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Come Holy Spirit!

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St. Henry's Catholic Church

1619 S. Flores San Antonio, TX 78204

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**2021 LEADERS MEETING:
REVIVAL – SIEGE**

The morning session is a celebration of being allowed to come out of our caves following the worst of COVID-19.
TIME FOR A REVIVAL!!!

The afternoon session is a prayer experience of calling out and knocking down the enemy's strongholds in our Church and City.

WHO should attend? Prayer Group Leaders; Prayer Group Core Teams; anyone looking to increase their own leadership skills.

Notes of Interest - Sign-In begins at 9:30am. Bring a brown-bag lunch with you as we will have a short break midway through the Retreat. There is no cost for the Retreat; we accept donations to support the ongoing work of the Gospel.

This event will mark the kickoff of our Raffle-Thon... a \$5 raffle ticket gets you the chance to win a \$1000 VISA or MC card; a diamond tennis bracelet; pre-assembled, self-propelling Craftsman Lawn Mower, Designer Purse, and several other great prizes!

A Powerful Prayer for Troubled Times

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O

Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell

Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Una oración poderosa para tiempos difíciles.

O San Miguel, Arcangel defiendenos en la batalla. Se nuestra proteccion contra el mal y las trampas del Diablo;

umildemente te rogamos que Dios los reprenda. O

Principe Celestial de la Santa Hostia, que con la ayuda de Dios echas a Satanás al infierno y a los

espíritus que vagan por el mundo para arruinar las almas.

Amén.

From The Staff:



Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD
Director



Dan Dúet
Asst. Director

I, Fr. Bob, am a member of Pope Francis' CHARIS National Service of Communion USA. There are 15 of us on this National Committee for Charismatic Renewal for the USA including members from the English, Spanish, Filipino, Haitian, and Korean Renewal. This past week we had 3 nights of ZOOM meetings for a National Assembly. We spoke about Pope Francis' call for us to focus on three major areas in Charismatic Renewal:

Baptism in the Holy Spirit: Promoting this for the whole Church. Pope Francis agrees that prayer for baptism in the Holy Spirit is meant for the whole Church. Through the proclamation of the basic gospel message, and prayer for people for a renewal in the Holy Spirit, in Life in the Spirit Seminars, and other means, the graces we receive in Baptism and Confirmation are "fanned into a flame." Jesus becomes more real for people and we begin to learn how to work in unity with the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts (charisms).

Unity: The call to work together in unity in the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church, and to seek unity with other Christians in true Ecumenism. Pope Francis believes that Charismatic Renewal is a special grace to unite Christians through the common experience of baptism in the Spirit. He wants the Renewal to keep emphasizing Christian unity. Also, he calls Charismatic Renewal a "current of grace" in the Church which works best when all the different expressions of the Renewal (prayer groups, healing ministries, covenant communities, youth ministry, various language groups) work together in unity, rather than becoming isolated from the wider Renewal.

Reaching out to, and serving, the physically and spiritually poor: Pope Francis has a great heart for the poor, like Jesus did. He is calling Charismatic Renewal to become more aware of how they can reach out to the poor to support them both physically and spiritually. He would like to see Life in the Spirit Seminars for the homeless and underprivileged. We need to pray about the ways that our groups can do this more.

I invite you to please stay connected with the Center (CCCR). This will allow the Holy Spirit to reawaken the grace of the Renewal as we come out of our isolation because of COVID. We need to be united. We need to receive training. We need to seek to hear what the Spirit is saying to us for the Church of San Antonio at this time. My assistant, Dan Duet, and I (Fr. Bob) would like to visit with every group, or your leadership team, to talk about how we can strengthen our groups at this time. Please contact us (210-226-7545).

Yo, el Padre Bob, soy miembro del Servicio Nacional de Comunión CHARIS del Papa Francisco en LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS. Hay 15 de nosotros en este Comité Nacional para la Renovación Carismática para los EE.UU., incluyendo miembros de la Renovación inglesa, española, filipina, haitiana y coreana. La semana pasada tuvimos 3 noches de reuniones de ZOOM para una Asamblea Nacional. Hablamos sobre el llamado del Papa Francisco para que nos centremos en tres áreas principales en la Renovación Carismática:

El Bautismo en el Espíritu Santo: Promover esto para toda la Iglesia. El Papa Francisco está de acuerdo en que la oración por el bautismo en el Espíritu Santo está destinada a toda la Iglesia. A través de la proclamación del mensaje básico del Evangelio, y la oración por las personas para una renovación en el Espíritu Santo, en los Seminarios de Vida en el Espíritu, y otros medios, las gracias que recibimos en el Bautismo y la Confirmación son "avivadas en una llama". Jesús se vuelve más real para las personas y comenzamos a aprender a trabajar en unidad con el Espíritu Santo y los dones espirituales (carismas).

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Unidad: El llamado a trabajar juntos en unidad en la Renovación Carismática en la Iglesia Católica, y a buscar la unidad con otros cristianos en el verdadero Ecumenismo. El Papa Francisco cree que la Renovación Carismática es una gracia especial para unir a los cristianos a través de la experiencia común del bautismo en el Espíritu. Él quiere que la Renovación siga enfatizando la unidad cristiana. Además, llama a la Renovación Carismática una "corriente de gracia" en la Iglesia que funciona mejor cuando todas las diferentes expresiones de la Renovación (grupos de oración, ministerios de sanación, comunidades de pacto, ministerio juvenil, varios grupos lingüísticos) trabajan juntas en unidad, en lugar de aislarse de la Renovación más amplia.

Acercarnos y servir a los pobres física y espiritualmente: el Papa Francisco tiene un gran corazón para los pobres, como lo hizo Jesús. Él está llamando a la Renovación Carismática para ser más conscientes de cómo pueden acercarse a los pobres para apoyarlos tanto física como espiritualmente. Le gustaría ver seminarios de Vida en el Espíritu para las personas sin hogar y desfavorecidas. Necesitamos orar acerca de las formas en que nuestros grupos pueden hacer esto más.

Los invito por favor a que permanezcan conectados con el Centro (CCCR). Esto permitirá que el Espíritu Santo despierte la gracia de la Renovación ahora que salimos de nuestro aislamiento a causa del COVID. Tenemos que estar unidos. Tenemos que recibir formación. Necesitamos tratar de escuchar lo que el Espíritu nos está diciendo para la Iglesia de San Antonio en este momento. A mi asistente, Dan Duet, y a mí (P. Bob) nos gustaría visitar a cada grupo, o a su equipo de liderazgo, para hablar sobre cómo podemos fortalecer nuestros grupos en este momento. Por favor, póngase en contacto con nosotros (210-226-7545).

A Fond Farewell to Arnold and Ruth Lopez

Change is inevitable and one change we didn't see coming was the recent departure of long-time members and stalwarts of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Arnold and Ruth Lopez. Arnold said he met the Lord at a Life in the Spirit seminar at St Thomas More church and "it changed my life and I always tried to bring Him to others." He joined the St Thomas More prayer group back in 1987 and has been a member ever since, with a few breaks in between, as he was assigned to overseas tours in Germany and Belgium. Arnold began serving as the prayer group leader about 13-15 years ago after Virginia Sanchez stepped down.

Arnold and Ruth fondly recall the many St Thomas More prayer group members over the years and how close everyone was and that they felt like family. The praise and worship everyone shared created close bonds of friendships and love. Arnold said, "it built us up and kept us going."

He gratefully mentioned that Lolly Bancker did the praise and worship for several years. He also said that she and Adrian were instrumental in helping them, as members of the advisory group, to grow. Arnold and Ruth recall the many Life in the Spirit seminars that were so memorable. Through these seminars Arnold says, "we helped each other grow in our relationship to Jesus and knowledge of the Bible."

Arnold also acknowledged the important role the Catholic Center for Charismatic Renewal played in the support and success of the St Thomas More prayer group. He said the Center provided excellent training, priests to help with teachings, and guidance. Arnold also spoke of the camaraderie he enjoyed with other prayer group leaders as they joined together to put on Nights of Renewal and help with each other's Life in the Spirit seminars. He remembers the former Zone 2 and working together with Carmen Frankel, Karen Adams, Dan Duet, Ed Flores and many other people from several prayer groups. Arnold handed over leadership of the prayer group to Olga and Tomas Guerrero when he resigned at the beginning of 2020.

Arnold leaves with a heavy heart but expressed gratitude for the opportunity he was given to serve the members of the St Thomas More prayer group, his parish, and in the Renewal community in San Antonio. Arnold and Ruth are now safely settled in their new home with their son in Northbrook, IL and wish us all the peace and joy God brings.

We pray all God's richest blessings upon Arnold and Ruth in this new chapter of their lives. ***We want them to know that we love them, we miss them, and we appreciate all they did in service to their prayer group and the Renewal community. God bless and keep you always.***

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Charisletter is to serve and be a voice for the Catholic Center for Charismatic Renewal whose mission is to highlight the role of the Holy Spirit in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. We do this by describing upcoming events and publishing articles that will instruct and inspire the faithful for a more intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit. We emphasize the importance of:

Understanding the charisms of the Holy Spirit (spiritual gifts).

Needing to create a lifestyle exemplified by the use of the charisms.

Initiating and promoting efforts within the church to understand the use of charisms as an essential aspect of the life of the Church.

Teaching the faithful about the charismatic foundations of Catholicism.

Yielding to the Holy Spirit who creates a culture of unity through obedience rooted in love.

End of Summer Retreat (English)

The English Service Committee of the CCCR is hosting a retreat on Saturday, September 4 - Labor Day Weekend.

The one-day retreat will be a great opportunity to play an active role in the reignition of the Charismatic Renewal in the Archdiocese.

This is not a 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'. For information contact Dan Dúet at 210-226-7545 or at dan@danduet.com.

Held at the St. Henry Parish Hall. 9am-3pm.

"LIVE from The Center!"

Hosted by Dan Dúet and Carmen Frankel, our new CCCR videocast can be seen LIVE on Wednesdays at 11:00am (CST) on the CCCR Facebook page at:
www.facebook.com/groups/1725018977581632

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Call 210-226-7545 and ask for Dan.