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Through The Holy Spirit*

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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.

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.

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.

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 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.

Young Adult Ministry

Diocese of Phoenix CRM and "Simple Praise Ministry" music ministry present praise and worship, camp-outs, teachings, bible study, and young adult events and programs for our charismatic youth. For more information 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 Marge Chavez

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

500 gathered this year for the National Leaders and Ministry Conference in Aurora, Colorado. The atmosphere was warm and jovial as we gathered for the Friday evening session in spite of the cold rainy weather. At one point the rain and hail became part of our Praise and Worship; we were not even disturbed when the fire alarm went off because of the use of incense during Mass; instead Bishop Sam Jacobs led us all in an Angelic chorus of "Prayer Tongues." The musicians had the challenge of ministering with only half of their members because others were unable to cross flooded areas. God challenges us and when we respond in a positive and joyful attitude we experience His loving presence and nothing, not even the storms in our life, can keep us from praising Him. This is when we feel His warm embrace surrounding us. This took place in this loving community we were in with all of our brothers and sisters that travelled from the North, South, East and West to hear the inspiring words of speakers and to listen and participate in the outstanding Praise and Worship provided by the music ministry. We are given opportunities to be caught up in the moment of holiness and would like to spend eternity in the Holy place. We will also have the opportunity to gather here in Phoenix as one united family and extend our love and warmth to all those attending the Annual Conference. Please mark your calendar for the 22nd Annual Conference being held February 28th – March 1, 2014. Have you been wondering how can I do my part to evangelize? Invite people to attend the conference and experience the love of God through community. Don't stop there, bring people to your prayer group or to an event. Jesse Romero will be at St. Joseph on Sunday, November 17 speaking on New Evangelization. The event will start with a 12:30 PM Mass; Bishop Eduardo Nevares, celebrant. How can you beat that? Mass with our beloved Bishop followed by a speaker who will set you on fire because he believes what he preaches and is truly in love with our Holy Catholic Church. Don't Miss out on these wonderful events; and please don't miss out on the opportunity to spend a glorious afternoon being feed spiritually and physically-lunch provided-and being in the midst of your extended family Praising and Worshiping our Lord.

With love, joy, peace and blessings,
Your Sister in Christ,
Marge

Companion on the Journey

By Tom Beale

After vacating the papacy, Pope Benedict XVI confided to a friend, who confided to a friend, who confided to the Press, that God had directed the Pope to resign. This created an immediate firestorm in the secular press, many of whom sarcastically reported about God speaking from a burning bush, and of the arrogance (lunacy?) of the Pope to make that claim. The Vatican Press then scrambled to explain and tone down the "Pope's wording."

The question remains: Does God speak to us? To me? To you? Maybe even to the Pope?

I spoke at a recent seminar about hearing and obeying the Holy Spirit's promptings, and had put an example of such prompting on a slide which read: "Call Aunt Bea and tell her you love her." A woman approached me after the talk. It turns out that she has an Aunt Bea, and that she recently saw a banner hanging in her Parish Hall that said: "Call Aunt Bea and tell her you love her." What a coincidence. Oddly, no one else but this woman actually saw that banner.

At another seminar a couple of weeks later, we had finished the seminar by praying over people and were packing up our equipment to leave. A woman approached me and offered to help. I was inclined to accept her offer because there was much to do, but instead I said: "No, you go home and love your family." Her eyes teared up and she said: "I was just prayed over. During the prayer, I asked God to direct me. In my head, I heard a voice, or a thought, say: 'Go home and love your family.'" What a coincidence.

Does God speak to us? Yes! We know that. Our Church affirms that. (CCC 1830 tells us that "the gifts of the Holy Spirit ... make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.")

Let's pray: "Holy Spirit, let me hear your voice in all things, whether in my thoughts, my heart, my ears, my conscience, my will; and give me the grace to be attentive, docile and obedient when you prompt me. Amen."

The Holy Spirit, your companion on life's journey: just listen and obey - today.

Prophecy received at the Aurora Colorado NSC National Leaders' and Ministries' Conference:
"I am about sanctifying a people to restore a nation!"

Bits & Pieces of the NSC Conference by Jeanette Koron

Dr. Tom Curran:

We can't live today's challenges with yesterday's grace.

Pope Benedict focused on "event" as opposed to linear time — *God breaking through and breaking open*. There are "hidden events" during prayer as we wait on the Lord. Appreciate silence. Move from experiencing to becoming the event of God's breaking in — allow your lives to become the event of God breaking into other people's lives.

Have you ever experienced the "too muchness" of God? Pray daily: "Oh God, shock me with Your generosity!"

To grow in the life of the Spirit, we must take off our mask. Christ's focus was servant-hood because He loved the Father. Give yourself to the Lord: fall in love more and more with God.

Maria Vadia:

Ministry is focusing on the good of the other. Every time you pray for the sick for healing, the kingdom of God is extended. It's not about us; it's about God in us. It is not *enough* to pray in our room for others. We need to lay hands, pray in tongues. Evangelization is healing, casting out demons — demonstrating *God's power*.

Jesus wants total restoration: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. God's kingdom is very different from the kingdom of this world. The world grumbles and complains. Our negative words can grieve the Spirit and keep us from hearing Him.

Kingdom living should be an attitude and daily lifestyle. A complacent, passive church does *not* impact the world. We must oppose, destroy, the culture of death *with the culture of Pentecost*. You need a vision for your life. If it doesn't scare you, it's not big enough.

Mother Lucy Lukasiewicz:

Remember that the Holy Spirit is already working in the heart of the person you are approaching. It is okay to fail. Obedience is what matters. Ask Jesus where He wants you to "throw your nets" today. We are not called to solve their problems, but to give them to the Problem Solver.



Father Shetler Celebrates Healing Mass Sept. 25 at Queen of Peace

We were again very blessed to have our beloved Father John Shetler celebrate a healing mass for us at Queen of Peace in Mesa. The first reading was from Ezra; our wicked deeds have brought us disgrace, but God has had mercy and not abandoned us and has given us a new life. In the psalm God brings us up from the abyss. In the gospel of Luke Jesus summoned the 12 and gave them power and sent them out.

For those of us who know Jesus this is what He does for us; He heals us and sends us out to heal others. They returned excited because people were healed! Praise God!

Pilgrimage and Life in the Spirit Seminar at Corpus Christi



The new prayer group at Corpus Christi hosted a Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit August 23 and 24 to introduce people at their parish to a life lived with the Holy Spirit. The Pilgrimage was followed by a 6-week Life in the Spirit Seminar Thursday evenings, Sept. 5 to Oct. 10, to then introduce them to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the weekly prayer group. We were inspired by the teachings and touched by the testimonies.



The New Evangelization – Part 4

By Tom Beale

This installment offers a not-quite-skin-deep look at a 2013 Strategic Plan for Transmission of the Christian Faith via the New Evangelization (“NE”). The plan was authored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (“USCCB”).

The USCCB defines NE as a rediscovery of the joy of belief in God, and an enthusiastic profession of faith as a relationship with Jesus Christ.

NE is directed toward three audiences:

(1) The faithful who need renewal with increased catechesis, (2) Those who have never heard the gospel proclaimed, (3) Those who are baptized but have lost a living sense of faith in daily life. (Renewal, Rebirth and Revival, respectively)

NE focuses on the areas of: (1) Faith: An invitation to deeper relationship with Christ; (2) Worship: Vibrant community and sacramental life; (3) Witness: Public witness to Jesus Christ and the dignity of the human person.

The plan offers the following timetable for laity:

The Year of Faith (Oct 2012-Nov 2013): Assisting in the pastoral outreach of the Church, helping Catholics to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and increasing their knowledge of the teaching of the Church.

Worship & Parish Life (2014-2015): Strengthening parish life and worship; creating greater awareness of the need for evangelical communities of faith.

Witness (2015-2016): Strengthening and encouraging Catholic laity in their role as witnesses in the public square; Forming and training laity to understand the Christian faith and become engaged as evangelizers and witnesses.

The USCCB plan also attempts to integrate four additional strategies: (1) Engage culturally and age diverse communities; (2) Call, form and develop leaders; (3) Create effective communications; (4) Encourage collaboration and working together.

How does this impact CRM? CRM’s Vision is “A Radiant Church in the Holy Spirit.” How to do that? Reread this article. Want to be part of it? Contact Tom Beale (602) 300-6947, tbeale@saintjerome.org. Do it now. The world is waiting to hear good news.

Magnificat “Come and See” Breakfast September 28 at Corpus Christi



Aptly named a “Come and See”, the first public event for the Phoenix chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, was held to invite women to learn about the new chapter in formation. Three years ago, Bishop Olmstead gave a green light for a small group of women to pray monthly at the diocese about the possibility of bringing this ministry to the valley.

The women have traveled to other chapters and to two international conferences to learn more, and were finally ready to present Magnificat to Phoenix. The Catholic Sun ran an article inviting women to come.

Laurie Walsh, Program Coordinator for Phoenix, said, “I’m overjoyed at the response. We had 65 women come to our first event! We thank our Bishop for his “yes”, Fr. Hoorman (pictured top right), pastor at Corpus Christi, who kindly hosted us, Tom Beale (pictured top left), Ron & Teresa Clavesilla with the Lamb of God Music Ministry, and Barb Serba, our Regional Director, all who gave of their time and talent to make it a wonderful event!

Barbara Serba, South Central Regional Representative for Magnificat, was a special guest speaker. She shared the history of Magnificat and how it grew to become a world-wide ministry. Women have an influence, an effect and a power to make a difference in the world as never before. If you want to help, call Laurie Walsh at 623-979-9780 or msg_aa-ok@cox.net.



Magnificat Phoenix Chapter Service Team from left is: Holly Burke, Barb Serba, (SW Regional Director), Laurie Walsh, Susan Simeone, Antoinette Childers, and, in front, is Cathy Cato.



Magnificat and CRM Members say Rosary for Catholic Radio

On September 19 Dorothy Westfall and Gary Jacques came to the Diocese of Phoenix and recorded women from Magnificat

and CRM as they prayed the rosary. The group's recording of the rosary is to be aired on Radio Family Rosary, Station KXXT 1010 AM, at 6:30 PM during the month of October.



Pilgrimage and Life in the Spirit Seminar at St Thomas Aquinas



The prayer group at St. Thomas Aquinas hosted a Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit on September 7. There was a wonderful turnout of approximately 65 people who came to learn more about living a life with the Holy Spirit. This was also the day that we were praying for the situation in Syria so we stopped three times during the talks and testimonies to say a decade of the rosary. This really made it a special day as we felt bonded by a common concern.

Robert Petri led a 6-week Life in the Spirit Seminar following the Pilgrimage which began September 7. Each week 30-40 people attended the sessions which were held in the church.



Youth Charismatic Mass October 3 at St Helen's with Bishop Nevares

Shared by Cara Jay Concepcion



The Youth Charismatic Mass was a different experience from the Masses I'm used to. The Mass began with praise and worship led by Jojo Concepcion, CRM Youth Ministry Coordinator. He encouraged us to lift our hands and sing, which strayed from the usual familiar church etiquette.

Following praise and worship, Jojo taught about the importance of Mass and about being a Charismatic Catholic. Mass was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares. It was similar to the traditional Catholic Mass; however, there were moments where we would stop and pray in tongues. It was a different experience, but also very intriguing.

Overall, as a young adult, I found it an enriching experience. Mass isn't about just being quiet but it's about learning to praise God and rejoice in his presence. It opened my eyes to the many ways available to us as Catholics to worship our God. I wasn't used to this kind of Mass, but it encouraged me to celebrate the Lord in a new way.

Prayer Room Ministry Now Available at St. Thomas Aquinas

Phoenix CRM has opened a new inner healing and deliverance prayer room ministry at St. Thomas



Aquinas Parish in Avondale to serve those who need healing from unresolved hurts.

Many fail to avail themselves of a ministry to which Jesus Himself calls us. (Please see information on p.8.) When we learn to cooperate with God's grace we are set free.

Nov 17, 2013

**On Fire
New Evangelization**



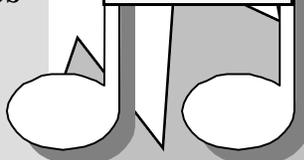
**Jesse
Romero**

**Auxiliary
Bishop
Eduardo
Nevares**



Starting with:
12:30 PM Mass
Bishop
Nevares
Celebrant
Lunch
Speaker:
Jesse Romero

**Praise &
Worship**



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**22nd Annual Catholic Charismatic
Renewal Conference**



**“Come after me.
I will make you fishers of men.”**

**February 28-March 1, 2014
Phoenix Convention Center
100 N Third St, Phoenix, Az. 85004**

**Registration 1PM
Fri. Feb 28, 2:30 - 9PM
Sat. March 1, 9AM to 9PM**

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**Phoenix Chapter of Magnificat
A (Charismatic) Ministry To Catholic Women**



**Meets Monthly at the Dio-
cese on the 3rd Thursday of
the Month - 7:00 to 9:00 PM**

**We invite women to come
and learn how they can help
with this vital arm of evan-
gelization. They will learn
about the Ministry and how
they can help. We have
many roles for women to fill.**

**Please consider inviting Laurie Walsh
to your prayer meeting to learn more
about this exciting ministry. (623) 979-
9780 or e-mail aa-ok@cox.net.**

Upcoming Events in Brief

November 17, 2013.....(Sunday).....Jesse Romero.....St Joseph Catholic Church, Phoenix.....12:30 PM
February 28-29, 2014....(Fri-Sat)....Annual Conference.....Phoenix Convention Center.....Registration Friday 1:00 PM

Healing prayer and deliverance ministry conducted by members of the Catholic Renewal Ministry in the Diocese of Phoenix is done under the authority of the Bishop and Father Charlie Goreieb. Each prayer warrior must attend training teachings given by the leaders of the CRM Healing Prayer Ministry, Manuel and Bertha Murillo, and be commissioned by their parish pastor. As more and more prayer warriors are being commissioned, healing prayer rooms are being opened at more and more parishes in the valley for prayer ministry. For more information call Manuel and Bertha Murillo at (602) 799-2563.

**INTERCES-
SORY PRAYER**
Thursdays at
the Diocese of
Phoenix
Following the
12:00 PM Mass
at
St. Mary's
Basilica

**MONTHLY HEAL-
ING MASS**
There will be no
healing Mass at St.
Jerome for the
months of November
and December
St. Jerome Church
10815 N. 35th Ave Phx

**PADRE PIO
HEALING PRAYER
MINISTRY**
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
after 6:00 PM Mass
Bilingual Individual
Prayer for Physical &
Emotional Healing
Praise & Worship
1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesdays
**ONE ON ONE PRAYER
BY APPOINTMENT**
St. Augustine
Catholic Church
3630 N. 71st. Ave.
Phoenix

**HEALING PRAYER
MINISTRY**
Every 4th Sunday of the Month
After the 11:00 AM Mass
St. Steven Catholic Church
24827 S. Dobson Rd.
Sun Lakes (On Dobson Just
North of Riggs Road)

**HEALING PRAYER
MINISTRY**
Every Weekend After All Masses
St. Jerome Catholic Church
10815 N. 35th Ave., PHX

**HEALING PRAYER
MINISTRY**
Individual Prayer for Inner
Healing & Deliverance
By Appointment
St. Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Church
13720 W. Thomas Road
Avondale
For more information or
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Ferrell (623) 972-6741

**HEALING
PRAYER
ROOM**
Individual Prayer
for Physical and
Emotional Healing
Every Wednesday
6:00-9:00 PM
St. Mary
Catholic Church
230 W. Galveston
Chandler

**HEALING
PRAYER ROOM**
Individual Prayer for Inner
Healing & Deliverance
2nd and 4th Wednesdays
7:00-9:00 PM
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
7:00-9:00 PM
St. Vincent de Paul
Catholic Church
3140 N. 51st Ave
Phoenix