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**CRM Mission:** To declare Jesus is alive through his word, to put the gifts of the Holy Spirit into service for the community, to give testimony to what the love of God has done in our lives, to be united and committed in one spirit of service to form community.

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**From the Desk of**  
**Father Andrés**



A new year is upon us. We have in our hands a new calendar on which to write all our successes and failures. We have projects, purposes and expectations. We have hopes and dreams, mixed with past experiences of ongoing flows of days, often littered with routine and disappointment.

For Christians, time is a succession of days, always marked by God's love for his children. We do not simply live history, all our history is based on salvation: God has a plan and he continues creating the world and transforming all of us.

We therefore anticipate each day with excitement because God has a loving and wonderful plan. We strive both to anticipate and live in that excitement.

Expect an especially exciting year in 2013: not only will we see the mighty hand of God at work in this Year of Faith and in the New Evangelization, but we will see the finger of God at work touching and transforming each of our lives. He said so.

For me, 2013 promises to be a wonderful journey into the unknown. My assignment in Phoenix has come to an end for now. As you read this, I will be en route to Brazil to begin a two-year doctoral program there. This is a long-time dream of mine, and an honor for me among worthy competition. I embrace the change with eagerness and anticipation, though I also feel the loss of a very important part of me as I say "hasta la vista" to those whom I have come to know in Phoenix. In love, I tell you now that we truly will meet again, and that God has great things in store for each of us. Viva Cristo Rey!

I want to thank every one of you for your acceptance and love during my time here. I also want to thank, and commend, each of you for your dedication to the Lord, your openness to his will, and your generosity in responding to his call. I have seen the Lord work mightily here in Phoenix, and he has only just begun his work here.

The bishop has not yet appointed a CRM Liaison to replace me. That will happen. In the meantime, Marge Chavez remains Diocesan Coordinator for CRM. The Conference, mission and other activities of CRM all continue as planned. Please give Marge your full prayer and support.

It has been an honor for me to serve you. I have you always in my prayers. God bless you and hasta la vista – until we meet again. Alleluia!

With love and gratitude,

Fr. Andres Arango, eud.

## From Marge Chavez

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Happy New Year! As we leave 2012 behind we look forward with anticipation to what the Lord has in store for us. We know there is a new "Spring Time" and, as with new seasons, we often have changes. This "Year of Faith" proclaimed by our Holy Father will prepare us for the many changes that lie ahead.

With this said, I want to congratulate Fr. Andres Arango on his new endeavor. Fr. Andres has been offered a scholarship to work on his Doctorate for two years in Brazil. He has been liaison for Catholic Charismatic Renewal for the past six years and we will surely miss him! Thank you, Father Andres, from the bottom of our hearts, for your love and support during these years that we have been together!. We wish you the best! You will be in our prayers and we also ask you to continue to pray for us!

As we here at CRM enter into the new year we are looking forward to our big 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference, "Let God Arise", to be held February 8 and 9 at the Phoenix Convention Center. We hope to see you there. Please see page 7 for more details.

Promoting the conference can be a way of answering the Holy Father's call to evangelize. Don't limit e-mails and contacts to just those close by but reach out and invite everyone including those out of state. We don't want anyone to miss out. We are praying for healing and miracles, "...For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the LORD, and I will change your lot; I will gather you together from all the nations and all the places to which I have banished you, says the LORD, and bring you back to the place from which I have exiled you." (Jer 29:11-14)

Love, joy, peace and blessings,

Your sister in Christ,

Marge

## Companion on the Journey

*By Tom Beale*

Recently, I have pondered what it might be like to just wake up one day in heaven as I am today. Not what would I experience, but what would others in heaven experience with me there? Simply, it would not be heaven for them any longer, because I bring with me all of my pride, competitiveness et al. Just being who I am today would impact those around me in heaven in a way that heaven would cease to be heaven for them. Perhaps my imperfection would not dramatically change ALL of heaven but, with a few others like me, heaven could quickly become a place of strife, anger, war and all other misery. What becomes apparent is that in order for heaven to be perfect, everyone there must be perfect. Maybe Jesus really meant what he said: "Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48) But how?

The "how" is the Holy Spirit. He is the source of "sanctifying grace, an habitual gift; a stable, supernatural disposition that perfects the soul, enabling it to live with God, to act by his love." (CCC 2000) "The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions (aspects of one's nature) which make man docile (obedient) in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1830) The job of the Holy Spirit is to transform and perfect me, and he does it with love and great care. My job? Cooperate with the Spirit through my obedience to his promptings. Heaven is perfect only when there is perfect obedience to God's will. Our goal then is to allow the Spirit to daily perfect our obedience. Our hope is that the Spirit will prepare (dress) us properly for heaven while using us to bring heaven to others.

I try to remember all that when I am tempted to judge or criticize, or to snap back at someone. I try, but I am not perfect. So I cry out to the Holy Spirit: "Holy Spirit! I surrender completely to you. Guide all my thoughts, words and deeds. Make me docile to your promptings and totally obedient to God's will in all things. Purify me. Make this time on earth truly a time of purgatory – of purification and perfection. Detach me from all that is not of God. Perfect me so that I may bring heaven to others on earth, and that I may know heavenly obedience when I meet you face-to-face. Amen."

The Holy Spirit, your companion on life's journey. Hook up with him today.



### Healing Masses

Charismatic masses followed by the laying on of hands for healing are celebrated throughout the year at parish churches in the Diocese of Phoenix.

For information on how to set up a healing mass at your parish contact Marge Chavez at 480-201-6691.

### Life In The Spirit Seminars

Life in the Spirit Seminars serve as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide teaching, guidance, and prayer leading to a new and deeper relationship with the Lord. They are an invitation to make or renew a deep personal commitment to Jesus Christ in openness to the Holy Spirit and His gifts. Seminars are given throughout the year at parish churches in the Diocese of Phoenix.

For information about how to set up a Life in the Spirit Seminar at your parish contact Tom Beale at 623-878-6488.

### A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit Day of Retreat and Reflection

In this one-day retreat we learn what the scriptures and the church tell us about the Holy Spirit and simple, practical ways to personally experience the Holy Spirit in our lives.

For information on setting up a Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit Day of Retreat and Reflection at your parish contact Tom Beale at 623-878-6488.

### Valley Wide Charismatic Events

Valley Wide Charismatic Events are open to everyone from the entire diocese of Phoenix and are held throughout the year. Events may include praise and worship, teachings, prayer, and fellowship.

For information on setting up an Event contact Marge Chavez at 480-201-6691. For information on upcoming Events visit our website.

### Weekly Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Meetings

Weekly charismatic prayer group meetings are held at many parishes throughout the valley where there is praise and worship, teaching, sharing, prayer ministry and fellowship. These meetings provide a place for the formation of close friendships with other charismatic Catholics in a local area and encourage growth in the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and a life lived in the Holy Spirit.

For more information on starting a prayer group at your parish or to locate a weekly prayer group meeting in your area contact Marge Chavez at 480-201-6691 or Marilyn Stewart at 480-969-9956.

### Monthly Youth Prayer Meetings

Monthly "God's Love Youth Ministry" prayer meetings at St. Jerome's, and "Monday Night Fellowship With God" from 7:00 to 8:30PM every second Monday of the month at the City of the Lord. Contact Jojo Concepcion at 623-229-6902.

### Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory Prayer Ministry meets every Thursday at the Diocese of Phoenix after the 12:00PM Mass at St Mary's Basilica to pray exclusively for the needs of the Catholic Renewal Ministries. Leaders and prayer group representatives are encouraged to come to pray for their prayer group needs.

For more information contact Manuel and Bertha Murillo at 602-276-9100 or 602-799-2563.

### Worship Night

To host a worship night— a time of praise and worship especially for youth and young adults (but all ages welcome), contact Jojo Concepcion at 623-229-6902.



## From Jim Murphy

Recently, I had the privilege of meeting with men and women of Catholic Renewal Ministries of the Diocese of Phoenix who are involved in leadership and ministry. The overall theme of our weekend was Send us out in power based on Matthew Chapter 10. That chapter speaks not only of being on mission for The Lord, but also of dealing with persecution because we follow Christ. It also challenges us to remain loyal to Christ, no matter who disapproves. That same chapter calls us to pick up our cross and follow Christ each day. As we looked over this list of what Christ was asking of us, it became obvious that the task was simply too great for mere human intention and strength; what is needed is grace, power of the Holy Spirit. We all tend to look at challenges that we may have to face; challenges within our families or circle of friends. We might face the challenges of financial set backs or health issues. We know there are challenges of an ever increasing secular culture. When we



look down the road at what may be, we feel afraid or overwhelmed. That is because

we are looking at the problems of tomorrow... with the grace of today. But Christ promised us that the grace we need will be given to us *at the time we need it!* It is not proper to arrogantly think we can overcome any problem on our own strength, but it is correct, and pleasing to God that we have a quiet confidence in *Him* who will deliver us from every evil and give us the grace to conquer every obstacle. Our faith is not in *our* strength.....but in *His!* The best way to prepare for the challenges of tomorrow is to live faithfully and grace-fully today! As John Newton reminds us "through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. His grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home." Bill Gaither reminds us, "I don't know what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future!" Faith, not fear is the best way to face tomorrow.....and start today!

## St. Steven's Parish Celebrates 25th Anniversary — Renew!

St Steven's Charismatic Prayer Group, with the assistance of Catholic Renewal Ministries of the Diocese of Phoenix, joined St. Steven's parish in celebrating 25 years of community by hosting four days (November 5-8 2012) of teachings on the Holy Spirit, given by Tom Beale and other CRM speakers. The celebration began with a



renewal of our vows with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We started with a time of remembrance, prayer, and spiritual renewal, mixed with laughter,



reflection, and fellowship.

A closing Mass of Healing and Renewal within the parish community was concelebrated by Fr. John Shetler and Father Reggie Carreon on Thursday evening, November 8.



The teachings were very educational and the sharings deeply touching.



We are called to deepen our faith and come to a greater understanding of what we believe as Catholics, to renew ourselves by studying the



bible and our Catechism and to spend more time in prayer to more fully know "...Jesus Christ, his gospel, his vision, his way of life...". (quote Father Hissey, pastor, St. Stevens)



### St. Thomas Aquinas Healing Mass Dec. 3

By Ferrell McNeal

The Spirit of Peace prayer group from St. Thomas Aquinas church, were so thankful to Fr. John Shetler for celebrating the Healing Mass on December 3, 2012. The gospel reading for the mass was from Luke 17:11- "The Cleansing of Ten Lepers." Fr. John reminded us of how the one Leper returned after realizing he had been healed- glorifying God and coming back to give thanks. So at the end of mass, we were invited up to be prayed over, but, when we asked for prayer, we were to first say something we are thankful for. When we give thanks to God, we start to see the many blessings that we do have and how Jesus is right there with us even in the midst of our suffering. There was such a special anointing present throughout the evening! Everyone who attended felt so blessed!

Many thanks also to the music ministry led by JoJo Concepcion and assisted by Bernie Capulong and several youth that sang so beautifully to the very end. We said our closing prayers by those who were left gathering around the altar- hand in hand- singing the last song.

St Jerome Parish and Prayer Group invite you to a....

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

7 Consecutive Monday Evenings  
Starts Monday January 28, 7:00-9:00PM

St. Jerome Parish PMC  
3450 W. Desert Cove, Phoenix  
Contact Mark Poulen (602) 795-3963

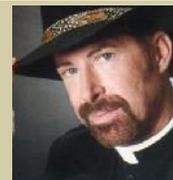


### Healing Mass

Wednesday January 16, 2013  
Praise & Worship 6:30PM, Mass 7:00PM  
Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Bennett  
Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
141 N. Macdonald, Mesa

### Healing Mass

Monday Jan 14, 2013, 7:00PM  
Celebrant: Fr. John Shetler  
St. Jerome Catholic Church  
10815 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix



### Ladies ! A Retreat Day Just for You!



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Women's Bible Group  
invites you to....

### A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit

Saturday, January 26, 2013, 8:30AM-4:00PM  
Held at Mount Carmel Catholic Church  
2121 S. Rural Rd., Tempe  
Contact Carey Gass (480) 329-9314

The Holy Cross Prayer Group invites you to....



### A Life in the Spirit Seminar

7 Consecutive Thursday Evenings  
Starting on Thursday, January 31, 2013  
6:30-8:30PM  
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Room G  
1244 S. Power Rd., Mesa  
Contact Jan Reagor (480)-830-8346

## Young Adults Praise & Worship At CRM Conference 2.08.13

Friday, 9:30 PM - 11:00 PM  
Phoenix Convention Center  
South Building

### St. Mary's Lenten Mission February 24-27, 2013

#### Healing Your Family Tree

With Fr. John Hampsch, C.M.F.

Feb. 24 all Sunday Masses  
Feb. 25 Mass 6:30 PM, Talk 7- 9 PM  
Feb. 26 Mass 6:30 PM, Talk 7-9 PM  
Feb. 27 6:30 PM Mass / Healing Service



St. Mary's Catholic Church  
230 W. Galveston St., Chandler AZ 85225  
Contact Aryn (480)-720-8606 [arynms@gmail.com](mailto:arynms@gmail.com)  
or Carolina (480)-963-3207

**Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Renewal Ministries**  
**21st Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference**  
**“Let God Arise!” (Psalm 68:1)**

**Friday February 8, 2:30PM-9:00PM, Saturday February 9, 9:00AM-9:00PM**

**Phoenix Convention Center South Building, 100 N 3rd St, Phoenix, AZ 85004**  
**(North East Corner of 3rd Street and Jefferson)**



**Separate Sessions During the Conference for Teens and Young Adults**  
**Special Worship Fest for Young Adults Friday Night 9:30-11:00PM**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:**  
**Adult Conference—Ed Orillo, Ron Clavecilla and the Lamb of God Music Ministry; Youth and Young Adults—Jojo Concepcion, Iggi Rodriguez, Mike Campbell and Simple Praise Worship Team**

**Keynote Speakers:**



**Maria Vadia** Born in Cuba, Maria was 10 when she and her family fled to Florida to escape the communist regime. She attended Catholic schools but had no personal relationship with Jesus. She later married a wealthy man and had four children, yet despite her affluent life, she felt something was missing. In 1987 she was baptized in the Holy Spirit and consecrated her life to Jesus and to the preaching of the Gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit accompanied by miracles, signs and wonders. She is founder of the “Jesus is Lord” chapter of Magnificat in Miami, and a member of the Advisory Board of Magnificat, International, a ministry for Catholic Women. Maria is active in the “Catholic Charismatic Renewal” of the Archdiocese of Miami and has spoken at many charismatic conferences. She has traveled around America and the Caribbean, Malta, Ghana, Uganda, Tanzania Indonesia, Canada, India, Poland, Italy, among other nations, bringing a message of faith, salvation and healing.



**Father Bill Halbing**

Father Bill Halbing has been in the Charismatic Renewal since 1975 and is a much sought after Bible teacher and preacher. Father Bill was called at a young age to know God through His Word and has studied Sacred Scriptures for 36 years. He attended Immaculate Conception Seminary in Mahwah,

NJ, and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Newark in 1982. He holds an M-Div and an MA in Jewish-Christian Studies as well as a BA in Spanish from Seton Hall University. Since 1999 he has been the Pastor of St. Antoninus Church, Newark, NJ, a Spirit-filled charismatic parish. He has been a guest speaker at national charismatic conferences throughout the United States, Canada, Guyana, Philippines and Eastern Europe. Father Bill delights audiences with his humor.



**Bob Valiante**

Bob Valiante has been involved in the Charismatic Renewal for forty years. In that time he has served in various capacities. He is a past coordinator of the Service Team for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Scranton. He is the founder and coordinator of the annual

Catholic Charismatic Conference of the Diocese of Scranton, which is in its thirtieth year. Bob is the Liaison to the Bishop for Charismatic Renewal and is a member of the Association of Liaisons Service Committee. A frequent speaker at days of renewal, conferences, retreats, parish missions, and regional gatherings in the United States, Canada, and Africa. Bob shares his gift of exhortation and is a dynamic speaker. He is married 48 years and has one child.

**For more information see updates on our website at [CatholicRenewalMinistries.net](http://CatholicRenewalMinistries.net).  
 Or call: Adult conference - Marge Chavez (480) 201-6691, [mchavez845@hotmail.com](mailto:mchavez845@hotmail.com)  
 or Maria Goracke (623) 465-2604, [Penfriend@msn.com](mailto:Penfriend@msn.com)**

**Teens and Young Adults Conference: - Jojo Concepcion (623) 229-6902**

**Friday Registration at 1:30PM, Saturday Registration at 8:00AM**

**\$25.00 by January 23, 2013, \$35.00 at the door, teens \$5.00**

**Free registration to all Priests, Deacons and Nuns**

**Upcoming Events in Brief**

January 11, 12, 17, 2013..(Fri, Sat, Thurs)....Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit...Holy Cross Catholic Church  
 January 14, 2013.....(Monday).....Healing Mass...Fr. John Shetler....St. Jerome Catholic Church.....7:00PM  
 January 16, 2013....(Wednesday)....Healing Mass...Fr. Thomas Bennett...Queen of Peace Catholic Church.....6:30PM  
 January 24, 2013...(Thursday)...Simple Praise Ministries Youth Concert...St. Benedict Catholic Church..6:00-8:00PM  
 January 26, 2013...(Saturday)....Women’s Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit....Mt. Carmel Church.....8:30AM-4:00PM  
 January 28, 2013...(Monday).....7-week Life in the Spirit Seminar starts...St. Jerome Catholic Church...7:00-9:00PM  
 February 2, 2013.....(Saturday)....St. Charbel Makhlous Movie.....AMC Arizona Center 24, Phoenix....6:00PM  
 February 8-9, 2013....(Fri.-Sat.).....21st Catholic Charismatic Conference, Phoenix.....Phoenix Convention Center  
 February 11, 2013.....(Monday).....Healing Mass.....St. Jerome Catholic Church.....7:00PM  
 February 24-27, 2013....(Sunday-Wednesday).....Healing the Family Tree...Fr. John Hampsch....St. Mary’s, Chandler  
 February 28, 2013...(Thursday)...Simple Praise Ministries Youth Concert...St Benedict Catholic Church....6:00-8:00PM

**Diocese of Phoenix CRM and Simple Praise Ministry introduce our new Youth and Young Adult Outreach, “God’s Mercy Youth Ministry,” monthly prayer meeting at St. Jerome and “Monday Night Fellowship With God” for young adults every 2nd Monday (except holidays) from 7:15-8:30PM**  
 City of the Lord Main Hall  
 SPM Worship Center  
 711 W. University Dr., Tempe  
[www.simplepraise.org](http://www.simplepraise.org)    [www.mnfwithgod.org](http://www.mnfwithgod.org)



**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**  
 Thursdays at Diocese of Phoenix following the 12:00PM Mass at St. Mary’s Basilica

**MONTHLY HEALING MASS**  
 Every 2nd Monday of the Month  
 7:00-9:00PM  
 January 14, 2013  
 February 11, 2013  
 St. Jerome Catholic Church  
 10815 N. 35th Ave.  
 Phoenix

**Youth Concert Series Featuring Simple Praise Ministries**  
 SJB MPR at St. Benedict Parish, 6:00PM-8:00PM  
 Four dates same place and time  
 Praise and worship concert for youth along with prayer and reflections on faith and life.



**JANUARY 24  
 FEBRUARY 28  
 MARCH 21  
 APRIL 25**

**HEALING PRAYER ROOM**  
 Individual Prayer for Inner Healing & Deliverance  
 2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
 7:00-9:00PM  
 St. Timothy Catholic Church  
 Christy Center  
 1730 W. Guadalupe Rd. Mesa

**HEALING PRAYER ROOM**  
 Individual Prayer for Healing & Deliverance  
 Every Wednesday  
 6:30-8:30 PM  
 Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
 Madonna Hall  
 141 N. Macdonald, Mesa

**HEALING PRAYER ROOM**  
 Individual Prayer for Physical and Emotional Healing  
 2nd and 4th Mondays  
 7:00-8:30 PM  
 St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
 539 Loma Linda, Goodyear

**HEALING PRAYER ROOM**  
 Individual Prayer for Physical and Emotional Healing  
 Every Friday  
 7:00-9:00PM  
 St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
 3140 N. 51st Ave, Phx

**Healing Prayer Ministry**  
 Every Weekend After All Masses  
 St. Jerome’s Catholic Church  
 10815 N. 35th Ave., PHX.

**Healing Prayer Ministry**  
 Every 4th Sunday Of The Month After The 11:00AM Mass  
 St. Steven Catholic Church, 24827 S. Dobson Rd., Sun Lakes  
 (On Dobson just north of Riggs Road)