

# 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



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Last year at this time, the Pope signed and released his Apostolic Letter, *Novo Millennio*

*Ineunte*. It is a visionary letter, written for the Church hierarchy and for the laity. It is personal and easy to read. In it he points the Church in the direction it must head into in the third millennium. Clearly there are two major focuses; the *call to holiness* and the *call to evangelization*.

These two calls are interconnected and living out the first should lead one to living out the latter. In fact, John Paul II has put it this way: "Launch out into the **deep of prayer** so that you can launch out into the **deep of mission**." Launching out into the mission of evangelization that isn't steeped in prayer would lead to frustration and failure. Living a life of prayer that does not lead to some kind of mission expression – i.e., evangelization – would ultimately see prayer wither and die.

This may seem like such an obvious truth, one that I'm sure most can see the wisdom of. However, I would venture to say that applying it to our lives is more difficult. Our prayer groups, for example, are communities of prayer. We come together weekly to share our faith as we praise and worship the Lord. Is our communal prayer leading us to mission? Are we hearing and responding to the call to launch out into mission? If our prayer group is hearing and responding, I would venture to say it is becoming stronger and growing. If our prayer

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group is not reaching out to evangelize, then it is weakening and withering.

We have to be careful not to make excuses for our inactivity. The size of the group, the age of the group, the mix of the group, are not obstacles for the Lord. The mission we are called to is chosen by the Lord and tailored to our gifts. Our job is first to pray and our

prayer will bring us into a more intimate relationship with the Lord. As we respond with love to the love we recognize Him lavishing on us, we desire to be holy as He is holy. Choosing love and embracing holiness opens our lives to mission and ministry. Deeper prayer clarifies the call to a particular mission. As we risk to serve the Lord in the mission He draws us to, our love and our holiness deepens. We recognize our littleness before Him and our dependence on Him for any positive outcome our mission might have.

So let me be bold enough to ask you. Has prayer clarified a mission for your prayer group? Has the group heard the call? Has the group discerned the call? How has the group responded to the call? Is your group growing stronger or is it weakening and withering?

Perhaps these are questions for your core group to discuss and discern. Our core groups need to catch the Lord's vision for the prayer group so they can call it forth. Every member of the group should be aware of the mission and be involved somehow in supporting it. Be attentive to the word and allow your love to draw you into service.

Yours in the Spirit,

Brian Sullivan, President, CCRSO †

## CCRSO RESOURCE TEAM: *LAUNCHING OUT INTO THE DEEP*

### The Mission

As I promised in our last newsletter I want to share with you what is happening with the CCRSO Resource Team. In response to the pope's call we have set up a team whose focus is to work for the "new evangelization" by empowering "life in the Spirit." It is intended to serve the whole Church and not just members of the Charismatic Renewal. The events that the CCRSO resource teams are invited to participate in, throughout the various dioceses, will be organized by the Charismatic Renewal, but our desire is to reach out beyond the prayer groups to the Church at large. The Holy Spirit desires to set the Church on fire, empowering His people, drawing them towards holiness and stirring up missionary zeal. We have a role to play in releasing the gift of the Spirit more fully into the Church today. The Ontario Bishops, in their November 2001 meeting, supported this new initiative that CCRSO is making.

### The Structure

The bishops of each diocese have chosen a liaison to the Charismatic Renewal. The liaisons are crucial to success of this endeavor because they act as a link between the bishops/clergy, the prayer groups, CCRSO and the co-ordinator of the Resource Team. The liaison, in dialogue with the bishop, would assess the needs of the diocese, discerning how the CCRSO Resource Team could best be used. The particular activity could involve a day, a weekend or a full week. It may involve one parish, one city or a number of stops in one diocese. The liaison would then contact Mr. Pat Rodrigues, the co-ordinator of the CCRSO Resource Team and discuss a possible plan. Pat would draw together members of the team that have the necessary gifts to organize the presentation. The liaison would then call on the prayer groups to do the leg work (advertising, set up, music, etc.)

### Financial Support

"Seed" money – up to a maximum of \$1,500 – for Diocesan/Resource Team events may be obtained from CCRSO by the liaison approaching the Co-ordinator of the CCRSO Resource Team. Where the services of the Team are required for a particular event, the sponsoring liaison/group would be responsible for covering most, if not all, of the costs involved, such as travel, accommodations, meals, stipends, etc, through admission fees, ticket sales, love offerings, donations and, if available, support from the local bishop.

We are presently in the process of putting together a brochure outlining the services of the CCRSO Resource Team. It will be mailed to every bishop, liaison and prayer group in Ontario. The mission that the Lord has called us to embark on requires the effort of all of us. In *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, John Paul II 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)

If you see a need in your parish or diocese, discuss it with your core team, contact your bishop's liaison, and offer to support him in doing the leg work. The Lord is providing us with an opportunity to serve His Church. Ask Him the question, "What must we do?" Expect a response. We believe, as Pope John Paul II stated in his apostolic letter, "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).

Yours in the Spirit,

*Brian Sullivan, President, CCRSO* †

# CHOOSING NEW LEADERS: CHARACTER, NOT TALENT, IS THE CHIEF QUALIFICATION

by Allan Panozza

Since its beginning, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal has been for the Church an extraordinary manifestation of God's grace and power. The Renewal was God's idea first, not ours, and I think that this "move of the Holy Spirit" is of such importance in the Church that the Lord will surely continue to provide for good leadership.

## What makes a good leader?

If a person is chosen by his or her peers for a leadership role within the Renewal, then that person should see the call to leadership as being a call from God. Having had a career in business before being baptized in the Holy Spirit, I am aware that leadership in a secular role is different from leadership within a prayer group or covenant community. That is not to say that natural skills and abilities are not valuable assets for the leader in the CCR, but they should not be the key factor in making the choice. Remember, the Lord looks at the heart, "...he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him..." (John 2:25). Irrespective of what might constitute good reasons by worldly standards to choose a person for leadership, unless it is according to the mind of God it will not bear good fruit.

## The importance of prayer

Before Jesus made the most important decision at that point in His public ministry, He spent the whole night in prayer to His Father (Luke 6:12). The next morning He summoned His disciples and chose the twelve that would henceforth be called "apostles." These were the men in whom He would entrust the responsibility to guide and nurture the fledgling Church.

## Judging by worldly criteria

By the standards of the world we could say that His choice left a lot to be desired. I often quote a little story (author unknown), which really makes the point that God's ways are not our ways. The story presumes that before He chose these twelve individuals for His "Core Group," Jesus retained a "Management Consultancy" to

have a professional assessment made about their leadership qualities. The final report was not very encouraging, and suggested that Jesus should keep on looking for men with better potential. "... *Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The brothers James and John place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. Matthew has been blacklisted by the Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus have radical leanings and both show definite signs of manic depression.*"

However, all was not lost. The consultants discerned that one of the apostles had great potential. **Can you guess who?** "... *Here is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend that Judas Iscariot be your controller and right-hand man.*"

Even though this little story is facetious, nevertheless the moral is clear. If we make judgments about the suitability of potential leaders for the work of the Lord based only on their "obvious" talents, we will almost certainly choose the wrong people.

## Commitment

Another important attribute in choosing leaders within the CCR, is to consider the level of commitment which that person will bring to the role. I often say to leaders that they should learn how to spell that word "**c-o-m-m-i-t-m-e-n-t.**" I believe that a leadership role within the Renewal requires a high level of dedication, firstly to the Lord, and then to the prayer group or community.

I would even say that it is not possible to do justice to being a leader in the CCR, whilst at the same time trying to fulfil other major roles of leadership within the Church. This does not mean that one should not be

active in their parish, such as lectors or special ministers of the Eucharist. However, a person who tries to divide their time between leadership in the Renewal and in other lay movements is likely not to do justice to any of them. A leader in the Renewal should have a total commitment to the Lord, and then to that special call He has put upon your life. Remember, “you can’t be a little bit pregnant: you either are or you are not.” The same philosophy should apply to commitment in being a leader.

### **Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

The prime role of a leader is to lead. Remember that a good leader is the one who is prepared to go first just as Jesus did. Like Jesus, the good leader will be a person of prayer, committed to their own spiritual growth and to that of the people they lead. The good leader will pray for courage and boldness, but always with humility.

The Lord especially blesses the humble of heart, and the leader should grow deeply in this virtue whilst at the same time being prepared to take risks as the Spirit leads. Finally, love the Church, and be always grateful to God for the grace of your Catholic Faith and the sacramental life of the Church.

### **New Life in Christ**

St. Paul certainly never knew of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in his day, but he might as well have been encouraging leaders in today’s Renewal when he wrote: “... *it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me ...*” (Gal 2:20).

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May God, in His mercy, grant you a new year filled with His peace and love

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## **CCRSO MEMBERSHIP LIST**

For the convenience of prayer group leaders who should know who their CCRSO representatives and Bishop’s Liaisons are, we give you below a complete up-to-date list. The membership list is made up as follows: one Bishop’s liaison person is appointed by the Bishop of each diocese. Also one person is confirmed by the Bishop of each diocese for each Bishop, auxiliary or associate Bishop in the said Diocese. (For example: Diocese of Hamilton has two bishops, therefore there are two member delegates.) In addition, one extra person per diocese can be a member, who is confirmed by the Bishop of the Diocese or the Liaison member for said Diocese.

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## **DIOCESAN NEWS**

### **DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL**

For the past 3½ years a small group of musicians and singers from the Renewal provide contemporary worship music at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass at St. Columban's Church in Cornwall. They are also called upon to provide the music for special functions and weddings. The group is well received, but so far not widely promoted. They are hoping that the 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass will evolve into a "Charismatic" Mass. They meet every Tuesday evening for prayer, studying the readings for the following week, rehearsal and fellowship, as well as for prayer and rehearsal an hour before Mass on Sundays. The group also participates in ongoing formation workshops and seminars, including the annual "Worship Together" Conference in Waterloo. †

### **DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

There are twenty-five prayer groups in Hamilton Diocese. Each year there are usually several who offer *Life in the Spirit Seminars*. Also, ten of these prayer groups sponsor Healing Masses on a regular basis. Representatives from each prayer group are invited to come together on the last Saturday of each month for prayer and the sharing of

concerns and ideas. (Due to illness in the family of the Chairman, there was no meeting in September or October this past Fall. However, the meetings resumed in November.)

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Group in Georgetown are sponsoring a "School of Healing Prayer," which began last Fall. It consists of twelve workshops intended as instruction and formation for those interested in healing and inner healing for themselves and their families. The program is based on videotape teachings by Francis and Judith MacNutt of Christian Healing Ministries, Jacksonville, Florida. The program which is approved and supported by the Catholic Church is ecumenical in format. Although the first six sessions have already taken place, sessions 7 - 12 will be presented in the new year as follows: January 9: Healing and Sexual Abuse. January 16: Depression and Mental Illness. February 6: Ministering to the Terminally Ill; February 13: Healing of Marriage; and March 6: Healing Wounds of Divorce. Anyone interested in more information about this "School of Healing Prayer," can call Cecile at 905-873-4055; or Manuel at 905-873-7728. †

## DIOCESE OF LONDON

*Eagle's Wings Ministries* in London hosted a Day of Renewal on November 3, 2001 at St. John the Divine Parish. The day began at 9 a.m. with Bishop John Sherlock, the current Bishops' liaison for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Ontario, celebrating Holy Mass. In his homily, he expressed his thanks to the Charismatic Renewal and said we needed to get out into all parishes. He assured us of his full support and encouraged us to keep up the good work. Other guest speakers were Dr. Peter Williamson, an adjunct professor of Scripture at St. Peter's Seminary in London; Tim and Michelle Green and prayer team members from Renewal Ministries in Ann Arbor. Music for the day was provided by the *Grand Valley Outreach (BLD)* Praise Ministry of Guelph. Attendance for the day was at the maximum we could handle – approximately 300 persons – and the feedback we have received since indicates that it was very well received.

## DIOCESE OF SAULT STE MARIE

### North Bay Region

In this past year *Our Mother of Perpetual Help* prayer group which formerly met at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption in North Bay, joined with *Maranatha*, the Callandar prayer group. This new group, *Springtime of the Spirit*, meets at Corpus Christi Parish Hall in North Bay every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe appointed Fr. Ken Gauthier as the Spiritual Director and asked that a Mass be celebrated at every meeting. Also, on the last Thursday of each month, the anointing of the sick is administered.

This new prayer group will be facilitating a *Life in the Spirit Seminar*, on January 11-13, 2002 at the Catholic Information Centre in North Bay. A nominal fee of \$20 for each participant is requested to cover materials, breaks and supper. The opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation has been arranged for Saturday afternoon after the fourth talk, "Receiving God's Gifts." For further information, please call Fran at 705-476-4146; or Mary at 705-472-5453.

Edward Twentyman of St. Mary's Prayer Group in Sault Ste. Marie reports that attendance at their Mass and prayer meeting has grown to an average of 90 people. On the weekend of Dec. 7-10, they held a *New Life Retreat* led by Gary and Margaret Anne Mellor of Ottawa. It was well received with 120 in attendance. Through prophecy God spoke to the participants of His love and many healings

### ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN THERAPISTS

Hamilton Chapter  
is presenting

## HEALING BROKEN LEVELS OF TRUST

on Saturday, February 9, 2002, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Eucharistic Celebration at 5 p.m.

Presenter: Fr. Joseph M. Scerbo, S.A. PhD.

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 122  
Queenston Rd. (at Parkdale Ave.), Hamilton.

Registration before Jan. 26, \$30.00;  
after that date \$35.00.

For info call: Joan at 905-662-2061;  
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took place throughout the weekend, and as they prayed over each other. †

## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

The first *Christ the King Rally* of the new millennium (20<sup>th</sup> so far), was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Secondary School in Toronto on Saturday, November 24, 2001. The day started with the recitation of the Rosary and the blessing of the hall and participants. This was followed by inspired praise and worship led by the music group *Jochanaan*. The main speaker was Deacon William Brennan of the Diocese of Stockton, California. Deacon Bill is head of the Department of Ancient History at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, as well as chairman of the Northern California Conference of Diocesan Liaisons. In his talk he focused on the theme of the rally, "*Called to Holiness*," by explaining what it meant to be holy and how one becomes holy.

The next speaker was Deacon Carlos Nogueira, the newly appointed liaison to the Charismatic Renewal in the Archdiocese of Toronto. While adhering to the general theme of the rally, Deacon Carlos also took the opportunity to share his vision for the Renewal in Toronto. After each talk and between breaks, *Jochanaan* led the gathering in praise and worship and their music was augmented by graceful performances of a group of liturgical dancers from the Charismatic Youth Group, the youth arm of the Portuguese Renewal movement.

After lunch, Rev. Brian Warren, a former professional football player, ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and a regular host on *100 Huntley Street* led a spirited presentation in which he challenged all present to be open to the Holy Spirit in their lives. This was complimented by the testimony of Armando Vacca, who traced his life story from an Italian Catholic upbringing, through marriage and raising a family, to a highly successful business career, and finally to a dramatic encounter with the Lord at a Marriage Encounter weekend.

The day concluded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided over by Bishop Nicola De Angelis, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. Prior to Mass there was a video presentation and a short talk regarding *World Youth Day* and towards the end of Mass the Blessed Sacrament was taken in procession around the auditorium. The general consensus of those present was that it was a very inspiring and Spirit-filled day.

### *Life in the Spirit Seminars in a Seniors' Residence*

In preparation to do a *Life in the Spirit Seminar* in Seniors' Residences in the Brampton area, Pat Rodriques put together a package of information (the background

document, a *Life in the Spirit* brochure, Bio's on the leaders, etc.) which was presented to administrators of Seniors' Residences. The first *Life in the Spirit Seminar* for residents of St. Mary's Seniors' Residence begins on Tuesday, January 15, 2001 from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and will continue every Tuesday thereafter until March 5, 2001 (8 weeks). An attempt was made to hold two sessions a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so as to shorten the time to 4 weeks, but the Thursday afternoon sessions were not convenient. The teachings will be done by video tape using the material produced by Fr. Peter, and the Leaders will oversee the small group discussions. We also plan to hold the Baptism in the Spirit on a Saturday from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. and then have all the participants attend the 5.30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church as a group. We will also ask the Pastor to acknowledge their presence before the whole congregation at the beginning of Mass.

We look forward to a report at the end of the Seminar for our April issue.

## LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

**April 6, 2002**

**at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
8:30 - 6:30 , concluding with Eucharist**

### **Speakers:**

**Ralph Martin  
Jeff Cavins**

**Sr. Ann Shields  
Peter Herbeck**

**with a youth track featuring Fr. Dave  
Pivonka and a Christian Rock Band**

Tickets: adult, \$15; student, \$8

For tickets or information call  
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## MINISTERING TO OUR YOUTH

by Sister Emily Doherty, Kingston

**“Behold! I stand at the door and knock”** (Rev. 3:20)

The coming of the Holy Father for *World Youth Day 2002* is one of many signs that we are on the threshold of a profound spiritual renewal. This public manifestation of the faith will provide our youth with an opportunity to encounter Christ and His Church in a unique and extraordinary way.

Are we in the Charismatic Renewal listening to the Lord’s knocking at hearts? Are we ready to open our hearts and our meetings to welcome youth as they prepare for these days – and for those who will be on our doorsteps after July 28 with a renewed desire for prayer and commitment? Will they find in our prayer groups happy people, sharing their joy, their faith and supporting one another in difficult times? Will they find open and loving people who trust one another, as well as the loving presence of the Risen Christ in their midst?

This event in the Canadian Church can be an extremely powerful instrument of evangelization and renewal in the

Church. Surely the Charismatic Renewal wants to be part of this graced time.

As the youth in our parishes and dioceses prepare to make their pilgrim way to Toronto, they are encouraged to prepare spiritually by prayer and reflection. Two of the topics suggested in their handbook, *“Salt and Light,”* are “Love that transcends time: Jesus and his disciples yesterday and today,” and “Taking a stand: Being a witness of the Gospel.” Couldn’t we all profit from looking at these two topics? Perhaps there is some way that we can support the faith of our youth by encouraging or assisting them in finding more meaning in their lives.

Whenever we have a *Life in the Spirit Seminar* this year, let us encourage entire families to attend. As well, we might make a concerted effort to invite youth from our parishes to join us. Could there be any better way for youth to prepare for their pilgrimage to meet Pope John Paul II and the Catholics from around the world? †

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

At the CCRSO meetings in Pembroke, the committee responsible for this newsletter come together to talk about how we can make improvements, how we can make it more useful to prayer groups, while still keeping it within the bounds of eight pages for the time being.

It has occurred to me that it is you, who are the recipients of this newsletter, whom we should be asking for comments. And so we ask: how can we make **STIRRINGS** more useful, worthwhile, beneficial to you? What improvements/changes would you like to see? We would appreciate your suggestions, comments and/or questions. If we hear from some of our readers, we will devote space in the next issue to what you have to say.

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