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PRE-CONVENTION ISSUE



In the first reading of today's Liturgy, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is compared to "the rush of a violent wind" (Acts 2:2). What does this image tell us? It makes us think of a powerful force that is not an end in itself, but effects change. Wind in fact brings change: warmth when it is cold, cool when it is hot, rain when the land is parched... this is way it brings change. The Holy Spirit, on a very different level, does the same. He is the divine force that changes the world. The Sequence reminded us of this: the Spirit is "in toil, comfort sweet; solace in the midst of woe". And so we beseech him: "Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour your dew; wash the stains of quilt away". The Spirit enters into situations and transforms them. He changes hearts and he changes situations.

The Holy Spirit changes hearts. Jesus had told his disciples:

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). That is exactly what happened. Those disciples, at first fearful, huddled behind closed doors even after the Master's resurrection, are transformed by the Spirit and, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, "they bear witness to him" (cf. Jn 15:27). No longer hesitant, they are courageous and starting from Jerusalem, they go forth to the ends of the earth. Timid while Jesus was still among them, they are bold when he is gone, because the Spirit changed their hearts.

The Spirit frees hearts chained by fear. He overcomes all resistance. To those content with half measures he inspires wholehearted generosity. He opens hearts that are closed. He impels the comfortable to go out and serve. He drives the self-satisfied to set out in new directions. He makes the

lukewarm thrill to new dreams. That is what it means to change hearts. Plenty of people promise change, beginnings, prodigious renewals, but experience teaches us that no earthly attempt to change reality can ever completely satisfy the human heart. Yet the change that the Spirit brings is different. It does not revolutionize life around us, but changes our hearts. It does not free us from the weight of our problems, but liberates us within so that we can face them. It does not give us everything at once, but makes us press on confidently, never growing weary of life. The Spirit keeps our hearts young - a renewed youth. Youth, for all our attempts to prolong it, sooner or later fades away; the Spirit, instead, prevents the only kind of aging that is unhealthy: namely, growing old within. How does he do this? By renewing our hearts, by pardoning

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Come get a FAITH LIFT....





Saturday, July

10:00am-4:00pm

St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Eleanor's Hall) 133 N. Fifth St., (between Olive & Orange Grove), Burbank, CA

10:00 - 10:30 am Praise & Worship

10:35am - 12noon

CHOICE OF TALKS Groups 1 & 2 separate into different rooms

Group 1 PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING "Praying for Others" "Balancing & Strengthening Your Spiritual Life"



Mary Velasquez, LMFT Montrose, CA



Elizabeth Kim, PhD Psychologist, Director, Brain Fitness Center, LA & Orange Co.



Deacon Milt Rosenberg, PhD Director of **Psychological** Services, St. John Seminary, Camarillo

Group 2
TWO SPIRITUAL GROWTH TALKS "Sharing Your Joy with Others" "Rejoicing in the Midst of Struggles"



Kay Murdy Co-Founder, Catholic Bible Institute Whittier, CA



Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ **Pastoral** Coord., SCRC Burbank, CA

In conjunction with the SCRC Convention Volunteer Gathering (Orientation: 12noon-12:15pm)

In the afternoon...

1:15-4:00pm

Healing Mass & Service with Msgr. Alex Aclan SCRC Convention Prayer Teams will offer prayer ministry after the Mass.

Event Open to All

Msgr. Alex Aclan Vicar for Clergy Archdiocese of Los Angeles I



No Admission Fee! Please reserve a seat at scrc.org (818) 771-1361 spirit@scrc.org

LET US CELEBRATE THE PRAYER TEAMS!

by Elizabeth Kim, Ph.D.

Dr. Elizabeth Kim, Ph.D. serves as SCRC Prayer Ministry Supervisor, together with a team of other charismatic psychologists and therapists.

All "pre-existing" and "potential future" Prayer Teams are invited to gather at the special "Overflowing Joy" event - July 14, 2018

We are praying to the master of the Harvest (Lk. 10:2) to raise up more SCRC Convention prayer teams trained for the Mega-Healing Service. Thousands of people with great needs of physical, spiritual, and emotional healing will attend this extraordinary Healing Service led by Bishop David O'Connell and Fr. Mike Barry. At this July 14 event, newcomers who desire to serve will be thoroughly trained according to SCRC Convention prayer ministry guidelines. If you have a genuine concern for others, the Spirit of God may be calling you to be a vessel of prayer. First, you need to meet some basic requirements.

Basic pre-requisites to be on a SCRC prayer team are:

- 1. Be a person who prays daily.
- 2. Have attended the SCRC Convention at least once.
- 3. Be active and in good relationship with one's own church community.
- 4. Be willing to receive instruction and to understand SCRC guidelines before participating on a prayer team.
- 5. Have experienced the grace of Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- 6. Be humbly willing to receive supervision, guidance and correction.

I remember when I was new in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Someone prayed for me with the laying on of hands. My life was changed forever! God's transforming grace flowed through one compassionate person's willingness to pray for others. You never know how God will use your simple 'yes'! In these urgent and critical times, we need to get actively involved with God's harvest and be open to the lead of the Holy Spirit! Jesus reminds us:

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." (John 15:16).

All prayer teams previously trained and experienced serving at the Convention plus Unbound ministry prayer teams are urged to attend this special July 14 gathering. 200 of these humble, selfless, and anointed team members have served at Mega Healing sessions for the last few years. They have truly been the hands, eyes, and hearts of Jesus to our brothers and sisters. Once again, it is a time for us to reconnect and prepare ourselves for the upcoming Convention. This gathering will help yield to the Holy Spirit's anointing as we renew our commitment to the Lord.

Come and be equipped, trained and invigorated in the power of the Holy Spirit!

As Jesus commissioned the twelve disciples two thousand years ago, he still commissions us with these words. "Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give." (Matt. 10:8)

Your RSVP to spirit@scrc.org or 818-771-1361 for July 14 will help us adequately prepare.

Thank you!

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sinners. Here is the great change: from guilty he makes us righteous and thus changes everything. From slaves of sin we become free, from servants we become beloved children, from worthless worthy, from disillusioned filled with hope. By the working of the Holy Spirit, joy is reborn and peace blossoms in our hearts.

Today, then, let us learn what to do when we are in need

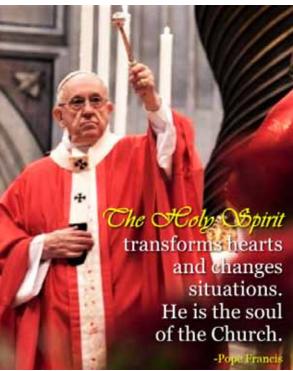
of real change. And who among us does not need a change? Particularly when we are downcast, wearied by life's burdens, oppressed by our own weakness, at those times when it is hard to keep going and loving seems impossible. In those moments, we need a powerful "jolt": the Holy Spirit, the power of God. In the Creed we profess that he is the "giver of life". How good it would be for us each day to feel this jolt of life! To say when we wake up each morning: "Come, Holy Spirit, come into my heart, come into my day".

The Spirit does not only change hearts; he changes situations. Like the wind that blows everywhere, he penetrates to the most unimaginable situations. In the

Acts of the Apostles – a book we need to pick up and read, whose main character is the Holy Spirit we are caught up in an amazing series of events. When the disciples least expect it, the Holy Spirit sends them out to the pagans. He opens up new paths, as in the episode of the deacon Philip. The Spirit drives Philip to a desert road from Jerusalem to Gaza... (How heartrending that name sounds to us today! May the Spirit change hearts and situations and bring peace to the Holy Land!) Along the way, Philip preaches to an Ethiopian court official and baptizes him. Then the Spirit brings him to Azotus, and then on to Caesarea, in constantly new situations, to spread the newness of God. Then too, there is Paul, "compelled by the Spirit" (Acts 20:22), who travels

far and wide, bringing the Gospel to peoples he had never seen. Where the Spirit is, something is always happening; where he blows, things are never calm.

When, in the life of our communities, we experience a certain "listlessness", when we prefer peace and quiet to the newness of God, it is a bad sign. It means that we are trying to find shelter from the wind of the Spirit.



When we live for self-preservation and keep close to home, it is not a good sign. The Spirit blows, but we lower our sails. And yet, how often have we seen him work wonders! Frequently, even in the bleakest of times, the Spirit has raised up the most outstanding holiness! Because he is the soul of the Church, who constantly enlivens her with renewed hope, fills her with joy, makes her fruitful, and causes new life to blossom. In a family, when a new baby is born, it upsets our schedules, it makes us lose sleep, but it also brings us a joy that renews our lives, driving us on, expanding us in love. So it is with the Spirit: he brings a "taste of childhood" to the Church. Time and time again he gives new birth. He revives our first love. The Spirit reminds the Church that, for all her

centuries of history, she is always the youthful bride with whom the Lord is madly in love. Let us never tire of welcoming the Spirit into our lives, of invoking him before everything we do: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

He will bring his power of change, a unique power that is, so to say, both centripetal and centrifugal. It is centripetal, that is, it seeks the centre, because it

works deep within our hearts. It brings unity amid division, peace amid affliction, strength amid temptations. reminds us of this in the second reading, when he writes that the fruits of the Spirit are joy, peace, faithfulness and selfcontrol (cf. Gal 5:22). The Spirit grants intimacy with God, the inner strength to keep going. Yet, at the same time, he is a centrifugal force, that is, one pushing outward. The one who centres us is also the one who drives us to the peripheries, to every human periphery. The one who reveals God also opens our hearts to our brothers and sisters. He sends us, he makes us witnesses, and so he pours out on us – again in the words

of Paul – love, kindness, generosity and gentleness. Only in the Consoler Spirit do we speak words of life and truly encourage others. Those who live by the Spirit live in this constant spiritual tension: they find themselves pulled both towards God and towards the world.

Let us ask him to make us live in exactly that way. Holy Spirit, violent wind of God, blow upon us, blow into our hearts and make us breathe forth the tenderness of the Father! Blow upon the Church and impel her to the ends of the earth, so that, brought by you, she may bring nothing other than you. Blow upon our world the soothing warmth of peace and the refreshing cool of hope. Come Holy Spirit, change us within and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Don't Miss These Acclaimed First-Time Speakers at this Year's Renewal Convention



Fr. Teo Dirk Kranz

Originally from Germany, Fr. Teo currently has a burgeoning charismatic healing ministry in both South and Central America. Fr. Teo will speak at both the English and Spanish portions of the Convention.



National charismatic leader from Sri Lanka, was used powerfully by the Holy Spirit to help bring healing and reconciliation in the aftermath of that country's civil war.



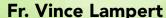
from Amarillo, Texas and a National Service Committee member brings strong gifts of evangelization and spiritual empowerment. Sr. Lucy's presentations are especially recommended for newcomers to this Renewal Convention.



from Rosewell, Georgia is host of EWTN's prime time television show: "Catholics Come Home". His media apostolates have reached over 200 million viewers in the past 10 years airing on national networks like CBS and NBC.

Bishop Joseph Brennan

Los Angeles' Archdiocesan Regional Bishop for the San Fernando Region will celebrate the Convention's Closing Sunday Liturgy.



Exorcist of the Indianapolis Archdiocese will speak each day at the Christ Triumphant Track.

Fr. Spencer Lewerenz

Newly ordained to the priesthood. Fr. Spencer will share his personal testimony at the Friday morning Opening Prayer and Praise Service in the Arena. On Saturday, he will address young adults on "Becoming Cornerstones: Bonding Through our Authentic Selves".

Fr. Robert Torczynski,

featured in the movie, "Into Great Silence", will address the Young Adult Conference on how God's presence can fill our lives in the midst of a hectic and fast-paced world.

Fr. Larry Gosselin, OFM

From Old Mission, Santa Barbara will offer a mystical inspirational look at "Divine Intimacy".

Dr. Anthony Lilles, STD

Academinc Dean at St. John's Seminary will be speaking at the Young Adult Conference on "The Courage to Pray".

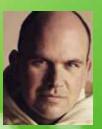
Fr. Perry Kenaston

From Haines, Alaska will lead the Friday morning Reconciliation Service in Hall A.



















There is no Disney Marathon this year! The freeway offramps and streets around the Anaheim Convention Center will be open and unimpeded. It will be very easy to come early and arrive in time for the 8:00am Sunday Teaching Session!

Store Up Some Heavenly Bonus Bucks - Be an SCRC Convention Volunteer!



It takes 500+ workers
to service this Major Event!
Over 25 team ministries
function during the
SCRC Convention weekend.
More Door Monitors
and Arena Ushers
are especially needed
this year!
Attend the special
July 14 event at
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
in Burbank for orientation
and sign-up!

"...store up treasures in heaven, ...For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Matt. 6:20-21

"Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share,
thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life." 1Tim.6:18-19

Real Accounts of Miraculous & Supernatural Occurrences Featured in Convention Presentation

Space limitations in the printed
Convention brochure did not permit
important details of SCRC President,
Dominic Berardino's Saturday morning talk,
"Relating to the Invisible Eternal World."
A few special guests will personally
share their remarkable incidents of
Divine Interventions, extraordinary
spiritual encounters and angelic activity.
Certain to give you a faith boost!

Young Adult Conference Expands to Both Saturday & Sunday!

Check out: SCIC.OFG/Ya
for full details!

"The SCRC Convention brings hope and light into a world that is filled with so much darkness."

From a 16 year old:
"Thank you God
for bringing more light
to my life through
the SCRC Convention."



"There is nothing I have found to compare with these special weekends."



"So many miracles happened!
Both my daughter and mother
were able to come for the first time,
and I had a reconciliation
with an estranged family member."



"The prayers at the mega healing service were most helpful.
I felt it made more progress in addressing my issues than all my time spent in psychotherapy!"





"Wow! This event was a complete answer to prayers for a long time about the reality of the spiritual battle.

Thank you for the truth and leadership that this convention provides."



from a college student:
"My connection with the
Church and my devotion
to Christ and His Mother
were strengthened by this
convention."



"Thank you Lord for guiding me here through my friend. My blessings have been many and the love and joy I feel now has healed me of much pain.



"God has enlightened me in so many ways! I have a new appreciation and understanding of the Sacraments."





July, 2018 Calendar

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, July 14 10:00am-12noon

"Overflowing JOY!", at St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Eleanor's Hall), 133 N. Fifth St., Burbank. Speakers: Dr. Elizabeth Kim, Maria Velasquez, LMFT, Dcn. Milt Rosenberg, Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ & Kay Murdy. (In conjunction with SCRC Convention Volunteer Gathering). No Admission Fee! Please reserve a seat at spirit@scrc.org See inside front cover for more info.

Saturday, July 14 1:15pm-4:00pm

Healing Mass & Service with Msgr. Alex Aclan (Vicar for Clergy for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles) with Prayer Ministry Teams at St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Eleanor's Hall), 133 N. Fifth St., Burbank. See inside front cover for more information.



Thursday, July 19

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Thomas Sunil, VC at Our Lady of Grace Church, 5011 White Oak Ave., Encino.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, July 28

God's Love is Light...Stronger Than the Night, 10:00am-4:00pm with Fr. Bob Garon, Fr. George Reynolds & Dominic Berardino at Epiphany Catholic Church Parish Hall, 10911 Michael Hunt Dr., South El Monte. \$20, includes catered chicken lunch. (See page 7)

Friday, July 27

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at San

Gabriel Mission (Old Mission Church), 428 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel. Praise/Worship 7:00pm.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, July 16

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Steephen Viblanc at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk.

Monday, July 23

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Steephen Viblanc at St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.

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Friday, July 13

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Albert Pragasam, OSM at Mission Hospital Conference Center, Rms. A,B&C. 26726 Crown Valley Pkwy., Mission Viejo.

Monday, July 23

Mass & Healing Service, 7:15pm with Fr. George Reynolds at St. Angela Merici Church, 585 S. Walnut, Brea.

August, 2018 Calendar

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Friday, August 24

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at San Gabriel Mission (Old Mission Church), 428 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel. Praise/Worship 7:00pm.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, August 20

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk.

Monday, August 27

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Steephen Viblanc at St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.

ORANGE DIOCESE Monday, August 27

Mass & Healing Service, 7:15pm at St. Angela Merici Church, 585 S. Walnut, Brea.



Friday - Sunday,
Aug 31 - Sept. 2, 2018
47th Annual SCRC Catholic
Renewal Convention, "The
Spirit Gives Life". Anaheim
Convention Center & Arena.
Doors open at 8:00am! All
Masses are Open to the
Public!





It's time to join together in prayer and fasting to intercede for God's Presence and Power to be manifested throughout the Renewal Convention. Your advanced spiritual participation is vital. God looks for intercessors to help channel:

- Spiritual Breakthroughs
- Changed Hearts and Lives
 - All Manner of Healings
- The Building up of Christ's Body
- Freedom from Oppression and Darkness
 - New Anointing of the Holy Spirit

If Jesus fasted during his earthly ministry, how very important must it also be for those who follow in Christ's footsteps. Fasting channels God's Power in a most pronounced way.

How Should We Fast?

There is no one set pattern for fasting. How we choose to fast is a choice of one's own heart. It depends on the level of our ability and availability.

Possible Suggestions

- Eliminate 1 or 2 meals on your fast day.
- Cut out selected items from your diet on your fast day. Such as desserts, snacks or meat.
- Abstain from something other than food. Perhaps fasting from watching TV or time spent enjoying a hobby. Remember the object of fasting is not just to give something up, but to make room for prayer.

Mail or email (spirit@scrc.org) your name with your Weekly Fast Day to the SCRC Office to be placed at the Tabernacle of the Blessed Sacrament.

The SCRC Staff and volunteers will intercede that God's Strength, Blessing and Graces will clearly be upon you as we prayerfully join together to help open the heavenly storehouses of God's POWER & MIGHT!

Spiritual Wayfare Track in its 7th Year!

SCRC continues to provide vitally important presentations dealing with the topic of spiritual warfare.

Highly qualified experts in the fields of Exorcism and Deliverance will offer riveting talks over the course of the 3-day Convention.



Dr. Mary Healy,
a member of the international Pontifical Biblical Commission and professor at
Detroit's Sacred Heart Seminary will provide 3 presentations on Deliverance
Ministry. Based on the groundbreaking recent publication, Deliverance
Ministry which was prepared in part under the guidance of the Vatican
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. This is a monumental document
providing a solid Catholic theological foundation with correspondingly sound
pastoral guidelines in the application of deliverance ministry.



Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ
President of Magis Institute and past president of Gonzaga
University will share the real story behind the popular movie,
"The Exorcist." Plus offer insight into the reality of spiritual evil in these times from his upcoming book: "Called Out of Darkness."



Fr. Gary Thomas & Fr. John Farao, OFM Conv.



Two popular Exorcist speakers return to help us be better prepared as the battle with spiritual evil grows and unfolds.



Fr. Vince Lampert

Exorcist from the Indianapolis Archdiocese joins this Convention for the first time. Fr. Lampert has been involved in high-profile exorcism cases drawing national attention. Coincidentally, he was trained as an exorcist together alongside Fr. Gary Thomas by the veteran Italian Exorcist, Fr. Carmine.



Let God's Indescribable Light Penetrate Your Soul

Saturday, July 28, 2018

10:00am - 4:00pm

Epiphany Parish Hall

10911 Michael Hunt Dr., South El Monte



Fr. George Reynolds ssoc. Pastor, St. Cornelius Church Long Beach, CA



Fr. Bob Garon tor, St. Didacus Chu



Dominic Berardino President, SCRC Burbank, CA

Topics include:

- Healing Rays of Divine Love
 Light that Dispels Darkness
 Transformed by Eternal Light
 Healing Mass Included!

REGISTRATION BEFORE July 23rd: (includes catered chicken lunch)......

(after July 23 & at the door: \$25)

Luncheon guaranteed for those registered by 07/23/18. (atter July 23 & at the door: \$2 lf you plan to register at the door, please call or email for lunch count. (Registration is the same price, with or without lunch).

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	□ Check or Money Order (please make checks payable to: SCRC) Credit Card: □ VISA □ MasterCard □ Discover □ American Express Only registrations paid with a credit card can be faxed to: (818) 771-1379.		
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Spiritually enriching Books, CDs/DVDs and gifts will be available for purchase throughout the day.



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