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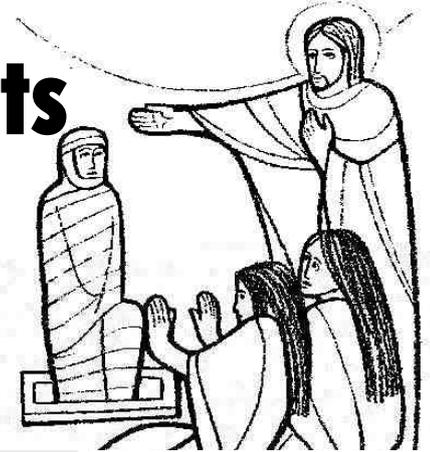
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Throughout the history of the Church, from the time of Pentecost to this present time, we have been blessed and encouraged by accounts of the lives of truly spiritual giants, who followed Jesus Christ with a love and dedication that has been, and still is, a powerful witness to us to do likewise. These men and women were filled with the Holy Spirit and lived Pentecost to the full. Many because of their docility to the Spirit were entrusted by God with powerful manifestations of the charisms in great diversity.

The charisms of the Holy Spirit are far broader than the nine listed by St. Paul in 1 Cor. 12: 8-11, but for the sake of clarity in this article we will restrict ourselves to these nine, and how they are manifested in the lives of but a few charismatic giants.

With vast numbers to choose from it is hard even to begin to select a few, and doing so does not in any way negate the names of those who are not mentioned. In preparing this article I began by making a simple chart with the name of the Saint and then listing the nine extraordinary gifts and checking off beside each name the various gifts that we know were manifested in the life of that particular Saint. Take for example the life of St Peter the Apostle and first Pope. From Sacred Scripture, primarily in the Acts of the Apostles we see that all nine were manifested.

By looking up these scriptural references we see the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the life of St. Peter.

Word of wisdom: Acts 2:14-40: Inspired preaching with wisdom.

Word of knowledge: Acts 5:1-11: The account of Ananias and Sapphira.

Faith: Acts 9:36-42: The story of raising Tabitha from the dead. (This is also the gift of miracles following the faith to know God's will).

Healing: Acts 3:1-10: The curing of the cripple outside the temple.

Miracles: Acts 5: 15: Peter's shadow passing over people -healings &

miracles. **Prophecy:** (visions)

Acts 2:39: The promise is for you, your children and all who are far off. Acts 10: The vision preparing Peter to go to the Gentiles. **Discernment of spirits:**

Acts 5: Ananias and Saphira lying to the Holy Spirit.

Tongues: Acts 2: Pentecost.

Interpretation of tongues: No specific mention but at Pentecost there was interpretation.

You can do the same for St. Paul and it is a worth while exercise to list the nine gifts and search the scriptures to find the relevant verses and accounts of where St. Paul used these charisms. In fact a prayerful reading of the Acts of the Apostles will show the reader how evident were the gifts in the life of the Church at that time.

Lest we think that the gifts have decreased or that they are not needed now we only have to read the lives of saints throughout the centuries to see the need for these charisms in every generation.

As lay men and women we may also be tempted to believe that these charisms are just for the select few. This is an error and a reading of the CCC focusing on the charisms of the Holy Spirit will show you that they are expected and should be the norm for all Christians. See CCC 2003.

A truly spiritual giant of our time is surely Pope John Paul II who led a holy life filled with the Spirit and manifested a number of the charismatic gifts. Perhaps all of them, but there are recorded accounts of healings, miracles, tongues and certainly great spiritual wisdom during his life. His was truly a prophetic voice in our world during his pontificate and his words continue to reverberate throughout the world.

One unrecorded miracle of healing was shared with us at our prayer meeting by a priest who had

been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. On a visit to Rome he attended the general audience and stood close to the aisle where his Holiness would pass by. JP II came alongside him and without being told of the priest's condition laid his hands on his head and then moved on.

Following his return home he had further x rays taken of the brain tumor but they were negative. There was now no tumor present. This priest with great joy showed us both x rays before and after.

There are no doubt countless cases where John Paul II was used by the Holy Spirit in these ways.

Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa preacher to the Papal household has also recounted how John Paul had requested prayer to receive the gift of tongues and some time later he reported with great joy to Fr. Raniero that he had received this gift.

During the past forty years of this current wave of the Holy Spirit spiritual giants have been raised up manifesting the gifts of the Spirit.

Fr. Emiliano Tardif was used mightily by the Lord in the areas of healing, miracles, discernment of spirits and other charisms. Sr Briege McKenna still continues to serve the Lord and has been used consistently in the ministry of healing. It is interesting to note that both began their ministry after they were healed miraculously.

As you read the lives of the Saints take note of the charisms that are mentioned and you will see that there has never been a shortage of charismatic giants. 🙏

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ICCRS Leadership Training Course in South Korea - Report *June, 5 - 13, 2008*

by Jim Murphy



The ICCRS Leadership Training Course is a way for ICCRS to help foster leadership in the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal. In partnership with local Charismatic realities, ICCRS provides this week-long programme that will call and empower new leaders as well as strengthen and encourage current leaders. The programme will include daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration and a time of Charismatic Praise & Worship. The teachings will cover two basic areas: the foundations and vision of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (Ecclesiology, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the History of the CCR, a Theology of Mission), and practical help and ideas for ministry (elements of a prayer meeting, basic techniques for evangelization, the life of a leader). There will also be time for reflection, sharing, and ministry.



July, 5-13 2008
South Korea

ICCRS held its **FIRST Leadership Training Course (LTC) at the Kkottongnae Community in South Korea** in June this year.

130 people participated in the event: 14 participants came from 7 other countries, while the Koreans themselves comprised 12 priests, 22 religious, and 82 lay leaders. 16 Korean dioceses were represented including the President of the South Korean National Service Committee, Fr. Thomas Oh.

Br James Shin, an ICCRS council member and a leader in the Kkottongnae Community was instrumental in bringing the Course to Korea and caring for many aspects of the programme during the week-long event.

The course material included studies in ecclesiology, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the theology of mission, and the CCR.

In addition, several workshop were offered on various aspects of ministry in serving the CCR and the broader Church.

The group was also honored to receive words of inspiration from the Most Rev Vincent RI, Bishop of Jeonju, who spoke about evangelization and used humor to reach the hearts of the participants. The group was also very touched by the words of Fr. John Oh, founder of the Kkottongnae Community.

The evenings of the course were set aside for praise, reflection, and ministry. Many leaders reported being deeply touched by the evening services.

A highlight for all was the pilgrimage to the shrine of the Korean martyrs. The group actually had the opportunity to pray at the graves of these heroes of faith. Many reported a sense of receiving

special graces while in a time of deep prayer.

The setting of the course led to a great experience for prayer and study. Kkottongnae (Flower Village) is set in a lush mountain region. The beauty of the area is breathtaking. The accommodation was wonderful, and the community members of Kkottongnae were hospitable and very friendly.

A day-long public rally was held at the end of the course which drew close to 2,000 people. The excitement was almost electric as Oreste Pesare Director of ICCRS, Bob Canton ICCRS Council member, and Jim Murphy Director of leadership formation ministered to the crowd, along with Fr Thomas Oh and Fr. John Oh. Traditional Korean dances and drums were a meaningful part of the celebration and everyone seemed deeply touched by the day. ICCRS is pleased to work with its friends around the world. The LTC/KOREA was a huge blessing to all who participated.

2009 ICCRS Event South Korea



There have been many conferences held throughout the years in the CCR, but one upcoming event deserves special attention.

ICCRS will be sponsoring an important, international Event in South Korea in early June, 2009. The theme of the Event is LOVE IN ACTION.

The conference will be hosted by the Kkottongnae Community, a Catholic, charismatic community composed of both religious and lay people. The community does an extraordinary outreach to the poor and provides a variety of services for

those in need. However the spiritual dimension is never lost in the work, however, and Kkottongnae is a beehive of activity and a hot bed of faith!

June 1st - 3rd will offer conference participants the opportunity to work side by side with members of the community to serve the poor.

The conference itself begins on June 4th and will end on June 6th, followed by a huge, public rally held on June 7th. The 8th and 9th are being held as days of pilgrimage to various sites in South Korea,

especially the very moving shrine of the Korean Martyrs.

The CCR has sometimes been wrongly accused of having only "pious thoughts" but offering no real service to the needy. Kkottongnae is a shining example of how the Holy Spirit leads men and women not only to care for the souls of others, but to care for their lives as well.

This event will be a unique and powerful experience for those who have been in the CCR for years, or for those who are just beginning the journey of living a life in the Spirit.

First ISAO CCR Leaders' Conference - Report

by Cyril John

When about 525 leaders of the CCR from 21 countries of Asia-Oceania came together in Hotel Mercure, North Jakarta in Indonesia on 14 September, 2008 it was as if a long cherished dream for the whole region was coming true. The Conference held from 14 to 18 September was organized by the ICCRS Sub-Committee for Asia-Oceania (ISAO) and hosted by the National Service Committee of the CCR in Indonesia. ISAO was formed in December, 2006 to facilitate ICCRS to serve the CR in Asia-Oceania region more closely and effectively. The theme of the Conference was: "The Catholic Charismatic Renewal: Born Yesterday, Living Today and Growing Tomorrow".

The Inaugural Eucharist on 14 September was presided by Most Rev. Sutrisnaatmaka MSF, Secretary of the Indonesian Bishops' Conference. The Conference began with the inaugural message by Mr Cyril John, Chairman of ISAO and welcome message by Mr Joseph Jedjandra, Chairman of Indonesian National Service Team. The keynote address was delivered by Mrs

Michelle Moran, President of ICCRS. His Eminence Cardinal Julius Darmaatmadja SJ, Archbishop of Jakarta, Indonesia; His Excellency Archbp Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio to Indonesia; Most Rev. Joseph S. Palma, Archbp of Palo, Philippines; Most Rev. Michael Angkur, Bp of Bogor, Indonesia and Most Rev. Anthony Lee Kok Hin, Bp of Miri, Malaysia celebrated the Eucharist during the Conference. The sessions were led by Mrs Michelle Moran, Cyril John, Fr Bart Pastor, Joseph Tedjandra, Fr Deshi Ramadhani SJ, Fr Rufus Pereira, Felix Ali Chendra, Gerard Francisco, Brendan Woodnutt, Bro James Shin, Joseph Chee and other leaders from different countries. Participants included some Bishops e.g. Most Rev. Camillo Ballin MCCJ, Bp of Kuwait, about 100 priests, some religious sisters and lay leaders.

The Conference turned out to be the experience of a New Pentecost for the whole of Asia-Oceania. The Lord was speaking to us repeatedly saying that "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive

it?" (Is 43:18). All the participants renewed their commitment to serve the Lord and the Church in their respective countries with greater dedication and zeal. During the planning sessions, it was decided to organize follow up programmes of the Conference in four different regions of Asia-Oceania in the years 2009 and 2010. The second Leaders Conference will be organized by ISAO sometime in 2011.

The Conference ended with a rally organized by the Indonesian Service Team for 7,000 people in Novotel Hotel, Jakarta on 18 September. It was indeed a meaningful witnessing of the cultural heritage, dynamism and unity of the CCR in Indonesia. Thanking the Indonesian NSC, Michelle Moran said, "The Conference was truly enriched by having Indonesia as the host country. The cultural presentations and the Angklung music will be a lasting memory in many people's minds of the blessings that we shared together in Indonesia." On behalf of ISAO, I would like to congratulate the Indonesian CCR for a very Spirit-filled Conference made possible through their hard work and organisation. 

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Maria Eugenia (Sheny) de Góngora

Member of the ICCRS Council

Maria (Sheny) was born in Guatemala in 1956. In 1976 she and her fiancé Rafael (who she had met when they were studying accountancy together) were baptised in the fire of the most high whilst on a Life in the Holy Spirit retreat.

From the time of that decisive encounter began the wonderful adventure of walking with Jesus Christ and His Church, in order to serve it. She and Rafael were called to be a part of the Service Team as auxiliaries and later as servants. They undertook various courses of formation and were married in 1980. The charisms that the Lord has granted to them include the gift of

prophecy (1983) which led them to start the central American vigils for peace, now the Latin American vigils, which constitute one of the major activities of the year. Later, they were called to advise the Archdiocesan Consul on the pastoral needs of youth. This led Sheny to the decisions that she should work full time for the CCR. She started by coordinating one area of teaching and later, took on the whole Archdiocesan coordination of the CCR, then was asked to take over as servant

Today she is the National Coordinator of the CCR of Guatemala and vice president of the Latin American Catholic Charismatic Council (CONCLAT).

She is a part of the Executive of the National Commission of Missions and of the Department of Lay Movements and New Ecclesial Communities of the Episcopal Conference. The Lord has given her two children Adriana and Rafael junior who also serve the Lord in their prayer group and many events. In love with Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Lady Mary the whole family have decided to follow the Lord asking for the strength of the Holy Spirit to let them persevere to the end.

May the Lord continue to accompany her with the Holy Spirit in serving the Charismatic Renewal and the Catholic Church throughout the world. 

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NEWS FROM THE WORLD

New Charismatic Members and Consultors for the Pontifical Council for the Laity

On the 24th April, 2008, the Holy Father Benedict XVI appointed as members of the Pontifical Council for the Laity Michelle Moran, president of ICCRS and Matteo Calisi, president of the Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Communities and Fellowships as consultors: Moyses de Azevedo, founder of the Shalom Community in Brasil and Salvatore Martinez, president of Renewal in the Holy Spirit in Italy. We congratulate them and praise the Lord for their dedication in serving Charismatic Renewal in the Church.

ICCRS welcome their new Council Members

During the last ICCRS Council Meeting held in Rome on 7th-13th April, the following new members were elected: Julienne Mesedem from Cameroon as representative for French-speaking Africa; María José Cantos de Ortiz from Chile as representative for Spanish-speaking Latin America and Christof Hemberger from Germany as representative for Northern Europe. We welcome them. Special thanks and blessings to Jean Pliya of Benin who has now concluded his term of service with ICCRS.

ICCRS have a new address

This September, ICCRS changed the location of the Office and moved to Palazzo San Calisto, where the head office of the Pontifical Council of the Laity and other dicasteries of Vatican are also located.

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Pentecost of the Nations

An ICCRS 10 day Pentecost Project. May 22nd-31st, 2009.

A two-part project, which integrates Operation Upper Room, May 22nd-30th, with the Pentecost Day Celebration on May 31st.

"All Nations - In Your Nation"

For further information visit our web: <http://www.iccrs.org>

ICCRS LTC in Botswana

ICCRS will soon be heading to Gaborone, Botswana in Africa to team up with local CR leaders in providing an in depth training program for leaders and potential leaders for the CCR.

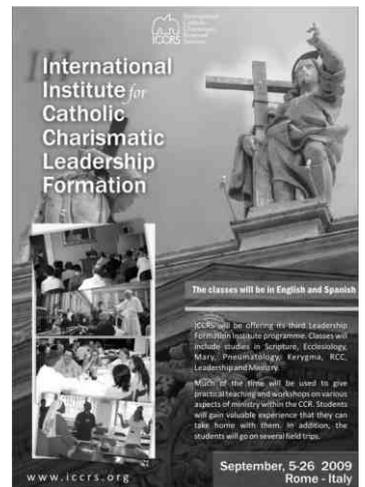
The programme which runs from April 19 to 25, will include Michelle Moran, President of ICCRS and James Murphy, Director of Leadership formation for ICCRS.

Alice Modisenyane, a key CCR coordinator for Botswana, first experienced ICCRS leadership formation when she attended the ICCRS Leadership Formation Institute in Rome in 2007.

III ICCRS Institute September 2009

ICCRS is already well underway in its planning for the third Leadership Formation Institute which will be held in Rome in September of 2009. The three week course is a direct result of Pope John Paul II's appeal for lay movements to make greater efforts to foster a greater "ecclesial maturity" within their groups. The programme, which attracts leaders and future leaders from all over the world, does more than simply educate. It also provides support and an experience of the universal Church. The course consists of top-notch teaching and times of ministry and sharing, as well as opportunities to meet with leaders in various offices of the Vatican.

In addition, the course offers many field trips to various holy sites in Rome as an opportunity for education, reflection, and prayer. For further information visit our web: <http://www.iccrs.org>



Michelle Moran invited to participate in the Synod of Bishops

It was with great joy, that as President of ICCRS, I received an invitation from Pope Benedict XVI to be an auditor at the XII Ordinary General Assembly, Synod of Bishops. The theme of the Synod, "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church", is one that is very close to each of us in the Charismatic Renewal. Many of us would testify that the Holy Spirit's action in our lives has led us to a deep love for the Scriptures. The working document or "Instrumentum Laboris" which forms the basis of the synod has three main sections:

- i. The mystery of the God who speaks to us
- ii. The Word of God in the life of the Church
- iii. The Word of God in the mission of the Church

There was a lot for us to examine and discuss during the 21 days of the Synod. The Synod comprised of 253 Synod fathers Cardinals and Bishops from all the continents, a small group of ecumenical guests, 41 "Biblical experts" and 37 auditors. It is interesting that the "ecclesial movements" seemed to have been given a special place within the auditors. It was a great joy and privilege for me to daily sit alongside the founders and leaders of the various movements.

It was a great joy for me to deliver a 4 minute intervention in the presence of the Holy Father on behalf of all CCR. (see *the intervention on our web*)

I think we are truly living a special moment of Communion together with the Church during these days. I am sure this Synod will prove to be historic in the life of the Church.

Michelle Moran, President of ICCRS

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