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We have already expressed in the last issue of our newsletter how blessed the 2009 ICCRS “Love in Action” event held in Kkottongnae, South Korea was last June. One thousand people from 43 countries together with more than fifty thousand Koreans really had the opportunity to experience a strong time of the Holy Spirit.

A key role in this event was played by ICCRS, who are taking seriously the role that Pope John Paul II confirmed to Catholic Charismatic Renewal during the Jubilee year 2000. He wrote, “*I am certain that, for ecclesial awareness to mature in the different charismatic communities throughout the world, ICCRS can have an important role... ICCRS, whose task is to coordinate and promote exchange of experiences and reflections among Catholic Charismatic communities throughout the world*”. Rimini, 28th April 2000

So, in order to develop this important task, the ICCRS Council had its yearly meeting from June 10th–13th at Kkottongnae, at the end of the “Love in Action” program. Under the leadership of Michelle Moran, our President, the Council first of all reflected and considered how the Holy Spirit is working throughout the world in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal:

- We spoke about the wonderful Springtime that Asia is experiencing under the good stewardship of ISAO (ICCRS Subcommittee of Asia and Oceania), especially in Middle East where—among others events the First Gulf States CCR Conference was held in Abu Dhabi (UAE) with more than 1800 Charismatic leaders. We were encouraged by the number of forthcoming regional events that are being organised by ISAO.
- We spoke about Africa, where the ICCRS Leadership Training Course was held in Botswana last April with around 120 participants. The next Anglophone African CCR Conference will take place in Lagos (Nigeria) in November. Then the 2nd Pan-African Conference will be held in Cameroon in 2011 organised by AFSCI (African Subcommittee of ICCRS).
- We spoke also about the Americas where last year ICCRS had the 2nd School for Healing Prayer for Leaders in Jacksonville, Florida (USA), and where our President was in Nashville, USA for a Leaders Conference and in Toronto, Canada for a

National Conference. Also, I (as ICCRS Director) was in Honduras for Eccla 2008 (Encuentro Carismatico Latinoamericano) and in Utah (USA) for the US Hispanic Leaders Conference.

- We also spoke about Europe where much of our work is undertaken by ESCI (European Subcommittee of ICCRS), including the next European Charismatic Leaders Conference that will be held in Budapest (Hungary) next November and where Bp. Joe Grech, Michelle Moran and myself attended the Bishops and Priests Retreat in Ars (France) at the end of September.
- We, of course, spoke also about the three week ICCRS International Institute for Leadership Training Formation that was held in Rome in September 2009.

We were all encouraged to hear how ICCRS is in a very good relationship with the Vatican, how our President and the Director are frequently relating with the various Dicasteries and how ICCRS is involved with the future programs of the Pontifical Council for the Family. We also spoke about the honour that ICCRS received through our President being appointed as an auditor at XII Ordinary General Assembly, Synod of Bishop in October 2008.

Another issue that the Council discussed was the growth of the Institute of Formation that ICCRS is further developing for the Charismatic leaders of the entire world. This project is really a new branch of the ministry of ICCRS. Now we have not only the three-week long Institute that is held in Rome but we are also running a one week Leadership Training Course in many locations throughout the world: i.e. in September 2010 we will run the LTC in Steubenville USA.

However, the wonderful news regarding this ministry is that we are seriously investigating possibilities of finding premises in Rome in order to foster our dream. This is to establish “The University of the Holy Spirit” in Rome. This would be a real and concrete Institute of formation for the leaders in CCR, with a deep theological and charismatic understanding of the great gift of the Spirit to the Church. Please join us in prayer for this great project!

A matter that took a lot of our attention was the discussion on the long-term strategy to prepare

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Serving Youths in the CCR

by Christof Hemberger

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a movement of the Holy Spirit that appeals to all generations. All over the world, the young and the old have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in a very personal way. Many of the men and women who lead the CCR today got a personal relationship with the Lord in their young years.

Young people have always been on God's mind and heart—he desires to reach their hearts and lives. God desires to be close to the young generation. This is not because God loves the young more than the older generation—no way! I guess it is due to the fact that the young ones are in a time of the journey of their life where essential decisions are to be made and major questions arise. The roots for their whole life ahead are laid.

It does not matter in which culture, nation or background someone grew up—one thing matters to all young people. Who am I? Why am I as I am? Where will I go? These questions—spoken or unspoken, consciously known or unconsciously lived—guide us through our whole adolescence. Young people are searching the means of their lives, they are curious what life will bring at all, and they are open to anyone who gives answers to them.

It is God himself who is the perfect answer on these kinds of questions: “I am the one who created you, who knows you from the inside out. I am the one who has plans of life for you, plans of hope and plans of joy!” The whole Bible is telling us: God loves each and every one of us in a very special and personal way. He is longing to reveal his love to us! Indeed the Bible is a letter of Love to mankind!

Who am I? God tells us: “You are my beloved son/daughter!” Why am I as I am? God confirms us, “because I created you as you are!” Where will I go? God assures us, “wherever you will go—I will be with you. I will guide and protect you while you are searching for the way. I will lead you, just go close with me!”

Through all the years the CCR has existed, it has worked on helping the young (and old) to better know God in this special way—as a personal and living God, as the one who loves each and every one as we are, as the one who guides us throughout our whole lives—and of course as the one who has sent us the Holy Spirit to empower us and to equip us with his charisms.

In this way the CCR's message and effort has been a great help to many young men and women in the entire world! While searching for the means and purpose of our lives we have been told about the one who truly is the meaning and purpose of our life—God, the loving father, together with Jesus Christ our redeemer and the Holy Spirit.

Though methods of communication have changed during the last centuries, this message never will change, “I am the way and the truth and the life!” In proclaiming him as the way, the truth and the life of everyone, we will be a great help, especially to young people!

It is our dream that all over the world people would be reached by this message: God loves us—and He sends his Holy Spirit to empower us and to be with us in our daily lives! In order to see this fulfilled, we need people of God everywhere to pray for them to be open to experience God in this personal and loving way in their lives! We need leaders and staff (especially those who are young) to reach out to these young men and women who need to hear about God and experience Him in their lives!

I am very grateful about ICCRS and the CCR doing so much and working so hard in reaching out to the youth! All over the world we can see men and women of God working in the mission-fields amongst young people. I was very glad with the many young people attending the last International ICCRS Conference in Kkottongnae in South Korea! We definitely will work on further possibilities for young people to meet and network amongst each other in the CCR all over the world! And we also will work on empowering young men and women to become well equipped and trained leaders in the CCR worldwide! ICCRS is doing a wonderful job in supporting leaders, especially the young, to be enabled for their ministry amongst the young generations. Just now there has been again an “Institute of Formation” that was held in Rome—several others already have been held throughout the world during the last few years.

God loves all generations—and everyone is important to him! But it is very important to pray for and invest in the young generation! They are in deep need to hear answers on their questions. They need discipleship, mentoring and formation. And, they will be our future! 

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ASSISI 2010

Intercession Event: The Road to Pentecost

MAY 19–23

This international event, with a special focus on intercession, will be an opportunity to:

- Experience a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- Celebrate the Pentecost Tridium and the Pentecost of the Nations with ICCRS in Assisi
- Deepen our understanding about the call to intercession
- Intercede for the nations in the power of the Holy Spirit

Event, food, and accomodation is €400

The conference is limited to 400 participants so we recommend early registration.

For more information and registration, visit <http://www.iccrs.org> or e-mail events@iccrs.org or call us at +39 06 6988 7126



ICCRS LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

Franciscan University of Steubenville
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SEPTEMBER 12–18
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“Take strength from the grace which is in Christ Jesus. Pass on to reliable people what you have heard from me through many witnesses, so that they in turn will be able to teach others.”

Tim 2:1–2

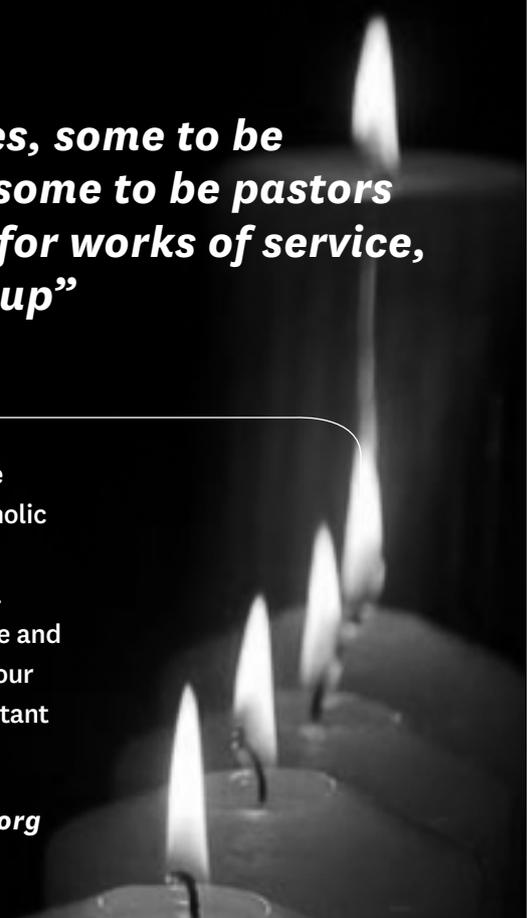
The ICCRS Leadership Training Course is a way for ICCRS to help foster leadership in the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal. In partnership with local Charismatic realities, ICCRS provides this week-long programme that will call and empower new leaders as well as strengthen and encourage current leaders.

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up”

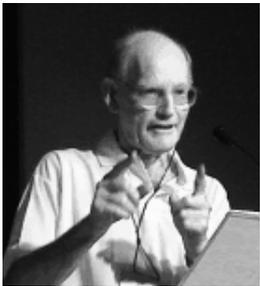
Ephesians 4:11–12

From time to time, ICCRS seeks the help of those who are able to serve with their God-given talent and time to further the mission of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the very heart of the Church for a minimum of 1 to 2 years. Currently we are in need of individuals who have technical expertise in computer hardware, and a working knowledge of database and server systems. We also need graphic and web designers, to increase our accessibility on the web. As ICCRS is an international office, it is important to speak English in addition to being fluent in another language.

If interested, please send us your CV and a photo to director@iccrs.org



ALLAN PANOZZA receives Papal Award



On Sunday 11 October 2009, in the magnificent St. Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne, the immediate past President of ICCRS, Allan Panozza, was invested as a Papal Knight of the Order of St Gregory. The citation includes the words: "in recognition of your exemplary service for the Church and for the community".

This service has been especially carried out through his involvement in the world wide Catholic Charismatic Renewal for more than 30 years.

Allan served as ICCRS President from March 2000–2007 and in 2000 Pope John Paul II appointed Allan as a member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome for a term of five years.

Upon learning of this singular honour of receiving the Papal Knighthood, Allan said:

"I am grateful to God to receive this honour, but I also have the sense that in a real way I represent so many wonderful people in the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal who have gone before me, and the many leaders who are still serving today with commitment and the love of Jesus".

ICCRS joins with the CCR worldwide in thanking Allan for his outstanding service over the last 30 years. We rejoice with him during this time of recognition from Pope Benedict XVI.

We continue to keep him, Carmel his wife and all the family in our prayers.

"CCR... please pray for the Holy Father..."

These are the words that Pope Benedict XVI has asked to our President Michelle Moran at the end of the General Assembly on September 16th in Paul VI Hall in the Vatican. Michelle with Oreste Pesare, ICCRS Executive Director, participated at the Audience with 33 students of the III Institute of the Leadership Formation organized by ICCRS in Rome during September 5th–26th. Together also with Jim Murphy, Leader of the International Formation Institute of ICCRS.

So, in accordance with the Pope's request, please join us in fervent prayer for our Holy Father.



ICCRS congratulates Salvatore Martinez

On the 30th of September, 2009, the Holy Father Benedict XVI appointed as a consultor of the Pontifical Council for the Family, Salvatore Martinez. He is the President of the *Mons. Francesco Di Vincenzo Institute* for human promotion, as well as the President of the *Renewal in the Spirit* in Italy. We congratulate Salvatore and rejoice in the Lord for his service to the entire Church.

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the charismatic realities worldwide to the 50th anniversary of CCR in 2017. The dream would be to have a celebration with the Pope in Saint Peter's Basilica with thousands of people from CCR. In preparation to this big event in which ICCRS will certainly involve all the charismatic entities worldwide, a special "enlarged Council Meeting" of ICCRS will be held 5 years prior to the Jubilee for a time of listening and prophetic planning. All the members of the various continental sub-committees of ICCRS and other key leaders of the CCR will be invited to this special meeting. The Council, then, spoke about the forthcoming ICCRS conference on Intercession which will be held from 19th–23rd May 2010 in Assisi. It will be a deep and strong experience of intercession for "only" 400 people in the wonderful city of St. Francis. Also on June 12th 2010 there will be a one day retreat for Priests and Bishops of CCR who will be in Rome for the Vatican program of the meeting of Priests with the Holy Father.

Naturally in order to develop the service of ICCRS

we need to find new ways of fundraising. Finances are always a challenge but we are hoping that people will respond generously to our 'Hope Sack appeal' and also help to sponsor the fees of new ICCRS staff that are required to make our projects become a reality.

Space does not allow me to share about the many other initiatives which could be mentioned in this report. However, I cannot conclude without welcoming officially the new council member for Southern Europe, Jude Muscat from Malta. He replaces Fr. Renato Tisot from Italy. Also, we have to mention that Bp. Joe Grech from Australia was re-elected for his third term and Darek Jeziorny from Poland, Cyril John from India and Father Emmanuel Tusiime from Uganda were re-elected for their second term on the ICCRS Council.

Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church and ICCRS are really growing in the grace of the Lord. Please keep us in prayer that we may remain faithful to this wonderful and challenging adventure of the Spirit.

