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As President of ICCRS [International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services] I am often asked to share something about the present reality of Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) in the world and where I see the Lord leading us in the future. In Revelation 2:7 there is the encouragement to 'listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church'.

So what is the Holy Spirit saying to us in CCR at this time? This year marks the 50th anniversary of when Pope John XXIII prayed his famous prayer 'renew your wonders in this our day as by a new Pentecost'. The prayer was accompanied by the encouragement to join with the disciples in constant prayer (Acts 1:14).

At the same time as the Church was being renewed through Vatican II, we saw the emergence of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the USA. Those early years were characterized by a new freedom in the Spirit. There were deep conversions and lives were changed as people received baptism in the Holy Spirit and entered into a 'personal relationship' with Jesus.

When the Israelites were set free from captivity in Egypt they were released into the desert where they remained for 40 years. This was the place of their training and formation. During this time some people fell away either due to sin, lack of perseverance or other distractions. We have seen this in CCR during our short 40 year history. After the desert the Lord led them to the banks of the river Jordan where they could see the Promised Land. I sense that this is where we are at

Seasons of the Spirit

by Michelle Moran



this moment. We are on the threshold of a new season of the Spirit. We need to prepare to cross the Jordan, enter and take possession of the land that the Lord has promised us.

In order to embrace the new season we need to be a people of vision so that we can keep growing and moving forward. Proverbs 29:18, has several English translations e.g., 'without a vision the people perish'. CCR is either growing or dying; we can't stand still. In some parts of the world, Renewal is dynamic and vibrant. I still have many fond memories, of the ICCRS 'love in action' conference in S. Korea. Clearly in that nation CCR is a strong current grace flowing from their deep commitment to intercessory prayer. This grace is made visible through the mission that the Holy Spirit has put into their

hearts and there are many projects and services undertaken by those involved in Renewal. In contrast, in some parts of the world it seems that Renewal is perishing, it has grown old and tired and people seem to spend more time nostalgically looking back at what the Lord did in the past than moving forward into the new things that the Lord has in store for them.

Another translation of the verse is, 'without a vision people become rebellious'. In the early days of CCR, we saw the Lord do many wonderful things in our midst. Thankfully, this is still happening in many places. I think of the courageous evangelization project in the Amazon and the creative outreach to university students currently being undertaken by CCR in Brazil. However, rather than

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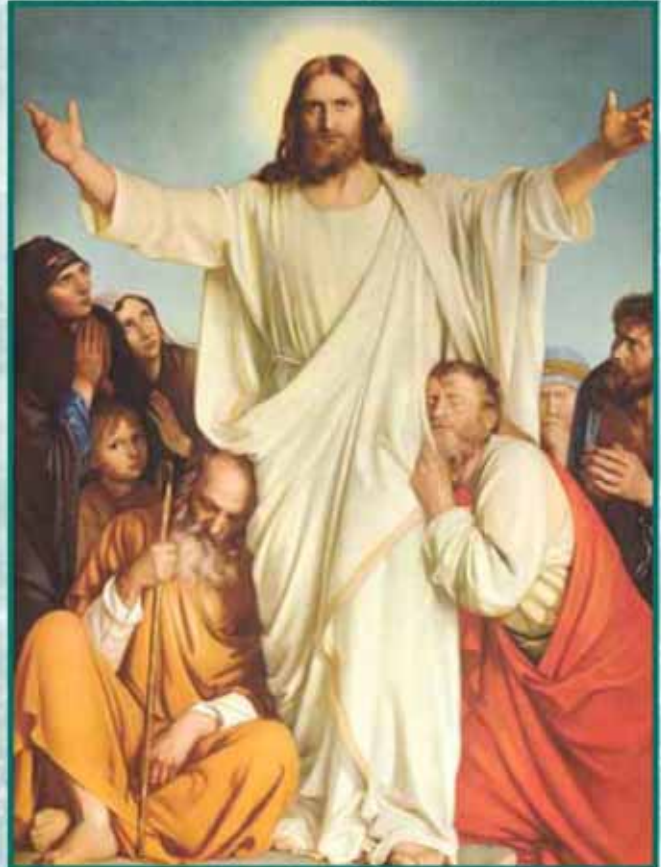
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Fasting from Criticism

by Fr. Pat Collins, CM

Over the years, Parish Renewal programs have been used in many Dioceses in America, Britain and Ireland. Writing about their efficacy, Fr. Vince Dwyer once observed that, research in Catholic contexts had indicated that mutual distrust between bishops, priests, and lay people was the main impediment to progress. Typically, it was evoked by things such as criticism, broken promises, individualism and resentments. I'm quite convinced that mistrust is also one of the most corrosive problems afflicting the Charismatic Renewal. In this article I want to share a way in which it can be overcome.

A number of years ago, I belonged to a large prayer group. At one point, sixteen of the more experienced members decided to form an auxiliary community group which would meet on a different night. At the inaugural gathering I gave a keynote address which suggested that we should aim to live like the early Christians as depicted in Acts 4:32-36. Through the power of the Holy Spirit they had realized the ancient Greek ideal of friendship by being conformed to the mind and heart of Christ while having all things in common. When I asked for reactions, I was disappointed to find that many of those present thought that this ideal was far too demanding. Happily, however, one of the chief objectors got a word of knowledge. He said, that if we read Sir. 6:14-18, we would get God's perspective on the issue. I quickly found the passage. It was about friendship!

Commitment to stop criticizing others

Some time later, during a memorable meeting, one member

of the Community group read Lk 6:36-39 and shared how this passage, about unconditional mercy, had inspired her. Then she spontaneously knelt on the floor and said: "I promise to refrain from criticizing, judging or condemning anyone in this group, either in thought or word. If I break this promise, I will publicly confess my fault and seek forgiveness." There was a stunned silence. Then, one by one, everyone present, freely knelt down and made the same promise.

That Spirit prompted agreement had remarkable effects. Firstly, Jesus assured us that, "whatever measure you use in giving - large or small - it will be used to measure what is given back to you" Lk. 6:38. Justifying grace, as we well know, is not the fruit of good works. Although this unmerited gift of God is always freely available to us, we only experience its liberating power in so far as we put aside the scales of justice, by refraining from, judging, condemning or resenting other people while offering them the undeserved gift of our merciful love. Like a sanctuary lamp within, members of the community group continued to be consciously aware of God's saving grace as long as we maintained a merciful attitude.

Trust levels grew

Secondly, our trust levels grew greatly. As a result we felt more closely united than ever before. We were no longer afraid that anyone would talk or think in a critical way about us, behind our backs. Our community group became a place of psychological safety where each person could blossom, by being his or her own true self.

Thirdly, while we had always been committed to praising the Lord, when we became more united, there was more joy. A new gift of enthusiastic praise was released, one which was both loud and long. Some of our favorite scriptural verses were from Sir. 43:31-34 which encourage people to redouble their praises, because God is more than worthy of all the appreciation we can express.

Growth in spiritual gifts

Fourthly, although we had often desired the gifts of the Spirit, only a few of them had been granted to us. But when we made love our aim by agreeing to fast from criticism and to praise God with conviction, all the gifts described in 1 Cor 12:8-10 were poured out on different members of the group, including the gifts of prophecy and healing.

Fifthly, we also found that, as our unity of mind and heart increased, we not only got more opportunities to evangelize as individuals and as a group, but our attempts to spread the good news were more effective. I can remember one parish mission we conducted in the mountains of Tyrone which was anointed, from beginning to end, even to the point of miracles. As Acts 4:33 attests, fruitful evangelization is not only energized by loving communities, they bear experiential witness to the truth of the message that is preached.

Difference between judging and criticising

Over the years I have discovered a number of implications that follow from these points. As soon as I stopped

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criticizing members of my group, in either thought or word, I also found that I began to stop criticizing people outside the group such as relatives, workmates and people in the media. While I may have to judge what they do, I try to refrain from judging them. It's a matter of hating the sin but loving the sinner. I have also found that, to stop criticizing others, I have had to stop mentally criticizing myself. Nowadays, if I make a mistake, I try not to mutter such things as, "you stupid idiot!" Members of any group will inevitably let one another down, either as a result of weakness or malice. In cases like these, it is important to devise ways of resolving conflicts in a constructive manner. For example, every now and then, a trained



facilitator could be invited to help the members of the group to talk about their grievances in an open rather than an accusatory way. Ideally, whenever conflicts arise, the members of the group should be willing go to one another to explain how they feel and why. Then, when necessary, forgiveness can be either asked for, or offered.

Be of one mind

St Paul once wrote, "Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I appeal to You by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ to stop arguing among yourselves. Let there be real harmony so that there won't be divisions in the community. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose" 1 Cor. 1:10. I know from experience that when the members of Charismatic groups, of whatever kind, have made an agreement like the one mentioned above, it has not only been in accord with the will of God, it has also born abundant fruit, especially that of effective evangelization.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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developing a deeper dependence upon the Lord, we have sometimes become rebellious, taken control and done our own things. This blocks the Holy Spirit and we fail to carry out his perfect will. As St. Paul warned the Galatians, 'what began in the Spirit has ended in the flesh' (Gal 3: 3).

A third translation of Proverbs 29:18 reads, 'without a vision the people get out of hand'. It seems that when we lack future orientation things become stale then it is easy for us to become inward looking and for our energy to become diverted. As a result, we may begin to compete with, judge or criticize other groups and realities in the Renewal. Why are there so many tensions, divisions, and relationship problems in the CCR when one of the main characteristics of the Holy Spirit is unity? Clearly there is a need for repentance and reconciliation. Our pride, squabbling, and immature behavior have led to the whole body becoming weaker.

We must beg the Lord for forgiveness, and ask him to change our hearts. Then we will be able to

move forward with vision in unity.

I sense that at this time of transition there is a strong call to deep intercession. Many battles are won in prayer. Through intercession, God can change the destiny of a nation. He can give us the insight, courage and ability to act decisively and strategically so that his Kingdom is advanced. As we journey towards the golden jubilee of CCR in 2017, we need to be guided step by step.

Like Joshua we need to have

the faith and confidence to claim our rightful inheritance and to undo the works of the enemy. Be ready then to embrace this new season with courage and enthusiasm. Our God is doing new things and we need to be open to the surprises of the Spirit.

Michelle Moran is from England and is currently President of ICCRS (Int'l Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services, Vatican City). Reprinted from the October-December 2009 ICCRS Newsletter.




Congratulations to the RAFFLE WINNERS!
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Dominic Berardino

How to Talk with God... ...even when you think you can't!

Sunday, January 9 Teaching 2:00-3:30pm

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



The Spirit and the Truth

Saturday, January 15 • 1:00pm-4:30pm

Receiving Knowledge-Laboring for Knowledge • Knowledge, Wisdom & Discernment
Remain in My Word... • Knowing about God & Knowing God • Discernment-Preparing the Defenses

\$12 per person. Limited Seating. Reservation recommended. (name & phone # only) - email preferred.
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Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ



Day of Intercession *for the End to Abortion*

Saturday, January 22 • 12:30pm-4:30pm

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

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 at 1:00pm. Freewill love-offering.



Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ

Gifts of the Spirit and Building Up the Individual

Saturday, February 12 • 1:00pm-4:30pm

The fruit of the Spirit-changing lives • Gifts for personal growth • Service gifts •
Discerning the fruit-holiness • Discerning the fruit-temptations under the guise of good.

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Secrets of Joy From the Saints

Sunday, February 13 Teaching 2:00pm-3:30pm

Limited Seating. Reservation recommended. (name & phone # only) - email preferred.
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Dominic Berardino



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Fear is Useless - What is Needed is Trust

Prayer for Freedom from Fear • Pointers for Growing in Trust • Letting God be God

Growth Day Saturday, February 26 • 12:30pm-4:30pm

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.



January, 2011 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Wednesday, January 12

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

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Fri. - Sun., January 7 - 9

SCRC Retreat, "Hearing the Call of the Lord" at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 E. Alhambra Rd., Alhambra, 91801. See inside back cover.

Sunday, January 9

How To Talk With God...even when you think you can't!, 2:00-3:30pm with Dominic Berardino at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. Love offering. See page 5.

Saturday, January 15

"The Spirit and the Truth" 1:00pm-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. \$12. See pg 5.

Wednesday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 22

Day of Teaching, Prayer & Healing, "God's Healing Love", 10:00am-4:00pm with Fr. John Hampsch, CMF, Fr. Paul Griesgraber & Dominic Berardino at St. Bridget of Sweden Parish Hall, 16711 Gault St., (at Whitaker Ave), Van Nuys, 91406. \$15. Mass included. See pg. 2.

Saturday, January 22

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

Saturday, January 29

San Fernando Valley Magnificat Brunch, 10:00am-1:00pm with guest speaker: Jeff Suppan at The Odyssey, 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills, 91344. Reservations: \$30. For info, call (818) 346-5460 or go to: www.magnificatsfv.com

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, January 29

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

SAN PEDRO REGION

Thursday, January 13

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm

with Fr. Jesse Galaz at Our Lady of the Rosary 14815 S. Paramount Blvd., Paramount, CA 90723. (Praise & Worship 7pm)

Friday, January 14

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

Monday, January 17

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

Monday, January 24

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

Friday, January 28

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)

ORANGE DIOCESE

Friday, January 21

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Charles Lueras at St. John the Baptist, 1015 Baker St., Costa Mesa, 92626.

Monday, January 24

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

February, 2011 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Wednesday, February 9

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

Looking Ahead! July 22 - Aug. 5, 2011

SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS
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, (805) 546-8286 or (805) 544-7808 or Dr. Marie at Joyologist@gwi.net

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, February 12

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Sunday, February 13

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Wednesday, February 16

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Charles Lueras, CRIC at St. Mel's, 20870 Ventura, Woodland Hills, 91364.

Saturday, February 19

Antelope Valley Magnificat Breakfast, 9:30am- 1:00pm with speaker: Susie Wooldridge at the Hellenic Center, 43404 30th St. West, Lancaster. Reservations,

\$26, due by 2/10. Contact: Anne (661) 949-6208.

Saturday, February 26

"Fear is Useless, What is Needed is Trust" Growth Day, 12:30pm-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. See page. 5.

Saturday, February 26

Healing the Family Tree Workshop, 9am-4pm with Fr. John Hampsch, CMF at Holy Family Grade School Auditorium, 400 S. Louise St., Glendale, 91205.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, February 26

San Gabriel Valley Magnificat Prayer Brunch, 10:00am-1:00pm at the Via Verde Country Club Vista Hall, 1400 Avenida Entrada, San Dimas, 91773. Reservations: \$25, thru 2/25. (after 2/25, \$29) For info., Carmen (909) 394-0255 or sgvmagnificat@yahoo.com

Saturday, February 26

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

SAN PEDRO REGION

Thursday, February 10

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

Friday, February 11

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Monday, February 14

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

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARS

Saturday, February 5

Holy Spirit Seminar with Dominic Berardino & Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ, 9:00am-3:30pm at Our Lady of the Desert Parish Hall, 18386 Corwin Rd., Apple Valley. For more information, please call (760) 242-7525.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Sat. & Sun., February 26 & 27

Sacramento Diocesan Charismatic Conference with Fr. Mike Sears & Dominic Berardino. St. James Hall, 1275 'B' St., Davis. For info, contact: (916) 489-0261.



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