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The National Service Committee and the Association of Diocesan Liaisons are convening the 2009 National Leaders' and Ministries' Conference, October 23-25, 2009 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Our theme is *Equipping for the Mission*. If you are:

- in Diocesan or prayer group leadership in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal
- serving in any ministry in your prayer group, parish or diocese (such as music, healing, prophecy, teaching, Life in the Spirit Seminars)
- in itinerant or ethnic ministry in the Renewal
- exercising any charisms and have participated in a Life in the Spirit Seminar or equivalent and are seeking growth
- new to the Charismatic Renewal and life in the Spirit and want to grow in your charismatic life.

Speakers include: Ralph Martin, David Thorp, Aggie Neck, Mark Nimo, Arlene Apone, Judith Hughes, Fr. Richard Loch, Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD, Chuck Hornsby, Brent Heiser, Bishop Michael Burbridge, Johnny and Leslie Bertucci, and Jane Guenther.

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ADL Conference 2009 Report

At our annual ADL conferences there is always more going on than one is able to report entirely. Here are some key ideas from our speakers as we shared on their Symposium Papers in Spokane.

Thoughts from Sr. Carolyn Thomas SCN;
Who is this Holy Spirit that we seek to understand?
Sr. Carolyn would claim Him to be an energetic force from God that vivifies our daily lives if we are open to surrender ourselves to Him. We who are baptized come into the realm of the Holy Spirit and thus come into the pulsating life of God who is love. Transformation comes if we allow this outpouring of God's love into our hearts. It's a heart transplant which makes it possible to embrace a God centered life.

From Paul's perspective the Holy Spirit is the presence of God in the "in-between time", in between the Rising of Christ and His triumphant return. The Holy Spirit acts in the lives of believers. This is personal, electrifying action. He is an agent of unrest. His primary objective is to bring us to holiness. He challenges us to break rank with a society indifferent to God and His creation and to be representatives of God and all creation to the world.

Thoughts from Msgr. Joe Malagrega;
1. Paul had to become a new type of Jew. We in the Charismatic Renewal had to become a new kind of Catholic and are challenged to call others into a new way of thinking about our traditions. Are we flexible enough to let the Holy Spirit redirect

our thinking even about what the Charismatic Renewal is?
2. Paul gives us a model to becoming "All things to all people". In our growing multicultural society the Renewal must engender positive relationships among the various ethnic groups within the Renewal.

3. Are you willing to change your pastoral plan? God's got the plan. Can you let go of your's? It will require flexibility and a willingness to let the Spirit lead, especially when it's become comfortable and safe where we are at.

4. Conversion is less often from Biblical lectures than from sharing on the bible, less from theological explanations than from changing hearts. Humility is needed.

5. Tensions, fights and divisions can come among people serving the Lord. Looking at St Paul's letters we can see that this is certainly not new. We need to put on the attitude of Jesus as in Ph 2:1-11.

6. Paul taught, mentored, and sent to be the leaders, a number of people of another generation. Has the leadership in the Renewal done that? It is not a matter of drawing them into our "Wave" of the Spirit. They are caught up in a new "Wave" of the Spirit with its own challenges & gifts for it is a new time.

7. Don't shy away from the word "Charismatic". The charismatic dimension is every bit as important as the structural dimension of the Church. Both are necessary. It is essential to spreading the Gospel to the world.

8. How much are you willing to give to the cause of the Gospel? Paul was always on the brink of giving his life. How willing are you to die to yourself for that same cause?



Dennis Loveless, Helena, Fr Dan Wetzler, Spokane & Jose Macias, San Diego
- cruising Lake Coeur D'Alene on our outing day.



Sr. Carolyn Thomas SCN & Msgr. Joseph Malagrega

Prophetic Word for Liaisons:

Someone from Father Dan's Community received this word for the liaisons. He shared it with us at the beginning of the retreat. It set a tone for the week.

"Pray that my shepherds will be willing to set aside their agenda that they may seek my face. It is my desire that they enter My glory---but on My terms, not theirs. They must be willing TO TRUST MY SPIRIT, TO RISK AND TO OBEY. The ground

Prophetic Word for Liaisons (continued)

that I am asking them to walk and to take will be unfamiliar to them so they must walk by my Spirit and watch my FACE. If they look at the ground or look back they will not advance to what I am calling them to. Eye has not seen nor ear heard what I am about and wish to do through them but it will require SURRENDER, surrender of old ways, old ideas and familiarity. I wish to give these shepherds my heart. If they are open to receive my heart they will see many miracles--the blind will see, the lame will walk, even the dead shall rise."

(The receiver of the word shared, "As I received this I realized that the Lord looks on the liaisons as 'Shepherds.' And later, 'This is me talking. (Fr. Dan) ---My sense is that God is calling the Liaisons to greater servanthood. Pray and watch! Don't ignore the needs of the body at hand! Step out in FAITH. Don't miss your opportunity.'")

Youth Ministry Initiatives

There are actually two groups that have been formed to address the issues related to encouraging and supporting youth ministers in bringing to youth a fire for living in the Spirit, "The Youth Ministry Committee" which is exploring these issues and the "Franciscan Follow up Subcommittee" which is doing the same but focusing more on youth ministers and other adults who have attended the youth conferences sponsored by Franciscan University- Steubenville. I will share on the latter. These are the actions that will take place this year:

1. In their September Retreat the NSC will prayerfully consider what we are expecting to bring youth and youth ministers into and what gifts the Renewal may have to offer to other youth movements.

2. John Beaulieu will be attending 7 of 19 FUS youth conferences this year. He will distribute a list of Diocesan Liaisons, Renewal Centers or other CCR contacts encouraging youth ministers and other attending adults to get in touch with the Renewal. He will exhort them to do this if they are serious about growing in their life in the Spirit, and truly want to help youth grow and develop charisms. John will develop a script for other leaders who will convene the other 12 conferences.

What does this say to liaisons? There have been disconnects between Renewal leadership and those who bring youth to FUS Youth Conferences. What could your diocesan Renewal do to help these and any in youth ministry groups to prosper? What can you offer? Perhaps wisdom, discernment, finances, history, mistakes made and maturity in church leadership.

We need to let go of past structures. What we are passing on is the grace, experience and charisms of the Holy Spirit. We are not to expect them to cross the bridge to become a part of the Renewal and its structures as they exist today. We in the Renewal should make ourselves available on their side of the bridge, sharing what we have learned about being baptized in the Holy Spirit and a personal Pentecost.

Chairman's Corner

Charismatic Renewal has been around since 1966 in the Roman Catholic Church. It was started by a group of students at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and from there it has spread worldwide. Cardinal Suenens was instrumental in spreading its growth in Europe. It was formally known as the Pentecost Movement and developed conferences during the 1970's at Notre Dame University to the tune of over forty thousand people yearly.



The name Charismatic Renewal came into existence so as not to confuse the movement with the Pentecostal Church. That is when the name was changed from the Pentecostal movement to Charismatic Renewal. The name Charismatic derives from charisma; meaning "breath of God". Those who belong to Charismatic Renewal have the "breath of God" that stems from the Holy Spirit who is the sole Author of Charismatic Renewal. Charismatic Renewal developed two major organizations with the purpose of promoting growth in the United States. These organizations are the NSC or National Service Committee and the ADL or Association of Diocesan Liaisons. The formation of these important groups helps to more fully proclaim the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus through the use of charisms and gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Charismatic Renewal.

The Association of Diocesan Liaisons was established to promote support for each Diocesan leader in Charismatic Renewal. A liaison is a representative of the Ordinary Bishop in each Diocese. It is important to come together as we do, once a year, in different cities. We usually meet on the third or fourth week of Easter. The week starts Monday evening and ends Friday at noon. We invite speakers to address important issues on topics that help us to grow in God's love and share with our Diocese.

We would like to encourage our Liaisons in each Diocese to seriously consider attending our annual conference. Our next conference will meet in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on April 19-23, 2010. If you are interested in further information about the ADL or this conference please email me at frdigiulio@stbernadetteopny.org.

In Jesus the Lord,
Fr. Richard DiGiulio

Steering Committee Elections

Deacon Patrick Frye, Milwaukee was re-elected for a second 3 year term and Deacon Michael Cullen, Superior, was newly elected for a 3 year term. Other members of the Steering Committee are Jane Barz, Sioux Falls, Ron Bergman, Rockford, Fr Richard Digiulio, Buffalo and Gail Riedman, Fairbanks.

Fr. Richard is the Chairman with Deacon Pat as his alternate. Gail continues as secretary. Coordinator for next year's conference is Ron Bergman. Jane Barz will be the host. Dennis Loveless, Helena, is the new treasurer and Deacon Pat will continue to edit the newsletter. Deacon Pat and Gail will work with NSC members in development of youth initiatives. Ron continues to manage the website and Dee Doucet, Beaumont, will continue to coordinate the liaison's mailing list. Arlene Apone



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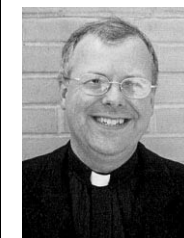
will represent ADL for the NSC-ADL planning committee for the Leadership Conference in Raleigh, NC, Oct. 2009.

On behalf of the ADL we are grateful to Arlene Apone for serving 3 years on the Steering Committee and two of those years as chairman. We also thank Deacon Jerry Pauly for his service as Treasurer for the past 3 years. We know the Lord will continue to bless them with gifts and guidance as they continue to serve in leadership in their (arch)dioceses and share their wisdom and experience with the ADL.

ADL Annual Meeting and Symposium

"A Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation" April 19-23, 2010

Location: Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center
123 St. Raphael Circle
Irene, SD 57037
Website: www.broom-tree.org



Presenters:

Fr. John Gordon - A priest for the Archdiocese of Newark, Fr. John has been active in the Renewal for over 30 years. He is a former member of the National Service Committee. He has worked with youth & young adults and was Assistant Director of the Pre-Theologate at Franciscan University in Steubenville until 2007.



Michelle Moran - Born in Leeds, England, she and husband, Peter, founded Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism. Michelle was baptized in the Spirit as a teenager and has been active in the Renewal ever since. She is Chair of the National Service Committee for the Renewal in England and Wales. In 2007 she was elected President of ICCRS. In 2008 she was appointed to the Pontifical Council of the Laity by Pope Benedict XVI.

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