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# POPE FRANCIS AND ECUMENISM

by Fr. Peter Hocken

Several well-publicized events have alerted the Christian world to new initiatives of Pope Francis toward Pentecostal and Evangelical Christians: his message to the Kenneth Copeland conference in January 2014, his meeting with several leaders in Rome in June 2014, and the first-ever visit of a Pope to a Pentecostal Church in July 2014. These initiatives form the background to the messages of Pope Francis to the charismatic renewal:

- to a big gathering at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome on June 1, 2014;
- to the leadership of the Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships on October 31, 2014;
- to the Rinnovamento nello

Spirito Santo gathering on July 3, 2015.

In his messages the Holy Father has made some points that go beyond the encouraging affirmations of previous popes:

1. share baptism in the Holy Spirit with the whole church.
2. the Renewal is not another church movement but a sovereign grace of the Holy Spirit without any human founder;
3. the Renewal is inherently ecumenical.

"You, Charismatics, have a special grace to pray and work for Christian unity, because the current of grace goes through all the Christian Churches" (July 2015). In all these talks Pope Francis described his approach as "spiritual ecumenism." The phrase "spiritual

ecumenism" was first used by a French Catholic pioneer in the work for Christian unity, l'Abbe Paul Coururier from Lyon (1881 - 1953). Coururier's teaching on deeper conversion to Christ as the spiritual foundation for all work for unity was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council and expressed particularly in the Decree on Ecumenism (6-8): "This change of heart and holiness of life, along with public and private prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name, 'spiritual ecumenism'" (8). Thirty years later in 1995, St. John Paul II re-emphasized spiritual ecumenism in his encyclical *Ut Unum Sint* (21). He insisted, "In the teaching of the

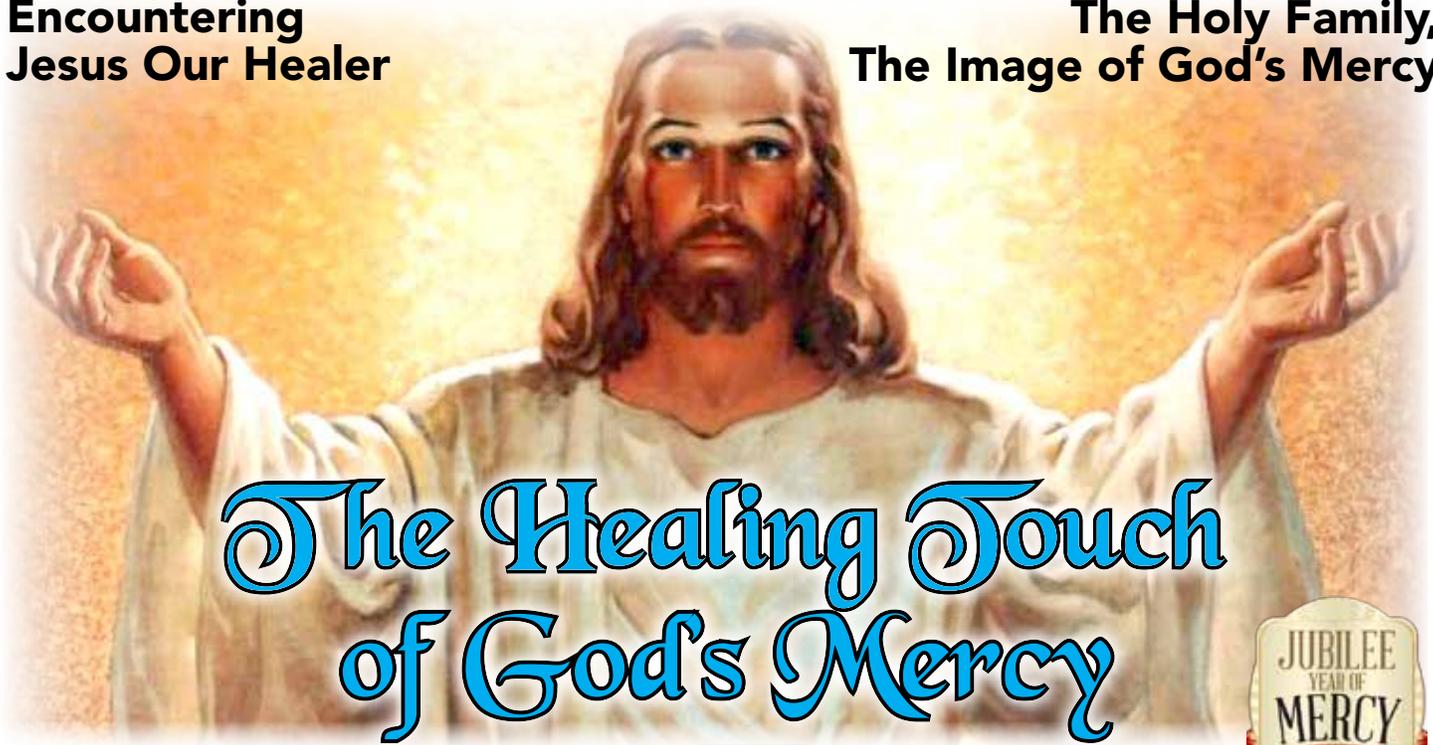
See Pope Francis on pg. 3



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Pope Francis continued from cover pg. Second Vatican Council there is a clear connection between renewal, conversion and reform" (*Ut Unum Sint*, 16). Conversion being at the heart of renewal is fundamental in spiritual ecumenism. For the Abbe Courterier and for St. John Paul II, spiritual ecumenism was not a sub-section of ecumenism, but the spirit in which all ecumenical activities should be conducted.

In the ecumenical ministry of Pope Francis, it is important to note what is new in his commendation of spiritual ecumenism, but take it deeper. At the heart of what is new with Francis is the conviction that the Renewal with baptism in the Holy Spirit is for the whole Church. So I suggest that in seeing the Renewal as inherently ecumenical, Francis is seeing baptism in the Spirit as an element in a deepened spiritual ecumenism. What does this mean in practice? We see this from the Holy Father's own example with other Christians. He looks first at their hearts: do they have a living relationship with the Lord Jesus? Are they open to the creativity and surprises of the Holy Spirit? When he discerns the answer is "Yes," Francis knows he can share and pray freely with them in openness to the Spirit. This makes ecumenism something for all Christians. Each Christian can be a worker for unity, because baptism in the Spirit is for all Christians.

St. John Paul II had taught in *Ut Unum Sint* that ecumenical dialogue is not just "an exchange of ideas, but an exchange of gifts" (28). Pope Francis has added the role of the Holy Spirit. "If we really believe in the abundantly free working of the Holy Spirit, we can learn so much from one another! It is not just about being better informed about others, but rather about reaping what the Spirit has sown in them, which is also meant to be a gift for us" (*Evangelii Gaudium*), 246. The gifts we as Church are to receive from other Christians are what the Holy Spirit has sown in them. Here is a new ecumenical criterion in meeting other Christians: the first question

is "What is the work of the Holy Spirit among them?" The first question is no longer about their problematic teaching. This is in fact a development of the teaching on the hierarchy of truths in the Decree on Ecumenism.

Pope Francis often speaks about the Holy Spirit. He emphasizes the creativity and newness of the Holy Spirit: that the Holy Spirit is the source of immense diversity, how important it is to be attentive and open to the Holy Spirit, and that the Holy Spirit then reconciles this diversity producing a richer and deeper unity.

Francis is adding spiritual factors to our models for ecumenical relationships. Until now the criteria have been doctrinal and structural (producing a gradation down from the Orthodox through the Anglicans and the Lutherans to Evangelicals and Pentecostals). Francis adds another scale: yieldedness to the Lord Jesus and openness to the surprises of the Holy Spirit. On this scale of spiritual vitality, the Evangelicals and the Pentecostals are not near the bottom! This new scale does not make doctrine and structure unimportant; but it places a shared proclaimed living faith at the center.

This transformation has major implications for ecumenism. It remains true that the Catholic Church is nearest to the Orthodox Churches on the scale of doctrine, sacraments, and apostolic succession. But the progress toward unity is very slow, as the context is not oriented to the Holy Spirit's creativity and surprises. With Christians issuing from the Protestant revival traditions, there is a potential for walking together and prayer together that is more open to the Holy Spirit. Big doctrinal and ecclesiocultural barriers remain, but their openness to the Holy Spirit has the potential to break down barriers, however great, and to open up previously unimagined possibilities.

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## Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful  
like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that  
whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face  
and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed  
Zacchaeus and Matthew  
from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene  
from seeking happiness  
only in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured Paradise  
to the repentant thief.  
Let us hear, as if addressed  
to each one of us,  
the words that you spoke  
to the Samaritan woman:  
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face  
of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power  
above all by forgiveness and mercy:  
let the Church be your visible face in the  
world, its Lord risen and glorified.  
You willed that your ministers  
would also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may  
feel compassion for those  
in ignorance and error:  
let everyone who approaches them  
feel sought after, loved,  
and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate  
every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy  
may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church,  
with renewed enthusiasm,  
may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives  
and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus,  
through the intercession of  
Mary, Mother of Mercy;  
you who live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit  
for ever and ever. Amen.

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Topics:

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- The Discipline of Prayer • A Life of Conversion
- The Fruit of the Spirit



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- The Mystery of God's Will
- Walk in What You Have
- How Does God Reveal His Call?
- Discerning Our Direction in Prayer
- Accepting God's Way
- Walking in the Lord's Footsteps



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May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us. Ps. 90:17  
 God's abundant blessings upon you and your loved ones throughout 2016!



## January, 2016 Calendar

### SAN FERNANDO REGION

#### Friday, January 15

Healing of Memories Mass, 7:15pm with Fr. Pat Crowley, SSCC at Incarnation Church, 1001 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale.

#### Saturday, January 23

"Prayer and Experiencing the Lordship of Jesus", 1:30pm-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr. #208, Burbank.

### SAN GABRIEL REGION

#### Fri. - Sun., January 1 - 3

SCRC Retreat, "Way of Mercy, Way of Joy" at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 E. Alhambra Rd., Alhambra.

#### Saturday, January 9

Mass & Healing Service, 9:00am with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at St. Luke the Evangelist, 5605 Cloverly, Temple City.

#### Tuesday, January 19

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Pat Crowley, SSCC at St. Mary of the Assumption, 435 Berkeley Ave., Claremont.

#### Thursday, January 21

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at St. Joseph the Worker, 19855 Sherman Wy, Canoga Park.

#### Saturday, January 23

"The Healing Touch of God's Mercy", 10:00am-4:00pm with Fr. Patrick Crowley, SSCC, Fr. Jerry Thompson & Dominic Berardino at St. Bruno Parish Hall, 15740 Citrustree Rd., Whittier. \$20/person. Catered lunch included. See page 2 for details.

### SAN PEDRO REGION

#### Monday, January 25

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Ismael Robles at St.

Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.

#### Friday, January 29

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at Mary Star of the Sea, 877 W. 7th St., San Pedro. (Praise & Worship 7:00pm)

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#### Monday, January 25

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 23

Life in the Spirit Seminar, 9:00am-6:00pm at Incarnation Church Auditorium, 1001 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale. Free Admission. Registraton begins at 8:30am.



...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, 2016 Calendar

### SAN FERNANDO REGION

#### Thursday, February 18

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at St. Joseph the Worker, 19855 Sherman Wy, Canoga Park.

#### Saturday, February 27

"Prayer and Finding God's Will", 1:30pm-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr. #208, Burbank.

### SAN GABRIEL REGION

#### Saturday, February 20

"The Healing Journey Into God's Merciful Love", 10:00am-5:30pm with Fr. Doug Lorig and Dominic Berardino at Santa Teresita (Madonna Hall), 819 Buena Vista St., Duarte. Please see page 6 & 7 for details!

### SAN PEDRO REGION

#### Monday, February 22

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at St. Cornelius Church, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.

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Fr. Lorig has

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