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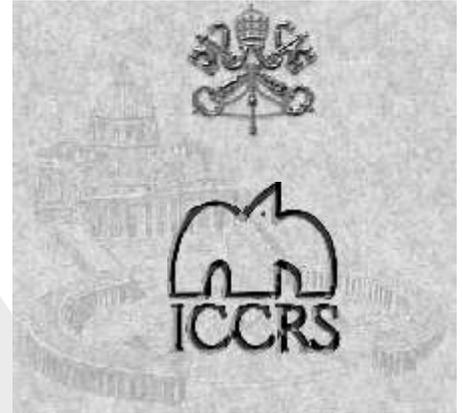
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by Allan Panozza



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When I was elected to the International Council (ICCRS), I perceived that my fellow councillors each possessed a deep love for Jesus, a desire to participate in the work of the Holy Spirit, and a commitment to Catholic Charismatic Renewal. I discovered that ICCRS was not some dictatorial body that was formed to direct the activities of the Renewal worldwide. On the contrary, ICCRS has only one prime reason for its being. ICCRS literally exists to serve.

During my years in the Renewal, I have seen some occasions where competition and power struggles among leaders of prayer groups and communities have led to dissension within the body, and occasionally the total destruction of the particular group. I am reminded that Jesus once encountered similar factions forming amongst the apostles. He dealt with it very strongly "...This is not to happen to you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve..." (Mk 10:43-45). These words of Jesus speak eloquently to me concerning the true nature of ICCRS.

The mandate from the Holy See which empowers and anoints ICCRS is very clear, and is stated in the first Article of its Statutes "...Its mission is service and promotion of the CCR all over the world, under the Holy Spirit's action, in close contact with the Holy See..." Pope John Paul more recently re-affirmed this mandate "The task of ICCRS is to coordinate and promote exchange of experiences and reflections among Catholic Charismatic communities throughout the world". (Rimini, April 24, 2000).

I believe that the Catholic Church can be described as "a mystery", and yet my own notion of the

Church is very simple: "The Church is Christ living in the world today through his people". I believe that the Charismatic Renewal in the Church is a sovereign gift of God at this time in history, and a "demonstrable moving" of the Holy Spirit through the experience which we call "Baptism in the Holy Spirit".

I believe ICCRS is an entity inspired by the same Holy Spirit to "give flesh" to his work, and to be a source of support and encouragement to the worldwide Charismatic Renewal, and indeed to the whole Church.

The present ICCRS Council comprises men and women from thirteen different countries spanning all of the continents, and the staff of the ICCRS office in Rome is drawn from another five countries. Truly we can say that the international nature of ICCRS is reflected in the words of the song of praise: "All over the world, the Spirit is moving".

I am ever grateful to Almighty God for the many blessings he has poured out upon my life. One of these great blessings has been the opportunity to serve him through Catholic Charismatic Renewal in my own country of Australia and beyond.

During the fourteen years I have served on the International Council, I have been honoured to do so with gifted and generous hearted men and women from many countries, and some who have now gone to their eternal reward. Indeed at ICCRS we are praying that the cause for beatification of the much loved Fr Emilien Tardif will soon be opened. Fr Tardif served on the ICCRS Council during the late nineties with the special ministry of healing, and he gave witness to Jesus by using his Charism and through his humility and holiness.

Throughout the 2000 year history of the Church, God has raised up many charismatic people and anointed them to bring new life and vigor during times of need. These were people who had a vision to serve God in their daily lives, and the courage to bring that service to others through prayer and action. Just to name a few, I can refer to the lives of the great Apostle Paul, Teresa of Avila, Francis of Assisi, and in more recent times Therese of Lisieux and Padre Pio. In my humble opinion we could well add to that list the names of Pope John XXIII, and our present Pope John Paul II.

I believe that ICCRS has received this same vision. I believe that this vision is being fulfilled daily through the ministry of dedicated and gifted people, who are committed to bring the love of Jesus and the Fire of the Holy Spirit to the world in which they live. This is the Charismatic Renewal in action. As its principal coordinating body ICCRS exists to serve, assist, and encourage them to go forth in this purpose. Each day begins in the Chapel at the ICCRS office in Rome with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus present in the Eucharist is at the very heart of Charismatic spirituality, and we will do well to recall the words of Pope John Paul in his Apostolic Letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine*: "...The encounter with Christ, constantly intensified and deepened in the Eucharist, issues in the Church and in every Christian, an urgent summons to testimony and evangelization" (number 24).

May Almighty God grant to ICCRS the privilege to always stand and serve in the light of this grace.

"Through our communion in his holy body and blood, Christ also grants us his Spirit.

St. Ephrem writes: 'He called the bread his living body and he filled it with himself and his Spirit.

He who eats it with faith, eats FIRE and SPIRIT..."

(*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, number 17)

Why Help ICCRS

by Fr. Bart Pastor

HOW TO HELP ICCRS SURVIVE

If you have been touched in any way by Fr. Bart Pastor's article and wish to respond, there are several ways of helping ICCRS.

Hereunder are some suggested options which, in the measure of their practical application, may be considered by National Service Committees, State & Regional Service Committees, Covenant communities, various Ministries, Editors of Journals, magazines and Newsletters, Web Masters, Parishes, Coordinators and Leaders of Prayer Groups.

URGENTLY APPEAL FOR THE
PRESENT CRISIS AND
FORWARD PROCEEDS

- Annual Subscription to this Newsletter
- Annual donation to ICCRS or ICCRS Project Fund
- Approach local benefactors and Trust Funds
- Approach Philanthropic Institutions

It is up to you now, dear and faithful readers to widely promulgate this important appeal within your own sphere of influence.

Your brother in Christ,
Claude Lopez
ICCRS Advisor for
Administration and Events

Recently I heard some negative remarks from persons in the Charismatic Renewal about the National Service Committee: "Why give our annual contribution to the National Service Committee? What has the NSC done for us? What have we received from the NSC in the form of service that we have to support it yearly? Why should we even join the NSC-Philippines? We don't really need the NSC".

It is saddening when we hear such observations from people who are involved in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. It is sad, because it shows a selfish spirit a spirit that is self centered in seeking its own good, without considering the good and the needs of others ahead of one's own. It is unfortunate, because it only shows how immature people can be when their attitude is still inward-looking and not outward-seeking, following the heart of Christ.

Such remarks are also true today with regard to the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services (ICCRS), the central serving and coordinating body for CCR world-wide based in Vatican City since 1985. Why be involved with ICCRS? Why give our annual contribution in support of its mandate and service?

Let me share some reflections on this matter, particularly after reading the open letter from our President Allan Panozza, published in the previous ICCRS Newsletter, wherein he clearly detailed the financial crisis presently facing ICCRS, thus compromising its future tenure and survival.

1. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a grace, a very special

grace that we have partaken by the will of the Lord. We have experienced the BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, followed by a personal conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ. The experience of this grace instils in our heart the yearning to share this same experience with others and let so many others in the world enjoy this signal blessing of God, and to enable them to grow in the life of God as they are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The central goal and mission of ICCRS is to spread the CCR and the BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT in as many countries and to as many people as possible through its various services, projects and events.

2. To paraphrase President Kennedy's famous words: "Ask not what ICCRS can do for you, but ask what you can do for ICCRS". Because we have received so much Through CCR, the gratitude that spontaneously wells from our hearts should not only be prayer of thanksgiving but also acts of thanksgiving that are translated into material or material or financial thanksgiving offering.

What we offer in monetary consideration will be used for the promotion and successful implementation of programs and projects as planned by the Council Members for the realisation of the central goals of CCR, always remembering the words of Pope John Paul II in his address to the participants at the ninth International Leaders Conference in Fiuggi on 30 October 1998 "The Catholic Charismatic Renewal has helped many Christians to rediscover the presence and power of the Holy

Spirit in their lives, in the life of the Church and in the world; and this rediscovery has awakened in them a faith in Christ filled with joy, a great love of the Church and a generous dedication to their evangelising mission".

3. "NO ONE IS TOO POOR AS TO HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE; NO ONE IS TOO RICH AS TO HAVE NOTHING TO RECEIVE", is a saying that is true in this vital matter of supporting ICCRS.

4. We must remember that ICCRS IS OURS. It is composed of people who are fully dedicated to the goals of CCR and equitably elected to represent ICCRS in their Continental Regions. Our Vatican Office is manned by competent and committed volunteers, whose task is to serve and communicate with 187 countries and implement Council's decisions. They serve with minimal financial consideration, taking time to give of themselves for whatever is demanded of them. Theirs is a loving, commendable and unselfish service to the Renewal for God's greater glory.

ICCRS cannot continue unless we financially support it in its efforts to promote and serve the countless millions of Catholics in Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide. It is a fact that without funds ICCRS will cease to be.

Considering these reasons, we are therefore appealing for your generous help to ICCRS. Yes ICCRS is presently in desperate need of your financial assistance. It is now a matter of survival. Are you able to help? Will you help with a generous contribution? What does your Christian heart dictate? (2 Cor 9:8-12). 

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International Institute for Catholic Charismatic Leadership Formation

by Jim Murphy

On Pentecost of 1998, Our Holy Father, John Paul II called the CCR to a greater level of ecclesial maturity. ICCRS is attempting to address that call with a bold and exciting programme. It's called The Leadership Formation Institute, and will run from June 5th to June 25th 2005, in Rome, Italy.

The goal of the Institute is to provide solid teaching and practical pastoral training for the next generation of leaders and servants in the CCR. At the same time, the Institute promises to be a great benefit for leaders and servants in the Renewal who have served for many years, but are still interested in growing deeper in The Lord, and in service.

Some of the topics covered include: The person of the Holy Spirit, the Theology and the experience of the Spirit, Charismatic Renewal, CCR and the Magisterium of the Church, and leadership in the CCR; as well as

practical pastoral training in the following other important areas: Leadership and discipleship in the CCR, relationship with brothers and sisters in the Church, charisms and evangelisation.

The school teaching staff will include Fr. Bob Faricy, Fr. Peter Hocken, Fr. Ernest Sievers, Fr. Ra-niero Cantalamessa, Pepe Prado Flores and Charles Whitehead, while ICCRS member Jim Murphy will be the overall director for the Institute.

What makes this program so unique is that ICCRS is committed to the Institute being fully Catholic, fully Charismatic, and truly international.

Some of the sessions will not be held in a classroom but on actual historic sites within Rome. The programme will also include visits to various Church offices which will allow students to see

first-hand a broad spectrum of life and service within the Church.

The Institute will go beyond theory. Much of the programme time will be devoted to giving students hands-on, practical experience in different aspects of ministry.

This program is a must for those who are serious about bringing a balanced and integrated perspective of ministry into their local expression of the Charismatic Renewal. While potential leaders are especially encouraged to attend, as mentioned above, many who have served in the Charismatic Renewal for many years will also benefit from the programme.

For more information on this exciting project contact us: **ICCRS, Palazzo della Cancelleria, 00120 Vatican City, Europe** or to our e-mail address: info@iccrs.org

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International priests' retreat

"Year of the Eucharist"

The theme :

« Priesthood is the love of Jesus' heart » Holy Curé d'Ars

Presented by Sr Briege McKenna, osc,
and F. Kevin Scallon, cm.

Why this retreat ?

A 5 day charismatic retreat to be revived by the Holy Spirit and, with the help of the Lord, be renewed in the graces of the Priesthood.

For who ?

For priests from the world over.

Who are the organizers ?

L'ICCRS, Community of the Beatitudes,
The Jean-Marie Vianney Society.

Ars

September 25
October 1st 2005

Celebrants

Gal Philippe Barbarin, Archbishop of Lyon, France
Gal Peter Turkson, Archbishop of Cape Coast and president of the Episcopal Conference of Ghana
Mgr. Guy Bagnard, Bishops of Belley-Ars
Mgr. Joe Gruch, Melbourne, Australia, ICCRS
Mgr. P. Ricard, Archbishop of Bordeaux and president of the Bishops Conference of France
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The year of the eucharist - a call from the holy father

by jamt

Many Times, and most recently in my Eucharistic Encyclical, I have invited the Church to think about The Eucharist.



I have been thinking of a Eucharistic initiative of this type for a long time.



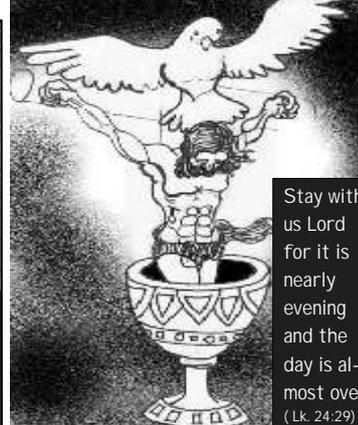
I urged everyone to celebrate the Eucharist Sacrifice, giving themselves to Jesus both at Mass and outside Mass, in the service of Adoration, a service of worship worthy of such a great mystery.

It is needful that the Holy Mass should be at the centre of christian life, as it is the source of ecclesial unity.



From the Mass we Learn to promote communion, peace and solidarity in all of life's circumstances. The new Millenium has started with a wounded image of our world with the spectre of terrorism and the tragedy of war.

Let us live the solemnity of Corpus Christy with particular fervour this year.



Stay with us Lord for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over (Lk. 24:29)