

STIRRINGS of the Spirit

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Our mission is to promote and participate in the ongoing renewal of the Catholic Church, witnessing to the reality of Jesus Christ and the love of the Father, under the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, exercising the charisms received through release of the Holy Spirit

From our President - CCRSO 2000 Annual Report



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Reflecting on the past year fills me with expectation and hope as I look forward to the fulfillment of the Lord's blessings.

In his address to Church Movements and the New Communities in May, 1998, Pope John Paul II stated: "Today, a new stage is unfolding before you: that of ecclesial maturity. This does not mean that all problems have been solved. Rather, it is a challenge – a road to take. The Church expects from you the 'mature' fruits of communion and commitment."

This, I would suggest, should be the measuring stick of our faithfulness as a body. How have the fruits of com-munion and commitment been evident in CCRSO?

Attentiveness to the Prophetic Word

One of the greatest signs of maturity that I witness as the president of CCRSO is its commitment to the prophetic word which the Lord speaks to us. There is an authentic and growing desire to listen to the Lord and to act upon the Word we are receiving. To allow this time of listening and acting, the agenda of our semi-annual meetings is set up accordingly. Our Spring meeting is conducted as a "Retreat" with fully two-thirds of our time being devoted to praising God and

listening to the Word He gives us. It is transcribed for future reflection. The Fall meeting is set up to accommodate "teaching." The focus of this teaching comes directly from the Word spoken at the Spring meeting and prepares us to understand that Word and act on it. The fruit of this commitment has been a cohesiveness and a union that allows the membership to approach different issues with one heart and one mind.

Our Spring meeting started with two words calling us to trust. *"Though you gather here tonight and are few in number, I know your hearts, your thoughts. I know your fears and I know your doubts, but I am your God and I am great and I see and I know all. So trust in Me, My children, and do not be afraid. Place your hope in Me."*

The confirmation came through a word given in song. *"God has called you; He will not fail you. God has called you; He will not fail you. God has called you; He will not fail you. So trust in His word and obey Him."*

The prophetic Word for the rest of the weekend focused on two particular themes. The first dealt with the Lord's desire to have us accept the anointing He wanted to give us. **1 Sam 10:1, 7-10:** *"Then Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissing Saul, Samuel said: 'Yahweh has anointed you....' As soon as Saul had parted from Samuel, God transformed him into a different person..."*

"I saw an image of a clam. Hands were trying to open it up but bare fingers couldn't do it so it was

necessary to take an object to pry it open. The Lord seemed to be saying: ‘Why do you resist?’”

Isaiah 11:2-4: *“The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him; the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and of power, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord...”*

It was understood that as much of ourselves as we bring before the Lord, as much as we surrender ourselves to Him, that much He will set on fire – the fire of His holiness, the fire of His love.

“I’m seeing a mighty river flowing from the heart of the Father and it runs wide and deep and it’s a river of anointing and I sense that He is inviting us to jump in and get wet.” “...The dormant soul has to be awakened for the mission that we are being called to.”

John 21:15-19: *“...Take care of My sheep.... I am telling you the truth: when you were young, you used to get ready and go anywhere you wanted to, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will tie you up and take you where you do not want to go.” Then Jesus said to him, “Follow Me.”*

“My little ones, the fire of My love will consume you to cleanse you and set you free. I have called you apart to teach you, to heal you, to nurture you in My holy word. My sword is drawn and it comes in fire to separate the wheat from the chaff. Will you stand firm in Me? Will you choose to follow Me, even in the deepest, most inner part of your being? Come. Come, praise Me and worship Me with all of your heart that I may show you the way to My mighty Father. Come, be anointed by the power of My Holy Spirit. Let Me recreate you anew and bring forth many precious gifts among you.”

The Lord’s desire was clear, but we seemed unable to accept in full measure the anointing He was so generously offering over and over again. The Lord didn’t give up and He pried us open like that clam by inspiring this thought and prayer from one of our members.

“Before breakfast I came into the chapel, having got up this morning with the thought which I brought to the Lord: ‘Lord, I feel like I’m part of this “old boys’ club,” this club that’s been around for so long and we’ve done so many things. I just don’t

know where to go with it.’ I stayed with the Lord for quite awhile and then I saw myself dragging this sack up before the throne. I dumped the sack out in front of the Lord, and there were programs and methods and prayers and words and words and words. After I dumped them out before the Lord, I said, ‘Lord, now You put in this sack what You need to put in.’ And the word that the Lord put in the sack was ‘intimacy.’ I sat there thinking about that. Then along with that, the Lord put ‘surrender’ and ‘abandonment.’

This word struck us to the core. Then there was a vision of the burning bush and Moses approaching it and being asked to take off his sandals because the place where he stood was holy ground – the holy ground of intimacy. It requires the letting go of defenses, protection. It is a question of abandonment, of surrender, making oneself vulnerable. The following understanding was then given:

So often we mask ourselves and protect ourselves with the things that we do, rather than being who we are. The word of the Lord seems to be that we are called into that deep intimacy, that deepness of relationship with Him that demands that we set aside our masks, our protections, everything that we do so that we simply become who we are – intimate in our relationship with the Living God.

So much of the tendency today is to be content with the crumbs that we receive from the Lord’s house, and yet we have to seek the fullness of the whole loaf, to seek every-thing that God offers. So often we don’t go further and the Lord is always drawing us closer to Himself – deeply into the fire. But He needs the wood that would burn. And so the question is whether or not we are really “wood that would burn,” that we would be a sign of the Lord’s presence. And we can only be that if we enter into intimacy with Him – desiring to seek the face of God above all else.

The last word for the weekend nailed home the point: *“What I want is your love, not your sacrifice.”*

We decided that the teaching in the Fall meeting needed to focus on intimacy, surrender and abandonment, so that we could grasp the depth of the call and anointing and more fully internalize it. Our goal was to commit ourselves to drawing more intimately into the friendship of the Lord. The first prophecy in the Fall meeting once again called us to trust. *“Trust in Me,*

My children. Do not be afraid. Place your hope in Me. I have called you, I will not fail you.”

Then came the invitation to intimacy. “Enter in. Enter into Me with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. Enter into My Divine Presence. Become totally immersed in Me – surrendered, yielded, abandoned to all self will that My holy will may reign richly in your hearts. Seek My holy face and see upon it My great love for you. Seek My holy face and see upon it My great mercy. Seek My holy face that you may become a reflection of Me – that your lives and your whole being may be formed into My likeness. Seek the holy face of your Beloved who gazes intently upon you. Come, surrender all to me.”

“Direct and maintain your focus toward Me. I am the quietness within your heart. Come deeper within, for as you seek you will receive intimacy.”

“My beloved, at this instant in time, in this moment as you come before Me, I am blessing you with all that you need to fulfill your mission on earth....”

Our commitment to listening to the Word allowed us to finally understand and so comply with the Lord’s call to intimacy. But we needed to wrestle with it before there was any clarity. Too often the prophetic charism is taken for granted and does not receive the focus it should. Too often, when a prophecy is spoken we all agree how wonderful and true it is, but fail to allow it to affect our life and our decisions. I believe that the success CCRSO has and will have, is directly related to how well we listen and act upon the Word which God speaks in our midst. The same truth holds for our prayer groups. The challenge for each prayer group is to set up a structure that will facilitate listening to the Lord’s Word, discerning it and then acting upon it.

Support from our Bishops

The Ontario Bishops collectively and individually have been very supportive of CCRSO and its objectives. Their words and actions display both a communion with and a commitment to the objectives of CCRSO.

- ! Bishops from thirteen of the fourteen dioceses in Ontario have each appointed a liaison and delegates to serve as members of CCRSO representing their diocese.
- ! CCRSO is enjoying the active participation of ten of the fourteen dioceses in Ontario. These members hold office, attend semi-annual meetings, organize CCRSO-sponsored conferences and crusades and work on one of the five standing committees to do the work of CCRSO.
- ! The local bishop is always supportive by his word and presence at CCRSO-sponsored conferences or crusades in his diocese.
- ! Some bishops are financially supporting their liaison and delegates in an effort to foster the work of CCRSO.
- ! More and more, we get word that some bishops are attending prayer meetings and healing masses organized by the local Renewal as a way of supporting their efforts.
- ! Fr. Peter Coughlin, our Director of Service has been invited by one bishop to give a priests’ retreat.
- ! Finally, a special note needs to be made in thanksgiving to Bishop Tonno in lending us the use of Fr. Peter Coughlin for the last number of years to serve as our Director of Service and our liaison to the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops (OCCB).
- ! One final act of commitment by the Bishops of Ontario is the appointment of Bishop Sherlock as our new liaison to the OCCB. We welcome him into our midst and are grateful for the wisdom and discernment he will bring to this position.

Work of the Members

CCRSO has in its constitution five general objectives that govern the nature of the work it does. Four years ago, five standing committees were set up, each responsible for working on one objective. At that time the membership at large established a number of specific goals for each committee to work on. The 5 objectives are indicated below with the specific goals that were accomplished this past year.

(1) To seek and promote the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit” for the ongoing renewal of the Catholic Church.

! CCRSO has provided and distributed a package of the new, updated materials for the *Life in the Spirit* seminars to diocesan representatives. Representatives, in turn, will make it available to appropriate persons.

! An article has been published in **STIRRINGS** on the use of the *Abundant Life Seminars*.

! A protocol for the introduction of *Life in the Spirit* seminars at the parish level is being prepared and will be published in **STIRRINGS**.

! An article is being prepared for **STIRRINGS** that encourages *Life in the Spirit* seminars to be offered as a follow up for *OCIA/RCIA*.

(2) To promote and facilitate leadership formation within the Charismatic Renewal

! Leadership Training weekend planned for September 28, 29 and 30, 2001 at the Grey Sisters Motherhouse in Pembroke. Two members from each prayer group permitted, to a maximum of 100 persons.

(3) To provide and promote educational opportunities for the Renewal of the Catholic Church

! A model has been developed for the training of Prayer Meeting Leaders/Animators. It has been published and distributed.

(4) To develop communications that will foster unity within the Catholic Church

! Our newsletter **STIRRINGS** is going into its 4th year of publication. It is provided free to every registered prayer group in Ontario.

! Bishops have been contacted to invite them to appoint new liaisons and delegates where required.

! The names of all bishop's liaisons in Ontario have

been submitted to the Association of Diocesan Liaisons.

! A list will be published in **STIRRINGS** of other sources of Catholic teachings, such as EWTN, Catholic Canada, Catholic Answers, etc.

(5) To support and encourage the Catholic Church's call to evangelize

! The primary focus of this group is the ongoing development of a website (www.ccrso.com) that is relevant, current and informative. It is being developed to have appeal to a wide audience and to address the needs and questions from people in the Renewal, as well as the unchurched.

! Links on the website are provided to various “Schools of Evangelization.”

CCRSO has come to a point where many of the goals established four years ago have been accomplished. This is a testament to the ongoing commitment of the members and their desire to serve the Lord and the Church.

Activities of the Director of Service

Fr. Peter Coughlin, Director of Service for CCRSO, has continued to live out his commitment to serve the Renewal with a singleness of heart. In the past year he has ministered and/or taught in Ireland, Wales and Louisiana; in the dioceses of Hamilton, Toronto, Pembroke, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Thunder Bay, and the Archdiocese of Toronto. He has also worked in Morden, Winnipeg, Brandon and Gimli, Manitoba as well as a number of parishes in Saskat-chewan

Fr. Peter has worked on Crusade preparations and follow-up including two appearances on 100 Huntley Street. He serves as chairman of the CCRSC (the national Renewal body). Volume II of *He's Alive! Stories of Faith, Conversion and Renewal* is presently being edited by Fr. Peter. Besides all that, he is presently working at completing his doctorate work in Applied Theology.

Fr. Peter is resigning his position as Director of Service effective June 27, 2001 because he has been recalled to take on the role of pastor in his diocese. Fr. Peter is responsible for founding this organization (the CCRSO) in the 1970s. He has worked tirelessly establishing it as a viable voice for the Renewal in Ontario. He has nurtured it as a good father does his

child, teaching us to listen and act on the Word which the Lord speaks in our hearts. It is to his credit that the Lord has found us ready to continue the journey without his constant guidance. He will be sorely missed and our next Director of Service will have big shoes to fill, but it is time for him to be free to begin the next stage of his ministry in the Church. We wish him well and know that the Lord's plans for him will be as challenging as they are fulfilling. Our prayers go with him.

Financially Speaking

Financially, CCRSO has never been on such a solid footing. This is in large part due to a successful summer crusade and we are indebted to Robin Ferguson and his committee for an outstanding job. We are thankful as well to CCSO Bread of Life Renewal Centre and their generous tithe to CCRSO. Prayer group and personal donations were up as well. A special thank you goes out to *The Little Servants of Christ the King Prayer Group* in Sudbury for their consistent and generous monthly tithe. My hope is that as our prosperity increases we will be able to offer more services to prayer groups in an effort to support them in the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Board of Directors

The Lord has blessed CCRSO with a Board of Directors that truly works well together, offering their unique talents for the benefit of all. There has developed a sense of communion and commitment that comes with growth and maturity. Each of the nine members has quite a substantial responsibility to CCRSO. I am indebted to each member of the Board for the attitude of service and the dedication with which their duties are carried out. Hundreds of volunteer hours have been given writing and sending out newsletters, preparing financial statements, organizing conferences and crusades, and maintaining the website. As impressive as their work is, what is more impressive however is the faith that they bring to the table. I have every confidence that the Lord's will, and the work, will continue to be done in CCRSO because of the leadership and guidance this Board will provide.

Towards a New Springtime

Much has been accomplished and yet there is still much to do in this vineyard that is the Church. Last year I ended the Annual Report with the following word:

“A new challenge lies ahead – one of great trust. Trust Me in the year ahead, just as you have trusted Me to this day. Give over the reins Me so completely that nothing you say or do will influence the way I have chosen. Fall so completely into these arms that await you – so completely as to let go and let me do all I intended to do in the past. See past the present and believe the future before you is in My hands – so completely in My hands that it is obscure to you right now. Trust, my little ones, in the One who saves, sanctifies and sets free. Trust, my little ones, trust.”

Fr. Peter's resignation has created this new challenge for CCRSO – one of great trust. And though we feel the loss created by Fr. Peter's departure as a leader, mentor and friend, I am confident that we are finally ready to give the reins completely over to the Lord so that His full desire can be accomplished.

The challenge ahead is to continue to be attentive to the Lord's voice, trusting Him to guide us and to supply the graces needed in every season. There is so much the Lord can do with us as we live out his call to intimacy. Jesus said: *“I have come to bring fire to the earth; and how I wish it were blazing already!”* (Lk 12:49). Let us allow ourselves more and more to become “wood that burns,” radiating His love and reflecting His glory. The Church needs our commitment and our love.

Presented by Brian Sullivan, President

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2001

A very special leadership retreat is being planned by CCRSO for this Fall. This retreat will be a time for prayer group leaders to be “fed” by the Lord through the members that make up the Board of Directors of The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Ontario.

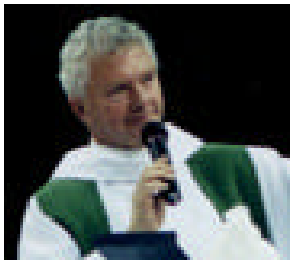
Details are being finalized and will be published in the July issue of STIRRINGS.

A TRIBUTE TO FR. PETER COUGHLIN

After eight years of service as the Director of Service to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Ontario (CCRSO), Fr. Peter has been called by his bishop to return to parish duties in the diocese. He has been appointed as pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Oakville.

Fr. Peter has been involved in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal before the beginning of the provincial body and a member of the CCRSO since its inception. He has been the pastor of the Renewal from the time of his appointment as Director of Service.

Fr. Peter's commitment to the work of the "New Evangelization" is manifest in the many hats he wore. Director of Service to the CCRSO, Chairperson of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of (Anglophone) Canada (CCRSC), Editor of The Bread of Life magazine, Bishop's Liaison to the CCRSC, and prime mover of the Catholic Crusade held annually at Copps Coliseum in Hamilton. In addition, Fr. Peter is recognized



internationally as an author, publisher, teacher and

minister of healing. His audio and video teaching tapes are used throughout the country and internationally.

The members of the provincial body (CCRSO) would like to extend a sincere appreciation to our friend and mentor. He has challenged and empowered us. The most significant example of his influence has been our reception of the news of his resignation. While we were all saddened by the resignation, we were confident that his teaching example and encouragement had equipped us to continue in his absence. What more could we say of a leader.

We are sure that we will continue to experience the influence of Fr. Peter.

We pray for you and your work, Fr. Peter, as you have prayed for us. May the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit continue to work in and through you and may all who you meet be blessed as we were.

The Board and Members of CCRSO

DIOCESAN NEWS

DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL

Bishop Eugene LaRocque commissioned new members to *Youth Blaze* in November. *Youth Blaze* is a youth group who have established themselves in a former monastery in St. Raphaels, Ontario. Their annual *Journey to the Father Youth Conference* will be held July 13-15, 2001.

In February, the monthly Healing Mass included anointing of the sick. Perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Brian Robichaud of the *Bread of Life Prayer Community* in Hamilton reports that their small, faithful community continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at St. Patricks Church. Their strength is intercessory prayer.

Diana VanDerPryt of St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Group in Georgetown informs us that last December they started a 12-week "School of Healing Prayer." These workshops were intended as instruction and formation for those interested in Healing and Inner Healing for themselves and their families.

ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON

Sr. Doherty reports that the *Servants of the Light Prayer Group* hired a bus to take 47 members from various groups in the diocese to attend the *Lift Jesus Higher Rally* in Toronto recently. Healing Masses are continuing each month as well as weekly Bible Courses.

Their ministry to the sick is growing and several prayer group members have just completed a course for Hospital Visitation given by the diocese and the Continuing Education Department of Queen's University.

DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE

The *Servants of Christ Prayer Group* are hosting a CCRSO Spring Conference this month in Pembroke. Through the planning of this Conference they have been encouraging participation of other groups and are finding that this is bringing about support and building community among Renewal members in the Diocese. They are looking forward to seeing many people coming to "Be Renewed and Transformed into the Likeness of Christ."

CCRSO SPRING CONFERENCE

April 20-22, 2001

**at Bishop Smith Catholic High School in
Pembroke**

**Theme: "Be Renewed: Be Transformed into
the Likeness of Christ"**

**Speakers: Fr. Roger Vandenaeker
and Fr. Peter Coughlin**

**Fr. Joe Kane will be on hand for guidance and
confessions**

Music Ministry: Adrian Chaput

**Accommodations have been arranged at area
motels at special conference prices and more**

information is available by contacting

Bev Fleury at bevfleury@sympatico.ca

or Sherry Fleury at 613-735-5422.

DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

St. Alphonsus prayer group has shown an increase in numbers. Members are growing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and some have taken on leadership roles and become members of the core group. Many healings have been reported as a result of the telephone prayer line.

A Diocesan-wide Day of Renewal is planned for the diocese for Saturday, September 15, 2001. Fr. Jim Sercely will be the speaker. He will address the questions: What keeps God/the Holy Spirit out of my life? What blocks the action of God in my life? This day will be held at St. Anne's Parish Centre on Barnardo Avenue in Peterborough with registration at 8:30 a.m.

DIOCESE OF SAULT STE. MARIE

Sault Ste. Marie Region

Edward Twentyman reported that *Saint Mary's Prayer Group* in Sault Ste. Marie hosted a Lenten Mission with Fr. Francis Donnelly of The Companions of the Cross. *Life in the Spirit Seminars* were facilitated a few months ago using Fr. Peter Coughlin's tapes. 85 people attended.

Also, in April the prayer group will be involved in a 51st anniversary celebration of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and the 5th anniversary of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

North Bay Region

Our Mother of Perpetual Help prayer group, which formerly met at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption in North Bay, is joining with the Callander prayer group and moving to Corpus Christi church.

YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others), continue to evangelize in the North Bay area.

DIOCESE OF THUNDER BAY

Thunder Bay just finished two *Life in the Spirit Seminars*, thanks to the Katari Church and Sr. Annette. Armand Danis, the Bishop's liaison, continues to travel to and minister to remote communities in his diocese.

DIOCESE OF TIMMINS

Stan Cor reports that after the *Life in the Spirit Seminars* last Fall, they recognized that they would have to give ongoing teaching for the continued growth of all in the prayer group. It was decided that they would use the video series by Fr. Peter Coughlin on the Charismatic Gifts of the Holy Spirit. These teachings are clear and simple. Fr. Peter is gifted in calling forth the gifts, and the exercises at the end of each teaching are excellent ways of doing this.

Stan shares that as he prays in preparation for the prayer meeting, he usually receives a Scripture with which to open the meeting and as a basis for a brief 5-6 minute teaching. He encourages members to spend quality time with the Lord in the Scriptures and let His word speak to them. Also, one of the leaders might have just read a book that really touched them, and so they are encouraged to present a "book report" highlighting the main points and how the book helped them to grow. They have a lending library of books and audio tapes. The gifts of the Spirit are affirmed and encouraged in all members and they often do small group ministry as part of the development of each person. Their aim is to make everyone a leader so that God can send more people for them to minister to.

In Stan's home parish a proposal to use Fr. John Hampsch's video series on the Healing of Memories as a parish Lenten exercise was accepted by the pastor. The response was good, even though most of the people were not involved in the Charismatic Renewal. Personal prayer was offered after the final session, which was repeated the following week due to people wanting more.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

On May 27, 2001, at Marylake, near King City, Cardinal

Ambrosic has called together all the lay communities in recognition of their importance in the church of Toronto today. The emphasis this year is on youth, in preparation for *The World Youth Conference* in 2002. There are over 150 lay communities serving in the Archdiocese of Toronto and they are expecting 10,000 participants.

Planning for our 20th *Christ the King Rally* is underway for **Saturday November 24, 2001.**

Fr. Bill Comerford has been appointed by the Redemptorist Provincial, Fr. Raymond Corriveau, to be Superior of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Monastery in Toronto, effective July 1, 2001. He has therefore

resigned his position as pastor of Holy Name Church where he has served for 7½ years. He has also resigned his position as the Cardinal's liaison to the Charismatic Renewal, which he has held since 1987. Joan Green has also submitted her resignation as Assistant Liaison to the Charismatic Renewal

Deacon Diego and Diane Maratta of *Immaculate Conception Renewal Prayer Group* in Woodbridge have sent in the following report. Their prayer group is seven years old and is dedicated to the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. They meet on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30. Their prayer meetings consist of 45-50 minutes of praise and worship, followed by sharing of Holy Scripture which is commented upon and explained and applied to life today. Each month a personal testimony is scheduled by one of the members or by a guest speaker, or perhaps a video presentation. Also, monthly, an extended time and emphasis is given to the exercising of the various gifts for the upbuilding of the community and to intercessory prayer for individual and community needs. On the last Sunday of each month a Healing Mass in the church at 7:00 p.m. is scheduled.

Some members are presently attending a 13-week seminar on social ministry in the parish which will enable them to offer a Christian presence and concrete help to people who are marginalized in society. Also, a young lady in the prayer group, with the help of other members, is starting a young people's group in the parish, with the first gathering to take place on April 1st. On the first weekend of August members are planning a trip/pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, in the USA.

Holy Rosary Prayer Group are hosting a Healing Mass with Fr. Bob Poole, on Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 354 St. Clair Ave. W. (Spadina Subway).

Holy Rosary Prayer Group are also hosting an all-day workshop with Fr. Peter Coughlin, with the theme "Growing in the Spiritual Life," on Saturday, May 12, at Holy Rosary Church, 354 St. Clair Ave. W., in Toronto. For further information call Hilda at (416) 781-0733.

IN HIS PRESENCE RENEWAL TEAM

A night of praise and worship on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Hall, 35 Queen Street S., Thorold, ON. Speaker: Fr. Mark Waters. Music by Jochanaan. Prayer ministry will be available.

An all-day workshop on "Healing the Wounded Heart" will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener, on Saturday, May 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Fr. Peter Coughlin will be the facilitator. Music by the BLD Grand Valley Prayer Group. For more info please call Reta at (519)-743-2836.

A series of teachings will be taking place on how to hear from God and how to apply these teachings in our lives. Location: St. Christopher's Church, 1171 Clarkson Rd. N., Mississauga. The first workshop is on Wednesday, April 18, with Fr. Peter Coughlin as speaker. An invitation is extended to all prayer groups to send members who are prophetic. Fr. Peter will choose new members for the Word Gift ministry for the Crusade at Copps Coliseum.

In His Presence Renewal Team will be sponsoring a "Prayer Counseling Training" school for professional and lay counselor/leaders involved in prayer ministry. This course is being offered to equip counselors to counsel during prayer ministry using biblical principles. There will be 35 sessions. For more information and to register contact Gordon & Shirley MacDonald, 156 David Ave., Hamilton, ON L9A 3V5. Phone: (905)-385-0791.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

In the last issue of **STIRRINGS** I listed a bunch of Catholic/Christian websites. I promised more in this issue, but I ran out of space. I will hold them over for the July.

I thank everyone who sent me information about what's happening in their diocese/prayer group, and I encourage others to do the same.

The next issue of **STIRRINGS** will be the JULY issue. The deadline for submissions will be **June 20th**.

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