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What the Lord is doing for and through the CCR:

Reflections of a pioneer

by Fr. Tom Forrest

For the past year or so, millions of good people around the world have been celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the CCR. I have recently been invited to anniversary events in Colombia, Belgium, Venezuela, Mexico, China and Ireland, as well as in the North American States of Florida, Maryland, Illinois, Michigan, California and Virginia. Invitations to a number of these States have been multiple, with no sign yet that things are beginning to slow down.

In response to all of this, some Charismatic leaders have been looking back to 1967 in the hope of recapturing some of the tremendous excitement and power of the first days of the Renewal. Personally, I don't believe that backward is the best direction to be looking, and moving in that direction is probably not even possible.

God does not need to repeat himself, and neither do we. Going forward is a better and far easier way to go, since much more lies ahead of us than behind us. My own conviction is that the 40 years of CR that we are celebrating right now are only the beginning of the New Springtime prophesied and promised by Pope John Paul II.

What is the key to our moving dynamically forward? In my mind, everything depends upon discerning the direction that the Holy Spirit is pointing out to us right now. For the past 40 years we have been focusing on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are certainly vital and wonderful, and in no way have we exaggerated their importance as the power-source that carried the Renewal to the ends of the earth and into the hearts and homes of so many millions of people.

But there is an even more important reality, one that should become the focal point of the next

40 years of the CCR and, for that matter, of the entire remaining history of the Catholic Church. That new emphasis should be, and I believe will be, on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, rather than exclusively on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are the tools promised by Christ for successfully continuing his divine mission here on earth. Distributing the Fruits of the Holy Spirit through wise and generous use of these Gifts is however the final purpose of the RC. Though both are needed, the goal is far more important than the tools.

The gifts in themselves do not make us saints, nor do they open for us the gates of Paradise. Judas received certain gifts when he was sent forth with the other Apostles two-by-two but, to all appearances, he failed to make it through the Heavenly Gate.

Opening that Gate for us are the wondrously enhancing and sanctifying Fruits of the Holy Spirit, listed by St. Paul as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal 5:22-23). Every human being, without a single exception, is in need of all nine of these transforming and divinizing blessings, though so many seek them in all the wrong places. They are not found in drugs, alcohol, money, sex, fame, physical beauty, or power, nor on the couch of a psychiatrist. Jesus reveals to us their only source by promising to send down upon us his liberating Spirit of Holiness.

Our Lord promised to make us "fishers of men" (Mt 4:19). Professional fishermen use the



best available bait, and for the task of enticing human hearts there is no better bait than the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. They are the most desperately needed set of values that any of us has ever been offered. Though a particular person might be amazingly attractive, world famous or immensely wealthy, he/she has no hope of living a happy life if even one of the first three Fruits on St. Paul's list is lacking.

Good tools are certainly valuable and enjoyable to use, but what really counts is the product of their wise and generous use. For 40 years we have been seeking and focusing on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. For the next 40 years, and for the rest of human history, we should be gleaning the global fruit that the Gifts are meant to produce: a world utterly transformed, a world made God-like in goodness through an endless outpouring of the Holy Spirit's glorifying blessings of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We have been anointed and sent forth to heal, sanctify and make disciples of all the nations. Nothing less than an anointing of the entire Church with the full cornucopia of the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit can do the job.

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A report on the 2007 ICCRS Council Meeting

by Oreste Pesare

I would like to share with you some of the key points that came out of the 2007 Council Meeting that was held in Rome from 20-24 April 2007.

1. ICCRS Council

In addition to electing a new President, Michelle Moran (see previous issue), the Council held elections for a new Vice President and various Council Members. It is with great joy that we present to you the following:

- Vice President: Cyril John (India);
- Council Member for Spanish-speaking North & Central America and the Caribbean: Mrs. Maria Eugenia de Gongora (Guatemala);
- Portuguese-speaking South America: Marcos Volcan (Brazil);

Jean Pliya has completed two terms as the Council Member for Francophone Africa, and has accepted to remain on the Council for one more year to see the first Pan-African Congress through to completion and to settle the new AFSCI that will be elected during the Pan-African Congress.

Reinaldo Beserra dos Reis tendered his resignation from the Council earlier this year due to family reasons.

Walter Zimmerman has tendered his resignation from the ICCRS Council due to work and family commitments. He will continue as Council Member for Spanish-speaking South America until the 2008 Council Meeting, when elections will be held for a new Council Member to replace him.

Allan Panozza accepted an invitation to continue acting as advisor for ICCRS.

2. Visit from Archbp. Stanislaw Rylko

The President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, Archbishop Stanislaw Rylko, visited the ICCRS Council in Rome. The Archbishop expressed his support of the many projects and initiatives that ICCRS is

undertaking. He mentioned three initiatives in particular which he says are very important and relevant to the CCR: The International Institute for Catholic Charismatic Leadership Formation; the Regional (continental) ICCRS meetings; and the recent International School of Healing Prayer for Leaders (see page 3 for a report on this event).

3. Audience with Pope Benedict XVI

After the Council meeting, the ICCRS Council and staff attended a general audience with Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday 25 April. Michelle Moran and Cyril John had an opportunity to greet the Holy Father personally at the end of the audience.

4. Doctrinal Commission

Since 2001 the ICCRS Doctrinal Commission has been working hard to put together a practical document on healing prayer, and after consultation with various Vatican Dicasteries, the document will soon be published. We pray that this document will bear much fruit for the whole Church.

5. 2nd International Institute for Catholic Charismatic Leadership Formation

The 2nd International Institute of Catholic Charismatic Leadership Formation was held in Rome from 3-23 June. The Institute was a great success with students from all 5 continents, united in their common desire to receive formation in their roles as leaders in the worldwide CCR (special report to follow in the next issue).

6. Upcoming Events

We remind you about the ICCRS events still to come in 2007:

- First Pan-African Congress, Accra (Ghana), 18-26 July;
- European Leaders' Conference, Warsaw (Poland), 27-30 September (by invitation only);

- First Asia-Oceania Leaders' Meeting, Indonesia, November 2007, (date and location to be confirmed);

- 2nd Charismatic Theological Colloquium, in collaboration with the Catholic Fraternity and the Pontifical Council for the Laity: "Charisms and the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church". Rome (Italy), 3-6 April 2008 (by invitation only).

I am also pleased to announce to you two future ICCRS events for you to put into your diaries:

- International Conference in Kkottongnae (South Korea), June 2009; and
- Open Pilgrimage/Conference in Jerusalem, September 2010.

If you would like further information about these events, please do not hesitate to contact our office and our staff will be happy to help you.

7. ICCRS Office: Communications

Without all of you the mission of ICCRS would not be able to reach its fulfilment. We depend on your prayer and on your support. I would like to make an appeal to you to actively collaborate with the ICCRS Council Member for your area by keeping in contact and sending regular updates. The ICCRS Council Members are available to you at all times, and they need your support for the task that they should carry out. You can find their contact details on our website (<http://www.iccrs.org/council.htm>).

Finally, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I would like to thank you for any financial support that you are able to give to ICCRS. It is vital for the worldwide CCR that ICCRS has adequate funds to carry out its mission in the Church.

We continue to keep you in our daily prayers before the tabernacle. May the Lord of all hope continue to encourage and sustain you during this earthly pilgrimage, to the glory of His name. 

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A report on the Jacksonville Event

by Allan Panozza & Oreste Pesare

The **School of Healing Prayer for Leaders** that was held in Jacksonville from 30 April to 5 May 2007 was an outstanding event, so much so that the overwhelming request of those attending was that ICCRS repeat a similar course in the future. We had 425 registered participants from 42 countries (covering the 5 continents). There were also 23 priests who concelebrated daily Mass for the Conference, and Bishop Victor Galleone from St. Augustine in Florida who celebrated the opening Mass. We all participated in the ministry to the people who attended.

Those attending from ICCRS were Allan Panozza, Oreste Pesare, Jim Murphy and Bob Canton. Maria Turra, a former secretary of ICCRS, also attended the Conference and did a valuable service for ICCRS by working together with the staff of Christian Healing Ministries (CHM).

The team of CHM organised everything very well and the staff were wonderful. There was real unity among the ICCRS representatives and the staff of CHM.

The staff of the Wyndham Hotel (the venue for the event) shared that

this was the best group with whom they have worked. Francis and Judith MacNutt, founding members of CHM and the main speakers at the Conference, were delighted with the week, and their teachings and ministry were well received.

We leave you with a few brief testimonies from the event which convey the experience much better than we could ever hope to:

It felt like my wedding day! It was a renewal of sacred vows where through Jesus and the cross all is reconciled unto Him as one. Thank you God thank you all of you!

I have been transformed, renewed and born again this week! I have been healed!

This conference was everything and more than I could have expected. The teachings and the works of the Spirit will make a difference in my personal, family and work life. There is only one word to describe this conference and that is TRANSFORMATION! Let us build a tent and stay! Thank you from my whole heart.

The whole week was a little taste of heaven for me. The teaching was exceptional. The

music was uplifting. The prayer ministry was so needed to free us up for our continued ministry.

It was inspiring to experience the unity of leaders from so many countries and the strength of leadership from Christian Healing Ministries, ICCRS and the National Service Committee. It gave me hope for the future of the Renewal.

This conference was a spiritual retreat for me. An oasis that the Lord knew I needed. I received the healing the Lord knew I needed and He has now called me back to the front lines.

The teaching was very substantial and the topics were relevant. I actually learned NEW things!

Every day I was in awe at the incredible work of the Holy Spirit working through mistakes, inadequacies, language, cultural and denominational barriers to bring much healing, deliverance, joy and unity to those who were there.

I was inundated with miracles. I was crushed by miracles. I was reborn by miracles. I will never be the same again! 

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Robert Canton

Member of the ICCRS Council

Robert (Bob) Canton was born in Cebu City, Philippines, on 22 June 1951. He came to the United States in June 1973 after obtaining a B S Accounting Degree. He has been a resident of Stockton, California until now.

In 1977 he married Chita Romero and they have two daughters, Stephanie and Tricia. Robert and Chita received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1984 an experience that radically changed their lives.

In December 1984 Robert received a prophecy from the Lord regarding his involvement in the healing ministry. In March 1985 he was asked to take over as servant

leader of the Children of God Prayer Group at the parish of St. Luke, and in 1989 the group started to have a monthly Mass and Healing Service which continues to this day.

In March 1996, the Alliance of Filipino Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities (AFCCPC) was formally convened and Robert was elected as the National Coordinator, an office which he still holds.

Robert was a member of the National Service Committee in the United States until 2006. He has been a member of the Association of Christian Therapists and the Filipino Pastoral Committee in his Diocese of Stockton. He has spoken at regional, national, and

international conferences, and has conducted retreats, seminars, Days of Renewal, Healing Rallies and Crusades in North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, and Africa. Apart from all the work that he does for the Lord, Robert has worked as an Auditor-Appraiser for the San Joaquin County Assessor's office since 1973.

He joined the ICCRS Council in June 2006 and represents English-speaking North and Central America and Caribbean.

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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BY JAMT

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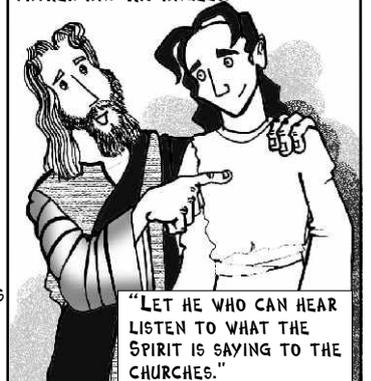
"STAY ALERT AND GIVE NEW LIFE TO WHAT CAN STILL RECOVER FROM DEATH. FOR I SEE THAT YOUR CONDUCT IS NOT PERFECT BEFORE GOD."

"REMEMBER HOW YOU FIRST HEARD THE MESSAGE. HOLD ONTO THAT FAITHFULLY AND REPENT! FOR IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP I WILL COME LIKE A THIEF AND YOU WON'T KNOW AT WHAT HOUR I WILL SURPRISE YOU."



HOWEVER, THERE ARE STILL SOME IN SARDIS WHO HAVE NOT STAINED THEIR ROBES. THEY MAY ACCOMPANY ME DRESSED IN WHITE FOR THEY HAVE DESERVED THIS.

"THE VICTOR WILL RECEIVE A WHITE VESTMENT. HIS NAME WILL NEVER BE ERASED FROM THE BOOK OF LIFE AND HE WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE MY FATHER AND HIS ANGELS."



"LET HE WHO CAN HEAR LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE CHURCHES."