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CHARISM OF TEACHING

by Sr. Nancy Kellar, SC

The teacher is a shepherd of people and the most important thing for him or her is to know the Shepherd. "Whoever is called 'to teach Christ' must first seek 'the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 428). "From this loving knowledge of Christ springs the desire to proclaim him" (*CCC*, 429).



A person who teaches needs a sense of his or her own unworthiness. "I am a man of unclean lips...seraphim touched lips...uncleanness removed...whom shall I send? Send me Lord" (from Is. 6:5-8). A sense of sinfulness calls us to a reverential humility, to a fear of the Lord, realizing that we are handling the sacred when we handle the word of God. It requires

I. The gift - Who should teach?

The gift of teaching is one of those listed among the spiritual gifts. "To one the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse, to another the power to express knowledge (1 Cor. 12:8). "It is he who gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers in roles of service for the faithful to build up the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-12).

Teaching is a gift for making Christian truth clear, life-giving and attractive. There are different gifts for different kinds of teaching. Some are gifted to give exhortative teaching that calls the community back over and over again to live the basic gospel message. Others have the gift of informative teaching that helps the community develop new understanding of the Christian life. The ideal is for a balance of both of

these so that the variety of the different gifts may be used for the upbuilding of the community.

Those who have the charism for teaching should teach and in the church there is often a close link between teaching and pastoring. The Pope and bishops are both pastors and teachers for the church. In prayer groups and communities there is often a similar connection.

Those who have the overall responsibility for a group are often also given the gift of teaching. That is not to say that all leaders have teaching gifts or have them in the same degree. Nor is it to say that only leaders should teach, but there is often a link between the two that we need to notice.

such reverence so that the teacher uses the time with responsibility, not using the time to 'grind an ax', to give pet peeves or pet opinions. A sense of inadequacy leads us to rely on God's power and not our own.

A teacher needs to be willing to be purified. If God wants us to minister in any way he is going to see to it that we are purified, that we are pruned. "Not many of you should become teachers, those who do will be called to account by our own words and also by the words of others.

God sent his angel to Isaiah; but to us he sends our neighbor. Most of us recoil at the suggestion that our work for the Lord and his people ought to be regularly evaluated; but good order and effective service are

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impossible without regular evaluations. In fact evaluation can be liberating and upbuilding when undertaken in love and commitment.

Encouragement is one of the primary purposes for evaluation. The branches that are producing fruit are pruned to produce more.

II. The Call - Why teaching?

Teachers are people who are willing to respond generously to God's call to serve. We need to be willing to respond, "Here I am Lord, send me" (Is. 6:5). We need to move from seeing service as something I have to do, to something I am privileged to do. We need to be convinced that we will grow as we serve. Service is not a reward for holiness, but a means to it.

When I was prayed with for the baptism in the Spirit (36 years ago) I was asked, "What gifts do you want?" I knew nothing about charismatic gifts; but I remember God was pleased with Solomon when he asked for wisdom and I was a teacher. I asked for the gifts of wisdom and teaching. When I returned to my classroom the next day and gave my witness of the new life in the Spirit that I was experiencing, the youngsters said "Sister, something happened to you, you never talked like that before!" I realized I was experiencing the charismatic gift of teaching. The gifts are not just for prayer meetings; they are for life and need to be brought into our daily life.

At the same time we need to be convinced that short teachings in our prayer meetings and community gatherings are a part of the way God wants us to continue to bring people to know Jesus and to help them grow in the Spirit.

Jesus wants his people to be taught. He sent out the apostles with the threefold command to preach, to teach and to heal. "He sent them forth to proclaim the reign of God and to heal" (Lk. 9:2).

Teachers need to be willing to

preserve without seeing results or getting credit for the effort. "Preach the word, stay with this task whether convenient or inconvenient, constantly teaching without losing patience" (2 Tim. 4:2).

III. The Work - How to teach?

While teaching is a gift it is also the fruit of prayer, study and discipline. We need to find the balance between not preparing, leaving it all up to God and overpreparing so that the Spirit can't get in.

When I give a teaching I prepare usually having three points (which you may have noticed); but as I step up to the podium I imagine the anointing that is around it and I try to be attentive to it, stepping into the anointing as the assembly prays for me and for themselves.

Learning to give a teaching is like learning to cook. You need the right ingredients, the right seasoning, and the right timing.

The right ingredients: The ingredients are the basic contents of a teaching. They are the information, knowledge, truth, understanding, and insight that the person who is teaching aims to impart. They may come from personal reflection on the teachings of Jesus in scripture, the teaching of the church, from the writings of church fathers and the popes, the truths passed on to us in the traditions of the church and everyday experience in the world or from the suggested content of a seminar outline.

The right seasoning: These are the stories and personal experiences that explain or clarify, that is, add spice to the basic ingredients. The truth needs to be presented in a clear fashion that people can take in and use. It shouldn't be too theoretical. It should be practical. We should do it in such a way that people can say, "I know what you mean; that is just the kind of thing that happens to me." When we reach people at the level they will be able to receive and apply the

teaching we give them more thoroughly.

The right blend: A good teaching blends inspiration with information. It needs to touch the heart as well as open the mind. The teachers need to be touched in their own spirit by the anointing of the Holy Spirit if their words are to motivate and draw others toward the truth they are communicating. Inspiration does not equal emotion. It may involve emotion, but it goes deeper than emotions that are on the surface of our lives. If inspiration only appeals to the emotions it does not go deep enough.

The right timing: One of the most difficult things to achieve in a good teaching is the right timing. If it is too short the information will not have enough clarification. If it is too long it will not keep the attention of the people. It helps to start with a story to get peoples attention and to end with questions that lead them to make concrete applications of the information, and with prayer that gives them time to respond to the inspiration.

Conclusion: Good teachers are Christ's gift through the power of the Spirit. We should expect the Lord to provide them. If our prayer group or community does not have them we need to ask the Lord to give them. If they are not very good we should ask him to improve them.



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Called to holiness: John Paul II and lessons from the saints

by Ralph Martin

Pope John Paul II spoke of 3 rediscoveries that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to beginning with the Second Vatican Council which concluded in 1965. One of these is the rediscovery of the “universal call to holiness.”

Before we go much further in our examination of the spiritual journey let's take an initial look at what “holiness” really means. In the Book of Ephesians we read: “God chose us in him before the world began, to be holy and blameless in his sight, to be full of love” (Eph. 1:4). To be holy is not primarily a matter of how many rosaries we say or how much Christian activity we're engaged in; it's a matter of having our heart transformed into a heart of love. It is a matter of fulfilling the great commandments that sum up the whole



law and the prophets; to love God and our neighbor, wholeheartedly. Or as Teresa of Avila puts it, holiness is a matter of bringing our wills into union with God's will.

Therese of Lisieux puts it very similarly; “Perfection consists in doing his will, in being what he wills us to be...who resists his grace in nothing...” Or as Therese put it towards the very end of her life: “I do not desire to die more than to live; it is what he does that I love.”

John Paul II urges us to reconnect with the mystical tradition of the Church, embodied in a particular way in the writings of certain saints, as an important resource in helping us respond to the great call to holiness. “This great mystical tradition...shows how prayer can progress, as a genuine dialogue of love, to the point of rendering the person wholly possessed by the divine Beloved, vibrating at the Spirit's touch, resting filially within the Father's heart.”

He makes clear that this depth of union isn't just for a few unusual people

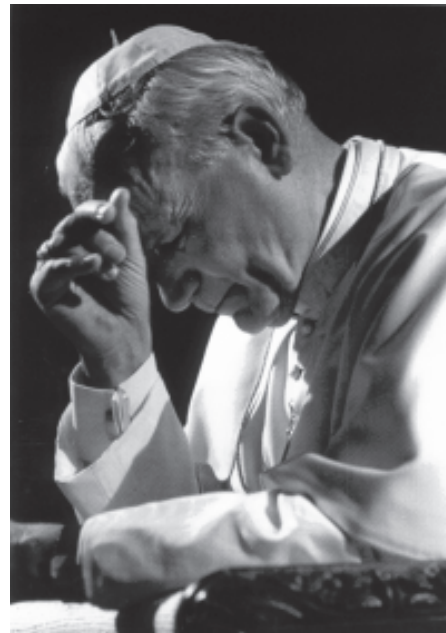
(“mystics”) but is a call that every Christian receives from Christ himself. “This is the lived experience of Christ's promise: ‘He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him’ (Jn. 14:21).”

Then John Paul summarizes some of the main wisdom taught by the mystical tradition about the spiritual journey, drawing in particular from the writings of Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Therese of Lisieux, and Catherine of Siena. He identifies four principles in the writings of the saints that are essential to a proper understanding of the spiritual journey.

1. Union with God of this depth is totally unattainable by our own efforts; it is a gift that only God can give; we are totally dependent on his grace for progress in the spiritual life. Yet we know also that God is eager to give this grace and bring us to deep union. Without him, we can do nothing but with him all things are possible (Jn. 14:4-5; Lk. 18:27; Phil. 4:13).

2. At the same time our effort is indispensable. Our effort is not sufficient to bring about such a union, but it is necessary. The saints speak of disposing ourselves for union, by our spiritual practices. If we really value something we must be willing to focus on doing those things that will help us reach the goal. And yet it remains God's grace that enables us to live the necessary “intense spiritual commitment.” “You will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul” (Dt. 4:29).

3. Much has to change in us in order to make us capable of deep union with God. The wounds of both original sin and our personal sins are deep and need to be healed and transformed in a process that has its necessarily painful moments. The pain of purification is called by John of the Cross the “dark nights.” It is important not to be surprised by the painful moments of our transformation but to know that they're a necessary and blessed part of the whole process. “Through many tribulations we must enter



the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22).

4. And finally, we need to know that all the effort and pain is worth it! Infinitely worth it. The pain of the journey will appear in retrospect to have been light, compared to the weight of glory that we were being prepared for (2 Cor. 4:16-18).

Deep union, (“spiritual marriage”) is possible even in this life. Teresa of Avila tells us that there's no reason that someone who reaches a basic stability in living a Catholic life can't proceed all the way to “spiritual marriage” in this life, and bear the great fruit for the kingdom that comes from such union.

The teachings of these saints show us how to make this journey, and overcome the obstacles we meet along the way.



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May, 2009 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Monday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 13

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

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, May 2

San Fernando Valley Magnificat Prayer Brunch, 10am-1pm with speaker: Cyndi Peterson, MD at the Odyssey Restaurant, 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills, 91344. Cost: \$28. Contact Teri (805) 527-3745 or register on-line at www.magnificatsfv.com

Wednesday, May 13

Teaching: "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit", with Dominic Berardino, 6:30pm at St. Mel's, 20870 Ventura, Woodland Hills, 91364.

Continuing Saturday, May 16

(5th of the 8 week series), SCRC Spiritual Formation Program at Incarnation Auditorium, 1001 N. Brand Bl., Glendale 91202. "Growth in Christ" with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ & Fr. George Reynolds. See Pg. 4 for Info/Registration Form.

Tuesday, May 19

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Mike Barry, SSCC at St. Mary Church, 1600 E. Ave. R-4, Palmdale, 93550.

Thursday, May 21

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Bob Garon at St. Joseph the Worker, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, 91306.

Wednesday, May 27

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr.

Bill Adams, CSsR at St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Bl., Woodland Hills, 91364.

Saturday, May 30

SCRC Penetecost Vigil Celebration, 10:00am-4:30pm with teachings by: Fr. John Hampsch, CMF, Kay Murdy, Dominic Berardino & Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at Bishop Alemany High School Chapel, 11111 N. Alemany Dr., Mission Hills, 91345. FREE! All Are Welcome! Mass Celebrant: Fr. Norm Supancheck. See back page for info.

Saturday, May 30

Antelope Valley Magnificat Prayer Breakfast, 10am-1pm with speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Kim at the Hellenic Center, 43404 30th St. W, Lancaster, 93536. Cost: \$22, before 5/20. Contact Rita (661) 913-6402.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Tuesday, May 12

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

Saturday, May 23

Healing Mass, 7:00pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at St. Louis of France Church, 13935 Temple Ave., La Puente, 91746.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 14

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

Monday, May 18

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Msgr. Joe Brennan at St. Linus Church,

13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk, 90650.

Tuesday, May 19

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

Friday, May 29

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Albert Avenido at Mary Star of the Sea, 877 W. 7th, San Pedro, 90731. (Praise 7pm)

ORANGE DIOCESE

Friday, May 15

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Eamon O'Gorman at St. John the Baptist, 1015 Baker, Costa Mesa, 92626.

Monday, May 18

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

SAN BERNARDINO REGION

Tuesday, May 12

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

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Special Guest Speaker on May 3rd will be Fr. Raymond Roh, OSB. For more info., please contact Phil/Chris (805) 962-1438.

Sat. & Sun., May 30 & 31

Life in the Spirit Seminar, 8:00am-4:30pm each day. Location: St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, 91306. Speakers include: Fr. Ramon Valera, Fr. Kevin Rettig, Dominic Berardino, Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ & more! For more info., please contact Agnes (818) 300-5133.

June, 2009 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Monday, June 1

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

Wednesday, June 10

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

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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

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Wednesday, June 10

Mass & Healing Service, "Healing Through Compassion", 6:30pm with Fr. Bob Garon at St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Bl.,

Woodland Hills, 91364.

Thursday, June 18

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Bill Adams at St. Joseph the Worker, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, 91306.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, June 27

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

Saturday, June 27

The Ministry of Angels Seminar, 10:00am-4:00pm with Dominic Berardino at St. Luke Parish Hall, 5605 Cloverly Ave., Temple City, 91780. Suggested donation: \$15. Bring sack lunch. See page 7 for information.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Thursday, June 11

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Jesse Galaz at Our Lady of the

Rosary Church, 14815 S. Paramount Blvd., Paramount, 90723. (Praise 7:00pm)

Monday, June 15

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

Tuesday, June 16

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. John Hampsch, CMF at St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach, 90808.

Friday, June 26

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at Mary Star of the Sea Church, 877 W. 7th St., San Pedro, 90731. (Praise & Worship 7:00pm)

ORANGE DIOCESE

Monday, June 22

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

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