- Come and receive your personal prayer blessing.
- I must tell the Pope about it.
- If you were my friend, you would have shared about Jesus with me.

50th Anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal –May 5,6,7, 2017

It all began at Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit, 49 years ago....A mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit fell upon a small group of University students who felt an emptiness in their spiritual lives and wanted more. They prayed, "Jesus, please be real for me."

What a gift the Charismatic Renewal has been to the Church as a whole and to each one of us who have experienced this mighty move of God. The floodgates were opened, the tides have come in and over 120 million Catholics worldwide have tasted a bit of heaven. As Pope Saint John Paul II said, "We give thanks for the precious spiritual fruits that the Renewal has produced in the life



We Have A Seat Ready For You

of the Church and in the lives of so many people." Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, "The world needs people who feel the attraction of heaven in their life, who make praise to the Lord a new way of life" and Pope Francis asked the Re-

newal to "Share baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone in the Church."

We have one big celebration coming up in Wpg. You will want to reserve your seat.

**COME - CELEBRATE
CATCH THE FIRE**



Pope Francis has invited Charismatics to come to Rome to celebrate the 50th Anniversary Golden

Jubilee on Pentecost 2017 in St. Peter's Square. He says, "I am waiting for you. We will gather to give thanks to the Holy Spirit for this gift which is for the Church and to celebrate the wonders in the course of these 50 years changing the life of

millions of Christians. Thank you for having responded joyfully to my invitation."

For Pilgrimage to Rome via Edmonton, contact <http://www.ccredmonton.info/events?start=5>

WHAT DOES A CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC LOOK LIKE – WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE ONE?

The impact of Pentecost in the lives of early Christians was:

- They praised the Lord through the Holy Spirit which had revealed the greatness of God to them.
- They announced the Gospel with conviction.
- The Lord confirmed the proclamation of the Gospel with signs.
- Their life had become a light for others.
- They loved each other and they shared their belongings.

What characterizes a Catholic Charismatic?

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, a personal experience of the Holy Spirit

living and working in us.

Praise: The one who encounters the Risen and living Jesus is filled with joy and praise.

Conversion and the journey towards holiness:

These steps of conversion are followed by a commitment to seek the glory of God in all things.

Brotherly love: Charismatics give their time and money to help others.

Evangelization: the fire of the Spirit which burns in them, impels Charismatics to proclaim the Good News everywhere: in markets, streets, at home, in prisons, and in the workplace.

The Charismatic has a constant concern for his formation—to get to know Christ and the Church better. This is why he takes part in retreats, conferences and formation sessions.

The commitment to serve the Church: those who have had this experience of the Renewal commit to serving others in the Church: catechesis, assistance to the sick, guiding children, etc.

To this end, there is to be also noted a good collaboration with the pastors of the Church.

Excerpts from the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Newsletter.

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SOME TESTIMONIES FROM THE CONFERENCE

I have had a sore shoulder since January. In April the doctor diagnosed it as bursitis and gave me exercises to work on it. Last night I felt an intense heat on it and no pain afterward!! Praise the Lord. Thank You for the true feeling of being loved and cared for unconditionally.

Sharon Tucker

I had hurt my leg while I stepped on the front steps of my house and have had to walk with a cane. On Friday night I was

healed and now walk without a cane. Thanks so much to the Lord's healing and the prayers of other people and friends. God is a healer.

Caridad Rino

Friday night I was healed from pain in my lower back and shoulders.

Maureen Southham

Prior to the conference I suffered from hemorrhoids. After I was prayed over I was healed. Hallelujah!!

Anonymous

Friday evening at the conference in May, I received a healing of a locked jaw which I have suffered with for several months. After praise and praying in tongues, I felt strange and different. I wasn't sure what had happened until brother Bob Canton called out that someone was healed of a jaw. I realized that it was me, the pain was gone and I had movement & flexibility again. Praise the Lord.

Bob Milks

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

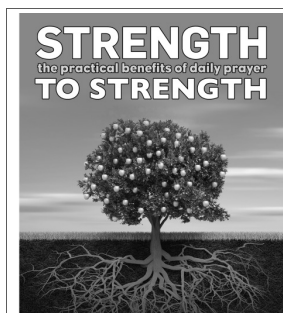
A six session DVD series designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. Inspired by the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Ideal for the Year of Mercy.

Filmed in an engaging and humorous way with a TV studio audience. Each session lasts approx. 40 min's with midpoint group questions & prayerful reflections.

The six sessions are:

- Pray for the day
- Food for thought
- The life of prayer
- Pray before you speak
- Lord teach us to pray
- Give us this day

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall, 4588 Roblin Blvd at Grant Ave.
Bring a bag lunch.
Free will love offering



To receive a free workbook of notes

Please register before Sept 18th

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TIDBITS FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH TEACHINGS ON PRAYER

- A day not pressed into the Lord is a day wasted.
- Life is full of potholes. We need to recalibrate our heart every day.
- Someone said that we so often treat temptation like strawberry cheesecake instead of the rattle snake that it really is.
- Prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for Him.
- Prayer is a bit like fishing. Early in the morning, you have your gear: your bible, your icon, your quiet, and you wait. You're not going to catch God, God catches you. Once you're on his hook, he reels you unto himself. We might wiggle, but if we stay on the line, we're coming in.
- Pray as you can, not as you can't.
- Tell me God who you are and who I am.

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WHY SHOULD WE SING?

Sing to the LORD a new song. (Psalm 98:1)

Why should we sing? Because singing engages our hearts as well as our minds, and God cares about the whole person, emotions included. He wants to breathe life into our spirits and minds and bodies. Singing offers him entry into our whole being in a way that ordinary speech doesn't. And if we have difficulty opening our hearts, singing can open the pathway for his Spirit to move in us.

So sing! Sing of Jesus' victory on the cross, his victory over sin. Sing because God has given you victory through Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57). Sing because you do not have to live mired in guilt and shame. Sing because you have access to the Father through the blood of Jesus' cross.

Sing because he who is faithful will cleanse you in the pure water of life. These aren't things we just hope will happen; they are steadfast promises of God!

Yes, sing a new song to the Lord! Sing of God's justice, revealed in his unfathomable mercy and kindness toward us. Sing of his dedication to his plan and his will that no one will perish but that all people will "be saved" and "come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). Sing because he has redeemed you from sin - yes, even the sin you brought upon yourself. Sing because he wants to make holy and blameless - and because he is faithful and will accomplish it!

Sing because God wants to make you holy and blameless in his sight and in the sight of all those

around you. Sing a song of gratitude as he leads you in paths of righteousness today. Sing as he cleanses your conscience and gives you rest. Sing of what is pure and right, lovely and good. Sing joyfully as you see his kindness and faithfulness toward you. Sing of your longing to know all of this more, to experience his love and mercy more and more deeply. Sing the new song that all the saints and angels are singing in heaven right now: "God is good! He has done marvelous things!"

"Father, you are marvelous! I praise you for your goodness in my life. You are faithful, just, and merciful, and I am hungry to experience more of you. Father, I will sing today of your victory and your mercy!"

Excerpt from Word Among Us.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

I made a resolution to lose 10 lbs and I only have 15 lbs to go.

"Did you hear Robinson snoring in church this morning? It was simply awful." "Yes I did-he woke me up."

God answers knee-mail.

Campers: Nature's way of feeding mosquitoes.

I used to think I was indecisive but now I'm not too sure.

Exercise daily-walk with the Lord



For Christmas, a woman remarked to her friend, "I was visited by a jolly, bearded fellow with a big bag over his shoulder. My son came home from college with his laundry."

THE MERCY OF JESUS THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN—NOV 4 & 5

Dr. Mary Healy received a BA and MA in theology. She earned a licentiate at the International Theological Institute in Gaming, Austria, and completed her doctorate in biblical theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. She is the author of *Men And Women Are From Eden: A Study Guide to John Paul II's Theology of the Body* and co-editor of three books on biblical interpretation. In 2014

she was appointed by Pope Francis to the Pontifical Biblical Commission. She presently teaches at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. She currently also serves as chair of the Doctrinal Commission of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services in Rome. She speaks at retreats and conferences nationally and internationally on topics related to Scripture, the theology of the body, and the spiri-



Dr. Mary Healy

tual life. Dr. Mary Healy also ministers through the gift of healing. Come and receive your personal prayer blessing.

Weekend Schedule

Friday 7:30 p.m. Session #1

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Breakfast with Dr. Mary, Session #2 (call or email for advance breakfast tickets)

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sessions #3 & #4

7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Session #5 plus Eucharistic Celebration and Healing service.

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 4588 Roblin Blvd, corner Grant Ave, Winnipeg

More info? Call CCRS 204-895-7544 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com

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QUOTES BY POPE ST. JOHN XXIII



It often happens that I wake up at night and begin to think about a serious problem and decide I must tell the Pope about it. Then I wake up completely and remember that I am the Pope.

Visiting a hospital, he asked a boy what he wanted to be when he grew up. The boy said either a policeman or a pope. "I would go in for the police if I were you," the Pope said. "Anyone can become a pope, look at me!"

A Vatican official told the Pope it would be "absolutely impossible" to open the Second Vatican Council by 1963. "Fine, we'll open it in 1962," he answered. And he did.

NEW LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



What gives ultimate meaning and purpose to life?

Are you looking for greater meaning in your life?

Need direction to help make life choices?

Looking for greater joy? Are you looking to experience the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

“Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest” Matthew 11:28

The seminar is an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through a series of talks, worship, Scripture teachings, song, and personal testimonies, participants explore faith topics, including the basic message of salvation, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, as well as the potential and the

power of the Holy Spirit.

At this seminar, Jesus gave me an invitation to a more vibrant, committed and expectant faith. He also gave me a warm comforting embrace. He introduced me to brothers and sisters who are on the same faith journey as I am. *Randall*

Guidance will also be offered in how to maintain a close, intimate relationship with Jesus.

“Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest”

Matthew 11:28

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR LOCATIONS

Sept 14th, Wednesdays, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 4588 Roblin Blvd, Wpg. 6:45 p.m. for 7 weeks. To register, call Richard or Natalie at 204-895-7544 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com

Sept 15th, Thursdays, Holy Family Ukrainian Church, 1001 Grant Ave, Wpg. 6:45 p.m. for 7 weeks. To register, call Leonard at 204-269-4696 or email lterrick@mymts.net

Nov 19th, Saturday, one day only, St. Ignatius Adult Ed Center, 925 Jessie Ave, Wpg. 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. To register call CCRS 204-895-7544 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com

COULD YOUR PARISH BE THE NEXT LOCATION?

To those of us who have taken a *Life in the Spirit Seminar*, we can attest to the blessings we received in our spiritual life. If we sat together and shared experiences, we are sure to hear of some wonderful stories of what God has done in our lives. Our call in the Charismatic Renewal is to bring

people into a living personal relationship with Jesus. The proven best way to do this is through the Life in the Spirit Seminar. Pope Francis recently asked the Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide to share baptism in the Spirit with everyone in the Church. You can be an instrument

of this call. Get a few people together in your home and pray for doors to open in your parish. Then when you feel it’s the right time, approach your pastor asking if he would be open to having a seminar in the parish. If he says YES, call us at CCRS and we will meet with your pastor and look after it.

CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET?

There is a saying I heard "*I can keep a secret but I cannot vouch for someone to whom I tell it.*"

I have also heard some say that one of the best kept secrets in the Church is that there is a Catholic Charismatic prayer meeting every week.

When we first came into the Renewal, many moons ago, we did not know that there were prayer meetings and "Life in the Spirit Seminars" taking place and we

would have loved to have participated much earlier than we did. Would there be evidence that some of us have kept the "Fire" to ourselves? I heard one story of a person who was critically ill lacking a faith in Christ, telling a friend "*If you really were my friend, you would have shared about Jesus with me before this.*"

One icebreaker to share our faith is to befriend people, talk about family, occupation, recreation,

share faith stories (what God has done for you, experiences of God in your life), ask them to share any of their faith stories. Ask them if they would like to be closer to Jesus and invite them to attend a Holy Spirit Seminar or spiritual event or a prayer meeting with you. And don't be anxious about it, the Holy Spirit will guide you all the way, especially if you give Him permission.

Richard Jaworski

THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLED MY EMPTINESS

I felt an emptiness in my life. It was like a big hole inside. I particularly felt this way after the breakup of my parent's marriage. This was hard on me - I was feeling anger, resentment, guilt and sorrow, all at once.

To help me cope with these overwhelming feelings, I began turning to worldly things. I tried to fill the emptiness in my life.

All the while I was going through this, I was searching, longing to find God. I actually thought at one point that to know God all I had to do was go to the library and read a book on him.

I remember a friend telling me about a group of people who met together for fellowship and talk about the Lord and to pray. I remember always feeling this was not for me. However, as I began going to these meetings, I was encouraged to take a Life in the Spirit Seminar to help me to know Jesus in a personal way.

The biggest joy in my life and also the end to my searching for God came when I asked Jesus into my heart as my personal Savior and Lord. I could finally know Jesus, not just know about him.

From that day on, things began to change.

I became less and less anti-social and more loving towards others.

I found nature to come alive - trees that I saw hundreds of times before became beautiful in colour - even the sky looked bluer.

Jesus became real and present to me. He wasn't just someone who sat high up in the clouds but someone I could have a friendship with. Jesus filled my emptiness and He can fill yours too.

Why not attend a Life in the Spirit Seminar?

You will be blessed.

Erin Robin

If you really were my friend, you would have shared about Jesus with me before this.

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CCRS UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 14 *Life in the Spirit Seminar, 7 weeks* 6:45 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, call Richard 204-895-7544
- Sept 15 *Life in the Spirit Seminar, 7 weeks* 6:45 p.m.
Holy Family Ukrainian Church, call Leonard 204-269-4696
- Sept 24 *Strength to Strength - The Practical Benefits of Daily Prayer*
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A six session DVD conference
- Nov 4, 5 *Healing Through The Scriptures, Dr. Mary Healy*
- Nov 19 *Life in the Spirit Seminar (one day) 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.*
- May 5, 6, 7 *Conference in Winnipeg Celebrating the 50th Anniversary
of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal*
COME! CELEBRATE! CATCH THE FIRE!
*Conference Speakers: Archbishop Albert LeGatt,
Archbishop Richard Gagnon, Fr. Graham Keep,
Sr. Marilyn Minter, Deacon Ralph Poyo*

Plus More to Come

SPREADING THE FIRE

It is such a blessing to be
a witness to how God is
touching people's lives!

Our vision is to bring as
many people as possible
to a living personal rela-
tionship with Jesus
through the power of the
Holy Spirit.

We do this by having a
variety of spiritually en-
riching events in Winni-
peg and throughout
Manitoba. Some, you

will see noted in this pub-
lication.

We certainly could not do
this without your finan-
cial and prayerful help for
which we are very grate-
ful. Your kindness and
generosity will help us to
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