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Endeavor to Lay Down Our Lives for Each Other

Working for unity is not optional. It is a commandment from Jesus.



by **Andrés Arango**

In the Upper Room, after washing the feet of his disciples, Jesus gave his final discourse. Jesus had a message that he wanted his disciples to remember. The evangelist John presents several themes. One that it is very important for us in the Charismatic Renewal as well is the promise of the Holy Spirit. In addition, Jesus invited the apostles and us to participate in an incredible mission, the same mission that he himself took on as he gave his life on the cross for us. Jesus says to us: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friend" (Jn 15:13).

The National Leadership Groups of the National Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the U.S.,

we think of those who think, pray and talk like us as our friends. However, I want to urge us to recognize as friends all of those who have accepted Jesus Christ in their hearts and are promoting, in one way or another, baptism in the Holy Spirit and the culture of Pentecost in the modern world. However, in order to "lay down our life for others" we have to be ready to broaden our understanding of how we can do this.

The document for the Year of Unity provides us with four practical ways to live this challenge to "lay down our life":

1. Pray together.

One of the great gifts of the Renewal in my life is that it taught me to pray. In other words to have spontaneous conversations with

walking our journey to the great jubilee in 2017, declared 2015 the "Year of Unity." One of the invitations for that year was that we were challenged to "lay down our life" for our friends. But who are our friends? Sometimes,

God. However, through the years it's likely that our way to pray has become a routine. We might think the way that we learned to pray in the Renewal is the "right" way. When I moved from Colombia to live in the U.S., the prayer group that I began to attend was predominantly for people from Mexico. At the beginning, praying with this group was very difficult for me because the songs and the style of prayers were very different from those to which I was accustomed. Over time, I learned not only to appreciate their method of prayer, but I grew to love to pray in this new way. I am Hispanic and I love to pray in Spanish, but I also enjoy attending English services and experiencing the way the Holy Spirit moves there. We need to pray together for unity.

2. Be clear in your vision for a unified body of believers celebrating the commonality of all.

No matter our culture, language or expressions of spirituality, we all share the gift of baptism in the Holy Spirit. For this reason, we are signed a Covenant of Understanding, recognizing that while we have experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit, we are also invited to share this gift with the whole church, as Pope Francis invited us to do in his talk at the Olympic Stadium in

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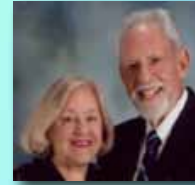
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The Roles of the Holy Spirit in Our Life

by Bob Canton

In John 14:16-17, Jesus says, "And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows Him. But you know Him, because He remains with you, and will be in you."

The Word Advocate is the source word for Paraclete. Our English word "Advocate" is derived from Latin: ad, "to", and "vocata", "called"---"somebody called to or in." The word Advocate is the word for a lawyer. It means someone who speaks in our defense or in our behalf. The word "Paraclete" is taken from the

Latin word, "Paracletus," meaning a person who is called in alongside to help, or someone who can do something for you that you cannot do for yourself.

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the Third Person of the Trinity, co-equal and co-substantial with God the Father and God the Son. He is not a ghost or a concept. He is not a white cloud. He is not a dove. He is a person possessing a will, an intellect, and emotions. The Holy Spirit is called the Advocate, the Comforter, the Counselor, an Intercessor, a Helper, a Standby, a Strengthener, a Teacher, a Guide, a Love between the Father and the

Son, the Uncreated Power of God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #693 states, "Besides the proper name of "Holy Spirit," which is most frequently used in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Epistles, we also find in St. Paul the titles: the Spirit of the promise, the Spirit of adoption, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Lord, and the Spirit of God--and, in St. Peter, the Spirit of glory."

The Roles of the Holy Spirit in One's Life:

The roles of the Holy Spirit are indeed varied and numerous. Due to the limited space, I can only cite

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3. Be open and vocal about the gift each group brings to the renewal of the Church.

Traveling in several states, Canada, and countries in Latin America, I have found that the Holy Spirit gives charisms in some places in particular ways. I have seen some countries in which many leaders are anointed with the gift of preaching, while in other countries the gift of healing seems to be very common. Some cultures are more inclined to worship and praise, and others to adoration. We have to recognize and rejoice in what the Holy Spirit is doing in diverse ways with his servants. We need to avoid any kind of jealousy or competition, as we are called to work in unity in order to bring many people to an encounter with Jesus.

4. Commit to ongoing communication and cooperation with the different groups.

In Romans we are told, "So we, who are many, are one body in Christ" (Rom 12:5). Very often we

are too worried about what others are doing in the Renewal. Why do they worship in the way that they do? Who has the largest evangelistic event? Who has more people in their communities? Why are they doing a Life in the Spirit seminar? We are called right now to a time of maturity in the Renewal. One way to show this maturity is by working in unity. Sometimes we spend too much time gossiping and judging others. Today, we are called to work together. We need to unite and use all of our charisms to continue to build the Body of Christ. This is an urgent matter for evangelization. The Church hopes that the Renewal is able to help people fall in love with Jesus and receive the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. We need to be in communication with our brothers and sisters from various expressions of the Renewal in order to work together to this end. In addition to organizing events, we must also create processes in which everyone is included independent of culture, ethnicity or language background. We are called to live

as a people of a New Pentecost—not as a people of the Tower of Babel!

For me, the Charismatic Renewal is a lifestyle, a call to live as Jesus lived, filled with the Holy Spirit and devoting our lives to the service of the Father. Working for unity is not optional. It is a commandment from Jesus. Today, every person who has experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit is invited to enter the Upper Room, the same place of Pentecost, and remember his words. And so we ask the Holy Spirit to give us the grace to give up our agendas and work only for the plans that God has for the Renewal. We are called to listen, respect and collaborate with our brothers and sisters to build the culture of Pentecost.

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July, 2016 Calendar

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Thursday, July 14

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Angelos Sebastian at Our Lady of Grace, 5011 White Oak Ave., Encino.

Thursday, July 21

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Budi Wardhana at St. Joseph the Worker, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park. (Praise & Worship at 7:00pm)

Saturday, July 23 **9:30am-12noon**

"Learn How to Pray for Others", at St. Finbar Parish Hall, 2010 W. Olive Ave., Burbank. Speakers: Dr. Elizabeth Kim, Mary Velasquez, LMFT, Dcn. Milt & Jeannie Rosenberg & Dominic Berardino. (In conjunction with SCRC Conven-

tion Volunteer Gathering). No Admission Fee! Please reserve a seat at spirit@scrc.org See inside front cover for more information.

Saturday, July 23 **1:30pm-4:00pm**

Healing Mass & Service with Fr. Mike Barry, SSCC with Prayer Ministry Teams at St. Finbar Church, 2010 W. Olive Ave., Burbank. Please see back cover.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, July 16

Mass & Healing Service, 9:30am at St. Luke the Evangelist with Fr. Jerry Thompson 5605 Cloverly, Temple City. (Praise and Worship at 9:00am)

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, July 18

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

Monday, July 25

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

MONTEREY DIOCESE

Monday, July 18

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Jose (Beto) Vazquez at St. Patrick Church, 501 Fair Oaks, Arroyo Grande.

ORANGE DIOCESE

Monday, July 25

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

August, 2016 Calendar

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, August 13

San Fernando Valley Magnificat Brunch, 10:00am with guest speaker: Bishop Joseph Brennan at The Odyssey, 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills. Reservations: \$28. After Aug. 1st: \$30. reservations@magnificatsfv.org

Thursday, August 25

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Lou Cerulli at St. Joseph the Worker, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park. (Praise & Worship at 7:00pm)

SAN PEDRO REGION

Saturday, August 13

Marian Conference, 9:00am-4:00pm at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 220 Sierra Ave., El Segundo. Speakers include: Dominic Berardino. For more information, please call the Parish Office. (310) 322-4392.

Monday, August 22

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

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

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

Saturday, August 6

Life in the Spirit Seminar with Dcn. Steve Greco, 9:30am-4:00pm at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Center, 520 E. Orange Grove Ave., Burbank. (Registration opens 9:00am).

What Our Nation Needs Is Prayer

For decades now Christians have been expressing concerns about changes in our American society. These changes affect not just our values, spiritual climate, political life and media experience, but influence every aspect of our life. This year I have talked with far more concerned individuals than ever before, who wonder, "What can we do?" Certainly we can and should speak out and act locally on the various issues. However, the source of our power rests with God. From Him we find the joy and peace the world cannot give. We are called to come before Him with our nation, lay our concerns at His feet and intercede. He needs our prayers, but not our plans. He has the vision that will bring life. Jer. 29:12-14a.



God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

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Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Convention Update

Speaker Change: Due to serious health reasons, Fr. Doug Lorig will be replaced by Dominic Berardino in Talks 3A, 5S & 10S. Dominic and Fr. Doug collaborated in developing the outline for these talks, and Dominic has been researching and teaching on these subjects for over four decades.



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a few.

A.-- Jesus says that the Holy Spirit is our Advocate, our Paraclete, our Comforter.

We don't need anything more than that. Many people have little idea of the reality of what the Holy Spirit came to do in us on a continual basis.

In John 16:7, Jesus says, "But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you." In John 7:37, Jesus exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says:

"Rivers of living water will flow from within him."

The Holy Spirit dwells in us. We are his temple. In 1 Cor. 3:16, the Word of God says, "Do you not know that you are the Temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" The Holy Spirit is our Helper. He is here to guide us and to strengthen us and to equip us. When we are in the midst of a storm in our life, we need to call on the Holy Spirit to help us. We can always depend on Him. We do not just rely on our friends and relatives or on our own wisdom and knowledge, or strength or power but most of all, rely on the Comforter, the Holy Spirit who guides us and leads us to the right path and to the right direction to the fullness of life.

B.-- The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus and leads us into all truths.

In the Upper Room, on the eve of His crucifixion, Jesus said to his disciples, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name---He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26).

In John 16:14, Jesus says, "The Holy Spirit will glorify me, because

He will take what is mine and declare it to you." He will make Jesus and things of God real to you and me. The Holy Spirit enables us to know Jesus and to give us the power to live and to do His works and to share the abundant life to all who obey and trust Him. He will make the Word of God alive in our hearts as we read the Scriptures. It is the Holy Spirit who makes the Word of God relevant and meaningful in our lives. He inspired holy and Godly men of old to write His Words.

Jesus says, "My words, they are Spirit and they are life." (John 6:63).

We cannot live a holy and blessed life apart from the power of the Holy Spirit. Without the help and the power of the Holy Spirit, it is impossible for us to have a vibrant prayer life, to understand the Bible and other spiritual truths, to witness or do anything for the Lord, to become the person the Lord wants us to be, and to live a victorious life.

In Eph. 5:18, St. Paul says, "And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Holy Spirit."

To be filled with the Spirit is to be filled with Jesus, who is the baptizer of the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we should strive to become more like Jesus in every way. The only way we can become more like Jesus is through the fruit of the Holy Spirit which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, generosity, faithfulness, and self-control, (Gal. 5:22-23). Without possessing the fruit of the Holy Spirit, it is impossible for anyone to enter into the Kingdom of God.

C.-- The Holy Spirit Equips and Empowers Believers

In Acts 1:8, Jesus says, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and in Samaria

and to the ends of the earth." As baptized believers we are imbued with power from on high, we have received the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.

The power of the Holy Spirit is manifested through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In 1 Cor. 12:4-11, St. Paul says, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes." These gifts of the Holy Spirit are designed to serve and to build up the Body of Christ.

We need the gifts of the Holy Spirit in order for us to do the works of Jesus. The spiritual gifts are God's manifestation of His presence and power in and through individuals and groups of believers. It is indeed very exciting to be alive in this day and age because the Holy Spirit is still very active in the world today. These "grace moments," the powerful manifestations of God's presence and power, are indeed still available to any believer who is a yielded vessel to His Spirit. Therefore, in order to receive and experience these "grace moments" from the Lord, all we have to do is to open our hearts wide to our Lord Jesus Christ and say, with faith and expectations, "Come Lord Jesus, and fill me with your Holy Spirit and with your power."



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