

“DUC IN ALTUM”

“LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP”

**AN INITIATIVE OF THE
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICES OF ONTARIO
(CCRSO)
IN RESPONSE TO THE POPE'S APOSTOLIC LETTER
"NOVO MILLENNIO INEUNTE - THE NEW MILLENNIUM"
OF JANUARY 6, 2001.**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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CCRSO RESOURCE TEAM.

In his apostolic letter "Novo Millennio Ineunte - The New Millennium", Pope John Paul II encouraged the church to "gain new impetus in Christian living". He states, "Conscious of the Risen Lord's presence among us, we ask ourselves today the same question put to Peter in Jerusalem immediately after his Pentecost speech: "What must we do?" (29)

In response to this challenge the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Ontario (CCRSO) has initiated a **Resource Team** whose purpose will be to tangibly support the efforts of the Diocesan Liaisons in “renewing” the Church, within the various Dioceses in Ontario. As an official "Ecclesial Movement" within the Church, the Charismatic Renewal wishes to do its part to support the vision of "communion" identified in the apostolic letter. (46)

We believe as Pope John Paul II stated, "we can count on the power of the same Spirit who was poured out at Pentecost and who impels us still today to start out anew, sustained by hope ‘which does not disappoint’ (Rom 5:5) (58)”.

It is envisaged that the “Diocesan Liaison”, with the approval of the local Bishop and the support of CCRSO,

- (1) Will act as:
 - (a) the link between the Charismatic Renewal and the Bishop/Clergy in the diocese.
 - (b) the link between the various prayer groups in the diocese.
 - (c) the link between the prayer groups and CCRSO.
- (2) Will encourage and support the call for the “new evangelization” within the Church by personal prayer and by providing leadership, as far as possible, to foster the growth and development of the Charismatic Renewal within the Diocese.
- (3) Will endeavor to visit to all prayer groups in the diocese at least once a year. Failing this, efforts shall be made to keep in touch with Prayer Group Leaders, on a regular basis, via newsletters, phone calls, e-mail etc.

It would also be desirable if the Liaison could set up a structure for the calling together of prayer group leaders in the diocese, possibly once or twice a year, at a convenient location, to ascertain the needs of the prayer groups, assess their progress, schedule training sessions for the proper formation and transformation of leaders, network with one another etc.

In order to meet these objectives, the Liaison will be able to rely on the full support of CCRSO. Such support will be in the form of services provided by the CCRSO Resource Team and/or financial and other support for diocesan events, as approved by the Board of CCRSO.

Name:

CCRSO Resource Team

Individuals will be referred to as “Members of the CCRSO Resource Team”

Mission Statement (Main focus): The Team’s focus is to work for the “new evangelization” by empowering “Life in the Spirit”. It will tangibly support the efforts of the Liaisons in “renewing” the Church, within the various Dioceses in Ontario.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Team will be available to assist and support Liaisons and Prayer Group Leaders

- In pursuing the Objectives and Goals of CCRSO - See statement attached.
- In addressing the needs for “new evangelization” within the Diocese, by:
 - (a) helping to organize and conduct weekend training seminars or workshops for prayer group leaders, music ministers, healing/intercessory prayer teams etc.
 - (b) assisting with or participating in Life in the Spirit Seminars, healing services, conferences, retreats etc.
 - (c) visiting individual prayer groups to deliver teachings or to provide advice and counsel to prayer group leaders.
 - (d) explaining the role of CCRSO and the resources/services it provides to the Church in Ontario e.g. Bread of Life magazine, Stirrings, Books, Magazines, Videos and Audio Tapes as well as the Annual Crusade and Mini Conferences.

Mode of Operating:

The Resource Team will be led by a “Coordinator” who will:

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 - (a) Serve as the contact between the Liaisons, Prayer Group Leaders and Resource Team members.
 - (b) In conjunction with the Liaisons/Leaders will plan, organize and coordinate the activities of the Resource Team.
 - (c) In consultation with the President of CCRSO, will choose appropriate individuals from the Resource Team pool to form a Task Force, for the job at hand.
 - (d) Report to the Board of CCRSO, semi-annually, on the activities of the Resource Team.
- (2) The Task Force will work in close collaboration with the Liaisons, Prayer Group Leaders, Director of Service and others, in order to fulfill its mission.

- (3) Individual Team members, with particular gifts/ministries such as healing, prophecy, teaching etc. may work independently with prayer groups in a diocese, if requested to do so by either the Liaison or a prayer group. However, the Coordinator should be kept informed of such contacts.

Association with Director of Service:

In order not to over-burden the Director of Service with the administrative details of this new project, a Coordinator will be appointed to oversee the organization and management of the Resource Team.

The Director of Service will be a member of the Resource Team. He will be called upon by the Coordinator to assist on Task Forces that can make use of the gifts and talents the Lord has bestowed on him, in order to meet the needs and requirements of the "new evangelization" in the various Dioceses.

While the Director of Service will be an active member of the Resource Team, his primary task will be to minister to and work directly with, the Bishops' Liaisons. The success of this undertaking (and indeed on any other CCRSO undertaking), pivots on the willingness of the Liaisons to become actively involved. They must be the ones to seize the initiative and seek out the help of the Resource Team in order to give impetus to the "new evangelization" in their dioceses. The Director of Service will help the Liaisons understand role and purpose of the CCRSO Resource Team and how it can be used to benefit the Dioceses.

Another focus of the Director of Service will be to provide in-service and support to clergy, so that the vision of the Renewal may be better understood and any misconceptions, fears and concerns allayed. It is expected that this will also open doors for the CCRSO Resource Team to minister in various parishes within dioceses.

Other duties of the Director of Service include, participating in Crusades, Conferences, Workshops, Healing Services etc., working with the Crusade committee and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Canada - CCRSC). These duties will have to be taken into consideration when assigning him to Task Force roles.

Financial support:

Where the services of the Team is required in a diocese for a particular event, the sponsoring Liaison/Group will be responsible for covering most, if not all, of the costs involved, such as travel, accommodation, meals, "stipends" etc, through admission fees, ticket sales, love offerings, donations and if available, support from the local Bishop.

"Seed" money - up to a maximum of \$1,500 - for Diocesan/Resource Team events (e g tour of diocesan prayer groups, Life in the Spirit Seminars, Healing Masses or Services, other seminars or retreats that meet the needs of the diocese etc.) may be obtained by the sponsoring Liaison/Group, from CCRSO by approaching the Treasurer of CCRSO beforehand, (through the Co-Ordinator) and upon submission and approval of an appropriate budget.

Shortfalls, up to the maximum of any "seed" money provided, will be covered by CCRSO, while any surplus (after repayment of "seed" funds) will be shared equally by CCRSO and the sponsoring Liaison/Group

Team Members: Selection and Assignment

1. The Director of Service plus five or six other people, recommended by the general body but approved and appointed by the Board of CCRSO, will form the Resource Team.
2. Individuals may be selected from any group or region provided they have the appropriate range of skills/gifts, as defined by the Board.
3. The Board will arrange for the production of a "brochure" detailing the services of the Resource Team. This will include pictures and bio's of individual Team members.
4. The Coordinator and President of CCRSO will choose task force members from these individuals to meet the requirements of the particular job, as the need arises.
5. The performance of individual members will be assessed, on an annual basis, by a committee consisting of the President of CCRSO, the Coordinator and the Director of Service, from evaluation reports of events and feed back from sponsoring groups etc..

Implementation:

Upon completion of the DRAFT proposal, the following course of action will be taken:

ACTION	BY WHEN
1. Present to OCCB for their approval and support	September 1, 2001
2. Present to the Liaisons and CCRSO members	October 13, 2001
3. Select Team Members, prepare Bio's, brochure etc and mail to Bishops, Liaisons, and Prayer Groups	December 15, 2001
4. Full roll out	January 1, 2002

Publicizing the Service

A letter, signed by the President of CCRSO, and the "brochure" outlining the services of the Resource Team will be mailed to every Bishop, Liaison and Prayer Group in Ontario, prior to December 15, 2001. This will be followed up with an article in the next issue of our newsletter "Stirrings".

OBJECTIVES AND GOALS OF CCRSO.

- 1. TO SEEK AND PROMOTE THE “BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT” FOR THE ONGOING RENEWAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.*
- 2. TO PROMOTE AND FACILITATE LEADERSHIP FORMATION WITHIN THE CHARISMATIC RENEWAL.*
- 3. TO PROVIDE AND PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH*
- 4. TO DEVELOP COMMUNICATIONS THAT WILL FOSTER UNITY WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH*
- 5. TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE CHURCH’S CALL TO EVANGELIZE.*