Towards the CCR Golden Jubilee

A New Pentecost
For a New Evangelisation!

A proposed vision with broad focus areas to create a commonalty among the worldwide Charismatic family.
The ICCRS vision towards the CCR Golden Jubilee is composed of three biennial stages:

**2012-2013**

*Fire Starters*

*Letter to the Romans 12:1-2*

“I urge you, then, brothers, remembering the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, dedicated and acceptable to God; that is the kind of worship for you, as sensible people. Do not model your behaviour on the contemporary world, but let the renewing of your minds transform you, so that you may discern for yourselves what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and mature.”

**2014-2015**

*Fanning the Flame*

*2nd Letter to Timothy 1:6-7*

“That is why I am reminding you now to fan into a flame the gift of God that you possess through the laying on of my hands. God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power and love and self-control.”

**2016-2017**

*Spreading the Fire*

*Gospel of Luke 4:18-19*

“The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.”

*In 2017, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of CCR in Rome. With this in mind, ICCRS encourages each charismatic reality in every nation to journey in a special way towards the golden jubilee according to this vision and to prepare from now on for the celebration together in the Eternal City!***
Among various challenges that the Renewal faces in the upcoming years, the need to increase is, in many ways, the one that we cannot delay: to increase numerically, to increase our influence in the world, to increase our “charismatic” identity, and to increase our maturity.

Three wide areas, which correspond to the three stages, have been considered and the CCR is invited to focus on them leading up to 2017:

**Focus on the Identity of CCR**

*Martyria*

**Date** 2012–2013  
**Priority** Focus on the Identity of CCR  
**Key words** Fire starters + Martyria + Renewal + Baptism in the Holy Spirit + Evangelisation  
**Biblical reference** Romans 12:1-2  
**ICCRS events** World Youth Meeting · Brazil 2012 + Prophetic Consultation · Jerusalem 2013  
**Tasks** Introducing new people to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit + Passing on the fire to young people

**Focus on the Maturity of CCR**

*Koinonia*

**Date** 2014–2015  
**Priority** Focus on the Maturity of CCR  
**Key words** Fanning the flame + Koinonia + Charismatic + Formation  
**Biblical reference** 2 Tim 1:6-7  
**ICCRS events** International event · Uganda 2014 + Worldwide Priests Retreat · Rome 2015  
**Tasks** Encouraging people + Releasing the charisms + Fostering ecclesial maturity + Protecting the Renewal and correcting errors

**Focus on the Influence of CCR**

*Diakonia*

**Date** 2016–2017  
**Priority** Focus on the Influence of CCR  
**Key words** Keeping and spreading the fire + Diakonia + Catholic + Culture of Pentecost + Mission and Evangelisation  
**Biblical reference** Luke 4:18-19  
**ICCRS events** CCR Golden Jubilee · Rome 2017.  
**Tasks** Moving in mission and evangelisation + Serving the Church + Promoting the Culture of Pentecost + Transforming the society
Paul VI

“Nothing is more necessary for such a world, more and more secularised, than the testimony of this ‘spiritual renewal’, which we see the Holy Spirit bring about today in the most diverse regions and environments. Its manifestations are varied: deep communion of souls, close contact with God in faithfulness to the commitments undertaken at Baptism, in prayer that is often community prayer, in which each one, expressing himself freely, helps, supports and nourishes the prayer of others, and, at the basis of everything, a personal conviction. This conviction has its source not only in instruction received by faith but also in a certain experience of real life, namely, that without God, man can do nothing, that with him, on the contrary, everything becomes possible. […] How then could this ‘spiritual renewal’ not be ‘a chance’ for the church and for the world? And how, in this case, could one not take all the means to ensure that it remains so?”

Address of Pope Paul VI to participants in the Second International Leaders’ Conference of Charismatic Renewal
Rome, 19 May 1975

John Paul II

“The Catholic charismatic movement is one of the many fruits of the Second Vatican Council, which, like a new Pentecost, led to an extraordinary flourishing in the Church’s life of groups and movements particularly sensitive to the action of the Spirit. How can we not give thanks for the precious spiritual fruits that the Renewal has produced in the life of the Church and in the lives of so many people? How many lay faithful — men, women, young people, adults and the elderly — have been able to experience in their own lives the amazing power of the Spirit and his gifts! How many people have rediscovered the faith, the joy of prayer, the power and beauty of the Word of God, translating all this into generous service in the Church’s mission! How many lives have been profoundly changed! For all this today, together with you, I wish to praise and thank the Holy Spirit.”

Address of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II to leaders of Renewal in the Spirit in Italy
Rome, 4 April 1998

Benedict XVI

“As I have been able to affirm in other circumstances, the Ecclesial Movements and New Communities which blossomed after the Second Vatican Council constitute a unique gift of the Lord and a precious resource for the life of the Church. They should be accepted with trust and valued for the various contributions they place at the service of the common benefit in an ordered and fruitful way. Your current reflection on the centrality of Christ in preaching is very interesting as well as on the importance of ‘Charisms in the life of the particular Church’, referring to Pauline theology, the New Testament and the experience of the Charismatic Renewal. What we learn in the New Testament on charism, which appeared as visible signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit, is not a historical event of the past, but a reality ever alive. It is the same divine Spirit, soul of the Church, that acts in every age and those mysterious and effective interventions of the Spirit are manifest in our time in a providential way. The Movements and New Communities are like an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in contemporary society. We can, therefore, rightly say that one of the positive elements and aspects of the Community of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is precisely their emphasis on the charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit and their merit lies in having recalled their topicality in the Church.”

Address of His Holiness Benedict XVI to participants in a meeting organized by the Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships
Rome, 31 October 2008

Pope Francis

“You, the charismatic Renewal, have received a great gift from the Lord. Your movement’s birth was willed by the Holy Spirit to be ‘a current of grace in the Church and for the Church’. This is your identity: to be a current of grace. […] You have received the great gift of diversity of charisms, the diversity which becomes harmony in the Holy Spirit, and in service to the Church. […] The Charismatic Renewal is a great force meant to serve the preaching of the Gospel in the joy of the Holy Spirit. […] You, the people of God, the people of the Charismatic Renewal, must be careful not to lose the freedom which the Holy Spirit has given you! […] I expect you to share with everyone in the Church the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit (a phrase we find in the Acts of the Apostles).”

Address of the Holy Father Pope Francis to Charismatic Renewal at 37th Convocation of RnS
Olympic Stadium - Rome, Italy, 1 June 2014