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Love Bears All Things



by Charles Whitehead

A LOVING RELATIONSHIP

We cannot avoid relationships. Every day we are in contact with other people — family, community, parish, friends, people at work, those who serve us and those we serve. So let's look at the way we relate to the other people in our lives, and see what difference our renewed Christian faith has really made.

LOVE is a way of life

Our claims to be filled with the Spirit have no meaning if our attitudes and behavior do not show love. Love is not just a feeling — it's an outlook, a way of life. It's the mark of the true disciple of Jesus Christ. Love bears all things, believes the best, and holds on even when people let me down again and again (1 Cor. 13). If we are perfect in doctrine, abundantly gifted by God, but lacking in love — then we have failed. Just as love lies at the heart of God's relationship with us, so love is at the heart of our relationships with each other. It's easy to maintain a loving relationship at arm's length — to meet on a rather superficial and trivial level. But when we get close and involved with each other, we soon discover how strong our relationship really is.

As Christians we must always be aware how much people need to be loved. We need to recognize the cry for love behind all sorts of strange behavior, just as Jesus did. We will still find it difficult to relate to certain people, and this is where we need to turn to God for help. But we need to be sure that we have a loving relationship with Him before we can expect His guidance or help.

When we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives, one of the first things He does is to reveal Jesus as a Loving Lord in a new way. Often the excitement of this present-day, miracle-working Lord who dwells inside us has been missing — our eyes have been on the historical figure of Jesus and His earthly ministry. There are still many Christians who try to handle all their relationships and problems in their own strength. But there are others who have realized they have a loving relationship with Jesus. They know they are helpless, but with God present inside them, heaven's power has come to earth and can be effective in transforming them. This inside life, us in Jesus and Jesus in us, is what the Holy Spirit will make effective for each of us—if we allow Him. It will transform our behavior, our way of thinking, and all our relationships (Rom. 12:2).

ACCEPTING OURSELVES

The simple truth of the Gospel is that the Father loves us so much that He sent His Son to die for us. If we are to grow in our relationships we must start by accepting ourselves and believing that we are loved, even though we may find it difficult to understand how Jesus (or anyone else) could ever find us lovable. Everyone needs not only to love, but to be loved. We need to feel we are important both to ourselves and to others, otherwise there is always the danger of emotional breakdown.

Love expresses itself in giving and receiving, and the greatest characteristic of love is its willingness to accept all people as they are, including

myself. Jesus clearly tells us we must love God and our neighbor as ourselves. Why? The answer is very clear: "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets" (Matt. 22:39-40). In other words, without these two, nothing else will work properly.

The Gospel is not an abstract concept — it comes alive when Jesus Christ meets the needs of others through you and me. When I have a living faith in Jesus I can expect Him to work through me. I can also turn to Him for help with those particular relationships where I know I am failing. I'm usually the one who needs to change so that my love is like the Lord's — unconditional.

A NEW APPROACH TO LIFE

I'm a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17), so I have only to offer myself and be willing to be changed. He provides the love and the power. This means that I must rely more on God working in me than on my own efforts to be better. It's a completely new approach to life, not just a few changes made in the old way. It demands that I surrender control to Him, so that my actions proceed from the life He plants within me. That life will produce fruit that lasts, and then there will be evidence of real growth in my relationships. So we must never forget that to be filled with the Holy Spirit is to turn from works to faith, and from self to God. It is to realize again that in all our relationships we are to live, not out of ourselves and our own efforts, but out of God's provision of life and power in Jesus Christ.

Charles Whitehead, from Buckinghamshire, England, is Past President of ICCRS, (Int'l Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services) based in Vatican City, and was a speaker at the 2008 SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention in Anaheim, CA over Labor Day Weekend. Reprinted from the ICCRS Newsletter. www.iccrs.org



*Let us give thanks to God.....
for hearts and minds transformed,
and lives changed forever
in the power of the Holy Spirit!*



**“...BE TRANSFORMED
by the renewing
of your mind.”**

Romans 12:2

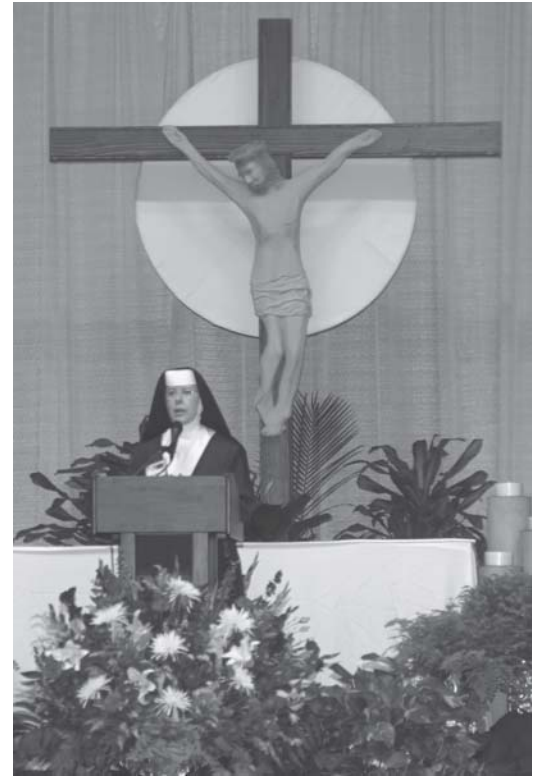


Right: The Friday Night Concert kicked off the Teen Conference featuring Jacob & Matthew and popular Catholic artist, Matt Maher.





Above: Fr. George Montague, SM and Deacon Alex Jones at the Friday Opening Mass procession .



Carmelite Mother General, Mother Regina Marie Gorman, OCD shares during a Saturday Arena presentation.



Above: SCRC President, Dominic Berardino addresses the crowd at the Saturday Night Mass.



Above, Francis & Judith MacNutt returned this year offering Levels 1 & 2 of their popular School of Healing Prayer. They also assisted Fr. Pat Crowley with the Saturday Night Healing Service. During a climactic point of the healing service, Francis led the people in prayer for Hurricane Gustav's winds to dramatically slow down to 120mph and...praise God!....*they did!*





2008 SCRC Convention Prophecies



Friday Evening, August 29

Brothers and sisters, the Living Word of My Father can never be silenced. It is spoken through the prophets. It is spoken through John. It is spoken through the Apostles. It is spoken through you. Listen and obey.



My people, be transformed by the renewing of your mind. As the bread and the wine are transformed and you receive my life, as they are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, so I call on you to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, as I offered myself as a living sacrifice for you, so that you may be transformed and so that when people encounter you, they will encounter Me.

Saturday Evening, August 30

My people, I am doing a mighty work in you and among you, because I want you to know My great, My everlasting love for you, because I want you to know My great mercy for you. I love you, My people.



My people, in your journey I want you to yield to the prompting of My Spirit. I want you to be deeply rooted in My Word, for I will teach you, I will guide you, to overcome the obstacles and barriers that may come your way. Trust in Me, believe in Me, for I am with you always.



Let the transformation that I've begun in you continue through your love to others.

My children, it is I. I am here My children. Come with Me. Come with Me, My children, I ask you. The rain has stopped. The storm has gone. My children, walk with Me. Abide in Me, and you will bear much fruit. I want you to blossom. Blossom, My children. Bear much fruit, so that I can transform you into people of prayer, people of power, people of praise, so that you can bring hope to My people around the world. There is so much hunger and thirst in My people, but you can bring hope to them. I need you to go out and bring hope to My people who are thirsting for Me. My children, I will be with you until the end of time.

Sunday Morning, August 31

Submit yourselves to Me, and you will be transformed.



My people, you have come here to be transformed into My image and My likeness by the power of My Holy Spirit, and I have begun that process. That process is not finished. You go home to a world that does not want to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. So I call on you to remain closer to Me, to yield yourselves to Me, so that I may continue that process in you. Take courage, and be strong, for as you continue to be transformed by the power of My Spirit, and show My love to the world, I will transform the world.

Sunday Afternoon, August 31

My people, you have come here to ask for transformation in the power of My Spirit, and I'm doing this. Do not be afraid

of the cost of discipleship. Do not be afraid to snatch the souls of the lost from the fire. Do not be afraid to take every opportunity to use the gifts that I give you. Be strong. Take courage, for you do these things for the love of Me, and you will know My love for you in this transformation.



My people, as you go back to the places where I have sent you, I want you to know that the process of transformation still goes on. I want you to be my instruments of hope, encouragement, and blessing to My people. I will put a shield around you, to protect you from the flaming arrows of the evil one, and I will bless you, the works of your hands, and I will honor your faith.



It is I, My people. Once again, I invite you to come and abide with Me. Continue to follow Me with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. Be focused. Be steadfast. Be faithful. Press on. Do not worry. Do not conform to the ways of this world. Press on, My children. Lift high the banner of My love, and I will lead you, and I will be with you. I love you, My children.



My people, I am well pleased with the transformation that is taking place in you. I send you forth like blazing arrows of fire, on fire with the Holy Spirit. Those arrows fly in the sky, and they will land where I direct them. You continue to be My arrows of fire, on fire with the Holy Spirit, that others may be transformed through you.

What Happens At Death?

...and Why It Matters Today!

Seminar

Saturday, November 8, 2008

10:00am - 3:30pm

Visitation Parish Hall

6561 W. 88th St. (at Emerson Ave.), Los Angeles, CA 90045
Suggested donation: \$15/person, includes passouts • Bring sack lunch
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Topics:

- Are Heaven & Hell Real Places?
- Who Experiences Purgatory?
- Will We Recognize One Another in the Beyond?
- Examining Near-Death Experiences, Death-Bed Visions and After-Death Appearances

with
Dominic Berardino
President, SCRC



November, 2008 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Wednesday, November 12

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

Monday, November 17

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Raymond Roh, OSB at St. Patrick's 501 Fair Oaks, Arroyo Grande, 93420.

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22

Teachings, 7:30pm at Incarnation Church Auditorium, 1001 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, 91202.

Nov. 1 "Called to be a Witness"

Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ

Nov. 8 "Jealousy" - Fr. Mike Barry, SSCC

Nov. 15 "Called to Fishers of Men"

Fr. George Reynolds

Nov. 22 - Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR

Saturday, November 8

What Happens After Death...and Why It Matters Today! with Dominic Berardino at Visitation Church, 6561 W. 88th St. (at Emerson), Los Angeles 90045 (near LAX). See add on page 4.

Saturday, November 8

San Fernando Valley Magnificat Prayer Brunch, 10:00am-1:00pm with guest speaker: Kerry Caviezel at the Odyssey Restaurant, 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills. Registration Fee: \$26. For info, contact Angela (818) 352-5563 or reserve on-line at www.magnificatsfv.com.

Wednesday, November 12

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. John Struzzo, CSC at St. Mel, 20870 Ventura, Woodland Hills, 91364.

Saturday, November 22

Antelope Valley Magnificat Prayer Breakfast, 10:00am-1:00pm with guest speaker: Mother Regina Marie Gorman, OCD at the Hellenic Center, 43404 30th St., West, Lancaster. Advance Registration Fee (before 11/10): \$22. Late reservation: \$25. For info, contact Rita

(661) 943-6402

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Tuesday, January 13

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at Epiphany Church, 10911 Michael Hunt Dr., So. El Monte, 91733.

Friday, November 21

Mass & Healing Service, 8:00pm with Fr. Michael Manning, SVD at St. Louis of France Church, 13935 Temple Ave., La Puente, 91746.

Saturday, November 22

San Gabriel Valley Magnificat Lunch, 10:00am-1:00pm with guest speaker: Renee Bondi at the Via Verde Country Club, 1400 Avenida Entrada, San Dimas, 91772. Registration Fee: \$22. Reservation required. For info, call Clara (626) 963-5532.

Friday, November 28

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

SAN PEDRO REGION

Saturday, November 1

"The Communion of Saints", 10:30am with Dominic Berardino at Holy Family Parish Hall, 18708 S. Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, 90701.

Thursday, November 6

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Mike Sears at Holy Family Church, 18708 S. Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, 90701.

Friday, November 7

Adoration, Benediction, Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Mike Sears at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 8545 S. Norwalk Blvd., Los Nietos, 90606.

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. John Struzzo, CSC at St. Cornelius, 3330 Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, 90808.

Thursday, November 20

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with

Fr. Jesse Galaz at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 14815 S. Paramount Blvd., Paramount, 90723. (*Praise & Worship at 7:00pm*)

ORANGE DIOCESE

Saturday, November 1

Orange County Magnificat Prayer Breakfast, 9:30am-12:30pm at the Radisson Newport Beach Hotel, 4545 MacArthur Blvd., 92660. Speaker: Mary Ann Shield. Reservations: \$25. www.magnificat-orangecounty.org

Friday, November 21

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Resendo Silva at St. John the Baptist Church, 1015 Baker, Costa Mesa, 92626. For info: call Rosemary (714) 979-9146.

Monday, November 24

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

SAN BERNARDINO DIOCESE

Tuesday, November 11

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Mike Sears at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 14085 Peyton Dr., Chino Hills, 91709.

SAN DIEGO DIOCESE

Saturday, November 1

Magnificat Breakfast, 9:00am-12noon (Mass at 8am) with guest speaker: Kay Cogswell at the California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido. Reservations: \$24. For info, contact Phyllis (760) 744-8832 or online: members.cox.net/magnificat

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Wednesday, December 10

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Monday, December 15

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Raymond Roh, OSB at St. Patrick's 501 Fair Oaks, Arroyo Grande, 93420.

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Wednesday, December 3

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Bob Garon at St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91364.

Saturday, December 6

Teaching, 7:30pm with Dominic Berardino at Incarnation Church Auditorium, 1001 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale, 91202.

Saturday, December 20

Teaching, 7:30pm with Fr. Mike Barry, SSCC at Incarnation Church Auditorium, 1001 N.

Brand Blvd., Glendale, 91202.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Friday, December 19

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

SAN PEDRO REGION

Friday, December 5

Adoration, Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Mike Sears at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 8545 S. Norwalk, Los Nietos, 90606.

Thursday, December 18

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

ORANGE DIOCESE

Monday, December 15

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

SAN BERNARDINO DIOCESE

Saturday, December 13

Palm Desert Chapter Magnificat Prayer Meal, 9:30am-12:30pm with speaker: Marilyn Quirk at The Indian Wells Country Club, 46000 Club Dr., Indian Wells, 92210. Advanced Reservations: \$25--Reserve early! For Ticket info., call (760) 772-8768 or visit www.magnificatpalmdesert.org

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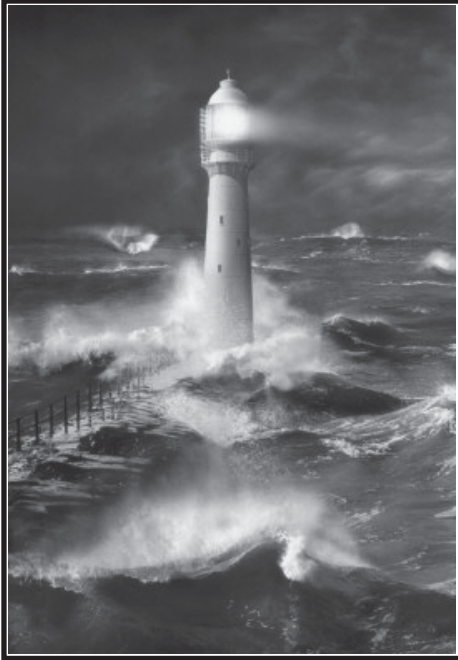
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