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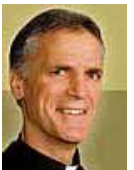
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Fanning the Flame booklet...

TWENTY YEARS ...AND COUNTING

by Fr. George Montague, SM

There we sat, thirteen theologians and pastoral leaders, in a brightly lit retreat house conference room in Techny, Illinois, trying to figure out how to apply a big, scholarly theological study to Church life today, something rarely done with heavy theology books. But this book held such promise for the life of the Catholic Church that we agreed it needed a short, simple exposition so that "he who runs may read" (Habbakkuk 2:2). Seeing this need, the National Service Committee, with the encouragement of the Bishops Ad Hoc Committee on Charismatic Renewal, convened the group in May, 1990. The big book? *Christian Initiation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit: Evidence from the First Eight Centuries*, the work of Benedictine Father Kilian McDonnell and Marianist Father George Montague. We discussed, prayed, discussed and prayed again for six days. Result? A thirty-page booklet call *Fanning the Flame: What Does Baptism in the Holy Spirit Have to Do with Christian Initiation?* This year is the twentieth birthday of the book and the booklet. The flame got fanned so fast that there are a lot more than twenty candles on the birthday cake.

The book took off rapidly and came out in a second, expanded edition already in 1994. It was soon translated into seven languages. A year later seventy theologians were invited to discuss the value and relevance of the book at a meeting in Boston. Ninety-five percent of the

book reviews were positive, and one reviewer later apologized for some of his negative remarks.

Fanning the Flame did even better. It was quickly translated into Polish, Dutch, French, Spanish, Italian, Czech, Korean, Urdu, Portuguese, Japanese, Lithuanian, Maltese, Swedish, Slovak, German, Russian, Chinese and Indonesian. (*I thought you would enjoy the litany!*)

What was it that grabbed the attention and the enthusiasm of these Christians all over the world? For late comers into the renewal and for those of us with memory loss, let's skim the contents once more. First of all, the booklet maintained that baptism in the Spirit was "captive to no camp, "there was no founder other than the movement of the Holy Spirit, so it belonged to the entire Church, rooted in the sacrament of Baptism and hence beyond the boundaries even of any movement. Second, there is a need for conversion and renewal in the church, for which the Holy Spirit with the charisms is God's own answer: "Send forth your Spirit and the earth shall be renewed." Third, Christian initiation *IS* baptism in the Holy Spirit, as the New Testament amply shows, and it belongs to public liturgy and is normative. Fourth, the Fathers of the Church join in chorus with the New Testament authors that the charisms of the Holy Spirit flow from the grace of baptism. What today is called baptism in the Holy Spirit is an awakening of what was implicit in the sacrament, and

therefore is for everybody.

It is not the book or the booklet, though, that should get the credit. It is rather the work of the Holy Spirit moving especially through the Charismatic Renewal throughout the world. The value of the study was to show that, far from being a Protestant or Pentecostal thing, the Charismatic Renewal is a recovery of energy that powered the Church of the New Testament and the early centuries. We had both Scripture and Tradition on our side. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is simply the flowering of the grace received at our sacramental baptism and confirmation. It is tied to the essence of what it means to be a Christian. Therefore it is not an optional thing--although we were careful to say what it need not be tied to any particular movement. (Of course, as Father Kilian once remarked, "If you are interested in learning an art, you go to someone who is experienced in it!"). It was our hope that this serious theological study and its popularization would help both hierarchy and faithful embrace the renewal with confidence.

As I look back over the twenty years of *Fanning the Flame*, I am grateful that the book and the booklet contributed importantly to keeping the Charismatic Renewal within the Catholic Church. Or, to quote Father Kilian, "The Charismatic Renewal's gift to the church is the rediscovery of the

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baptism in the Holy Spirit as something flowing from the nature of the church." It would have been a disaster to see the millions of Catholics who have experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit leave their spiritual home in search of what is really their heritage from the beginning. Fortunately that has not happened. But nowhere is this concern more evident than in the third world, where Pentecostalism has, until now, won over many Catholics. But that is changing. One bishop told me that the Charismatic Renewal will save the Church in South America. And one African bishop insists that all his seminarians make the Life in the Spirit Seminar and be "baptized in the Holy Spirit." Imagine what would have happened if bishops in the third world had condemned the Charismatic Renewal as a Pentecostal thing not to be indulged in by Catholics!

The success of the Renewal in many places, however, can easily lead to complacency. If you want to be jolted out of any smugness, reread, as I just did, the last section of *Fanning the Flame* entitled "What Then Should We Do?" (pages 22-26). It is a call for "recovery of the baptism in the Spirit and the charisms...in all the institutions of the church," religious orders, Catholic universities, preaching, the RCIA, the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, but especially the parish as a whole. While the effects can be seen in some places, there are still many untouched by the Renewal. Have we lost that dream and settled for less? Gravitating to parishes, as the majority of prayer groups did, they became embedded in a larger community but for the most part remained simply another parish group with only indirect influence, if any, on the parish as a whole. Where the pastor had experienced the Renewal the results were more positive.

Two areas need to be addressed: ...strengthening the Renewal within, boosting its outreach beyond and evangelization. As for strengthening within, a particular need is for follow

up to the Life in the Spirit. We have too many revolving doors in our prayer groups, too many people who lose the fire of Pentecost because they have no further support group or community with which to share their faith and ongoing experience of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit in Acts created community. And community means commitment. The covenant communities saw this early on, but the wisdom did not filter down sufficiently to the local level. A second need is the Renewal began with young adults. Those young adults are now old adults, and young adults are no longer the driving force in the Renewal. That group needs to be targeted more energetically. Third, charismatics need to turn the fire of the Spirit toward their own purification. Once we are in community we discover a lot of human weaknesses in ourselves (sensitivity to remarks, insensitivity to others, tagging the whole group as bad because of a problem with an individual--in short, the capital sins). We need the ongoing purification of the Spirit to overcome the work of the flesh in us.

Of course the Holy Spirit must have known about this when he burst in on the Catholic Church in the middle of the last century. Despite our failings, an incredible amount of fruit has come from the Renewal world-wide. Could we have thought that in just a few years there would be so many millions of Catholic charismatics on our planet?

As for outreach, the Renewal has spawned many good works too numerous to list. I think of those whose charismatic experience enabled and prompted them to minister to prisoners, like Sister Margaret Carew, CCVI, who recently retired after 30 years of ministering the Holy Spirit to prisoners in the Bexar County jail in San Antonio, TX. Or the Lamp Ministries founded by Tom and Lynn Scheuring ministering to the poor in New York. Second, the Renewal in its beginning flourished in an ecumenical setting. Understandably the Catholic Church

wanted to assure the faithful that they could find the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit within the Church (and our book and booklet fostered that). But one is permitted to wonder if this is all that God had in mind. In San Antonio some of us have begun to pray regularly with Protestant leaders (mostly Pentecostal and Evangelical), and the Catholic Charismatic Center has joined with some of them for the second year in a "Church of the City" rally of prayer for the transformation of the city. This would not be a bad thing for the wider Renewal to consider doing for the entire nation (2 Chronicles 7:14). Third, the gift of the Holy Spirit impels us to mission and evangelization, as the Second Vatican Council and Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI have exhorted us. It is what Pentecost was and is all about.

Fanning the Flame, twenty years and counting, still witnesses to the reality of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism and the Sacraments of Initiation. There is still so much work to be done. Let us continue to fan into flame in our lives the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Fanning the Flame booklet is available from LaSalle Company, Inc. for \$3.96. 1-800-348-2227 or www.renewed-life.com



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Fr. George Montague, SM is a well known speaker and an author of more than twenty books in the area of biblical and pastoral theology. He has served as seminary rector in the U.S. & Canada and was director of novices for six years in Nepal. In 1995, he began a new religious community in the Marianist family, the "Brothers of the Beloved Disciple." Fr. George will be a speaker at the upcoming SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention at the Anaheim Convention Center, September 2-4, 2011. www.scr.org

Fr. George will be speaking on the following topics this year at the SCRC Convention:

Friday September 2: TALK 3D

"One Body, One Spirit:

Paul's Vision for the Church"

Sat. September 3: TALK 5E

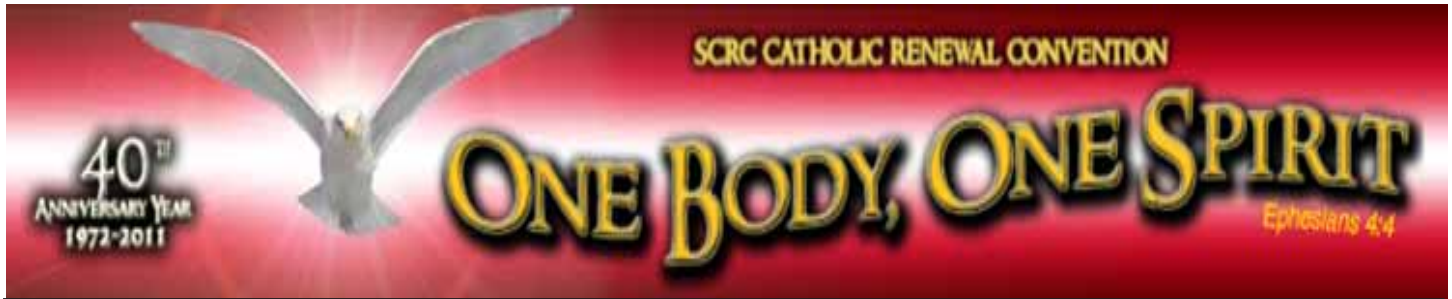
"Are You Still Seeking the Gifts?"

Sun. September 4: TALK 8D

"Mary and the Holy Spirit in Scripture"



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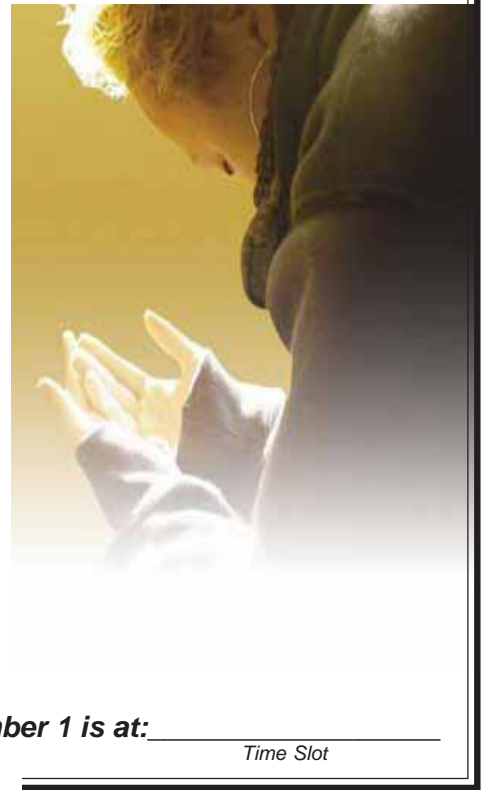
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July, 2011 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Wednesday, July 13

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Raymond Roh, OSB, at St. Mary of the Assumption, 207 S. School, Santa Maria, 93454.

July 25 - Aug. 5, 2011

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

Thursday, July 28

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at St. Joseph High School Chapel, 4120 S. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria, 93455.

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, July 9

Day of Intercession for the Nation, 12:30pm-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Drive, Suite 209, Burbank, CA 91504. Praise & Worship, Mass at 1:00pm, Teachings & Prayer. Love offering. See bottom of page.

Sat. & Sun., July 16 & 17

9th Annual Overnighter Retreat for Teens (grades 9-12), Theme: "Authenticity", at St. Finbar Church, 2010 W. Olive Ave., Burbank. For info., please contact Paula Robin, yutrules@stfinbarburbank.org

Wednesday, July 20

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

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Thursday, July 21

Teaching, "Spiritual Warfare", 7:30pm with Dominic Berardino at St. Joseph Center, 507 N. Granada Ave, Alhambra, 91801.

Friday, July 22

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at San Gabriel Mission Chapel, 428 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel, 91776 (Praise 7:15pm)

Saturday, July 30

Discernment of Spirits, 9:00am-3:00pm with Fr. Robert Faricy, SJ/Cheryl Nguyen at St. Louis of France Hall, 13935 Temple Ave., La Puente, 91746

SAN PEDRO REGION

Friday, July 8

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with

Msgr. Joe Brennan at Holy Trinity, 1292 W. Santa Cruz St., San Pedro, 90732.

Thursday, July 14

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

Monday, July 18

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at St. Linus Church, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk, 90650.

Monday, July 25

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

ORANGE DIOCESE

Monday, July 25

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

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

November 3-12, 2011

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August, 2011 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Wednesday, August 10

Mass & Healing Service, 7pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at St. Mary of the Assumption, 207 S. School, Santa Maria, 93454.

Thursday, August 25

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at St. Joseph High School Chapel, 4120 S. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria, 93455.

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, August 6

SCRC Convention Volunteer Prayer Gathering & Orientation, 9:30am-12:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Hall, 18400 Kinzie St., Northridge, 91325. Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ramon Valera. (see back page)

Saturday, August 13

Teaching "Power of the Holy Spirit", 7:30pm with Dominic Berardino at Incarnation Church Auditorium, 1001

N. Brand Blvd., Glendale.

Wednesday, August 17

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

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Friday, August 5

Mass & Healing Service, 8:00pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at Holy Family Church, 1501 Fremont, South Pasadena, 91030.

Friday, August 26

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at San Gabriel Mission Chapel, 428 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel, 91776 (Praise 7:15pm)

Saturday, August 27

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

SAN PEDRO REGION

Friday, August 12

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with

Msgr. Joe Brennan at Holy Trinity, 1292 W. Santa Cruz St., San Pedro, 90732.

Thursday, August 11

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

Monday, August 15

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm St. Linus Church, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk, 90650.

Monday, August 22

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

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



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Intercession for the Nation - July 9

Saturday, July 9, 2011

12:30pm-4:30pm

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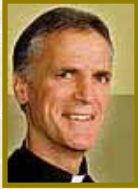
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Prayer Gathering & Orientation



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