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Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares and Father Kilian McCaffrey Concelebrated a Healing Mass at St. Joseph Parish in Williams on August 3 (see story page 6)

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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,

For our next big Conference in February we have invited Father Christopher Crotty, C.P.M., as our main speaker. Since many of you may not know who he is I want to tell you about him and why we are so excited that he is coming here.



Father Crotty was born in 1967 and is a native of San Francisco, California. He attended Kolbe Academy, which was co-founded by his parents, Francis and Margaret Crotty, where he was the first high school graduate of the program. In 1986 he began service in the United States Navy, serving with distinction in the medical corps and eventually attending the anesthesia technologist program resulting in his serving as an anesthesia technologist at Balboa Naval Hospital for four years. Having completed military service he went on to work as a civilian anesthesia technologist at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose California.

In 1995 he became a member of the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy. A year later he began studies in philosophy and theology at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut. On May 31st, 2001 he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Michael Sheridan in Russellville Kentucky.

Following ordination Fr. Crotty served as the associate pastor at St. Martin of Tours in downtown Louisville Kentucky. There he came to understand the importance of tapping into the power of the Holy Spirit in pastoral care due to the unprecedented amount of brokenness that he found in the souls and families he was called to serve. As a result Fr. Crotty began introducing the teachings on the Holy Spirit and healing to his audiences on church missions, retreats and conferences.

He also teaches nationwide on radio and other media. Prison work has been

an outreach for some years as well. Father Crotty is a member and supports the work of "The Association of Christian Therapists". His work has also supported "The Serra Club", "Magnificat" (women's prayer groups), "The Knights of Columbus", "The Ancient Order of Hibernians", and "The National Association of Private Catholic Institutes and Schools".

As a full time mission preacher with the "Fathers of Mercy" in Auburn Kentucky, Fr. Crotty has spent the last six years traveling the globe preaching God's love through parish missions, conferences and nights of healing. The 41-year-old priest has preached in all of the states except for five, as well as in numerous countries around the world. It was the power of the Holy Spirit that transformed his parish missions and healing Masses. The Holy Spirit began to draw souls to these missions, and true healing began to take place.

Physical healings from cancer, heart conditions, leg and limb conditions and a whole host of medical maladies have been healed on the missions. In his opinion, the greatest cures that take place are the chemical and sexual addictions he has seen healed. His favorite story is that of a healing that took place of a man suffering from liver cancer. According to Father Crotty, the man had just adopted four children under the age of 12 from the Philippines, one of which had been abused sexually. Both he and this particular son attended the mission. The father was completely healed of liver cancer. At the end of the mission, the boy told Father Crotty that Jesus had taken him on his lap and told him that everything was going to be all right.

He has seen time and time again the need for healing of family trees. His missions and healing Masses often include a special prayer designed to heal a person's past. Part of this realization comes from wounds that he experienced in his own life. He says that if we look at our histories, we are all broken in one way or another, and it takes the power of prayer to allow that truth to be realized and for us to be healed.

The message he preaches is that each soul is loved deeply by Christ who desires union with them, forgiveness and healing.

So spread the news he's coming here!
God bless you all! — Marge

Companion on the Journey

By Tom Beale

A true Holy Spirit story: Bill and Ken worked together for 25 years, but they weren't close; in fact, they didn't get along well at all. Ever.

Over the years, while Bill became a committed Christian, Ken lived a worldly, alcohol-centered life. Despite not liking Ken, Bill prided himself on loving Ken as Jesus did. Yet, whenever Bill was prompted to pray with Ken, or for Ken, he usually just shrugged it off: "why bother?"

One Thursday Ken left work early – something he never did. Friday morning he came to work dirty, disheveled and ill. Bill got an urge to pray with him. In his heart, he said, "Later." In his mind he heard, "No! Now!" Humbled, Bill knew he didn't really love Ken like Jesus did. So, ...

Unsure but bold, Bill told his supervisor he was going off to pray with Ken. Surprisingly she said "OK." With a gulp, he approached Ken and murmured, "God told me to pray with you. May I?" Shockingly, Ken agreed. More shockingly, Bill noticed that 5 people now stood behind him – his supervisor and 4 others. Together, they walked Ken outside to pray. Wow! Wow, God!

They prayed. Ken was stressed by an abusive live-in girlfriend. They prayed for peace, and for the girlfriend to leave. They prayed in the Spirit. Mostly they laid hands and just loved Ken. One of the prayer warriors later interpreted Bill's prayers in the Spirit as casting out alcoholism and delivering Ken into freedom in Christ.

Monday morning, Ken arrived revived. He'd drunk nothing all weekend. His girlfriend had left him. Thursday he tried to drink himself to death. Friday was do-or-die. Now - new life. Ken hasn't drunk since. The Lord "did;" Ken lived.

Are Ken's struggles over? No, but what a testimony to God's love and to the mission of the Holy Spirit in each of us! The Spirit speaks; we hear and obey; he takes care of the rest.

Let's pray: "Holy Spirit, I repent of my "why bother" attitudes. Give me fortitude to hear and obey you, never quenching you. May I more fully take on the heart and love of Jesus, so that the Father's will be done in all things. Amen."

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

The New Evangelization – Part 3

By Tom Beale

The mission of the Church, and of every Believer, is to evangelize - to proclaim the Good News - that all may find salvation and that society and culture may reflect more fully the Kingdom of God. We are to evangelize the culture, yet the culture often evangelizes us. A reversal is needed, hence the New Evangelization ("the NE").

A Synod of Bishops for "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith" met in 2011. They named 6 sectors of society needing the proclamation and witness of the Gospel.

1. Culture: This era of profound secularism has led to a loss in capacity to hear and understand the Gospel as a life-giving message. Secularism has entered Christian life & community. The NE is an impetus to help rediscover the joy of the Christian experience, to find again "the love you had at first."

2. Social: Migration is increasingly forcing people to leave their countries of origin for more urban settings, eroding human ties and undermining essential values. The NE brings the capacity to raise the question of God at every moment in the rebuilding of the fabric of society.

3. Social communications: With the ability to globally influence both industrial and developing countries, these provide great opportunity for the Church, and great challenge. The NE encourages Christians to show boldness in this new arena.

4. Economy: The Church has noted a growing disproportion among countries in access to resources, as well as damage to creation. The NE calls peoples to awareness and concrete action.

5. Technological research: People marvel at the continual advances in scientific and technological research. The NE helps inject truth and meaning into the advancements of science.

6. Civic and political life: The changes in the past 50 years are rightly called colossal. New economic, political and religious forces are emerging in global politics from places like Asia and Islam. This has created an unknown situation, rich in potential but fraught with risk and new temptations of dominion and power. The NE transmits the Gospel into politics in the duty to seek peace, the development and liberation of peoples, support for the most vulnerable in society, and stewardship of creation.

In Part 4 we will review the 4 year plan for the NE.

Father Dan Vanyo Celebrated His 1st-Year Anniversary July 15 with the Queen of Peace Prayer Group



The prayer group at Queen of Peace invited Father Dan Vanyo, Parochial Vicar at Queen of Peace and chaplain at Benedictine University, Mesa, to join them on July 15 to celebrate his 1st year anniversary as a priest. Bertha and Manuel Murillo had wanted to do something special so they prepared a sumptuous thanksgiving dinner for after the meeting! Happy Anniversary Father Dan! Many blessings on your priesthood and on all that you do for us and the parish!

CRM's New Liaison, Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares, Joined CRM Leader's for Lunch July 13



Members of the Catholic Renewal Ministries of the Diocese of Phoenix were overjoyed when they learned that their new liaison to the Bishop was going to be Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares. They invited him to a luncheon on July 13 to celebrate his being appointed as their new liaison and also to celebrate his anniversary of ordination as an auxiliary bishop. To show their appreciation they presented him with a spiritual bouquet of promised prayers and masses to be said by members of CRM prayer groups.

Happy Anniversary Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares! Many blessings for all you do for the Diocese and for us! We love you!

New Corpus Christi Prayer Group Gathers for First Meeting June 27



Seventeen people gathered together on June 27 for the first charismatic prayer meeting to be held at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. The new leaders, Susan Simeone, Victoria Kaehler, Gloria Asadi and Amor Obispo, welcomed the new members to the first open meeting and introduced the new group to the national and local history of the Charismatic Renewal and explained the general format of a prayer meeting to them. Gloria Asadi spoke about the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and about developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Amor read a letter of encouragement which had been sent to the new group by the Bishop.

Susan Simeone encouraged those attending to come to the Pilgrimage in the Holy Spirit to be held at Corpus Christi parish on August 24 and 25 to learn more about living a life led by the Holy Spirit.

Bertha Murillo Gets Answer to Prayer—Meets News Anchor Javier Soto and His Fiancé on July 13

Because her husband, Manuel, worked at night, Bertha found herself watching the late night news on Channel 3 with Javier Soto and began praying for him every day. She was very excited when she learned he was engaged and so increased her prayers for



him for a happy marriage, always telling Manuel she wished she could have a chance to meet him some day.

Manuel discovered that Javier and his fiancé were attending the Engaged Encounter weekend retreat at the Diocese the same day as the Murillos were at the CRM Leader's Luncheon with Bishop Nevares and so he arranged for Bertha to meet them after the CRM luncheon. They are pictured here with Bishop Nevares.

Women's Retreat with Joan Chavez



Forty-five women gathered July 19 and 20 at the Franciscan Renewal Center for a women's retreat led by internationally known speaker Joan Chavez.

The theme of the retreat was "More of Jesus Less of Me". Joan told us that our cups are so full that we need to get rid of something old so that Jesus can give us something new. God wants us to have an ever growing love for him. If we want to be loved more, then we have to love God more. The more we know him the more we love him. He wants more of us so that we can receive more from him. We can't encounter Jesus without it changing us. A changed life is a powerful testimony to God.

Our retreat ended with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Father Bartel. He said that when God spoke to Abram he appeared as three men, a foreshadowing of the Blessed Trinity, God appearing as three persons.

Prophetic Words Received at the Women's Retreat

I give lilies of purity to each one of you because I intend to make you white as snow, pure as lilies before me, blooming white in the sunshine in the garden of the Lord.

I am the Lord of Glory. I walk among you to touch you with a portion of my glory. You will walk in my glory as a glorious light into the darkness.

My precious daughters, come to my font to drink and I will fill you to overflowing. Let me work in your lives. Let me show you the way you should go, the things I desire for you to do for me, for my kingdom, for souls, for you are the laborers in my field, the women of renown, who raise up a standard in my church, a beacon to those around you.

Father Fidelis Celebrated a Healing Mass at Queen of Peace

Father Fidelis Igwenwanne, Catholic chaplain at Mercy Gilbert Hospital, celebrated a healing Mass at Queen of Peace on July 17. He spoke on Moses at the burning bush. He said God spoke to Moses and it was a turning point in his life. God sent Moses on a mission. Moses was sent to save the Israelites from their suffering as slaves to Pharaoh. Jesus was sent to save us from our slavery to sin. Both were sent as saviors to God's people. When Moses appeared to Jesus and the apostles it was a sign of a change, of a handing over, from the old way to the new.



Auxiliary Bishop Nevares and Father McCaffrey Concelebrated Healing Mass at St. Joseph's in Williams August 3



In Bishop Nevares' homily he spoke of the unity of all Christians into the body of Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are all different parts of the body making up the whole body of Christ. We are baptized into Christ's body when we are baptized into the church. Each of us experiences Jesus in a different way. We all worship the one God, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. What he spoke in the past is still the same today.

Three prophetic words received during Mass all spoke of how much God loves us:

"I came, that you would know how very much I love you. Be steadfast, therefore, until the end, for your God's greatest desire is to be together with you forever."



A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit

Saturday, September 7
9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Registration / Continental Breakfast: 8:30AM
Pre-registration is requested
Bring a sack lunch
Snacks and drinks will be provided
Follow-up on Monday, Sept. 9
9:00-11:00 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, St. Clare Hall
13720 W. Thomas Road, Avondale, AZ 85392

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Life in the Spirit Seminar

A seven week adventure into a deepened relationship with Jesus in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Will meet Thursday evenings from September 5 through October 10 from 6:00-8:00 PM

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
3550 E. Knox Rd., Phoenix
To register contact: Susan Simone (602) 315-1950

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 from 9AM to 12 Noon at 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. (623) 979-9780 or e-mail aa-ok@cox.net.



Top Off Your Year of Faith With a Life in the Spirit Seminar

The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a seven week adventure into a deepened relationship with Jesus in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Monday Mornings, 9-11 AM
Beginning September 16 and Running Through October 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Avila Room
13720 W. Thomas Rd, Avondale, 85323

The Seminar is FREE. Just bring an open heart and mind for the Lord. For information or to register for this FREE, life-giving spiritual series please contact:

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Escape from the Heat and Join the Community of St. Joseph Catholic Church
900 W. Grant Ave., Williams, AZ
every 1st Friday
For 5:00 PM Mass and 6:00 PM Dinner
Followed by a Fun-filled Evening of Karaoke. (\$5 donation)
For more information call Rich (928) 699-9004 or rvgorney@aol.com

You won't want to miss this event!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday November 17th
At St. Joseph Church, Phoenix
A Memorable Afternoon!

With Jesse Romero
Starts at 12:30 PM

Followed by Mass Celebrated By
Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares

Jesse will be in Maricopa speaking on Spiritual Warfare Friday November 15 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM for English, and on Apologetics Saturday November 16 from 9 AM - 3:30 PM for Spanish. For more information call Elisa 760-586-4405



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
From 7:00-8:30 PM
St. Helen Catholic Church
5510 W. Cholla Street,
Glendale, AZ 85304

www.simplepraise.org www.mnfwithgod.org

Upcoming Events in Brief

September 9, 2013.....(Monday).....Healing Mass.....St. Jerome Catholic Church, Phoenix.....7:00-9:00 PM
 September 5, 2013.....(Thursday).....6-week Life in the Spirit Seminar starts...Corpus Christi, Phoenix...6:00-8:00 PM
 September 7, 2013...(Saturday)...Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit...St. Thomas Aquinas, Avondale...9:00 AM-4:00 PM
 September 16, 2013...(Monday)...7 week Life in the Spirit Seminar starts...St. Thomas Aquinas, Avondale...9-11:00 AM
 September 28, 2013...(Saturday).....Magnificat "Come and See".....Corpus Christi Church.....9:00 AM-12:00 NOON
 October 14, 2013.....(Monday).....Healing Mass.....St. Jerome Catholic Church, Phoenix.....7:00-9:00 PM
 November 17, 2013.....(Sunday).....Jesse Romero.....St Joseph Catholic Church, Phoenix.....12:30 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
Thursdays at the Diocese of Phoenix
Following the 12:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's Basilica

MONTHLY HEALING MASS
Every 2nd Monday of the Month
7:00-9:00PM
September 9, 2013
October 14, 2013
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 appointments please call:
 Ada Fe (623) 935-9401
 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