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Years ago I visited a prayer group with many tensions. Some felt the group should have more praise and use of the charismatic gifts of the Spirit. Others felt there should be more Scripture study. Still others irritated everyone else because they shared too much. I have learned to raise tensions as questions for discernment. I asked, "Are you a charismatic prayer group, a Bible study group or a sharing group?" They responded, "We're a mix". I said, "I don't know what God wants you to be, but I know He doesn't want you to be a mix" because different expectations create tensions.

A vital reason for Jesus' success was that He came with a Divine Purpose. He was the possessor and proclaimer of a clear spiritual vision.

Without a common vision that everyone explicitly agrees upon the leaders of the prayer group may find themselves working at cross purposes... and building up more and more tensions.

**The Elements of a
Common Vision**

Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision people perish, break loose, become demoralized."

What is vision?

A vision is a call from the Lord for a particular way of life or ministry. It is a way to live the Gospel. It is a direction for a group to go in. A vision statement by a prayer group is the statement about what it believes God wants for it.



Developing a Common Vision

by Sr. Nancy Kellar, SC

A common vision has two aspects: a clarity of identity and a clarity of mission.

A clarity of identity gives a group a sense of who they are and is a key element of unity and growth. Often problems arise among leaders which do not yield to all their efforts at reconciliation because the problem is not a relationship problem (unity of heart), but a vision problem (unity of mind).

A clarity of mission gives a group a sense of why we are and is a key element of commitment to service. The vision we share must be great enough and clear enough to warrant full commitment. No one will give up other things unless he/she sees something worth it.

Some clear definitions

A vital part of coming to a

common vision are some clear definitions. Below are descriptions of different kinds of groups.

Bible Study Group -

Comes together to grow in its knowledge of the Bible. It might mean having a person with Scripture training give a talk on some aspect of the Bible followed by questions or discussion; or it might mean a group uses one of the various Bible study guides to study the Scriptures.

Intercessory Prayer Group -
Comes together primarily to petition the Lord for the needs of the World and the Church.

Sharing group

Comes together to share their faith and their life in order to receive support and encouragement in their Christian life.

See **Vision** continued on page 3

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Charismatic prayer group

Since we are particularly focusing on formation for charismatic prayer group leaders, I would like to develop the definition more fully.

First, I think we need to distinguish between the prayer group or community and the prayer meeting. The prayer group/community is the overall umbrella name for the leadership group, the committed members and the various gatherings and outreaches of these brothers and sisters. The prayer meeting is the regular evangelistic outreach of the prayer group.

A vibrant charismatic prayer group has five spiritual marks:

Effective Initiation - it needs to be continually bringing people to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and connecting them to the Body of Christ so they can grow.

Reception And Exercise Of Charismatic Gifts - a charismatic prayer group needs to be continuing to pray with people to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Its members need to be continuing to pray that the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit be manifested in their lives and the lives of the people evangelized by the group. The charismatic gifts of tongues, prophecy, healing, pastoring, teaching and preaching need to continue to be operating in the gatherings of the prayer group in a way that they can be seen and heard.

Development Of A Mature Spiritual Life - a charismatic prayer group needs to be helping people to know Jesus in a deeper way and to grow in maturity in the Spirit. It needs to be feeding the members solid spiritual food in growth teaching and Bible study.

Growing Together As Brothers And Sisters - a vital element of long life for a charismatic prayer group is providing prayer group members with the opportunity to come together to know each other as brothers and sisters. Sharing groups offer the encouragement, support, and personal ministry so many are looking for.

Outreach And Mission - a charismatic prayer group/community needs to have a strong sense of mission and a clarity about its mission to foster a personal experience of Pentecost through Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The charismatic prayer meeting has been the most common evangelistic outreach of the prayer group. A prayer meeting filled with praise and worship, with the exercise of the gifts of the Spirit, with good preaching of the Word of God and intercessory prayer is still a most effective means of evangelizing. A charismatic prayer group needs to have other and creative forms of outreach—men's breakfasts, women's luncheons, family life-in-the-Spirit seminars, door-to-door evangelism, ministry to the home-bound and imprisoned.

These clear definitions help lay the foundation for coming to a common vision; but they are only the beginning.

If you are to come to a common vision you will need to cultivate a desire to receive God's vision and then set about the work of receiving God's plan for the group.

Some helpful questions for discerning vision:

The past:

Where have we come from?

What is the story of our beginnings?

Why did we begin to meet?

Did God give a clear direction to take another course that we all agreed on?...or did we drift in another direction?

The present:

Who are we now?

What kind of group are we?

How vital is the group?

Are new members joining?

The future:

Where are we headed?

What is God's direction for us?

What changes do we need to make to be where God wants us to be?



Reprinted from the June 1995 issue of the ICCRS Newsletter. Sister Nancy Kellar, SC has served in various leadership positions in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal on the local, diocesan, national and international level. She has taught at conferences and workshops throughout the United States and in more than 50 countries. Sr. Nancy was be a speaker at last year's SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention.



National Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal - Friday, February 12th !

The National Service Committee and the other national leadership groups of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal have designated the Friday preceding Ash Wednesday as a Day of Prayer and Fasting. The date will be **Friday, February 12th.**

Participants are encouraged to pray for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the United States and that the Church in our country might be renewed in the grace of Pentecost.

This will be the eighth year designated to such a day - with hopes to strengthen unity of the Renewal and communion in the Church.

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St. Luke Parish Hall

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with
Dominic Berardino
President, SCRC



Topics:

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- Who Experiences Purgatory?
- Will We Recognize One Another in the Beyond?
- Examining Near-Death Experiences, Death-Bed Visions and After-Death Appearances

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Formation Series

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Teaching & Guided Prayer Ministry

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Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ

Saturdays, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15

1:00pm-4:30pm

- Intro/overview • Praying • Goal of Prayer Ministry • Role/Responsibility of ones being prayer for
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- Theological understanding • Caring for the Minister • Forming a Prayer Ministry

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

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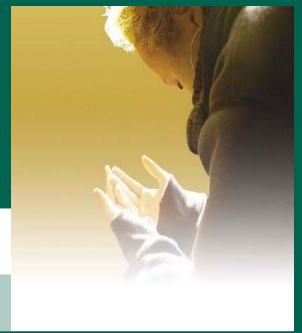
HOW TO PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL PROTECTION FOR THE NEW YEAR!



Dominic Berardino

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 Teaching & Prayer 1:00pm-3:00pm

Limited Seating. Reservation recommended. (name & phone # only) - email preferred. If you do not have email, please call (818) 771-1361. Freewill love-offering.



Intercession Day to End Abortion

Saturday, January 23 • 12:30pm-4:30pm

Praise & Worship • Mass at 1:00pm • Teaching • Charismatic Intercession • Love Offering

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Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ



Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ

Growth Day

Knowing Your Call in the Lord & Walking In It

Saturday, February 13 • 12noon-5:00pm

Limited Seating. Reservation recommended. (name & phone # only) - email preferred. If you do not have email, please call (818) 771-1361. There will be a Saturday Mass. Freewill love-offering.



Opening Ourselves to Angelic Assistance

Saturday, February 27

Teaching & Prayer
12noon-2:30pm

Limited Seating. Reservation recommended. (name & phone # only) - email preferred. If you do not have email, please call (818) 771-1361. Freewill love-offering.



Dominic Berardino

January, 2010 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Wednesday, January 13

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

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Fri. - Sun., January 1 - 3

SCRC Retreat, "*Hide Me in the Shadow of Your Wings*" at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 E. Alhambra Rd., Alhambra, 91801. See back page.

Sunday, January 10

"*How to Pray for Spiritual Protection for the New Year*", 1:00-3:00pm with Dominic Berardino at the SCRC Teaching Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. Love offering. See page 5.

Friday, January 15

"*Applying Scripture in Life*", 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at Our Lady of Peace, 15444 Nordhoff, North Hills, 91343.

Saturdays, beginning January 16

SCRC Formation Series, "*Foundations of Prayer Ministry*" 1:00-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Teaching Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. See page 5. or register online at www.scrc.org



God Bless You & Your Loved Ones throughout 2010!

Wednesday, January 20

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Mike Sears at St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Bl., Woodland Hills, 91364.

Saturday, January 23

"*Intercession Day to end abortion*", 12:30-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Teaching Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. Mass at 1pm. Love offering.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, January 30

One Day Conference, "*The Healing Journey*", 9:30am-5:00pm with Fr. Mike Barry, SSCC, Fr. Patrick Crowley, SSCC & Deacon Steve Greco & Dominic Berardino at Santa Teresita Medical Center, (Madonna Hall) 819 Buena Vista St., Duarte, 91010. Registration. \$25. See pg. 2 or register online at www.scrc.org

Saturday, January 30

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

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, January 18

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Joshua Lee at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk, 90650.

Tuesday, January 19

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Joshua Lee at St. Cornelius Church, 5500 E. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach, 90808.

Friday, January 29

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

ORANGE DIOCESE

Monday, January 25

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

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARS

Tuesdays, Jan. 12, 19, 26 Feb. 2, 9, 16

Life in the Spirit Seminar, 7:00-8:50pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, 435 Berkeley, Claremont, 91711. Reg: \$5. Info: Mary (909) 621-5904 or www.prayerintercessors.org

February, 2010 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Wednesday, February 10

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

Looking Ahead! July 23 - Aug. 6, 2010

Monastery of the Risen Christ-School for Spiritual Directors to be held at the Santa Barbara Mission Renewal Center. Contact Monastery of the Risen Christ, PO Box 3931, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403 (805) 546-8286 or (805) 544-7808 or Dr. Marie at Joyologist@gwi.net

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Wednesday, February 3

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Paul Griesgraber at St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Bl., Woodland Hills, 91364.

Saturday, February 13

Growth Day, "*Knowing Your Call in the Lord & Walking In It*", 12noon-5:00pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Teaching Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. See page 5.

Thursday, February 18

Lenten Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at St. Joseph

the Worker Church, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, 91306.

Saturday, February 27

"*Opening Ourselves to Angelic Assistance*", 12noon-2:30pm with Dominic Berardino at the SCRC Teaching Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. Freewill love offering. See page 5.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Tuesday, February 9

"*Applying Scripture in Life*", 7pm with Fr. Bill Delaney at Our Lady of the Assumption, 435 Berkeley, Claremont, 91711.

Saturday, February 20

"*The Life Beyond the Veil of Death*", 10:00am-3:30pm with Dominic Berardino at St. Luke Parish Hall, 5605 Cloverly, Temple City, 91780. \$15 per person. See page 4.

Saturday, February 20

SCRC Formation Series, "*Foundations of Prayer Ministry*" 1:00-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Teaching Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. See page 5.

Saturday, February 20

San Gabriel Valley Magnificat Prayer Brunch, 10am-1pm with guest speaker: Dr. Cynthia M. Peterson, MD at the Via

Verde Country Club Vista Hall, 1400 Avenida Entrada, San Dimas, 91773. Registration Fee: \$22. For info., call Carmen (909) 394-0255.

Saturday, February 27

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

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, February 15

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Ed Benioff at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk, 90650.

Monday, February 22

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Ed Benioff at St. Cornelius Church, 5500 E. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach, 90808.

Friday, February 26

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

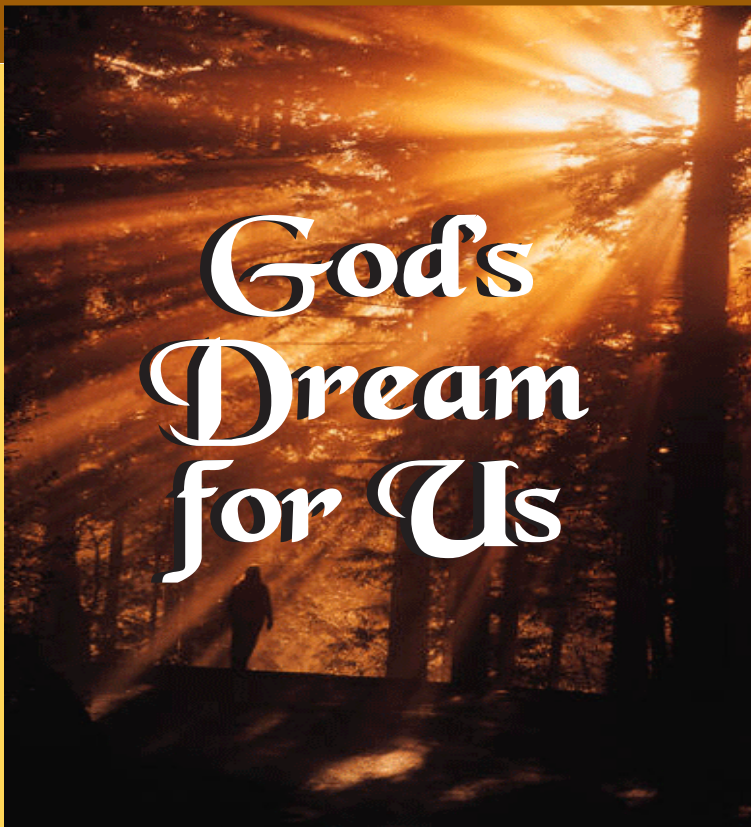
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Monday, February 22

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



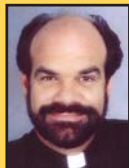
SCRC Spring Conference



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Dominic Berardino
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Fr. Bill Adams, CSSR
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Saturday & Sunday
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SCRC Retreat

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