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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.

**Monday Night Fellowship Young Adult Bible Study**

Diocese of Phoenix CRM and "Simple Praise Ministry" present "Monday Night Fellowship With God" young adult bible study every second and fourth Monday of the month from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Helen Catholic Church in Glendale.

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,



We have been greatly blessed with so many wonderful charismatic priests in our Diocese now that we thought it would be fun for all of us to

get to know them better. So when Marilyn and I had the opportunity to spend some time with Father Reggie, who is spiritual director and leader of the charismatic prayer group at St. Stevens in Sun Lakes, we asked him to tell us about his life and how he became a charismatic priest so we could share his story with all of you. Marilyn tells his story:

Father Regidor "Reggie" Carreon was born in the Philippines to a very devout mother who took him to Mass every Sunday. She was a store-keeper at the Canteen at the school. His grandmother also was a praying woman who would get up at 2:00 every morning to pray for souls. Because of this he learned to pray at a very early age, and, like his grandmother, he spends much time in prayer, often, also, at 2:00 in the morning. As a boy going to mass with his mother he would look at the priest's clothing and wonder if what they wore was pants or pajamas or what. By the second grade he knew he had a vocation to the priesthood. He had a great desire to celebrate Mass. When I asked him when he first received his charismatic gifts he replied that he always had them but kept them to himself until after he became the spiritual director and teacher for a charismatic group.

After sixth grade he went to catholic school where he continued through high school. His father did not approve of Reggie's desire to become a priest. Seminary was expensive and he could not afford it so he tried to discourage him from going.

As a boy Reggie would get up early and go to the bakery to get bread. He rode his bicycle selling bread before school. In high school he rode his bicycle in the mornings before school collecting debts for a hardware store. One morning during his freshman year of high school while out collecting debts he stopped

at an intersection. A wealthy woman, Dona Camela, and her mother, Ascencion, called out to him from one of the cars and said, "We heard you wanted to be a priest. We will support you." So he went to his mother and the women came to his house and took him to their mansion. They paid for all of his schooling for the priesthood and supported him very well. He started orientation classes for the priesthood during the summers of his sophomore and junior years and entered the seminary after graduating from high school. Some of his relatives also had given him money which he saved. After his ordination he was assigned first to his home-town where his relatives would attend Mass, sit in the front pews, and tell him what they didn't like about his sermons afterward.

A couple of months later he was assigned to a barrio on land which his two women benefactors owned. It contained a sugar plantation, hacienda, and church on the property. He was there four years. Later he was assigned pastor to a larger parish with 62 barrios and 200,000 Catholics. There were problems with stealing from the church there, so he made a lot of changes which eventually angered some of the people and he began to get death threats. His bishop told him, "martyrs are no longer in demand," so he said he would take over Father Reggie's parish and he sent him to the United States. Father Reggie showed the Philippine embassy that he had money saved so they gave him permission to come to America in 2003, first as a tourist, and finally, in 2004, as a non-immigrant religious with an RI Visa. His first parish was St. Elizabeth Seton with Father Frank Bartel, where he came with an official letter of recommendation from Bishop Sheen of New Mexico, a letter of accommodation from Father Bartel, and a letter of clearance from Bishop Florentino Cinense. He was officially assigned as a parish priest to St. Elizabeth Seton on January 1, 2004.

Father Regie, who has been Parochial Vicar of St. Stevens in Sun Lakes for the past three years, will be leaving there on July 1 to become the new Pastoral Administrator of St. Joseph's Parish in Phoenix. This title has all the responsibilities of pastor, but, even though he was pastor for many years in the Philippines, because he is not incardinated into the Diocese of Phoenix, he receives this special title, as do first time pastors.

## Companion on the Journey

By Tom Beale

Pilate asks the timeless question, as relevant today as it was then: "What is truth?" (John 18:38b)

How would you answer that question today?

The answer is not in the world around you, or with the ruler of this world: "there is no truth in him... he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44)

The answer is only in Jesus: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) "If you remain in my word, ... you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

But, how do I really come to know that truth?

A life centered in Scripture, sacraments and prayer is essential, but I also have a great gift that the kings and priests of old longed for, but did not live to see or receive: the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth himself.

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, ... he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." (John 16:13-14) "The Holy Spirit, the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26)

Praise the Lord. Truth himself lives in me in the person of a God who is Father, Savior Friend. ("I no longer call you slaves,... I call you friends." John 15:15) Truth takes root in me when, with the Spirit's help, I honestly come to know myself and my true motives. Truth thrives in me when I begin to seek the Spirit's guidance in all things. Truth matures in me when I fully surrender to the Spirit of truth in all aspects of my life.

How is your relationship with the Spirit of truth? Could be better? No problem. He's always with you; just ask him to remind you to consult, hear, obey him. You will come to know the truth, because the Spirit of truth himself "will guide you to all truth." Ask him. Let him.

Let's pray: "Holy Spirit, remove all deceit and deception from me. Guide me to all truth. Bring me to full honesty and truth with myself; and into truth and obedience to you. Amen."

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

## The New Evangelization — Part 2

By Tom Beale

Why the "New Evangelization?" The world needs it. Christ commands it. It is our mission.

In his 1891 Encyclical Rerum Novarum, Pope Leo XIII spoke to his world, and ours: "Every one should put his hand to the work ... lest the evil which is already so great becomes ... absolutely beyond remedy... Since religion alone ... can destroy the evil at its root, ... the main thing needful is to re-establish Christian morals, apart from which all the plans and devices of the wisest will prove of little avail." (Rerum Nov. 62)

The Vatican II Decree Ad Gentes adds meat: "Divinely sent to the nations to be unto them 'a universal sacrament of salvation,' the Church, ... obeying the mandate of her Founder (Mark 16:16), strives ever to proclaim the Gospel to all men. ... In the present state of affairs, out of which there is arising a new situation for mankind, the Church ... is more urgently called upon to save and renew every creature, that all things may be restored in Christ and all men may constitute one family in Him and one people of God." (Ad Gentes 1)

Another Vatican II Decree, Apostolicam Actuositatem, focuses this mission to the laity: "The Church was founded to spread the kingdom of Christ over all the earth for the glory of God the Father, to make all men partakers in redemption and salvation, and through them to establish the right relationship of the entire world to Christ. Every activity ... with this in view goes by the name 'apostolate;' the Church exercises it through all its members... The Christian vocation is, of its nature, a vocation to the 'apostolate.' (AA 2)

Pope John Paul II urged the entire Church to live the faith, to pass it on and to convert the world; repeatedly challenging each of us to leave the shallow waters of institutional maintenance and, like the disciples on the Sea of Galilee, to put out "into the deep" and convert the world.

As George Weigel summarizes (Catholic Sun, 2/21/13): "The 21st century cultural air is toxic, anti-biblical, Christophobic. ... In this atmosphere, ... what is needed is a robustly evangelical Catholicism: a Catholicism of radical conversion to friendship with Jesus Christ, which is understood to confer a missionary vocation on everyone."

Let the New Evangelization begin.

## Queen of Peace Healing Mass

Father Bennett spoke at the Healing Mass May 15 about the gospel reading from John 17:22 where Jesus was praying to the Father, “so that they may be one as we are one” and verse 21, “that they also may be in us”.

We must pray for the grace to overcome whatever keeps us from being what God wants us to be, to be one with him, to be in complete union. Healing comes in measure to our faith. Jesus is the way. Whatever we need must be consecrated in the truth. It is only sin which keeps us sick and weak, that



needs healing. God calls us away from whatever is keeping us from him. He who lives in the truth is whole.

He who seeks the truth is healed. Truth sets us free. The truth is that he will bring you to the wholeness of the truth. We think that healing is the absence of pain and suffering, but that's not what healing is. It is living in the truth. Healing comes through the cross. The sacraments are healing because they transform us to Christ. We must learn from him to love others as he has loved us. We must be one heart and one mind with him. Then we are whole. Everyone needs this healing — to be consecrated to the truth.



## CRM Pentecost Mass at St. Joseph

Father Frank Bartel celebrated Pentecost Mass, one of his favorite days of the year, with Catholic Renewal Ministries on May 18 at St. Joseph parish in Phoenix.

Father Bartel recounted a story of a little girl who, when asked what we were celebrating, replied, “we are celebrating ‘Pente-cross’, when the Holy Spirit blew over the people and set their tongues on fire!”

Father Bartel said there is an icon called the “Fiery Eyes of Christ” in which the eyes of Jesus seem to blaze like fire. He said that Jesus did set our hearts and tongues on fire to be his witnesses. As such, our eyes should also be filled with the fire of Christ.

He said that when he was in his early years of priesthood, 40 years ago, he was thought of as crazy and made fun of because he was charismatic, so he held back because he was afraid of being ridiculed. But, then, he decided that he was going to be a charismatic priest! We must not be afraid to show our excitement, to be filled with enthusiasm. We need to give witness, speak out, let people catch fire from us. The Eucharist, the sacred liturgy, must be the source of our faith; we must draw others to Mass.

He told another story of a man who was very active in church but then stopped coming. When a priest visited him the man said, “I can pray just as well at home and I can send money to the charities.” Then the priest went to the fireplace and, with a poker, began to separate the burning embers from each other. The embers grew cold and died. He showed the man that if we don't remain close to the fire we grow cold.



## **Father Fortea Gives Special Teaching to Prayer Ministers At St. Tim's on May 28**

Father Jose Antonio Fortea, a priest of the Diocese of Alcala de Henares (Madrid) in Spain, is an expert in the field of demonology and has worked for years as an exorcist. He has been called by God and gifted specifically for this ministry. He was invited here by the Diocese of Phoenix to speak about exorcism and what lay people, according to the laws of the church, can and cannot do in prayer and deliverance ministry.



On May 28 at St. Timothy's in Mesa, he spoke to those who are already involved in prayer ministry and are experienced in healing and deliverance prayer in the Diocese of Phoenix. Regarding serious demonization beyond the scope of lay ministry guidelines he re-stated the church's position that with possessed persons only a priest, under strict dependence of the resident Bishop, who has the proper training and giftedness for that ministry is allowed to perform an exorcism.

All prayer ministry in the Diocese of Phoenix must be done openly in teams who are under the direct authority of the Bishop and who have been properly trained and commissioned for that ministry.

There is always a danger of falling from pride. That is why all ministry must be done in groups. Within the groups it will become apparent which persons have been specially gifted for deliverance prayer.

## **Formation Classes for Healing and Deliverance Ministers Held at St. Thomas Aquinas**

Manuel and Bertha Murillo, CRM Coordinators of Healing Prayer

Ministry for the Diocese of Phoenix, taught formation classes on healing and deliverance to 25 people on May 31 and June 1 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church as a preparation for a prayer room there. Some of those attending have already been commissioned for healing. The group there has been taking the Neal Lozano classes on inner healing. Some have completed those classes and some are still taking them. When they have all completed both those classes and the teachings being given by Manuel and Bertha, and their pastor has commissioned them for ministry, a date will be set for a healing room to be opened there.

Friday the people were prayed with for discernment of eligibility for prayer ministry. Those who were eligible, whose lives and homes were in order, received prayer so that they were equipped to take the class the following day.

This team being formed will be CRM's 8th prayer room ministry. Bertha and Manuel plan to have regular gatherings with all the CRM prayer room leaders to share their experiences and provide additional formation.



## **Prophecy Received at the CRM Pentecost Mass on May 18**

I am your God. Hope in the promises I have made you. I will not forsake you in the days to come, for you are a faithful people who follow my ways and keep my commandments, a holy people, set apart for such a time as this, for I say to you, I will use you mightily in these last days and I will not forsake you, but I will be with you in signs and wonders, says the Lord, and all will see that I love you and have set you apart, for I have called you from of old and you are mine.

# Women's Retreat

## More of Jesus less of me

July 19 & 20  
2013

**Franciscan Renewal Center  
5802 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale**

**Friday:**

**Registration 1:00 PM**

**Retreat 2:30 PM**

**Saturday:**

**Retreat 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM**

**Registration Fee:**

**\$129 / person double occupancy**

**\$159 / person single occupancy**

**Commuters \$90**

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**Scottsdale, AZ 85271**

**Keynote Speaker  
Joan Chavez**



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**DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CRM and  
SIMPLE PRAISE MINISTRY PRESENT:  
"Monday Night Fellowship With God"**

**A Bible Study For Young Adults  
Every 2nd and 4th Mondays  
(except holidays) 7:00-8:30 PM**



**Kick Off: June 24, 2013**

**St. Helen Catholic Church  
5510 W. Cholla Street  
Glendale**

**[www.simplepraise.org](http://www.simplepraise.org)  
[www.mnfwithgod.org](http://www.mnfwithgod.org)**

**Simple Praise Ministry invites Families to a  
Family Camping Trip in Lake Havasu  
June 14-16, 2013**

**For more information e-mail Jojo:  
[jojoconcepcion77@gmail.com](mailto:jojoconcepcion77@gmail.com)**

**Phoenix Chapter of Magnificat  
A (Charismatic) Ministry To Catholic Women  
Meets Monthly at the Diocese on the 3rd Thursday of  
the Month—7:00 to 9:00 PM**

**There will be a "come and see meeting" just for  
women on Saturday, Sept. 28—9AM to 12 Noon  
Corpus Christi Church, 3550 E. Knox Rd., Phoenix**

**We invite women to come and learn how they can  
help with this vital arm of evangelization. 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. Call her at (623)  
979-9780 or e-mail her at [aa-ok@cox.net](mailto:aa-ok@cox.net).**

**A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit**

**Friday August 23—7:00-8:30 PM and  
Saturday August 24—9:00 AM-3:30 PM**



**Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
3550 E. Knox Rd., Phoenix**

**Contact: Susan Simeone (602) 315-1950**

**Upcoming Events in Brief**  
 June 10, 2013.....(Monday).....Healing Mass.....St. Jerome Catholic Church, Phoenix.....7:00-9:00 PM  
 June 14-16, 2013.....(Friday-Sunday).....Family Camping Trip.....Lake Havasu.....all weekend  
 June 24, 2013...(Monday)....Monday Night Fellowship Kick-Off....St. Helen Catholic Church, Glendale....7:00-8:30PM  
 July 8, 2013....(Monday).....Healing Mass.....St. Jerome Catholic Church, Phoenix.....7:00-9:00 PM  
 July 19-20, 2013....(Friday-Saturday)...Women’s Retreat....Franciscan Renewal Center.....(see ad page 7 for times)  
 August 12, 2013.....(Monday).....Healing Mass.....St. Jerome Catholic Church, Phoenix.....7:00-9:00 PM  
 August 23 & 24, 2013...(Friday-Saturday)....A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit....Corpus Christi, Phoenix...(see ad p.7)  
 September 28, 2013...(Saturday).....Magnificat “Come and See”.....Corpus Christi Church.....9:00 AM-12:00 NOON

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. Call Manuel and Bertha Murillo (602) 799-2563.

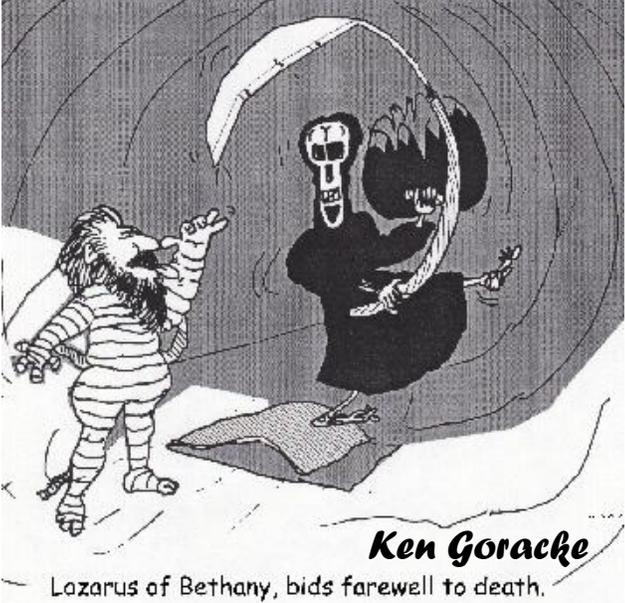
**HEALING MASS**  
 Every 2nd Monday of the Month 7:00-9:00PM  
 June 10, 2013, July 8, 2013  
 August 12, 2013  
 St. Jerome Catholic Church,  
 10815 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix

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

**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 Wednesday  
 6:00-9:00 PM  
**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
 230 W. Galveston  
 Chandler



Lazarus of Bethany, bids farewell to death.

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

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

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY**  
 Every 4th Sunday of the Month after 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., Phoenix