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Vigil of Pentecost in Rome

Church Celebrates with Renewal Movements

On Saturday, June 3, 2006, the eve of Pentecost, Benedict XVI gave an exhortation to a gathering of some 400,000 members of movements and ecclesial communities gathered in and around St. Peter's Square. This meeting presided over by Benedict XVI was the second of its kind. A similar meeting was convoked in 1998 by Pope John Paul II.

Archbishop Stanislaw Rylko, president of the Pontifical Council for the laity, during Saturday's meeting addressed Pope Benedict in the these words: "Holy Father, you have always told us that wherever the Spirit appears there is surprise, bewilderment, and amazement, because it transforms people and changes the course of history, generating fruits that could never be the outcome of human planning. Today we wish to raise our song of praise for the fruits of holy lives, of communion, of courage and missionary creativity that these new charisms make flourish in the Church of our times. They are truly signs of a new Christian spring. "See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43.19.)

In his greetings to the crowd gathered Pope Benedict XVI emphasized several points which were of great encour-

agement to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and other movements represented at this event:

✦The Holy Father expressed hope that the Church's "pastors will be careful not to extinguish the Spirit manifested in the new movements and ecclesial communities."

✦The Spirit always inspires new gifts, using diverse instruments to achieve his purposes.



✦In him multiplicity and unity go together. The spirit breathes where he wills. He does so in an unexpected ways, in unexpected places, and in ways that had never before been imagined.

✦Multiformity and unity are inseparable. The Holy Spirit desires multiformity, and desires all to be one body in union with the Church.

✦The Pope said, "One who has found what is true, beautiful and good in his life—the only treasure, the precious pearl! - runs everywhere to share it, in

What Have We Seen in

Kevin Ranaghan, one of the pioneers of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal addressed 300 leaders from around the world during the special Leaders' Colloquium in Rome. He spoke about the glory of God we have seen manifested across the earth: 125 million Roman Catholics baptized in the Spirit. 600 million Christians baptized in the Spirit. He invited us to think of the person who shared with us about the baptism in the Spirit. He listed some of the blessings of these 40 years: manifestations of healing and inspired preaching; the emergence of the laity, being more responsible for life and work of the Church in the Holy Spirit; a greater cooperation among laity, clergy and religious—this was not the case years ago. A further blessing is the ongoing incarnation of the Body of Christ in prayer groups and communities, offering an alternative New Testament kind of life. Finally, the call to continuing conversion and baptism in the spirit with strong call to holiness for all Christians.

However, he pointed out some of the errors, for which leaders bear a share of the blame: the breaking up of large prayer groups to form parish ones, created smaller, less powerful, sometimes

the family, at work, in all the environments of his life.”

✦ The movements and communities were encouraged to be even more and more involved in the Pope’s apostolic ministry of evangelization—opening the doors to Christ.

✦ “You are called to use your gifts to build an authentic civilization of love.”

After the Pope’s message there was a liturgical memorial of the sacrament of confirmation, characterized by the rite of fire, the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the profession of faith.

Luigi Fernando Figari, founder of the Christian Life Movement, and Patti Gallagher Mansfield, of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, thanked the Holy Father at the end on behalf of all the movements and ecclesial communities. In her remarks Patti Mansfield said, “Holy Father, thank you for loving us. Thank you for your constant support and encouragement. Thank you for saying that you are a friend of the movements and that we are a sign of the new springtime. We want to return love for love. Jesus said, ‘If you love me, keep my word’” (cf. John 14:23), and we stand ready to receive your word., Holy Father, and to follow your direction.”

As Archbishop Rylko proclaimed to the Pope, **“We are ready for the mission! The Church can count on us! The Pope and bishops can count on us.”**

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poorly led groups. (*some New Yorkers remember the large, area-wide group at Fordham University, which dwindled to a few, and is now closed*) Another negative is giving in to pressure by authority to suppress gifts – allowing just music, silence, and non-charismatic devotions. In this concern for approval, we have compromised CCR.

Politics and a party spirit, bad speech about other leaders, striving for control, has created division. Unity with diversity has been replaced with conformity. Another error is the failure to exercise authority – allowing harmful teaching like New Age topics, and avoiding correction of false or ineffective prophecy and other gifts of the Spirit.

These have dimmed the glory of God – this colloquium seeks to discern the future of CCR.

At the end of the Colloquium, Allan Panozza, the President of ICCRS, offered some hopeful initiatives it will pursue:

- *seek to promote renewal for whole Church. If you have no opposition – question what you’re doing.
- *Learn to market CCR – abortion and homosexual groups market well.
- *Plan for a retreat for Bishops – get them Baptized in the Spirit.
- *Jim Murphy will direct the Rome Institute in 2007 (3 weeks, plus formation of youth leaders)
- *April 2007 – Frank McNutt – ICCRS and NSC will be in Fla.*
- *Aug. 2007– Sponsor a Pan-African Conference
- *Restore use of gifts in Church
- *Have the vision of Cardinal Suenens: CCR is to disappear into Church – become an ACTS experience.

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NEWS NOTES



Among the 900 participants from 82 countries at the Rome conference were some with U.S. connections:

- Bishop Christopher Prowse, of Australia – he visited St. Antoninus N.J. as a seminarian in mid-70’s, met Fr. Jim Ferry, was Baptized in the Spirit.
- Fr. Renato Tisot, the Italian Representative on ICCRS – visited Convent Station in the 70’s.
- Fr. Wilfrid Brieven – accompanied Card. Suenens on his visits to the House of Prayer in Convent Station, N.J. in 1973 and 1974.
- Walter Matthews – director of Chariscenter, USA (originally from NY) and his wife Claire.
- Aggie Neck – current chairperson of the NSC
- Al and Patti (Gallagher) Mansfield – Patti was on the Duquesne weekend – she and Al direct the New Orleans office for CCR.
- Kevin and Dorothy Ranaghan were among the first in U.S. to experience Baptism in the Spirit. Both are long-time leaders in CCR and the Covenant Community, People of Praise.
- Abbot David Geraets and Fr. Ray Roh, of the Pecos Monastery in New Mexico.

Catholic Pentecostals

Kevin and Dorothy Rana-ghan told the story of their experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1967, which is also given in their book "Catholic Pentecostals."

They reiterated the theme: only when we keep Baptism in the Spirit at the center of this movement will it be what God intends it to be. Four points from their talk:

- Its ecumenical nature—we are descendants of Azusa St, site of the Pentecostal Revival in 1906. Fr. Kilian McDonnell speaks of the Charismatic Renewal as an "ecumenical grace." It is an essential part of our entrustment of the renewal.

- Operation of the charisms, especially healing, are for more than prayer meetings. We must be bold in using them. Healing is for the sick of the world and should not be confined to Mass or used only by the priest. *A renewal without the charisms is no longer a charismatic renewal.* Dorothy was healed of a torn retina as members of her community laid hands on her and prayed for healing.

- It is a movement *of the laity*—Cardinal Suenens at Vatican II pressed church fathers to include charisms in the documents, insisting that charisms are present in the Church as a whole.

- About youth—they came to the CCR in the early days—many of us are those youth. It is time to bring the youth in again. Young people do not want to only be ministered *to*—they want to *do* - to share the work. *Get youth baptized in the Spirit*, train them, and let them go out to serve.

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Saturday, December 2, 2006
Christ the King, H.S. Queens, N.Y.

Theme: God is Love (1 John 4:16)

Main Speaker: Fr. Michael Moses

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RESOURCES

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[Bishops Speak to the Renewal](#), available from CCRO, Minneapolis, MN. Call 612-721-2543

For cassettes and videos of the 2006 International Conference, contact Alvise Pecori, e-mail: info@vocepiu.it

MINI-CALENDAR

Staten Island Conference, varied events, call 718-987-8175 for all, except where another number is given
...Healing Mass, 3rd Tues., 8 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 40 Poplar Ave., Call Nanie, 948-2049
...Healing Mass, 2nd Tues., 8 p.m., O.L. Star of Sea, 5371 Amboy Rd., Call Rita, 984-4144
...Healing Mass, 3rd Sat., 8 p.m., O.L. of Mt. Carmel/St. Benedicta, 1235 Castleton Ave., Call Victor 494-1860
...Healing Mass, 4th Wed., 8 p.m., Holy Child Church, call Sr. Jean, 718-356-5890
...Weekly Mass - Wednesdays -Lamb of God, Mt. Manresa, 9 P.M. (following 8 P.M. prayer meeting)

S.I. website: <http://siconf.tripod.com>

St. John the Baptist P.G., 210 W. 31 St., Healing Mass, third Tuesday, other events, call 212-213-9150

Manhattan...O.L. of Peace Prayer Community, 237 E. 62 St., NYC, 212-838-3189...call for current events

Hope Healing Ministry, 12:30 P.M., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, St. Mary Church, Mt. Vernon, 914-664-5855

St. Paul the Apostle, 77 Lee Ave., Yonkers, call Sr. Eileen, 914-969-3480

...Charismatic Holy Hour, 1st Tues., Prayer Meeting, 2nd Tues., Healing Mass, 3rd Tues., Prayer Meeting, 4th Tues., Prayer Meeting & Bible Teaching, Fr. James Villa, 5th Tues.

St. Elizabeth Seton House of Prayer, Scarsdale, 914-723-0533

...Thursdays of prayer, brunches and Tuesday Evening Charismatic prayer resume after Labor Day

Northern Westchester/Putnam Vicariate Cluster - Mary Jane -914-737-4286 for general info*

...July 27, 7:45 p.m., St. Patrick's Center, Speaker: Fr. Jack Meehan

Ulster Healing Masses, Music at 7 pm, Mass at 7:30 pm, Call 914-626-7477

...1st Sunday of month, Prayer Meeting, 1:30 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, call 845-246-9581

...Healing Mass, Friday, July 21, 7:30 pm, Presentation Church, Port Ewen, NY, Fr. Vianney

...Healing Mass, Friday, Sept. 15, 7:20 pm, St. Joseph Church, New Paltz, NY, Fr. Barnabas Keck

...Healing Mass, Friday, Oct. 20, 7:30 pm, St. Mary/St. Andrew, Ellenville, NY, Fr. Lynch

...Healing Mass, Monday, Nov. 13, 7:30 pm, St. Joseph, Kingston, NY

See the "Out & About" column of Catholic New York for more current information on events.

or log onto the NY Charismatic Renewal website: catholiccharismaticny.org