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St. Paul once urged Timothy, saying: “Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self control.” (2 Tim 1:6-7).



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move the heart of God and it can stir into flame the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

3. Use the gifts with boldness. “And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all

Yes, indeed, God is the giver of gifts. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (Jam 1:17). The Scriptures enumerate many kinds of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The documents of the Second Vatican Council e.g the Decree of the Apostolate of the Laity assert, “From the acceptance of these charisms, including those which are more elementary, there arises for each believer the right and duty to use them in the Church and in the world for the good of men and the building up of the Church, in the freedom of the Holy Spirit who “breathes where He wills” (Apostolicam Actuositatem 3).

What are some of the ways to effectively “rekindle” the gifts of God?

1. Surrender everything to the Lordship of Jesus. Our heart, mind, body and spirit must be surrendered to the Lord. He is the fulfillment of everything that the Father has promised us. Apostolicam actuositatem further states, “Since Christ, sent by the Father, is the source and origin of the whole apostolate of the Church, the success of the lay apostolate depends upon the laity’s living union with Christ” (№ 4).

2. Use the gifts with expectant faith. “If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and be planted in the sea’; and it would obey you” (Luke 17:6) “And without faith, it is impossible to please God” (Heb 11:6). The demonstrations of faith can surely

filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness”. (Acts 4:31) Because of their boldness in the Holy Spirit, the disciples had turned this world “upside down” and “inside out” and this world has never been the same again since. The good news is that we are also called to do the same by virtue of our baptism.

4. Use the gifts with humility. “Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.” (Jam 4:10). Nothing can warp or dilute God’s gifts except pride. “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8).

5. Use the gifts with love. Love is the key that opens the Kingdom and the heart of God. For sure, if we use God’s gifts with love, everything will be possible for us. “God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him”. (1John 4:16)

6. Use the gift to build up others. “And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Eph 4:11-13).

7. Use the gift for God’s glory. “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31) In order for us to stir the flame of God’s gifts with great intensity, everything that we are, say and do, should be geared towards giving glory and honor to the Trinity. 🙏

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■ Michelle Moran

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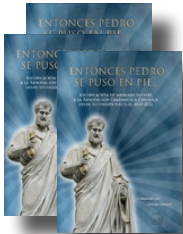
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In recent years ICCRS has organized theological colloquiums on prayer for healing (2001), the charisms of the Holy Spirit (2008), and baptism in the Holy Spirit (2011). In April 2014 the fourth colloquium was held in Rome, on the topic of deliverance ministry.

The choice of this topic came from a number of questions that were being sent to ICCRS about deliverance ministry. These were both theological and pastoral in nature. We recognised that there are cultural factors that have to be taken into consideration and that in some parts of the world guidelines are already in place from the local Bishops' conference. Therefore, it was decided to bring together a small international group of invited theologians and practitioners who are experienced in this ministry, to gain some insight together as to what should be the basic contents of a small ICCRS book on this topic.

So from 3rd-6th of April around 30 participants gathered in Rome. Dr Mary Healy, the chair of the ICCRS Doctrinal Commission, began by presenting a general overview. She looked at the context of where we find ourselves as a Church in a world that is witnessing a rapid de-Christianization.

She presented a brief overview of deliverance in Scripture, in the early Church, and among later theologians.

Participants from each of the continents shared their perspectives on deliverance ministry. Whilst there were some obvious cultural variations, there were also marked similarities. It was noted that even among clergy, there are some who are reluctant to believe in the reality of the devil. Conversely, sometimes in CCR there are people who have a tendency to overemphasise the devil and his power. We highlighted the need for this ministry to grow and develop and for people to receive adequate training and supervision.

An exorcist from the diocese of Rome gave an overview of the history of the development of the Rite of Exorcism and the difference between exorcism and deliverance ministry. Damian Stayne shared from his own experience about the role of lay people in deliverance ministry. Neal Lozano, the founder of the 'unbound' model of deliverance ministry, spoke about the relationship between deliverance and inner healing. The final part of our colloquium was to agree together the main topics that should form the basis of a future publication. 🙏

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Great Gathering of the CCR Family "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:4)

■ Kampala, Uganda · 30 June – 6 July 2014

The Great Gathering of the CCR Family is a huge ICCRS celebration as part of the journey towards the CCR Golden Jubilee. The event will be held in Uganda, bringing together delegates from all the five continents of the world to Africa for the first time, to pray and seek the Lord for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Renewal and the Church worldwide. This event is organised by ICCRS in collaboration with the Uganda Episcopal Conference, Uganda Catholic Charismatic Renewal (UCCR), and the African Sub-committee of ICCRS (AFSCI).

The Pan African Congress of Renewal leaders and the 2nd World Youth Meeting of CCR will take place within the given days. A special workshop for priests will be also offered during the event.

Find all the details on the website of CCR Uganda: www.ccruganda.org.

ICCRS Council Meeting 2013

■ Oreste Pesare

How many were the graces we received during the past Council Meeting of ICCRS, held in Bethlehem last November 18-23, 2013, just after the wonderful Prophetic Consultation that we lived with about 160 leaders from every part of the world (see ICCRS NL 1/2014).

The first day was completely dedicated to a special encounter that we called ICCRS Large Council Meeting, including members of the ICCRS Continental Sub Committees: AFSCI (ICCRS Sub Committee for Africa), ESCI (ICCRS Sub Committee for Europe) and ISAO (ICCRS Sub Committee for Asia and Oceania). On that day we were also blessed by the presence of one of our Bishops, friend of ICCRS, and by the presence of the 'official' collaborators of ICCRS in the area of 'Formation', 'Doctrinal Commission' and 'University of the Holy Spirit'.

This one day meeting was the occasion to present to all our Continental Sub Committee members the 'vision' of ICCRS regarding our service offered to the Charismatic Renewal within the Catholic Church. Time was also dedicated to 'dream' together about the developments of the formation of the leaders in CCR and the call to unity among the various streams and realities in CCR (groups, communities, schools of evangelization, ministries, etc.). Both these aspects are at the front line among the pastoral activities of ICCRS especially looking at the great challenge of the upcoming Jubilee of the Renewal in 2017, that will see all our Movement together in celebrating 50 years of life in the Catholic Church.

The proper ICCRS Council Meeting started with the official welcoming of Fr. Wojciech Nowacki, new councilor for Eastern

Europe. Key topics in our agenda were:

- I. Reflections on the Bethlehem Prophetic Consultation;
- II. President's report on her worldwide ministry;
- III. The necessity to stabilize our finances;
- IV. Administration matters;
- V. ICCRS Formation activities and the 'University of the Holy Spirit' project developments;
- VI. The upcoming events, such as the 'Colloquium on the Ministry of Deliverance' and the 'Great Gathering of the CCR

Family in Africa' in 2014, the 'Worldwide Priests' Retreat' in 2015, and the setting up of an Organizing Committee for the 2017 CCR Jubilee;

VII. The Council has also placed a high priority on the project 'Pentecost of the Nations', as an answer to the call of the Lord for all the Renewal to promote the Pentecost novena and the celebration of the Holy Spirit all over the world.

Another important area of attention

about ICCRS mandate that took considerable time in our Council Meeting was the review of our Committees and Sub Committees, and finally the elections for a new three year term. Elections for four councilors took place: Michelle Moran has been re-elected for a third term as President; Jude Muscat has been re-elected for a second term as councilor for Southern Europe; Bob Canton has been re-elected for a third term as councilor for English speaking Central and North America and Caribbean; Br. James Shin has been re-elected for a third term as councilor for Southern Asia. ICCRS Council has a clear understanding of how great the challenges are before us. For this we ask all our readers to accompany us in our mission with a strong and continuous intercessory prayer. All for the glory of God the Father. Amen. 🙏



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XXXVII Convocation of the Renewal with Pope Francis "Convert! Believe! Receive the Holy Spirit!" (cf. Acts 2,38-40)

■ Olympic Stadium - Rome, Italy • 1 – 2 June 2014

Renewal in the Spirit in Italy (RnS) in close collaboration with ICCRS and the Catholic Fraternity, are organising the XXXVII Convocation of the Renewal at the Olympic Stadium of Rome (Italy) from 1st to 2nd June 2014. The gathering will be graced by the presence of our Holy Father Pope Francis, and others including: Card. Angelo Comastri (Vicar of the Pope for Vatican City), Card. Agostino Vallini (Vicar of the Pope for the Diocese of Rome), Card. Stanislaw Rylko (President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity), Fr Raniero Cantalamessa (Preacher to the Papal Household), Fr Kevin Scallon & Sr Briege McKenna (Healing Ministry), Ralph Martin (Preaching Ministry), Patti Gallagher Mansfield (Intercession Ministry), Michelle Moran (ICCRS President), Gilberto Gomes Barbosa (President of the CFCCCF) and Salvatore Martinez (President of the RnS). The organisers are looking forward to confirming the organisation of a meeting for kids and youth in a place inside the stadium. Follow updates on www.rns-italia.it.

Please note: For registration of Charismatic realities out of Italy, please contact ICCRS at events@iccrs.org.

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2nd World Youth Meeting of CCR at the GGCCRF in Uganda An invitation to be part of the Family!

■ Dn Christof Hemberger

I would like to take the opportunity to invite the young generation of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church from all over the world to the large meeting of the CCR family in Uganda, which will be happening at the same time as the second CCR youth meeting on an international level. The first worldwide meeting of the CCR youth (Brazil 2012) was an event that exclusively gathered the younger generation. However, in 2014 there will be a special kind of meeting: in addition to sessions for youth, there will also be times when we will all gather as a CCR family.

I am always very motivated when I see how the various generations interact in a family. There are the very young, who still need to find their place and are growing into life. There are young people with their vitality and contagious enthusiasm. Then there are the middle-aged who have the task of giving life and letting it grow. And finally, there is the more mature generation, whose lives are shaped by rich experiences that are worth listening to. All these people in their diversity belong together and form a unit enabling them to mutually complement and encourage one another, passing on knowledge and experience based on a sense of belonging together.

The same is true for us in the CCR: We are a family - different generations of people with one thing in common: living in the fullness and the power of the Holy Spirit. Since we belong together, it is right and good to gather once in a while as a CCR family. We can encourage one another, build up one another, learn from each other and profit from each other.

Therefore, in case you are still undecided, come to the 2nd CCR World Youth Meeting and join in when the CCR family gathers together in Uganda in July. I would like to extend a special invitation to all young leaders and people responsible for CCR youth ministries worldwide. You can look forward to profound teachings and prayer times, encouraging testimonies and Eucharistic celebrations as well as the opportunity to share with young people from all over the world.

I look forward to welcoming you in Uganda! 🇺🇬

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LTC • Trois-Rivières - Quebec, Canada

■ 29 May – 6 June 2014

■ Contact: Denise Bergeron → denise@centredeprierealliance.org

LTC • Lima, Peru

■ 2 – 9 August 2014

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