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Blessed is She Who Believed...

by Patti Gallagher Mansfield

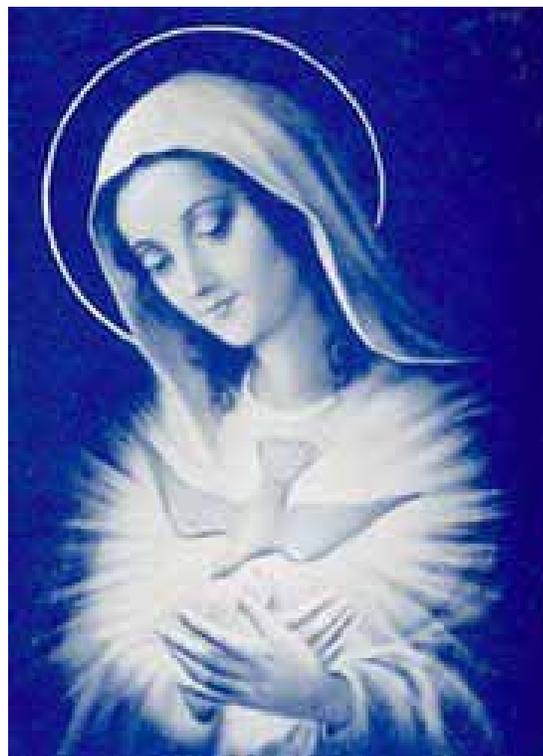
[Note: This article was written in 1997 during the 30th Anniversary Year of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, ...now celebrating 44 years].

Did you know that 30 years ago when the Charismatic Renewal was born on the Duquesne Weekend, Mary was there? After all, she is the Mother who was present in the Upper Room, the Mother of the Church. When we students from Duquesne gathered in the chapel, another "upper room", our first activity was a meditation on Mary given by one of our professors. I was struck, not so much by his words about her, as by the unction that accompanied them. And it's this unction that I've been seeking for these simple words of mine, because I am convinced that the future of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal hinges on our relationship to Mary as our model and also as our mother. In fact, in this year (1997)

of preparation for the Jubilee, Pope John Paul II asked the whole Church to turn to Mary as the model of faith and to contemplate the mystery of her Divine Motherhood. Consider with me three mysteries in the life of Mary... one joyful, one sorrowful, one glorious, and "as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress" (Ps. 123:2), so let our eyes be on her hands.

The Annunciation: Hands Open and Empty

Here is Mary, the woman of prayer, attentive and responsive to God, with hands open and empty before God, not clinging to any conditions. A simple fiat. Yes. Be it done to me according to your word. Indeed, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Lk. 1:45). By faith she permitted the Father to fulfill His plan and welcomed the



overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. By faith she embraced the Word made flesh in her womb. We know that "without faith it is impossible to please God" (cf. Heb. 11:6) and that Mary found favor with Him by her faith.

So must we, at this juncture in our lives as individuals and as a movement, kneel before the Father in a radical poverty of spirit and learn to pray with hands open and empty. In the past 30 years we have received great graces, but I'm afraid that too often we've returned to God with our hands full

See **Blessed is She** continued on page 3

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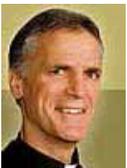
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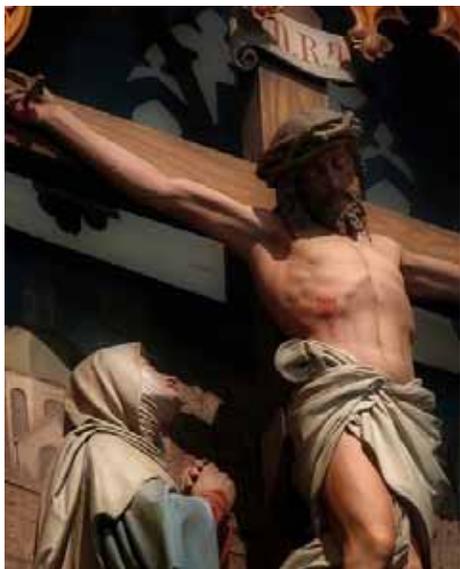
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instead of empty. I sense that there are new "annunciations" being given for a new move of the Spirit, but that many of us don't really want God to be God. We still want Him on our own terms... a God who will fit into a prescribed pattern of acting. We don't want the Living God who turned Mary's life upside down. Let's be careful! By her faith, Mary permitted God to "create a new thing upon the earth" (Jer. 31:22). As I've asked Mary to be my mother and teach me to pray with hands open and empty, this is what I am learning to say to the Father, "With Mary, I want to be for You all YES, only YES, always YES."

The Cross:

Hands Over a Pierced Heart

"Behold your Mother!" (Jn. 19:27). Here is Mary, the sorrowful mother, standing near the Cross, her faith put to the test, steadfast in hope and in love, receiving from the lips of Jesus her new mission to be mother of us all. Here is Mary, hands over a heart that is pierced by the sword, just as Simeon prophesied. I have come to see that either we meet Mary at the foot of the Cross, in our



own moments of suffering and pain, or we meet her elsewhere and she brings us there... to the Cross of Jesus, to contemplate and to receive the water of the Spirit flowing from His wounded side. This is our place of safety as we seek to live more deeply in the Holy Spirit.

Many of us have tried to avoid the Cross and the painful purification it brings. How often our actions reveal arrogance and pride in spiritual matters rather than humility and meekness. When the sword of suffering has pierced our hearts, we've often given up hope instead of turning to Mary who is ready to teach us faithfulness in the midst of trials. Our Mother knows about pierced hearts and she wants us to have in the future a new purity to correspond to a new outpouring of graces. Mary is teaching me to say to Jesus: "Burn out of my heart a love for myself and burn into my heart a love for You and for Your Cross."

Pentecost:

Hands Raised in Praise and Proclamation

"Spouse of the Holy Spirit": this is the title for Mary used by many of the saints. I can imagine Mary at Pentecost reassuring the disciples that what they see and hear is indeed the Holy Spirit. Like any spouse, she has an infinite knowledge of the One who loves her, the One she loves. She knows His touch, His taste, His manner of acting, and how to yield to Him in love. Mary knows what the infilling with the Holy Spirit is really all about... it's about loving union! She is our best teacher in praise and proclamation. I love to pray with her words in praise: "My soul magnifies the Lord" and in

proclamation: "God who is mighty has done great things" (Lk. 1:46). The late Cardinal Suenens wrote in his preface to my book, *As By A New Pentecost*, "Jesus Christ continues to be mystically born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary, and we must never separate what God has joined together."

The New Wine

Like an intoxicating new wine causing joy and gladness among God's people all over the world, there's a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit taking place today. It's bringing about deep conversions and reconciliations and giving impulse to new ministries. Let's not miss out on this new wine! At Cana it was Mary's faith that led her to say, "They have no wine" (Jn. 2:3), moving Jesus to act and bringing on the "hour of the Lord." I believe that Mary stands before us today, waiting for us to turn to her with confidence, trusting that her intercession will mediate this new wine of the Spirit for us again. And why should we desire this new wine?... not simply for laughter and rejoicing but that Jesus might manifest His glory and that His disciples might believe in Him (cf. Jn. 2:11).



Patti Mansfield will be a speaker this year, along with her husband, Al, at the 40th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention, Labor Day Weekend, September 2-4, 2011 at the Anaheim

Convention Center. For more information, please go to: www.scr.org. The article is reprinted from the July-August 1997 ICCRS (*International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services*) Newsletter. www.iccrs.org



SCRC Teaching Center Calendar of Events!

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Formation Series

Gifts for a Life's Call

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Saturday, May 7, 2011

1:00pm-4:30pm



Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ

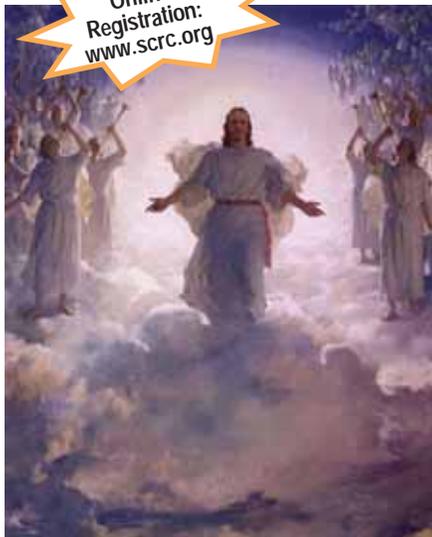
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Saturday, May 14, 2011

12:30pm-4:00pm



Dominic Berardino

TOPICS:

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?
EXAMINING NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES
DEATH-BED VISIONS AND AFTER-DEATH VISITATIONS

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Angels Among Us



Spiritual Growth Seminar:

Topics:

Angels in the Bible and Church Tradition
The Ministry of Angels
Common Misconceptions About Angels
How to Become More Open to Angelic Assistance

Saturday, June 25

12:30pm-4:00pm



Dominic Berardino

\$10 per person. Limited Seating. Reservation recommended. (name & phone # only) - email preferred. If you do not have email, please call (818) 771-1361.

May, 2011 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Wednesday, May 4

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Raymond Roh, OSB at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 207 S. School St., Santa Maria 93454.

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, May 7

"Gifts for a Life's Call" 1:00-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. See pg. 4 for details.

Saturday, May 14

"The Life Beyond the Veil of Death, 12:30-4:00pm with Dominic Berardino at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank. \$10. See pg. 4 for details.

Saturday, May 14

Antelope Valley Magnificat Chapter Brunch, 9:30am-1:00pm with speaker: Pia Varni at the Hellenic Center, 43404 30th St. W, Lancaster, 93536. For cost/info., please call Rita (661) 943-6402.

Wednesday, May 18

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Budi Wardhana at St. Mel's, 20870 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91364.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Wednesday, May 11

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr.

Bill Adams, CSsR at St. Luke Church, 9451 Broadway, Temple City, 91780.

Saturday, May 21

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Ed Gomez at St. Louis of France Church, 13935 Temple Ave., La Puente, 91746.

Friday, May 27

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Charles Lueras at San Gabriel Mission, 428 S. Mission, San Gabriel, 91776.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Thursday, May 12

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Jesse Galaz, Our Lady of the Rosary, 14815 S. Paramount Bl., Paramount.

Friday, May 13

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Msgr. Joe Brennan at Holy Trinity, 1292 W. Santa Cruz St., San Pedro, 90732.

Monday, May 16

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Msgr. Joe Brennan at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk, 90650.

Monday, May 23

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Jerry Thompson at St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach, 90808.

Friday, May 27

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Adams at Mary Star of the Sea, 877 W. 7th St., San Pedro, 90731.

ORANGE DIOCESE

Saturday, May 21

Magnificat Breakfast, 9:30am-12:30pm with speaker: Vicki Thorn. Radisson Newport Beach Hotel. \$25. (\$30 at the door) magnificat-orangedcounty.org

Monday, May 23

Mass & Healing Service, 7:15pm with Fr. Matt Munoz at St. Angela Merici, 585 S. Walnut, Brea, 92821.

SAN BERNARDINO DIOCESE

Tuesday, May 10

Mass & Healing Service, 7pm at St. Paul the Apostle, 14085 Peyton, Chino Hills.

NORTHERN CA

Fri.-Sun., May 27-29, 2011

NOR-CAL Charismatic Convention, Hilton Hotel, Santa Clara, www.ncrcspirit.org

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

Sundays, May 1, 15 & 22, 4:30pm

A 3-session Life in the Spirit Seminar focusing on our relationship to our triune God and spiritual growth at St. Raphael Parish Hall, 5444 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara. On Sunday, May 15, 4:30pm, Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ will present two talks including "The Helper" and will pray for the *Baptism in the Holy Spirit*. For more information, please contact: Phil/Chris Luna (805) 962-1438.

June, 2011 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Wednesday, June 8

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Abbot David Geraets, OSB at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 207 S. School St., Santa Maria, 93454.

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, June 11 - See pages 6 & 7

SPECIAL EVENT!

**SCRC Pentecost Vigil
Gala Celebration**

**St. Catherine of Siena Parish,
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**Celebrating the Descent
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(no registration fee required,
please RSVP)

4:00pm-6:15pm -

**Pentecost Celebration Dinner
(Dinner Reservation Deadline: June 3)**

7:00pm-9:00pm -

Pentecost Vigil Mass

**Celebrant: Fr. Paul Griesgraber
Homilist: Fr. John Hampsch, CMF
(Praise & Worship begins at 6:30pm)
Refreshments & fellowship following Mass.**

Saturday, June 25

**"Angels Among Us", 12:30pm-4:00pm
with Dominic Berardino at the SCRC
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SAN GABRIEL REGION

Friday, June 24

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at San Gabriel Mission, 428 S. Mission, San Gabriel, 91776.

Saturday, June 25

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at St. Louis of France, 13935 Temple, La Puente, 91746.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Thursday, June 9

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Jesse Galaz at Our Lady of the Rosary, 14815 S. Paramount Blvd., Paramount, 90723 (Praise & Worship at 7:00pm)

Friday, June 10

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Msgr. Joe Brennan at Holy Trinity, 1292 W. Santa Cruz St., San Pedro, 90732

Friday, June 17

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Brian Nunez at Mary Star of the Sea Church, 877 W. 7th St., San Pedro, 90731. (Praise & Worship 7:00pm)

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HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

Saturday, June 4

Life in the Spirit Seminar, 9:30am at St. Mel Church, 4140 Corona Ave., Norco, 92860. Speakers include: Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ. For info., contact: (951) 737-7144.

SAN BERNARDINO DIOCESE

Saturday, June 18

Palm Desert Magnificat Prayer Meal, 9:30am-12:30pm at Indian Wells Country Club, 46000 Club Dr., Indian Wells, 92210. Guest Speaker: Barbara Lambert. Tickets: \$25. After 6/11/11: \$30. (760)772-8768 www.magnificatpalmdesert.org

Saturday, June 25

Healing Your Family Tree, 9am-4pm with Fr. John Hampsch, CMF at Blessed Kateri, 1234 Palm Ave., Beaumont, 92223. Info: Susan: 951-769-7802.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

September 13-26, 2011

The Journeys of St. Paul & St. John visiting Turkey, Greece & Rome with Fr. Charles Lueras, CRIC. For info, contact: Hope Castillo (760) 486-6263.



Pentecost Vigil

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Table seating will be assigned. Please list on the back of this form those who are definitely attending with whom you request to be seated at your table. Note: SCRC is unable to provide refunds after Friday, June 3, 2011.

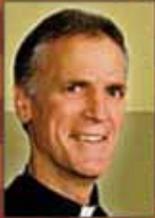
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