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**Pope Francis and Patti Mansfield give praise to God.
Over 50,000 people, 50 bishops, 800 priests
gather in Rome to celebrate the
Golden Jubilee of Catholic Charismatic Renewal.**



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COME HEAR PATTI MANSFIELD PERSONALLY SHARE THIS HISTORIC EVENT AT THE SCRC CONVENTION!

**PENTECOST VIGIL OF PRAYER
ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS
Circus Maximus - Rome, Italy
Saturday, June 3, 2017**

Brothers and sisters, thank you for the witness you have given here today, thank you! It has helped us all, myself included... all of us!

In the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we read: "And staying with them, [Jesus] charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, about which, he said, 'you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit'" (1:4-5).

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the house

where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).

Today we are here in a kind of Upper Room beneath the open sky, unafraid, under the open sky and with our hearts open to the promise of the Father. "All of us who believe" have gathered here, all of us who confess that "Jesus is Lord". Many have come from different parts of the world, and the Holy Spirit has brought us together to build bonds of fraternal friendship that encourage us on our journey towards unity, unity for mission. Not to stand still! But for mission, to proclaim that Jesus is Lord – Jesús es el Señor. To proclaim together the love of the

Father for all his children. To proclaim the Good News to all peoples. To demonstrate that peace is possible. It is not so easy to show this world today that peace is possible, but in the name of Jesus we can show by our testimony that peace is possible! It is possible if we are at peace with one another. If we emphasize our differences, we are at war among ourselves and we cannot proclaim peace. Peace is possible, based on our confession that Jesus is Lord and on our evangelization along this path. It is possible. Even by showing that we have differences – this is obvious, we have differences – but that we desire to be a reconciled diversity. We should not forget that phrase, but say it to everyone: reconciled diversity. The phrase is not mine. It comes from a Lutheran

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Come Give Thanks for the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal



Celebrating

50
Years

Two Praise-Filled Afternoon Events!
(no pre-registration required)

Saturday, August 5
1:00pm - 4:00pm
St. Finbar Parish Hall
2010 W. Olive Ave. (at Keystone),
Burbank, CA



Presentations by
**Dominic
Berardino**
President, SCRC

- Blessed Elena Guerra & Pope Leo XIII and the 20th Century Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- Pope Saint John XXIII and the New Pentecost
- Charismatic Gifts in the Lives of the Saints



Deacon
Steve Greco



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- Transformation Through Praise
- The Power of Praying Together in the Holy Spirit

Saturday, August 12
1:00pm - 4:00pm
**St. Thomas Korean
Catholic Center**
412 N. Crescent Way
Anaheim, CA

Admission is free! All are welcome! Freewill love offering.

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A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE



by Deacon Larry Oney

God has a plan for all of our lives and I believe that his plans for us are for our good (see Jer.19:11). I came into the Catholic Church and became a Christian when I was twenty-seven years old. I had never been baptized--I was unchurched. I remember clearly my baptismal day. I felt like I was caught up in something special: everything was new. Everything Catholic was wonderful.

I was going down to The Bayou Lafourche to be baptized and to receive my First Holy Communion. Lafourche is French for "fork." The ironic symbolism dramatically describes my life-changing directional shift. This indeed was the fork in the road of my life.

I went down in the water with no fear. I was anticipating. I was overjoyed. I was filled up with God's love, his mercy, and his peace. I could not believe that I was being ushered into this great mystery of faith, of God, and his people. My heart was spilling over with love. I could hardly believe that all the hate-filled thoughts that I had embraced in my past were now somehow separated from me.

All the indignity I had suffered as a young man disappeared as well. All the pain of seeing my family struggle for so many years and enduring the end of the Jim Crow Laws was gone. All of the humiliation in high school from a seemingly racist principal and teachers had vanished. My hatred of the people who threw coke bottles, eggs, and garbage at me and my brothers while we waited for the bus after cutting their grass had been swept away. I came out of the baptismal waters and everyone there looked like they had the faces of angels.

After my baptism my life changed. I had forgiveness in my heart. I was able to hear people in a different way and accept their truth. I could offer forgiveness to those who asked and I could accept forgiveness where I asked for it. God had changed my heart and my mindset.

In this year of the Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, I am reminded in a special way of my baptismal experience. I am reminded that what God wants to do for his people is for all of his people. In the Year of Jubilee, God wants to restore his people!--full health, healthy relationships, right seeing, and full knowledge that we

are a beloved people and heirs to the Kingdom of God.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal was started by a few people asking with a sincere and humble heart for more of God's Holy Spirit in their lives. Over the years, the Renewal has grown because people are still humbly asking the Lord to pour out his Spirit. This yearning for God is what keeps us a humble people--we search for God constantly because we know that our lives, our ministries, and all that we do would be nothing, would mean nothing, would accomplish nothing, without God.

Scripture teaches us that the blessing of the Jubilee Year is a three-fold blessing of rest, restoration, and return. In this Jubilee Year of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, God desires to give his people rest, desires to restore what has been lost or taken, and desires to draw his people closer to himself.

While God offers us so much, we must do our part to cooperate with his plan for us. We must seek to be humble and forgive those who have wronged us. We find true freedom when we follow the example of Jesus and forgive those who trespass against us. The strongholds in our lives are broken through forgiveness and we are set free to be a new creation in Christ.

This Jubilee Year of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a time for rest and restoration and return. Let us praise God for all that he has done for us, is doing in us, and will do through us!



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Deacon Larry will be a speaker at this year's SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention "Aflame With the Spirit", September 1-3, 2017 at the Anaheim Convention Center and Arena. Register now at: scrc.org





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brother. Reconciled diversity.

Now we are here and we are many! We have gathered to pray together, to ask the Holy Spirit to come upon each of us, so that we can go forth into the streets of the city and the world to proclaim the lordship of Jesus Christ.

In the Book of Acts we read: "Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God" (2:9-11). To speak the same language, to hear and to understand... Differences do exist, but the Spirit makes us understand the message of Jesus' resurrection, each in his or her own language.

We have assembled here from 120 countries throughout the world, to celebrate the sovereign work of the Holy Spirit in the Church that occurred fifty years ago and started... an institution? No. An organization? No. A flood of grace, the flood of grace of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. A work that was born... Catholic? No. It was born ecumenical! It was born ecumenical because it is the Holy Spirit who creates unity, and the same Spirit who granted the inspiration for this. It is important to read the works of Cardinal Suenens on this: it is very important!

The coming of the Holy Spirit changes fearful men, enclosed behind shut doors, into courageous witnesses of Jesus. Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaims: "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36). This is the profession of faith of every Christian! God has made both Lord and Christ that Jesus who was crucified. Are you all agreed on this profession of faith? It is ours, the same for all of us!

The scripture goes on to say: "All who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need" (2:44-45). They sold them and they helped the poor. Some of them tried to be devious – we think of Ananias and Sapphira (there are always a few of them) – but all the believers, the great majority, helped one another. "Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" (2:46-47). The community kept growing and the Spirit was there to inspire this. I like to think of Philip, and how the angel told him: "Take the road to Gaza and find that proselyte, the steward of Candace, Queen of Ethiopia. The man was a proselyte and he was reading Isaiah. Philip explained the scripture to him, proclaimed Jesus and the man converted. At a certain point, he said: "Here is some water: I want to be baptized". It was the Spirit who led Philip to go there, and from the beginning it has been the Spirit who impels all the believers to proclaim the Lord.

Today we have chosen to assemble here, in this place – as Pastor Traettino said – because here, during the persecutions, Christians were martyred for the entertainment of onlookers. Today there are more martyrs than then! Today there are more martyrs, Christians. Those who kill Christians do not ask them first: Are you Orthodox? Are you Catholic? Are you Evangelical? Are you Lutheran? Are you Calvinist? No. They ask if they are Christians, and when they say yes, they immediately slit their throats. Today there are more martyrs than in the early times. This is the ecumenism of blood. The witness of our martyrs today brings us together. In different

parts of the world, Christian blood is being shed! Today Christian unity is more urgent than ever, Christians united by the power of the Holy Spirit, in prayer and in activity on behalf of the most vulnerable. To walk together, to work together, to love one another, and together to seek to explain our differences, to come to agreement, but as we keep walking! If we stop walking, we will never come to agreement. So it is, because the Spirit wants us to keep walking.

Fifty years of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. A flood of grace of the Spirit! Why a flood of grace? Because it has no founder, no bylaws, no structure of governance. Clearly it has given rise to many expressions that, surely, are human works inspired by the Spirit, with various charisms, and all at the service of the Church. But before this flood of grace one cannot erect dikes, or put the Holy Spirit in a cage!

Fifty years have gone by. At this age, our strength begins to decline. It is the halfway point of life – in my country, we call it *el cincuentazo* –, when our wrinkles get deeper. Even if you cover them up, they are still there! Grey hairs start to show and we begin to forget things....

Fifty years is a good time in life to stop and reflect. It is the time for reflection: the halfway point of life. And I would add this: it is the time to press forward with greater strength, leaving behind the accumulated dust of time, giving thanks for what we have received and looking ahead to new things, with trust in the working of the Holy Spirit!

Pentecost gives birth to the Church. The Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father, of which Jesus spoke, is the One who makes the Church: the bride of the Book of Revelation, a single bride! Pastor Traettino said this: the Lord has one bride!

The most precious gift that all of us have received is Baptism. And now the Spirit is leading us on this journey of conversion sweeping across the entire Christian world. It is one more reason why the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a privileged place for pursuing the path to unity!

This flood of grace is for the whole Church, not just for some, and none of us is the "master" and the others servants. No. We are all servants of this flood of grace.

Along with this experience, you constantly remind the Church of the power of prayer of praise. Praise that is the prayer of gratitude and thanksgiving for God's gracious love. Perhaps some people do not like this way of praying, but surely it is fully a part of the biblical tradition. Take the Psalms: David dances before the Ark of the Covenant, filled with exultation... And please, let us not

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July, 2017 Calendar

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Thursday, July 20

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Ramon Valera at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park. (Praise & Worship 7:00pm).

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Friday, July 28

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with

Fr. Patrick Crowley, SSCC at San Gabriel Mission, 428 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, July 17

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

Monday, July 24

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr.

George Reynolds at St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.



August, 2017 Calendar

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, August 5

9:00am-12noon

"Enter the Power of Prayer - Prayer Ministry Training", at St. Finbar Parish Hall, 2010 W. Olive Ave., Burbank. Speaker: Mary Velasquez, LMFT. (In conjunction with SCRC Convention Volunteer Gathering). No Admission Fee! Please reserve a seat at spirit@scrc.org. Mass begins at 9:00am! See page 6 for more info.

Saturday, August 5

1:00pm-4:00pm

Golden Jubilee Catholic Charismatic Celebration with Dominic Berardino at St. Finbar Church, 2010 W. Olive Ave., Burbank. No Admission Fee! See page 2 for more information!

Saturday, August 12

San Fernando Valley Magnificat Brunch, 10:00am with guest speaker: Jennifer

Naimo Morales at The Odyssey, 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills. Reservations: \$29. After July 31st: \$31. No tickets sold at the door. info@magnificatsfv.org

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Friday, August 25

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at San Gabriel Mission, 428 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, August 21

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk.

Monday, August 28

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

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Saturday, August 12

10:00am-12noon

"Enter the Power of Prayer - Prayer Ministry Training", at St. Thomas Korean Catholic Center, 412 N. Crescent Way., Anaheim. Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Kim. No Admission Fee! See page 6 for more info.

Saturday, August 12

1:00pm-4:00pm

Golden Jubilee Catholic Charismatic Celebration with Deacon Steve Greco & Fr. Ben Tran at St. Thomas Korean Catholic Center, 412 N. Crescent Way., Anaheim. No Admission Fee! See page 2 for more information!

Saturday, August 19

The Healing Power of the Holy Spirit, 10:00am-4:00pm with Fr. George Reynolds & Dominic Berardino at St. Edward the Confessor Parish Hall, 33926 Calle La Primavera, Dana Point. \$20, includes catered chicken lunch. (See page 7)

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fall into the attitude of Christians who have the "Michol complex", ashamed of the way David chose to praise God.

Exultation, happiness, joy that is the fruit of the working of the Holy Spirit! Either a Christian experiences joy in his or her heart, or something is wrong. The joy of proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel!

Jesus in the synagogue of Nazareth reads this passage of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Lk 4:18-19; cf. Is 61:1-2). Good News, joyful news: do not forget this. Joyful news: the Christian message is always joyful.

The third Malines document, "Charismatic Renewal and Social Action", written by Cardinal Suenens and Dom Helder Camara, states clearly that the charismatic renewal is also service to society, to humanity.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit, praise, social action. The three things are inseparably linked. I can give deep

thanks, but if I do not help those in need, it is not enough. "There was not a needy person among them", says the Book of Acts (4:34).

We will be judged, not on our praise but on what we have done for Jesus. "Lord, when did we do this to you? When you did it for one of these little ones, you did it to me". Dear brothers and sisters, my wish for you is that this will be a time of reflection, a time for remembering your origins. A time too, to leave behind everything motivated by self-concern. May it become a desire instead to listen to, and joyfully accept, the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where and how he wills!

I thank the Catholic Fraternity and ICCRS for organizing this Golden Jubilee, for this Vigil. And I thank each of the volunteers who make it possible, many of whom are present here. I wanted to greet the members of the office staff when I came, because I know how hard they have worked! And not for pay! They worked hard. Most of them are young people from different continents. May the Lord bless them all!

I am particularly grateful that my request to you, two years ago, to give

the worldwide Charismatic Renewal a single international service based here, has begun to take concrete shape in the acts of incorporation of this new single service. It is the first step, and others will follow, but soon the unity, the work of the Holy Spirit, will be a reality. "I make all things new", says the Lord (Rev 21:5).

Thank you, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, for what you have given to the Church in these fifty years! The Church counts on you, on your fidelity to God's word, on your readiness to serve, and on your testimony of lives transformed by the Holy Spirit!

To share baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone in the Church, to praise the Lord unceasingly, to walk together with Christians of different Churches and Ecclesial Communities in prayer and activity on behalf of those in greatest need, to serve the poor and the sick. This is what the Church and the Pope expect from you, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, but also from everyone here: all of you who have become part of this flood of grace.

Prayer Ministry Training

Enter the

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How is it possible to be an instrument of the greatest force in the Universe? By Praying!
Because Prayer connects us to God – Who is the Source of all life-giving grace.

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, it's time to stop sitting on the sidelines.
All of us need to be involved in God's work during these critical times of human turmoil.

The Mega-Healing Service at the upcoming SCRC Convention needs added trained prayer teams to help minister to the thousands of people who attend.
Come discover a new depth of God's loving compassion by serving with the SCRC Prayer Teams.

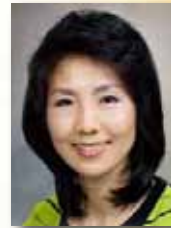
If you have a genuine concern for people and...

1. Pray daily.
2. Have attended the SCRC Convention at least once.
3. Are active and in good relationship with your church community.
4. Willing to be instructed and to understand SCRC guidelines before participating on a prayer team.
5. Have experienced Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
6. Humbly willing to receive supervision, guidance and correction.

Prayer Team Trainers:



Maria Velasquez,
LMFT
Montrose, CA



Elizabeth Kim, PhD
Psychologist, Director, Brain Fitness Center
LA & Orange County

If you are already part of the SCRC prayer teams and have participated in the 2015 and/or 2016 Mega-Healing Service, you are welcome (but not required) to reattend this training. You will be contacted to confirm your 2017 involvement.

Choose either one of these Prayer Team Training sessions:

Saturday, August 5
10:00am - 12noon
(Mass at 9:00am)

St. Finbar Parish Hall
2010 W. Olive Ave. (at Keystone)
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In conjunction with the
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Music Ministry: Heart of Jesus

Saturday, August 12
10:00am - 12noon

St. Thomas Korean
Catholic Center
412 N. Crescent Way
Anaheim, CA
Music Ministry: Karisma

After the lunch breaks on Saturday, August 5 & August 12
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