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“I Want a Miracle!”



by Patti Mansfield

“I want a miracle!”

These were words I wrote on a scrap of paper and tacked up on the bulletin board during the Duquesne Weekend, February 18, 1967. Never could I have imagined that the miracle I was praying for would be the largest ecclesial movement touching the lives of more than 120 million Catholics in every country around the world!

I've visited The Ark and The Dove several times during these 49 years for personal prayer and intercession. The most notable trip was in 1992 for three days of intercession before the Silver Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh. I invited Fr.

Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM, Cap., to join us and he told me that visiting The Ark and The Dove fulfilled a deep desire in his heart. What a joy to return this year, knowing that the Renewal has now reclaimed our birthplace and that this historic site is truly our home! Like Fr. Raniero, many from around the world will enter The Ark and The Dove to touch the grace of the beginnings and receive a new outpouring of the Spirit.

There were six of us from the Chi Rho scripture study group in attendance at The Blessing of The Ark and The Dove. David Mangan, John Rossmiller and I were participants in the famous

retreat. Chris Rossmiller, Maura McDowell and Tom Mangan were members of Chi Rho, but not present on the Duquesne Weekend. All six of us shared a sense of wonderment and awe that our humble scripture study group would be used by God to spark a worldwide movement of the Spirit. Our stories and those of many others are told in my new book: *As by a New Pentecost: Golden Jubilee Edition*. When I worked on this Jubilee Edition, I was often moved to tears, marveling at the sovereign action of God.

People often ask me why God would choose such an

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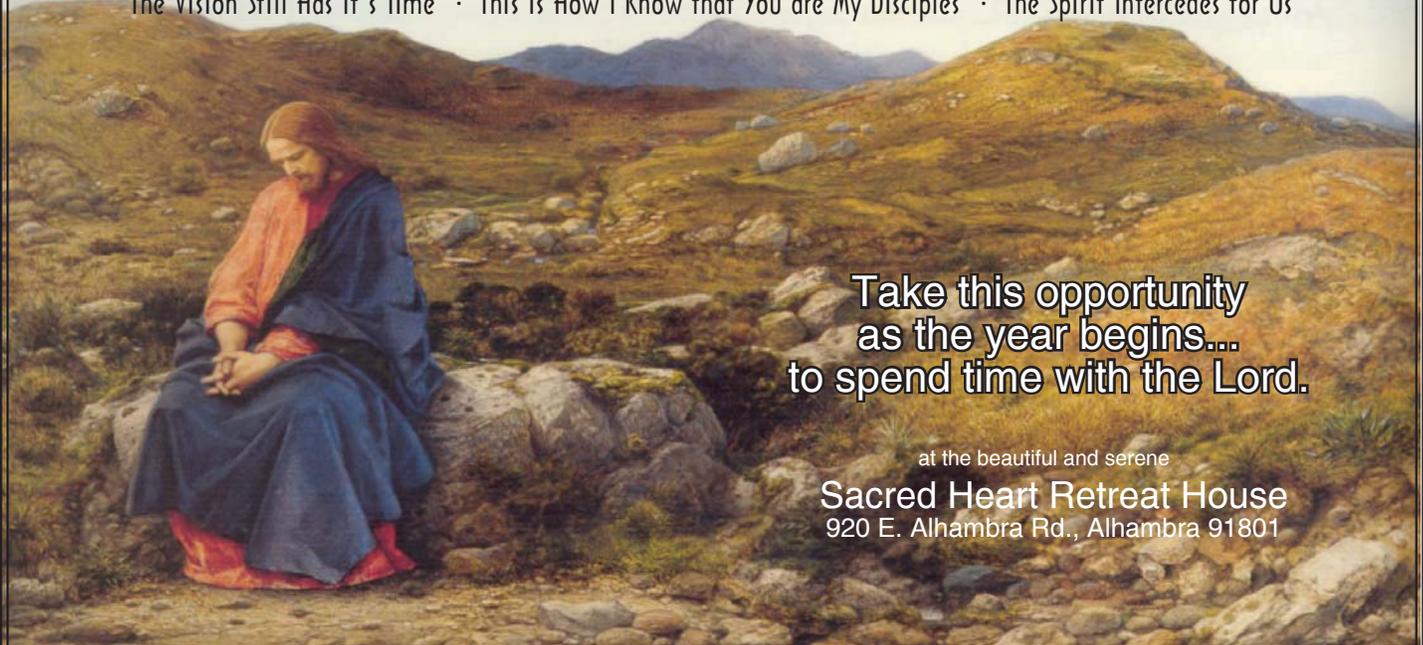
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Pentecost: The Birth of a New Lifestyle

by Salvatore Martinez

Called "to serve" in love

On the occasion of the historic presence of Pope Francis at the 37th Convocation of the Renewal at the Olympic Stadium of Rome, on June 1, 2014, the "project of new life" for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement was written by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of our "ecclesial family."

The words of the Holy Father, pronounced before 52,000 convened at the stadium and the press of the entire world, tell us how much the Pope "counts" on the Renewal, sharing its "identity and mission." And, at the same time, how "demanding" is the request for coherence and faithfulness to the plan of the Holy Spirit, in a special way, in the life of the leaders of the Renewal.

The Pontificate of Francis is together both kerygmatic and charismatic as never before in the history of the Church. Only those who are hard of heart and the distracted do not comprehend that at the heart of the Church there is a people, the Renewal, which serves the Lord and wants to make itself a gift for the world. A people who serves with joy and is at the service of the joy of God (the least in the Kingdom) to gift the joy of God (salvation to all men) as requested by Francis himself to the whole Church in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. With Pope Francis the Church is living a *kairós* of the Spirit, a favorable time, a new season of love for the person of Jesus professed in a vital way, not just as a ritual, as Lord and

Savior. And in many, especially among those who were on the borders of faith or who were living a dead (dying) faith, interest for the Gospel and for the Church is reawakening. We cannot help but note the fact that the enthusiasm aroused by Francis is truly without precedent, so that many are crying out to a "miracle of Pentecost," to the wonder of a faith which is returning to affirm itself with kerygmatic and charismatic flavor as at the time of the first Christian communities.

The worldwide Charismatic Renewal is on the threshold of its "Golden Jubilee" and we reiterate

with conviction: the Renewal is "needed"! It is "necessary for history" that it exists; and "it serves history" as well because human history is always marked by the living presence of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is necessary that "the quality" of our love for Jesus is tangible in order to invoke the Renewal as a "current of grace," as Pope Francis has stated in the Olympic Stadium. He called for "quality love" among us, rather than quantity. Therefore it is necessary that our hearts be a "river" of love of the Spirit and not a "lake." Often our hearts are artificial, represented by actions, decisions and works without love, carried out without sentiments of the heart; with prayers that do not touch the heart because they are without a soul, without praise that springs from life; closed lakes, without an "outlet" in the heart of history, in the hearts of brothers and sisters who we are called to serve rather than those to be "led" and "commanded."

Outside of the love of the Spirit there is no humanity, no society, no family, no group, and no community. Away from Love nothing makes sense; one cannot find usefulness, harmony, beauty or fruit. The opposite of love is death. St. John reminds us: He who does not love remains in death (1Jn 3:14b). That is why the love of God is the greatest risk that God himself took when he decided to pitch his tent among us. If we love, he appears, and his love shines in us. Otherwise, God is far away, anonymous, inconsistent. It is only in this light that the Renewal can be seen, at all times and everywhere, as charismatic and missionary.

Francis "defines" what the Renewal is and "leads" it

It should not be forgotten how Pope Francis "defines the Renewal." His teaching at the Olympic Stadium and taken up



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insignificant group of people to begin such a significant work. My answer? "It's his style!" God delights to do something with nothing to show that the power and glory belong to him alone! We don't consider ourselves founders. We are simply witnesses. Charismatic Renewal wasn't **our** idea. It **was** and **is** God's idea!

Entering that paneled chapel at The Blessing this year, I was struck once more by how small and simple the space really is. In 1992 I came to The Ark and The Dove to film my testimony for a video produced by a secular company. When the videographers saw the small, unimpressive chapel they decided I should tell my story the next day in front of a tree on the beautiful grounds instead. That night I prayed fervently that the Lord would do something to thwart their plans and he sent a violent rain storm, making it impossible for an outdoor filming. The "Upper Room" chapel at The Ark and The Dove is like the cave in Bethlehem—small and simple, yet the place where God chose to do an incredible thing! "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told" (Hb 1:5).

This year when Bishop David Zubik entered that same chapel to celebrate Mass, I was

in 1967, "If it costs me every relationship in my life, I will not leave you, Lord. You are worthy."



The Ark and the Dove Retreat House Chapel near Pittsburgh, PA - where the Catholic Charismatic Renewal had its first visible manifestation back in 1967.

deeply moved and said to David Mangan, "Who could have dreamed this would happen?" The Bishop of Pittsburgh blessing The Ark and The Dove! Pope Francis mandating that we "share the grace of baptism in the Spirit with the whole Church!" **It is a miracle!**

All of us want to see this grace of baptism in the Spirit reach the next generations. The Lord began this movement with young people and he wants to propel it forward through young people. I speak here a word of prophetic exhortation for the future to my young friends: **Be radically open to the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit! Don't settle for "charismatic lite"!** As one who was there "in the beginning," I know "the cost of Pentecost" and it is real! I remember writing in my journal

Sometimes, out of a desire to be accepted by peers, it becomes easy to compromise on the charismatic gifts such as the gift of tongues or prophecy or healing. These charisms are freely given but very costly to those who exercise them.

Please don't settle for anything less than a Pentecost full of fire and power and anointing! Only that kind of Pentecost will renew the face of the earth!

When you "come home" and visit The Ark and The Dove, you will see a beautiful image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the chapel. She is the Spouse of the Holy Spirit and our Merciful Mother. May Mary, Star of the New Evangelization, light our way as we move forward toward the Golden Jubilee and beyond. Amen.



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January, 2017 Calendar

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Fri. - Sun., January 6 - 8
SCRC Retreat, "The Spirit Lifted Me Up" with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ & Fr. Joshua Lee at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 E. Alhambra Rd., Alhambra. (see page 2)

Saturday, January 14
"Prayer of Protection in Uncertain Times", 10:00am-4:00pm with Fr. George Reynolds & Dominic Berardino at St. Frances of Rome, 501 E. ... lunch ... see page 7 for details.

Friday, January 27
Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at San Gabriel Mission Chapel, 428 S. Mission, San Gabriel. (Praise 7:15pm)

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, January 23
Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. George Reynolds at St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.

Friday, January 27
Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. George Reynolds at Mary Star of the Sea, 877 W. 7th St., San Pedro. (Praise 7:00pm)

ORANGE DIOCESE

Monday, January 23
Mass & Healing Service, 7:15pm with Fr. Eamon O'Gorman at St. Angela Merici, 585 S. Walnut (at Fir), Brea.

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

Saturday, January 21
Life in the Spirit Seminar, 9:00am-6:00pm, Incarnation School Auditorium, 1001 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale. Contact: (818) 421-1354, heartofjesus@att.net



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...the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. Rom 5:5

February, 2017 Calendar

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, February 18
Mass & Healing Service, 9:00am with Fr. Mark Stader at St. Luke the Evangelist, 5605 Cloverly, Temple City.

Friday, February 24
Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Charles Lueras, CRIC at San Gabriel Mission Chapel, 428 S. Mission, San Gabriel. (Praise 7:15pm)

SAN PEDRO REGION

Saturday, February 11
Mass & Healing Service, 1:00-3:00pm with Fr. John Hampsch, CMF at St. Margaret Mary, 25511 Eshelman Ave., Lomita.

Friday, February 24
Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at Mary Star of the Sea, 877 W. 7th

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Monday, February 27
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again in St. Peter's Square must not be just thrown aside to sit on a book shelf but it must be taken up, read, studied and honored because a Pope has never participated for two years in a row at the Gathering of a Movement.

1. "You are born by the will of the Holy Spirit, as a current of grace in the Church and for the Church".

He is calling us to our "identity" and "belonging": it is from the "anointing" of the Spirit (grace) and not from the "functions" (role and services) that we must begin again, strengthening our submission to the person of the Holy Spirit and our communion in the Church.

2. "The Charismatic Renewal is a great strength at the service of the proclamation of the Gospel, in the joy of the Holy Spirit".

This contains the sense of the "mission" and of "service" which we must give to the world. We are being called with the power of the charisms to spread the joy of meeting the person of Jesus in every place, to every person, especially to those far away and the suffering, not limiting ourselves to meeting him in the "community prayer time," and letting the freedom of the Spirit win over every fear of being a "Church moving out."

3. "Everything must be based on adoration! The foundation of the Renewal is to adore God!"

In this way our sense of the "Lordship of Jesus and of the authority of God" in our midst is reaffirmed. Adoration fights idolatry; adoration brings down pride which tempts us to want to excel over others; it is the fount of service and not of power; it quietens human reasoning because the desires and commands of God prevail.

4. "In the Malines Documents, you have a guide, sure guidelines so as not to take the wrong road."

With the Malines documents (six in all,

coordinated by Cardinal Leo J. Suenens between 1974 and 1986 and which he desired as theological-pastoral Guidelines of the Renewal), the Holy Father highlights the importance of "tradition" and of "formation" along our journey. Renewal is neither invented nor improvised! The history that precedes us is holy. The "prophecy" of the Renewal is always closely related with its "memory." These two dimensions of the Spirit cannot contradict each other!



For a Culture of Pentecost

Addressing the Renewal of Italy in 2002, it was St. John Paul II who asked for the spreading of a Culture of Pentecost. Even today we feel that this mandate is alive and urgent.

The world has not yet received the universal brotherhood lesson of Pentecost; the theology that dominates still lacks the culture of the miracle of Pentecost; political and social systems still lack the dynamism of love of Pentecost. To us has been requested to gift to this new millennium the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit." How many Christians seem to live their existence without the Holy Spirit, a "pre-pentecostal" existence!

Where there is fear,
there is no Pentecost;
where there is indifference,
there is no Pentecost;
where there is powerlessness,
there is no Pentecost;
where there is disorientation,
there is no Pentecost;
where there is confusion,
there is no Pentecost;
where there is laziness,
there is no Pentecost;
where there is individualism,
there is no Pentecost!

For most Christians the Holy Spirit still remains unknown (Pope Leo XIII, 1897): very often he is a stranger to our religious culture,

to the dominating cultural tendencies, to the catechetical and homiletics, to education in the areas of family and scholastic. At best, for most Christians, as affirmed by Pope Francis, the Holy Spirit is a luxury prisoner (May 9, 2016).

The Culture of Pentecost calls for those "devoted to the Spirit," not "cultured" men and women who put God into a world of ideas and books. We need witnesses, who give citizenship to the Spirit, who are a reminder of the relevance of the Spirit and who do not desire notice other than to bring honor to God. The Culture of Pentecost is to be lived!

Pentecost gives birth to new men and women. A new "life style" is born, a new culture is born, which is spiritual in nature and it can neither be bought nor learned. It is something with which every person can experiment, so that they are able not only to resist evil, and to fight evil, but to defend good, to nourish good. At Pentecost true interior life of human history begins: Pentecost men and women learn "from within" what it means to live, to love, to suffer, and to lay down one's life for that in which you believe.

The Culture of Pentecost is the definitive truth with regard to everyone, in light of the true power that God gives. It is the final redemption of the fundamental truths of God over every deceit, lie, and falsehood of the present times, without "delegating" to others one's personal commitment to always make space for the miracle of the Holy Spirit in human life.

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