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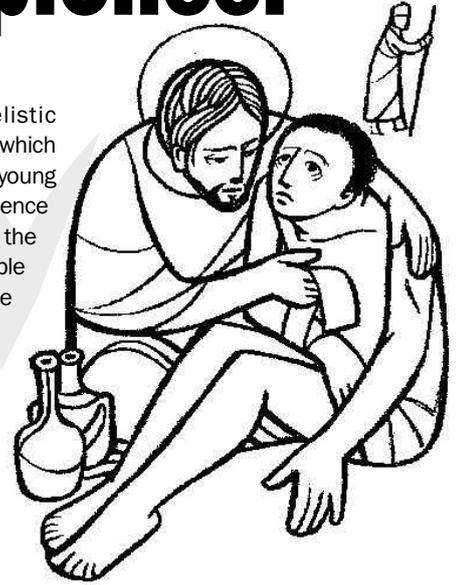
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## Reflections of a pioneer

by Steve Clark



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When the Catholic Charismatic Renewal began in 1967, our response was simply: the Lord is doing something. One participant even said "so it [Christianity] is real after all!" There was an excitement that something new was happening, a new work of the Lord. Several times we were given the passage in Isaiah 43:19-21 that begins, Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

In 2007, the Renewal is no longer a new thing. We have long ago seen it develop into a movement, acquire a name, and be located as one of many movements for spiritual renewal. That fact has provoked us to ask many times through the years, what is the Lord doing for and through the CCR? Anniversaries especially occasion the question.

Firstly, the Renewal has been a great success in reaching countless individuals and renewing their Christian life. If we can believe some sociological studies, the numbers reach into the millions. Even if most of these people do not continue in charismatic groups and many do not end up living at a much higher Christian level, the benefit has been great, and this continues today.

Secondly, the Renewal has given birth to many programs, groups, outreaches and communities that have strengthened and revitalized the life and mission of the Church. Often the extent of this is more significant than most people realize, because many of them, perhaps most of them, do not identify themselves publicly as charismatic.

I was a speaker at a charismatic conference about five years ago. It was only moderately attended, not like the large conferences held in the same place thirty years ago. The host city is home to one of the largest and

most successful evangelistic outreaches in the country, which introduces a large number of young people to charismatic experience every year. From helping the outreach I know the people involved, and none of those who work with the outreach attended the conference, much less the people they had reached, for one simple reason: they do not identify with the CR and do not describe themselves as a charismatic group, even though they are. They are an evangelistic outreach that takes charismatic renewal for granted as part of Church life.

When the CR began, we mainly focused on introducing people to the baptism in the Spirit and the spiritual gifts. Gradually it became clear to us that the work of the Holy Spirit was supposed to be broader, to affect everything. If it did not enable us to live our daily Christian lives in a spiritualized way and engage in the mission of the Church by the power of the Spirit, it was not achieving the purpose for which God intended it. The natural outcome of the charismatic impetus was the formation of communities and outreaches whose focus was Christian life and mission, the renewal of the Church. This too continues today.

We are, however, in the midst of a time of very significant change and development in human history and in the Church. Every year brings technological advances that change the way we live our lives. This is also a time of great Christian vitality, but sociological surveys and our own experience tell us that it is a time of serious decline in the practice of the faith and in basic morality among Catholics in many parts of the world.

The Renewal came into existence for a time like this. We were

born in the '60s at the very time when the crisis in Western culture was beginning. We began our contribution to the spiritual renewal of the Church in the depths of the post-conciliar crisis. We have seen the desert bloom. We, of all people, should have hope.

When the Renewal began, we did not decide to start a movement. We simply responded to something God was doing. We cannot forget that he is doing it still. In our Sword of the Spirit communities, one of the most impressive things that is happening is the movement among the young people. When I attend the prayer meetings at youth events, I am often struck by how similar the presence and spiritual action of God is to the way it was in prayer meetings in the early days. At times it seems almost palpable.

At one of these events, I came across a young man to whom I knew the Lord was speaking. I said to him, "God is speaking to you about your life, isn't he?" He said, "Yes, he told me he wanted me to do more than experience him personally, but also to give my whole life for him."

We cannot forget that the CCR is first and foremost something God was doing, and that God continues to do today. We continue to need to respond to him in expectant faith.

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# Fresh air in ICCRS

*News from the last Council Meeting held in Rome, April 2007*

*What a grace it is for me to be able to share with you that there have been some important new developments in ICCRS!*

*After 7 years of service, Allan Panozza has handed over as President of ICCRS to Michelle Moran, a young English woman, who has been a member of the ICCRS Council since 2001, Vice President of ICCRS for 2006/2007, and who is also the Chairwoman of the European Sub-Committee of ICCRS (ESCI). Michelle lives in England where she is one of the leaders of the Sion Community, a community of life dedicated in particular to the evangelisation of Eastern Europe and of young people, and also the Chairperson of the National Service Committee of England.*

*The years spent collaborating with Allan in service to ICCRS have been fantastic for me. Working with him was easy: he was always ready to listen; able to speak at the right moment and with wisdom; always ready to take responsibility and to treat every person with great respect and Christian charity. I always think of Allan when I hear the word of the Lord "he who humbles himself will be exalted". Good servant of the Lord that he is, Allan will now continue his service as an "advisor" of ICCRS due to his considerable experience and great love for this ministry.*

*We have asked him to write something for all those who, partaking in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, are in touch with ICCRS through our Newsletter. Michelle has also welcomed our invitation to write a message that will signal the start of her ministry.*

*A woman President.....? What do you think? Could it be a prophetic choice in line with the actual times in which we are living? The Holy Spirit is at work and he always chooses the best. And now for you: two messages.*

*God bless you,*

*Oreste Pesare, ICCRS Director*

*Almighty God is still pouring out His grace and blessings...*

## Message from outgoing President

**S**hortly after I was elected as the President of ICCRS in March 2000 I was interviewed by a reporter for a Catholic magazine. The first question asked of me was "Now that you are the new President what will be your main intention for ICCRS"? I replied without hesitation that my main goal as President would be to endeavour to lead people of the worldwide Renewal into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Everything else flows from that personal relationship with Jesus, and an awareness of His presence with us individually and as members of Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

During these past seven years I have been privileged to travel to many places, and to witness the powerful work of the Holy Spirit within the Catholic Church and beyond. At this present time there are some concerns that the Charismatic Renewal is not as vibrant as it was in the seventies and eighties, and that the Holy Spirit does not seem to be working as powerfully in the hearts of people as in those early days when the Renewal swept

around the earth like a blazing fire. Irrespective of what might seem to be, I must tell you that I believe that Almighty God is still pouring out His grace and blessings in abundance, and what He wants of us is to allow Jesus to draw us closer to Himself, so that we might become beacons of His light within a world that has lost the virtue of Hope.

My message to you as outgoing President is to rejoice always that you are a part of the "Acts of the Apostles" in our time. When the disciples were full of fear on the lake Jesus reassured them "...Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." (Mark 6:50). I think that Jesus is saying the same to the Renewal today, and He calls us to realize that we are very blessed to be touched by this new outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will change the world. I pray that the new President of ICCRS will be anointed in her task, and that the Renewal will always remain true to its prophetic edge. Love and blessings,

ALLAN PANOZZA

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*I pray for the Joshua anointing...*

## Message from the new President

It is my great privilege and honour to greet all of you in the world-wide CCR for the first time as your president. I have been involved in Catholic Charismatic Renewal since the late 1970's. In fact, I came to know Jesus and was baptised in the Holy Spirit at the same time. This means that all my Christian life has been in lived in the Renewal. Over the years I have experienced many times the 'surprises of the Spirit'. It is now with complete surprise but great joy that I find myself elected as the new president of ICCRS. I realise that I follow in the footsteps of several previous presidents all who have had great faith, wisdom and holiness. In this situation it is easy to feel inadequate, however, I firmly believe that when God calls us He equips us and in our weakness we see His strength.

As I embrace my new responsibilities I am deeply grateful to the Lord for providing me with a loving, supportive and faith filled husband Peter. Last year we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary, and during our Jubilee year we were able to reflect upon many blessings and give God thanks that our entire married life has been in the Lord and in CCR. As founder members of Sion Community for Evangelism, here in England, we have been ministering together full time for most of our married life. It is reassuring for me to know that with my increased responsibilities I am surrounded by a community of love, support and intercession.

I sense there is something symbolic about taking over the presidency during this 40th anniversary year. In the Renewal we have been formed, we have grown as a movement of the Spirit but we are now entering into a new land and this in turn will present us with both new opportunities and new challenges. So I am excited about all that the Lord has in store for us. I pray for the Joshua anointing that I may be able to be fearless and confident trusting in the Lord and that He will lead all of us forward step by step.

As I begin to take over the mantle of leadership from Allan I ask for your prayers and support. I am aware that there is so much that I need to learn about leadership in a world-wide context. I cannot promise you that I will not make mistakes and if these come to your attention I ask for your forgiveness. I do however promise to be faithful in as much as I am able to the task that God has called me. May His name be glorified and may this new era of CCR be as exciting and fruitful as the last 40 years.

MICHELLE MORAN



***Do you want to serve the Lord internationally for 1 or 2 years?  
Do you speak languages? Do you have experience with computers and Internet?  
If yes, we are looking for you!***

ICCRS is looking for full time volunteers for the ICCRS office in Rome. The people must speak English plus other languages fluently. Either Spanish, and/or French and/or German is needed. If you are interested in serving Jesus in the Charismatic Renewal worldwide, please forward your CV to the ICCRS office including the following: date of birth, language skills, computer knowledge, Internet experience, graphics and data base experience, working ethics, marital status, education, etc. In addition, please, send a letter of recommendation from your NSC or Community leader. You could be chosen to serve the Charismatics worldwide in Vatican City... We look forward to hearing from you soon. Please keep in mind that ICCRS is a non-profit organization. Therefore, ICCRS can only offer a small monthly stipend for living expenses.

### Br. James Shin Member of the ICCRS Council

Brother James Shin was born in Korea on 5 May 1955 to a poor family and grew up in the aftermath of the Korean War. After completing school he studied medicine at the Catholic University of Korea, graduating in Medicine in 1980.

He had trained 4 years as a doctor at St. Mary's Hospital in Seoul where he specialized in Internal Medicine.

Always committed to serving the Lord and his church from 1988 to 1990 he served as a Volunteer medical doctor serving the abandoned poor at Kkottongnae. Kkottongnae is notable for not only being one of the major social welfare

facilities in Korea but under the leadership of the Founder Father Oh, it has become a major focal point of the Charismatic Prayer Movement.

Br. James was baptized in the Spirit in 1989. Finally in July 1990 that commitment was expressed in his joining the religious Congregation of the Kkottongnae Brothers of Jesus. He organized the Kkottongnae religious charismatic committee in 1996 and became a chairman of the committee.

He is a member of the Board of the Korean National Charismatic Renewal Service. He was elected as a Superior of the congregation of the Kkottongnae brothers of Jesus

in the year 2001 and re-elected in 2004.

He started the Holy spirit seminar for the youth in Kkottongnae Hyundo social welfare University and began the monthly vigil prayer meeting of the young people in Korea. He has been organizing the 2006 Holy Spirit conference of world youth. From June 2006, he start to be part of the ICCRS Council, representing ICCRS in Central, East and South East Asia.

May the Lord continue to accompany him with the Holy Spirit inserving the Charismatic Renewal and the Catholic Church throughout the world. 

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# NEWS FROM THE WORLD

## 40th Anniversary of CCR European Celebration 27th-30th Sept 2007

The European sub committee of ICCRS usually holds a gathering of representatives of NSC's, throughout Europe every couple of years. For those countries where Renewal is not yet developed enough to have an established NSC, there is a network of head contacts that are also invited. In addition, there are also some newly emerging realities that, as yet, just remain in contact with us via a correspondent. Over the last few years we have also gathered together young leaders from Europe with the intention of encouraging and building up the next generation of leaders in the Renewal.

In this anniversary year we wanted to hold a slightly bigger celebration and so we are gathering around 250-300 people together from the realities in Europe for a time of thanksgiving and celebration in Warsaw. The celebration will build on the leaders Colloquium held last June in Fiuggi. We will again be looking at the central themes of the CCR such as: the centrality of Baptism in the Spirit, growing in the Charisms, and the importance of unity, evangelisation and service.

The celebration will not only be a time of looking back and giving God thanks for all His blessings. It will also be an opportunity to look forward and seek his heart for the future.

## YOUNG PEOPLE AND WORK IX INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM Rocca di Papa, Italy / 28th March - 1st April 2007

The 9th International Youth Forum, entitled "Young People and Work", was especially meaningful in view of the upcoming World Youth Day that will take place in Sydney in 2008.

The forum was attended by approximately 300 delegates from 80 countries around the world who were appointed either by their local Episcopal Conference or by their religious Movements. I was invited to represent ICCRS at this Forum.

The forum was organized by the Pontifical Council for the Laity (PCL). Both the President of the PCL, Archbishop Stanislaw Rylko, and the Secretary of the PCL, Bishop Josef Clemens, were present during the Forum and represented the fatherly aspect of the Church to us.

The first day was devoted to an analysis of globalization. During the discussion it was highlighted that the world is becoming smaller and smaller, and local cultures are becoming overwhelmed by a larger global culture which imposes points of reference that, from a Christian point of view, are non-values. The youth of today are also required to grow continually and to be open to a flexible working life rather than to a regular lifelong career.

On 29 March we went on an "ad limina apostolorum" pilgrimage to the graves of St. Peter and St. Paul. It was a powerful spiritual experience that really strengthened our faith and our sense of communion with the Universal Church. The experience of being at the grave of John Paul II.

30 March was an important day, marked by the affectionate message that His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI sent to the participants of the Forum, in which he reminded us that a Christian must announce the Gospel of Work in a world that seeks to dehumanize the worker, and that Sunday rest is essential to the spiritual dimension of man and helps him to give real meaning to his work.

Professor Naughton reminded us that working is a vocation, a call to cooperate with God in order to create a world in which the Kingdom of Heaven can be realised

Finally, Cardinal Renato Martino (President of the Pontifical Council for Peace and Justice) indicated the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church as a compass that we can use in building a working environment where the worker is not humiliated, but appreciated for the talents that God has given him.

On March 31st, while speaking about St. Benedict's Rule, Mons. Gregor Maria Hanke (Os. Bp. of Eichstatt, Germany) has shown us that the main goal of a Christian should be to build a world according to God's projects and not only to gain profits.

In his closing address, Archbishop Rylko exhorted the delegates to interiorize the Gospel and the social teaching of the Church in order to face the anti-human and anti-Christian challenges of globalization, and to strive to plant seeds of rebirth in their working environments.

The Forum finished on Palm Sunday with all the participants attending Mass in St. Peter's Square. In his homily, Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that meeting the risen Christ is a source of real and full life, and that only simple hearts can recognize and welcome Him. Thanks be to the Lord and to His Church for recognising young people as an essential resource for the future of mankind.

I was greatly impressed by the forum. First of all, I really appreciated that all delegates were given time to communicate their personal experiences. This shed light on the current world situation. Serious problems emerged, above all the vast gap between rich and poor nations. In this regard, I believe that the forum is at the risk of ending as a series of mere good intentions with no real objective, but the prophetic wisdom of the Church has prevented this so far.

The Gospel is always a challenge, something that renews the world, and living it out in one's job is a demanding task that involves coping with the scandal of famine and poverty on one side and richness for a few on the other side, or facing an economic system that aims at profit only. The Gospel is like yeast, and yeast causes a reaction in the mass, with the help of the Holy Spirit, opening new roads, creating a different future, having the Gospel as the basis for a more human working environment that is actually devoted to mankind, without wishing to see the results of this action immediately. Maybe our children will be able to experience them. I think that this is the prophetic message that the Church has given to us and we all have to consider it a priority.

Marco Prandelli  
Comunità Magnificat - Italy

## CR TAKE COURAGE!: PERGAMUM AND THYATIRA

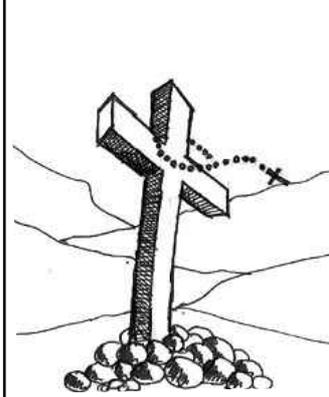
BY JAMT

WRITE TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN PERGAMUM AND SAY "HERE IS THE MESSAGE OF THE ONE WHO HOLDS THE DOUBLE EDGED SWORD:"



I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE, IN THE PLACE WHERE SATAN IS ENTHRONED. IN SPITE OF ALL, YOU REMAIN FAITHFUL TO MY NAME AND DID NOT DISOWN YOUR FAITH IN ME.

EVEN IN THE TIME OF MY FAITHFUL WITNESS ANTIPAS WHO WAS KILLED IN THE PLACE WHERE SATAN LIVES.



TO THOSE WHO PROVE VICTORIOUS I WILL GIVE SOME HIDDEN MANNA AND A WHITE STONE WITH A NEW NAME WRITTEN ON IT, KNOWN ONLY TO THE PERSON WHO RECEIVES IT."



"I KNOW YOUR ACTIVITIES, YOUR FAITH, YOUR SERVICE AND YOUR PERSEVERANCE. I ALSO KNOW THAT YOUR MORE RECENT WORKS BRING MORE ABUNDANCE THAN THE EARLIER ONES.



TO ANYONE WHO PROVES VICTORIOUS AND REMAINS FAITHFUL TO THE END, I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS."