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Editor's Reflection - Power and Privilege

Power and Privilege? That sounds like an odd title to use to describe this year's ADL Conference entitled "Calling Forth God's People," April 7-11, 2008. Hopefully by the end of this article it will make sense!

Where do we start?

Jim Murphy would remind us that it all starts with our relationship with Jesus. He must be first and foremost in our lives. If Jesus is not at our center we are not serving Him. Our ministry is not about tasks completed. Jesus is not looking for success. He's looking for faithfulness. Phil 2:6 says, "Have among yourselves



Father Tom Forrest

the same attitude that Christ Jesus had ..." If we are to be of any use to the Kingdom we are to be servants as Jesus is servant.

Father Tom Forrest would agree that Jesus is always the answer. Fr. Tom, also, brought forward the

Person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, one with Jesus and the Father, is the divine power that runs the Church. He is the source of all gifts needed to keep the mission rolling. Lk 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, He has anointed Me ..." marks the occasion of Jesus' own Pentecost when He came out of obscurity to passionately begin His mission. God's greatest promise to His Son and to us is the Holy Spirit.

What should be the Church's response?

Fr. Tom says that the Church is suffering from a power shortage. It needs a new vision. The people of God need to be re-catechized, re-evangelized ... In some ways the Church has been derailed. It should not be a matter of focusing on sinfulness or fretting about the 6th commandment. It's about more than the hierarchy leading sheep. All the people of God are disciples. All are chosen. All are sent. Do they know it? From top to

bottom a wake up call is needed in the Church. Discipleship is not an option. When we get to heaven, Jesus is not going to go through a list of our sins against the 6th commandment. He's going to say to us, "I gifted you for a mission. I sent you to proclaim My Word. Where is the fruit? Who have you brought into My Kingdom? There is a power shortage in the Church. The Holy Spirit is the only source of that power!"



Bishop Robert Hermann of St. Louis leads a concelebrated Mass

What should be the response of the Charismatic Renewal?

Jim would remind us that our first call is to holiness and that everything we do is about evangelization. God is faithful to us. Our first response is faithfulness in return. Are we role models for those we serve? Do we invite, empower, and mentor those we call? Are we prophets and visionaries to the Church? Are we humble servants like Jesus (Phil 2:6)? Our focus is not on gifts, according to Fr. Tom. Our focus is on Jesus. Our purpose is not to build up the Charismatic Renewal. It is to build up the Kingdom of God.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal must tap into divine power as well. God gave us this power and a job to do. If there is a power shortage in the Church it is the job of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal to turn the power on. We may say, "It's too hard. We can't



Liaisons, Theresa Seibert, Nashville, Judith Hughes, Norwich, Fr. Larry Carew, Bridgeport, Carol Bergman (wife of Ron), Rockford, Sr. Pauline Cinquini SC, Long Island, Werner Rose, Memphis and music minister Bill Richart

do it!” We’re right, we can’t. But all is possible with the Holy Spirit. Tap into His power and see what happens!

Evangelization 2033 - This is Fr. Tom Forrest’s focus for the next 25 years and he wants us all on board. 2033 marks 2000 years since Jesus died and rose for all of humanity, conquered death and sin and sent His Holy Spirit. Fr. Tom visions 25 years of evangelization, calling together lay movements as well as Church leaders, teaching and empowering all the faithful as we lead up to this momentous Jubilee. Will he be there leading the charge at the age of 106? I wouldn’t be surprised!



Liaisons head for the trolleys for their outing day.

Power and Privilege? We who have been given the privilege to come to know the person of Jesus as our Lord and Savior have been given the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish all that the Father asks of us. Fr. Tom would say, “Now, get out there and do it!”

Peace, Deacon Pat

Jesus’ Vision - conference retreat with Jim Murphy

1. He focused on the Father: “Look at the light and the shadows fall behind” (Helen Keller).
2. He was secure in who he was and knew his mission. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has anointed me...” (Lk 4:18)
3. He envisioned all that humanity could be. He saw us as salt, light children of the living God.
4. He saw our sin and frailties (Mk 7:20) and knew he was called to redeem us.

We are called to imitate the spiritual habits of Jesus if we are true servants.

- a. Fasting was central to his life.
- b. Prayer “was his custom.” - for strength, for discernment, to intercede for others.
- c. Solitude, he had a balance of times to engage or disengage.
- d. Man of Scripture- He had a heart knowledge of the law and prophets.
- e. Man of Sacrament- He was faithful to the Jewish rituals.
Passover became the sacrament of the new covenant when he transformed it into Eucharist.

Jesus had a unique personality

1. Humble and obedient servant of the Father.(Phil 2:6-11)
2. Loving and tender to the poor, oppressed, suffering of the world. (We like to focus on this trait.)
3. Tough and direct. He often confronted the self righteous and leaders failing to understand the heart of the law. He corrected his own (Martha, Peter, Zebedee’s sons etc.) and reminded us that discipleship is a narrow road.

We can’t impress Jesus with our ministry. We learn from his.



Jim Murphy

Prophetic Word and key Scriptures from ADL Conference 2008

Jn 16:3 “When (the Holy Spirit) comes, being the Spirit of truth, he will lead you to all truth.”

Acts 2:17 “It shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour out a portion of My Spirit on all mankind.”

Acts 3:25 “You are the children of the prophets, you are heirs of the covenant ...”

“My servant leaders in the kingdom, you are heirs to the prophets. I empower you so that you can empower others. You too will have heirs. They will be brought forth through your life’s work if that work is an expression of the covenant. Ephetha, I open your ears. Ephetha, I open your eyes. This is so you may hear my Word clearly and proclaim it effectively. This is so you may see the task I have set before you. This task is not from you or another human servant. This task is given to you by Me, your Lord and Master.”

ADL-NSC Youth Initiatives

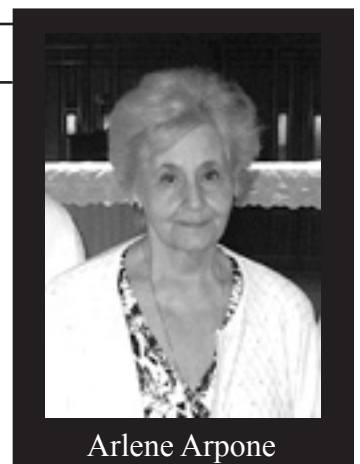
1. A Youth Ministry Committee has been formed with six representatives from around the country who are active in youth ministry. Their mission is to foster openness to the works of the Holy Spirit among youth ministers and to possibly hold a national youth ministry conference.
2. ADL-NSC Joint Youth subcommittee. Caroline Gambale-Dirkes and John Beaulieu are working on a format for regional Youth Ministry Retreats. These will be patterned after a Life in the Spirit Seminar with a focus on growing in a personal relationship with Jesus and opening themselves to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Titled, “On Fire for Youth” these retreats will be promoted at the Steubenville youth rallies.

These committees are separate entities but are under the umbrella of ADL-NSC. The idea for both of these committees is that if you want to fire up youth you need to first fire up youth ministers. We need youth ministers who are alive in the Holy Spirit and centered on Jesus.

Liaison Chairperson’s Corner

Greetings to you all! We are certainly praying for all of you in the mid-west as you deal with all the flooding.

Following our St. Louis conference I contacted Bishop Sam and asked him to write a letter to the Bishops. We will be mailing all of them a packet in a few weeks. A copy of our ADL guidelines, and a broad description of the Liaison’s job will be included. We are encouraging them to have a liaison and provide the dues and expense for them to attend the annual conferences for education and growth. We did this many years ago and did get some new liaisons from the effort.



Arlene Arpone

As always we look forward to meeting with you for our next ADL Conference April 20-24, 2009 in Spokane, Wash. Being together is always such a blessing.

Remembering you in love and prayers,

Arlene A.



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Steering Committee Elections

Fr. Richard Diguilio, Buffalo, was elected to his second 3 year term. After finishing the term vacated when Ramon Marquez left, Jane Barz, Sioux Falls, was elected to her first full term. Other Steering Committee members are Arlene Apone, Detroit, Ron Bergman, Rockford, Deacon Patrick Frye, Milwaukee and Gail Reidman, Fairbanks.

Arlene Apone continues as Chairman, with Jane Barz as her alternate. Gail Reidman is secretary. Coordinator for next year's conference is Deacon Patrick Frye with Fr. Richard Diguilio. Jane Barz will host the conference. Jerry Pauly, Sacramento, continues as treasurer and Deacon Pat will continue to edit the ADL newsletter. Ron Bergman will manage the Web site. Arlene and Deacon Pat will continue to work with NSC in development of youth initiatives. Dee Doucet, Beaumont, will continue to coordinate the liaison's mailing list.

ADL Annual Meeting and Symposium "St Paul, His Mission and Message" April 20-24, 2009

**Location: Immaculate Heart Retreat Center
6910 Ben Burr Rd.
Spokane, WA 99223**

Presenters:

Msgr. Joseph Malagrea is Spiritual Advisor to the National Charismatic Renewal Committees for the Hispanic and Haitian Renewal.

Sr. Carolyn Thomas SCN has a long career in teaching Scripture in Catholic universities and seminaries. She has written four books on Scripture including, *Reading the Letters of Paul*, (Paulist Press).

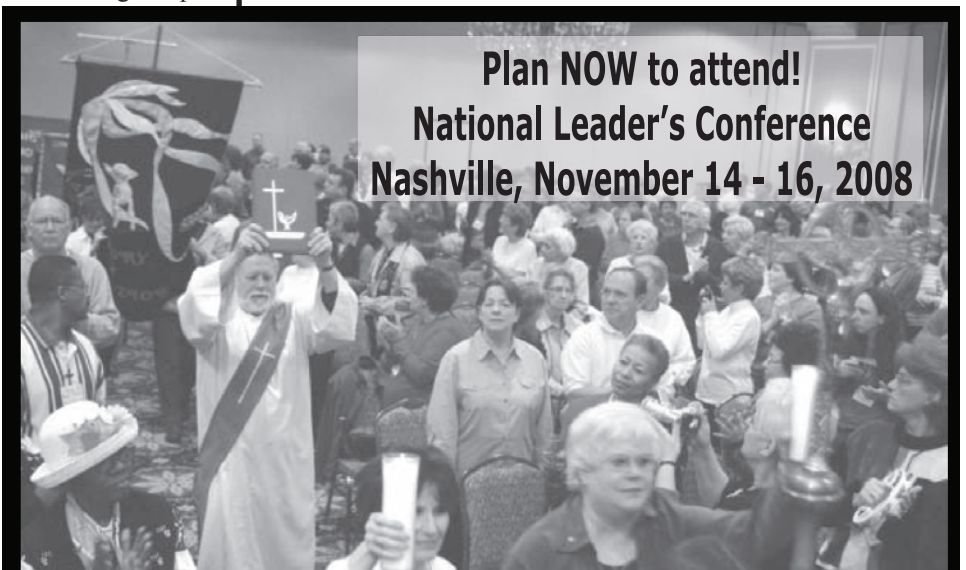
Retreat facilitator: Fr. Dan Wetzler is currently the Co-Liaison to the CCR for the Diocese of Spokane.

Music leader: Mr. Leo Vitangcol has served as music ministry leader for the CCR in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for many years. He and wife Mina represent the Midwest region for the Alliance of Filipino Catholic Charismatic Prayer Communities.

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Photo Above: left to right: Fr. Richard Diguilio, Arlene Apone, Jane Barz, Gail Reidman, Deacon Pat Frye, Ron Bergman



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National Leader's Conference
Nashville, November 14 - 16, 2008

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