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“The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.”

Ps 28

May your holidays be Holy Days!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with you and Christmas blessings to you and yours. I hope all are well and preparing to receive our Savior Jesus.

We are currently discerning all things relative to the conference next year on September 19-21, 2025. The theme is from Luke 1: 37, “nothing is impossible with God”.

We are seeking Christmas donations from you. As you are aware we suffered a loss last year and had to pay a penalty to the Hilton hotel. We hope to replace those funds and know that we really limit our expenses and “run a tight ship.” Please consider a donation to the Renewal to return our treasury to a more appropriate level and thereby meeting all expenses.

We continue planning for new events this coming year and it will include several workshops. This information will be available after the Christmas holiday. We pray and wish you all the best in Jesus.

Next year we will be at a new hotel, the Embassy Suites at 4955 Kings Heath Rd. In Kissimmee, Fl. The hotel nightly rate will be \$169 per night and each of the rooms is a two-room suite. Your room will include a complimentary evening cocktail reception from 5:30 to 7 PM. If you are staying at the hotel, you will also receive a complimentary made to order breakfast and Wi-Fi in the guest suites and the ballroom. Self-parking is also complimentary.

We are diligently working to obtain several high-profile speakers for next year's and 2026 conferences. We are unable to disclose the names of the individuals since we have not completed our contract negotiations. Once that information is available, we will provide you with the information.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to serve you and fulfill our destiny serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our God is an awesome God.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's conference. If you wish to send a donation or communicate with us, you may go to our website at www.orlandocharismatic.com or via mail to CCRC Post office box 215, Windermere, FL 34786

Sincerely,

Your brother in Christ

Vince Maldonado

Administrator of Operations, Catholic Renewal of Orlando

Please consider helping with a donation!

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE RENEWAL IN THE HOLY SPIRIT MOVEMENT

[The following is an excerpt from the Document.]

Saint Peter's Square, Friday, 3 July 2015

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Good afternoon and welcome. Even the water [referring to the rain] is welcome, because the Lord made it. I greatly appreciate your response to my invitation in January to meet here in St Peter's Square. Thank you for this enthusiastic and warm response. Last year in the stadium I shared with all those present several reflections which I would like to remember today — because it is always good to remember, to recall; the identity of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, from which gave rise to the Renewal in the Spirit association. I shall do so with the words of Cardinal Léon-Joseph Suenens, the great defender of the Charismatic Renewal, as he described it in the second volume of his memoirs.

To start with, in this place, he recalled the extraordinary figure of a woman who did so much at the beginning of the Charismatic Renewal; she was his co-worker who also enjoyed the trust and affection of Pope Paul VI. I am referring to Veronica O'Brien: she was the one who asked the Cardinal to go to the United States to see what was happening, to see with his own eyes what she considered to be the work of the Holy Spirit. It was then that Cardinal Suenens got to know the Charismatic Renewal, which he described as a "flow of grace", and he was the key person for maintaining it in the Church. At the Mass on Pentecost Monday in 1975, Pope Paul VI thanked him with these words: "In the name of the Lord I thank you for having brought the Charismatic Renewal into the heart of the Church".

It is not a novelty of some years ago; the Charismatic Renewal has a long history, and in the homily of that very Mass, the Cardinal said: "May the Charismatic Renewal disappear as such and be transformed into a Pentecostal grace for the whole Church: to be faithful to its origin, the river must lose itself in the ocean".

The river must be lost in the ocean. Yes, if the river comes to a halt the water becomes stagnant; should the Renewal, this current of grace, not end in the ocean of God, in the love of God, it would work for itself and this is not of Jesus Christ, this is of the Evil One, of the father of lies. The Renewal continues, it comes from God and goes to God.

[...]

There is another strong sign of the Spirit in Charismatic Renewal: the search for unity of the Body of Christ. You, Charismatics, have a special grace to pray and work for Christian unity, so that the current of grace may pass through all Christian Churches. Christian unity is the work of the Holy Spirit and we must pray together — spiritual ecumenism, the ecumenism of prayer. "But, Father, can I pray with an Evangelical, with an Orthodox, with a Lutheran?" — "You must, you must! You have received the same Baptism". We have all received the same Baptism; we are all going on Jesus' path, we want Jesus. We have all made these divisions in history, for so many reasons, but not good ones. But now, in fact, is the time in which the Spirit makes us think that these divisions are not good, that these divisions are a counter-testimony, and we must do everything in order to journey together: spiritual ecumenism, the ecumenism of prayer, the ecumenism of work, but of charity at the same time; the ecumenism of reading the Bible together.... To go together towards unity. "But Father, do we have to sign a document for this?" — "Let yourself be carried forward by the Holy Spirit: pray, work, love and then the Spirit will do the rest!".

This current of grace passes through all Christian Confessions, all of us who believe in Christ — unity first of all in prayer. The work for Christian unity begins with prayer. Pray together.

[...]

Before the final Blessing, the Pope spoke the following words:

And with Bibles, with the Word of God, go, preach the novelty that Jesus has given us. Preach to the poor, to the marginalized, to the blind, to the sick, to the imprisoned, to all men and women. Within each one is the Spirit, who wishes to be helped to open wide the door to make him flourish again. May the Lord accompany you in this mission, with the Bible always in hand, with the Gospel always in your pocket, with the Word of Christ.

Pope Francis recited the following prayer:

We adore You, Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Father, send us the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised us. He will guide us to unity. He is the One who gives the charisms, who works variety in the Church, and it is He who brings about unity. Send us the Holy Spirit, that He may teach us all that Jesus taught us and that He may give us the memory of what Jesus said. Jesus, Lord, You asked for us all the grace of unity in this Church which is yours, not ours. History has divided us. Jesus, help us to go on the path of unity or of reconciled diversity. Lord, You always do what you promise, give us the unity of all Christians. Amen.

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Why Every Catholic Should Consider Receiving It.

by Father Brenton Cordeiro

The late Cardinal Suenens, one of the fathers of the Second Vatican Council, said the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is not a “movement” in the usual sense of the word, but it is a “current of grace.”

Cardinal Suenens saw the Charismatic Renewal as a rekindling of the Holy Spirit for all members of the Church. In his view, it wasn't so much that people become a part of the 'Renewal' movement, as much as that renewal becomes a part of them, if they accept the grace it offers them.

That grace has come to be known in many parts of the world as 'baptism in the Holy Spirit.' While some people are skeptical of this phenomenon, this grace has demonstrated how it has been playing a powerful role in the revival and new evangelization efforts of the Catholic Church.

Regardless of what some critics may say, I strongly encourage anyone who hasn't gone through the experience to get out there and seek it wholeheartedly. To say it transforms your life is an understatement. Despite being baptized in the Holy Spirit over a decade ago, I continue to drink deeply of its graces. It has led me to discover the richness and beauty of my Catholic faith in a whole new way and has ignited an ever-growing passion deep in my soul to serve the Lord.

Holy Spirit Come!

But don't take my word for it. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the foundation and common thread of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, which in the 50 years of its existence, has touched the lives of over 120 million Catholics in more than 200 countries. Back in 2004, Pope John Paul II said, “Thanks to the Charismatic Movement, a multitude of Christians, men and women, young people and adults have rediscovered Pentecost as a living reality in their daily lives.”

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is offering hope to many parts of the world where the Church has been declining, in particular since the experience draws many young people back to the Church by giving them a zeal for holiness in their lives.

To be clear, baptism in the Holy Spirit is not a sacrament but is believed to be related to the sacraments. It is a sovereign action of God, which usually occurs when someone with a disposition of surrender and docility, prays for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in his or her life. Many Catholic scholars have attempted to explain the baptism in the Holy Spirit and have come up with different theological interpretations. The predominant one is that a baptism in the Holy Spirit unleashes the Holy Spirit that is already present within us, by revitalizing the graces we received in the sacrament of Baptism.

This is how Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, the preacher to the Papal Household explains it: Catholic theology recognizes the concept of a valid, but 'bound' sacrament. A sacrament is called “bound” if the fruits that accompany it remain bound on account of certain blocks that hinder its effectiveness. The effectiveness of the sacrament is the result of a cooperation between the grace of the Holy Spirit and human freedom. God pours out the grace of the sacrament in our lives, but the full actualization of our Baptism comes about only through our own personal “yes,” our response of faith, to His divine grace.

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Yet, many people remain skeptical of this phenomenon, mostly because they (rightly) believe they have already received the Holy Spirit on the day of their Baptism. Any allusion that seems to take away from that isn't received well. However, baptism in the Holy Spirit doesn't oppose or dilute any Catholic teaching on the sacraments.

There is no dispute about the effects of receiving the sacrament of Baptism, in particular the forgiveness of sins, the conferring of divine sonship, and becoming a member of the Body of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. Yet, through ways we may not fully understand, these spiritual realities are manifested in a powerful way in our day-to-day lived realities following a baptism in the Holy Spirit. It is as though the gifts from God that we receive in the sacrament of Baptism are 'unbound' through a baptism in the Holy Spirit, allowing the Holy Spirit to burst forth and flow throughout our lives.

In order that we recall the beauty of our Baptism, Pope Benedict XVI urged all Christians to be open to the gifts of the Spirit: "Let us rediscover, dear brothers and sisters, the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit; let us be aware again of our Baptism and of our Confirmation, sources of grace that are always present."

And Christian lives are indeed being renewed by giving the Holy Spirit permission to flow freely. Following a baptism in the Holy Spirit, people are moved from just knowing about Jesus, to actually knowing Him more personally and intimately. All who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit testify that the experience brought them to a new awareness of the reality and presence of Jesus Christ in their lives. They felt a new hunger for the Word of God, the Sacraments and were filled with a renewed desire for holiness.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit also plays a huge role in the New Evangelization because it leads to people falling deeper in love with the Church. It fosters in them a desire to witness to their faith and to testify about the way the Lord is changing their lives.

So, if you're looking to recharge your spiritual batteries, don't be afraid to open your mind and heart to being baptized in the Holy Spirit. Though not necessarily the only way, this experience is often attained at programs called 'Life in the Spirit' seminars. If you don't find one at your local parish, ask around. Or simply ask members at a local charismatic prayer group to pray for you to receive this grace. This usually involves people laying their hands on you and praying for the Holy Spirit to come alive in you.

As renowned Catholic scholar Fr. Kilian McDonnell once said,

"Whether the release of the Spirit is due to an awakening of sacramental grace or merely the fruit of prayer, the important thing is to let it happen."

"I had two lives; one before the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and one after."

And that is perhaps the key to overcoming any doubts or obstacles one may feel towards asking for a baptism in the Holy Spirit. Let it happen. In the words of Fr. Cantalamessa,

"I had two lives; one before the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and one after."

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The Love of the Holy Spirit: St. Angela of Foligno

St. Angela of Foligno is another saint who encourages us to believe how dearly and personally the Holy Spirit loves us and wants to be close to us. On a pilgrimage, Angela had prayed to St. Francis, asking for his help to love the Lord Jesus more deeply and to live her Franciscan life more fervently. In answer to her prayer, Angela was astonished to find that the Holy Spirit who spoke to her heart, telling her of His infinite love for and delight in her.

Angela was deeply moved to hear the Holy Spirit speak these tender words to her soul: *“Love me, because you are very much loved by me, much more than you could love me.”* What an exquisite pledge of love; what a tender request for the return of that love! May the Holy Spirit’s beautiful words to Angela be seared into our own souls, for the Holy Spirit speaks them to each one of us.

“Love me, because you are very much loved by me”

Many of us already have experienced blessings of the Holy Spirit’s intimate love for us, even if we have not always realized that the Holy Spirit is the One who has so tenderly imparted them to us. Let us pray for the grace to realize and appreciate now the countless gifts that, in the Trinity’s plan of love, the Holy Spirit has brought to us: the joys of loving and being loved; the blessings of a cherished family and good health; the treasure of our gifts and accomplishments; the granting of longed-for healings and favors; the surprise of unexpected blessings; the miracles of wonderful conversions and lives changed for the good; the joy of knowing and loving the Trinity; the gift of cherishing the Mass and the precious sacrament of the Eucharist; the treasured strength and comfort of our Faith.

Whether we have been converted by the Holy Spirit’s grace, like St. Augustine of Hippo, or preserved by that same grace, like St. Thérèse of Lisieux, what the Holy Spirit desires from us in return for the manifold blessings He has bestowed on us is simply our love, not for His benefit but for ours. The Holy Spirit desires our love! Surely, love is the easiest and sweetest gift we can give to the Holy Spirit, for “everyone can love.”

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Holy Spirit Come!

Come closer, come closer My child & I will give you peace. Let My love flood your soul & lift your spirit.

Prophetic Word Orlando Conference 2024

Prophetic Word from 2024 Diocese of Orlando Conference

It is not an accident that you are here this weekend. I have called you to be here. Many of you have been going through very difficult trials & feel pulled in many different directions. The Holy Spirit wants to lift you up to strengthen you, encourage you & to heal you. Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph & all the Saints are praying for you that you may be able to receive My Peace – the peace that passes understanding. Let go of each one of your fears & worries. Give them to Me & I will take care of them. Rest in Me. I am with you & ready to help you.

Fight evil with good. When I was tempted in the desert, after 40 days fasting & praying, I spoke to Satan with the powerful Word of God, as it is in the Scriptures. After 3 times, Satan fled. I had the armor on & struck him with the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Call upon the Holy Trinity - Me, your Lord & Savior, our Father, & the Holy Spirit to empower you to stand firm in truth & righteousness. (Vision) I saw the Holy Spirit above a brightly shining moon with its individual rays coming down with the power of the Holy Spirit upon each one of us. Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, was collecting all the things we brought with us. He was renewing each one of us with love, peace & healing. He is filling us anew with His gifts to share with others.

Oh My people, My precious ones, Satan wants to rob you of My hope. Pay no heed to the lies of the evil one. Put your faith in My promises. Taste My Word & see that I am a loving God, ever near to you. Even now, My Spirit is within you...sharing your burden... lifting the weight of your cross ...opening your mind to my Truth & your heart to My love. My beloved, receive the gift of My Holy Spirit for it is He who wages war on your behalf, who offers hope & confers Victory. Yes, a war is raging. I am calling My Church to arms and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against you.

I had a sense that the Lord is going to rekindle the Fire of the Holy Spirit within us over the weekend & that the Lord wants to pour out a Fresh Fire of the Holy Spirit upon us. For as Jesus says in Luke 11:13 “How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.” Let our prayer this weekend be from the song “Set a Fire”. “Set a fire down in my soul, that I can’t contain, that I can’t control. I want more of You, God!” (Image at Mass) I saw a little child in a crowd, feeling “lost” among the crowd. Thinking that the Lord does not see him or her. But Jesus sees this child & goes directly to you, picks you up & hugs you! I hear the Lord say “I see you!”

(Image from Praise & Worship) As we were singing “Trust in God”, I saw an image of a heart encased in a block of ice. I felt the Lord telling us if we sing that song, Trust in God, truly from our heart, the Lord would melt the block of ice & the Holy Spirit would fill our hearts & the gifts of the Holy Spirit would flow through us.

Isaiah 57:14-15 Open up, open up, clear the way, remove all obstacles from the way of My people. For thus speaks the Most High, whose home is in eternity, whose name is holy. “I live in a high & holy place, but I am also with the contrite & humbled spirit, to give the humbled spirit new life, to revive contrite hearts.”

Each morning, the sun brings new life onto the earth, as flowers unfold their faces to its warmth. And each morning, My Son, brings New Life to all who unfold their hearts to the workings of His Holy Spirit. Oh My people, each day is a gift. Do not grow cold as you grow old. You must run to Me each morning – with the expectant faith of a child. How I look forward to meeting you, in the Light of your Morning Prayer. Bring Me your needs & your dreams. Sit with Me. Place yourself in My arms. Allow Me to love you. Avail your heart to My Sacred Heart. Drink deeply of My Holy Spirit. Do this, & you will have life to the full...you will See how I make all things new!

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My Beloved Children, I love each of you & long to heal your hearts. How I long for you to come back to Me, your first love. Satan has many ways to wile you. How easily you become burdened with unforgiveness which causes bitterness & divisions. My Word reminds you that if you come to the altar & there remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift at the altar & go & be reconciled with them first. Then come with a purified heart of love & offer your gift to the Father. How else can the world see your light shine before all? Remember all grace has been given to you. Do not behave as the world does. I have called you to be a peculiar people – different in your attitudes & actions. I have given you the Sacrament of Reconciliation, yet you do not utilize it. Come back to Me, My little ones. Come back with all your heart & allow Me to create a clean heart within you & end divisions. Acknowledge your sin & be reconciled. We love you & long for your coming back, without reserve. I am your Jesus od Nazareth.

Dear children, remember that each one of you is My beloved. Through My Spirit you have become part of My family. I love you with the same love that I have for My Son. Cry out to Me – cry out to your Father – invite Me into every part of your life, for I love you!

The Lord put on my heart: someone who might be afraid or uneasy of the Holy Spirit – not quite sure who/what He is. The Holy Spirit is gentle LOVE. There'a no need to fear love. I also felt the Lord was giving this person the desire to know the Holy Spirit more, to “encounter” the Holy Spirit over the weekend.

My child, hold out your hand & what do you see but a single hand reaching out into air. Now, open your *Eye of Faith* & behold, you will see *two* hands...one, bearing the wound of a nail grasping yours. I tell you, what you see with your *Eye of Faith* is what is *Real*. My Saving Hand is ever grasping yours, *pulling* you up from all that is dragging you down: from Sin...Sickness...Fear...Loneliness...Weariness...from every Trial that you must endure. My Beloved, every child of mine has three *Eyes*, two are flesh to navigate this world. The third is of Spirit. It is My *Gift of Faith* which brings you to Eternal Life. It unlock s My Floodgates of Grace, *guarantees* the Blessings you Hope for, & *proves* the existence of Realities that remain unseen to eyes of flesh. Blessed are you who *Believe*, who walk by *Faith*. Yours is a *Future Secured*, a life *Undeterred by Trial*. For I have given you *Life Anew* ...Free from Fear ...Victorious ...that you may be a *Witness* ...to the Glory of My Father!

Brothers & Sisters, Faith comes from hearing & hearing comes from the Word of God. Sit in silence, sit quietly to hear My voice from Heaven. Be still & know that I am God. I love each one of you individually & want to heal you. I am telling you to stand firm in your faith with My Holy Angels & Saints. Put on your armor & do not be afraid. Trust in Me, Abba God, your Father & the Holy Spirit. We are the powerhouses of this world. Journeying together, with you, towards your eternal home in Heaven.

The Lord says, I AM the Lord. There is no other God besides Me. Be still & know that I am God. I know your pain. I know your sorrow. I know your anxieties. Be still & know that I am God. I know the problems you are facing. I know the areas of your life that causes you to be anxious. I know your spiritual concerns. I know your mental challenges. I know your physical abilities & disabilities. I know ...I know! I know your concerns for your children & your grandchildren. I know your concerns for your family & friends. I know your concerns for your nation. Be still & know that I am God. I have asked you to bring All to Me through My Son. And you try, but many of you are still anxious. You are anxious because you doubt. GET OUT OF THE BOAT! WALK ON THE WATER! I know all of your concerns. I know the ones you bring to Me AND the ones you hide. I know the concerns that you have...& the ones which you have not as yet recognized. Be still & know that I am God. Trust Me. Give all to Me & then...BE AT PEACE. Know that I AM God. There is no other & I love you with an everlasting love. I hear you when you cry out to me! Be at peace. BE STILL & KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

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