

STIRRINGS of the Spirit

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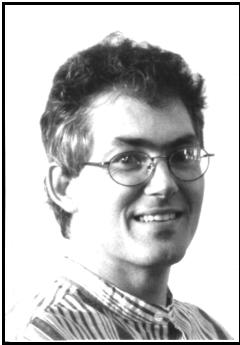
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From our President

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!



Last May we held the Annual General meeting for CCRSO. We spent a wonderful weekend at the Grey Sisters' Motherhouse in Pembroke praising the Lord and praying for discernment and guidance as we looked to the future. The Lord had been telling us that He desired us to move in a new direction. Our desire was to know that direction and move that way.

The meeting began with a reminder from the Lord to receive the sheep which he will bring to each one of us in order that we might tend to their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs. We were to see Jesus in each one. During this first session one of the words that struck me most deeply was a vision of a single flower that was pretty and glorious. I was caught by the fact that the Lord was drawing our attention to the **one** flower and in that flower his glory. And so we understood that we were to pay attention to the one person the Lord brought to us not getting distracted by the needs of the multitudes. We understood that we were not to be put off by the person's poverty (material, emotional or spiritual) but were to allow ourselves to recognize that person's beauty. We were not to take this too lightly. He said:

"Yes, I do a new thing, but will you recognize it when it comes? Will you cooperate with what I am doing? Will you welcome those whom I bring in, sinners and those you now shun, those rejected by the leaders? I call you to disciple everyone I send, to reject no one."

During the next session a further word came on how we were to treat the **one** He put on our path. *"Do nothing through rivalry or vain conceit; rather humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own*

interests, but everyone for those of others. Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:3-5). It is all about serving through love, with love, and in love for Love's sake.

A further dimension of the importance of **one** came to light. The Lord drew our attention to Ephesians 4:3-6. *"Make every effort to keep unity among you through the bond of peace: one body and one spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."*

During our third prayer session I was saying to the Lord that I understood the attitude that he was calling us to serve with, but what is the task--this task that he said might frighten us but through which His love would sustain us. It seemed the Lord was focussed on how he wanted us to **be** and I kept wanting to get to what he wanted us to **do**. So the Lord humoured me with this word.

"I am the Conductor of the orchestra and you are My instruments. Let Me play you as I desire. I will not choose you all to play 'E' at the same time. I will play you in order to create beautiful harmonies that will bring Me glory."

And so we are called to **be one** in heart and attitude, but what each **one does** will be unique and different and under the direction of the Lord. It was at this point that I was then reminded of the words of Pope John Paul II, "Our doing must have its foundation in our being."

In our final prayer session on Sunday morning the analogy of CCRSO being an orchestra continued with the reminder that in order for an orchestra to play beautifully, two things need to happen: the instruments need to be tuned to each other and each instrument has to play following the direction of the conductor so that there is unity in the timing and the rhythm as well as harmony in the different notes being played.

I would invite you to pray about what meaning this has for you and your particular situation. I would also recommend my wife, Cindy-Lee to your prayers. Two days after our CCRSO meeting we discovered that she had breast cancer. She has since had a radical modified mastectomy and has begun chemotherapy that will continue until Christmas. In the new year she will receive radiation for a five-week duration. At

the CCRSO meeting Cindy-Lee was given a word that has sustained and consoled us since. Basically, it warned us that we had a journey to take but that it would not end in death. Praise God! Cindy-Lee is doing very well under the circumstances. Since God brings good from all the crosses in our lives, I have a sense this one is to help form us into *being* more fully whom He desires us to be. I pray that He will be able to play me much better when this is over!

Yours in the Spirit,

Brian Sullivan, President, CCRSO †



THE CALL TO HOLINESS

By Michelle Moran

Holiness: a universal call

We are all very familiar with the scripture that encourages us to “*be holy in all that you do, since it is the Holy One who has called you.... Be holy for I am holy.*” The call to holiness is very clear, but what exactly does it mean to be holy? I am sure that we all have our favourite saints—those who have gone before us modelling saintly and holy lives. However, the call to holiness isn’t just for special people—those who are capable of living extraordinarily godly lives.

The call to holiness is a call to every Christian. The *Catechism* reminds us that “all Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of **charity**. All are called to holiness: ‘be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect’” (CCC 2013).

I remember a parish priest once remarking that someone was “so heavenly minded that they were no earthly good” for the particular task they were undertaking. So it would be wrong to equate holiness with other-worldliness. Through the incarnation God has opened for us the way of holiness. Jesus showed us how to live in obedience to the Father. He modelled the holy life perfectly and was never afraid to get involved in the social, political or relational issues of the day.

In the account of the Ascension (Acts 1:9-10) the disciples are faced with a question: “Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky?” They are then reassured that Jesus will return at the end of time. Meanwhile, they have a task to do—something that could only be done in the power of the Holy Spirit who would be poured out upon them at Pentecost. We can learn a lot from this text. If we want to be holy, we must keep our gaze on Christ who is seated in the heavenly place at the right hand of the Father.

It is important for us to cultivate a heavenly perspective; otherwise we will become too entangled in the affairs of the

world. However, as well as looking to the Lord who has gone before us, we incarnational Christians are called to be Christ to those around us. The truly holy person is thus the one who has his head above the clouds and his feet firmly on the ground.

God sanctifies: He communicates holiness

Have you every tried to be holy? How long did it last? Humanly speaking, holiness is impossible. It is not something that we can attain through our own merits or efforts.

In the Old Testament certain people, such as the Levites, were decreed to be more holy than others and they were given special responsibilities. One of their duties was to offer countless sin offerings on behalf of the people, who were constantly trying to purify themselves.

Christ has, however, offered “one single sacrifice for our sins and by virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection [holiness] of all whom he is sanctifying” (Heb 10:12-14). Christ has therefore opened up the gates of holiness to all people. We have to be ready to appropriate what Christ has won for us. Recently, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa encouraged us to do this by praying to Jesus using the following words: “I am your sin; you are my holiness.” Praying like this we should see our dirty garments being transformed into the robes of righteousness. So, holiness is a gift that we are given by Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the principal agent in our sanctification. As children of God we have the source of divine holiness within us and we need to remain constantly open to the action of the Holy Spirit so that we may become more fully “temples of the Holy Spirit.”

Having said that holiness is a gift, we must not become complacent. The Church tells us that we must “hold on to and perfect in our lives the sanctification which we have received from God” (*Lumen Gentium*, 40). A saint does not become a saint overnight. The way of perfection embraces the way of the cross. We are constantly reminded by St.

Paul in his letters that there is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle. Indeed, many of the classical spiritual works highlight asceticism and mortification as pathways to holiness. If we are to follow Christ by imitating him, then we have to pray for the grace to fight the vices in our lives and allow the Holy Spirit to build up our virtues. St. Gregory of Nyssa reminds us that "Christian perfection has but one limit: that of having none" (CCC 2028).

Holiness: the responsibility of the lay faithful

As we have seen, every Christian is called to be holy. This holiness should be evident in the way in which we live our ordinary, everyday lives. It should be seen in our family, our wider relationships, and our workplaces, and in the general way in which we conduct our affairs. I remember speaking about holiness to an elderly religious sister who was radiant with the love of God. She said that truly holy people are usually unaware of their holiness because they are so acutely aware of their imperfections. So don't worry if you don't feel holy; this is the first step to sanctity!

St. Paul tells us that as we embrace the call to holiness, we "will shine in the world like bright stars" (Phil 2:15). We are called, then, to live distinctive lives, witnessing to the Gospel through our words and actions. In this way we will participate fully in the Church's apostolic goals. In his encyclical *Christifideles Laici (Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful)*, Pope John Paul encourages lay people in

the two-fold task of the "evangelisation and sanctification of humanity..." (30). We must never lose sight of the fundamental lay vocation, which is to "sanctify the temporal." Our apostolate is therefore in the world as well as in the Church (Vat II:AA,5).

I think this is what Jesus was advocating when he said: "You are the salt of the earth and you are the light of the world" (Mt 5:13-14). I once saw an amusing poster that read: "If Christians were a little saltier, the world would be a tastier place!" Thus, holiness is not only about personal sanctification. The call is to wholeheartedly devote ourselves to the glory of God and to the service of our neighbour.

In summary, ecclesial maturity is brought about through all Christians embracing the call to holiness. This involves accepting and appropriating what Christ has done for us. Also, we must cooperate with God by continually dying to our self, in order to be open to the on-going sanctification of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

This call to holiness is not just at the personal level. As individuals become more holy, we will also see ecclesial renewal and social transformation.

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DIOCESAN NEWS

DIocese OF ALEXANDRIA/CORNWALL

Submitted by Don Smith, A/C Renewal Team

New Faith Education Centre

Catholics in Alexandria-Cornwall have a much anticipated new Diocesan Faith Education Centre, known as the Marguerite Bourgeoys Centre. With the suppression of 3 local Cornwall parishes last year, there was the opportunity of transforming one of them into such a facility.

Essential renovation has all but been completed. The pews, much of the yellow stained glass and stations of the Cross have been removed and new audio/visual systems have been brought in to bring the building more in line with its new purpose. The two-storey building is multi-purpose to accommodate a variety of Conferences, Workshops and other Classes. The former bishop's residence is for sale and

he has moved into the former rectory on this site.

The first official function took place on Wednesday September 8th. Just under 100 diocesans turned out for the first in a series of monthly mini-conferences designed to help with the spiritual development of adults in the diocese. On the opening night Bishop Paul-André Durocher shared a well-received vision of collaborative lay/clergy ministry, based on the documents proceeding from the Second Vatican Council as well as recommendations from the diocesan synods of 1972 and 1990.

The first in a series of weekly workshops followed on the heel of that on the Saturday of the same week. Each parish has identified and called forth parishioners willing to serve on a Parish Leadership Team in one of four areas of responsibility: Liturgy and Holiness, Communion and Solidarity, Catechesis and Evangelization as well as Stewardship.

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The first three areas, said Bishop Paul-André, are essential, with the fourth being indispensable. Members of the first three committees are automatically members of their respective Parish Pastoral Council, while the fourth committee are automatically members of their Parish Finance Council. All will work with the pastor to meet the needs of the parish. A series of twelve workshops (3 for each committee) is targeted to these committees, but open to anyone interested. An average of 60 people eagerly participated in each of the first two sessions -- 120 in total.

For both the monthly conferences as well as the weekly workshops, attendees will be treated to a variety of very capable presenters from inside the diocese and beyond. For the weekly formation sessions these include Fr. Pat O'Dea of the Neuman Centre Catholic Mission at U of T; Toronto Auxiliary Bishop Richard Grecco; Fr. Mark Slatter, C.C., who teaches at St. Paul's in Ottawa; Fr. Tom Rosica of Salt & Light TV and others, in addition to our own much-in-demand Bishop. Bishop Paul-André, Rev. Mr. Des Keating, Fr. Gates Deschamps and other gifted presenters will alternate hosting the monthly mini-conferences. Deacon Des was recently ordained as a Permanent Deacon for the diocese and hired to oversee lay formation. All of these events are also offered in French at different times.

The four city English parishes are jointly sponsoring a *NET LifeTeen* program to operate out of the same building, with October 17th seeing the first *LifeTeen* Mass.

St. Francis Xavier University is offering a Christian leadership program on site and the University of Sherbrooke is also offering a theology course at the Centre.

What a blessing this promises to be! †

DIocese OF HAMILTON

On Saturday, November 6th, the Catholic Charismatic Services of Hamilton Diocese will be meeting at St. Francis Church in Kitchener from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives from all prayer groups in the diocese are encouraged to attend.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd Prayer Community in Kitchener are planning and will be facilitating the following outreach programs for faith enrichment in the parish. (1) On Tuesday evenings beginning October 19th at St. Mark's Church, at 9:00 a.m. and again at 7:30 p.m., Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavin's video teaching series entitled "**Our Father's Plan**" will be offered. (2) "**Breaking the Word,**" will be offered the last Wednesday evening of every month. The format of the evening will be conducive to parishioners of the larger faith community. (3) **Advent and Lenten days of prayer and reflection** (one-day mini retreats) will also be

offered at St. Mark's Church. The Advent day will be held on November 23 (time to be determined). This will be an opportunity to come apart and pray and prepare. For further information on any of these events contact Shirley Gatchene at (519)-744-6067.

Holy Spirit Prayer Community have moved their weekly prayer meetings from St. Ambrose Church to St. Patrick Church in Cambridge on Tuesday evenings. Their monthly Mass with prayers for healing will **change to the first Wednesday** of the month instead of the first Thursday at St. Ambrose Church. Also, members of the *Holy Spirit Prayer Community* will be involved in facilitating an *Alpha* program at St. Ambrose Church.

For the rest of 2004, on the last Wednesday of each month, the *Spirit Prayer Group* in Guelph will be hosting a **Mass with prayers for healing** beginning at 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. For more details call (519)-836-3208.

St. Andrew Prayer Group in Oakville will be facilitating a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** beginning October 12 at 7:30 p.m., at St. Andrew Church. For more information call (905)-844-3303.

Servants of the Light Prayer Community in Oakville report that since the new year they have given a **Life in the Spirit Seminar**, planned an **Inner Healing** day, and have had several of their members give their testimonies in the prayer group. Future plans of the prayer group will include a "Healing of the Family Tree" event. Time and other details still to be announced. †

DIOCESAN DAY OF RENEWAL

Saturday, October 23, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at

St. Mark's Church, 55 Driftwood Dr., Kitchener

Theme: *Build on a Solid Foundation*

Speaker: **Very Rev. John M. Sherlock**

(Ontario Bishops' Liaison to the Charismatic Renewal)

Brown-bag lunch—beverages provided—free will offering.

For further information call (519)745-1936.

ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON

Submitted by Frank O'Connor

The *Servants of the Light Prayer Group* in Kingston hosted a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** on the eve of Pentecost (May 29, 2004) at St. Mary's parish Hall. Fr. John Vandekerker of the *Companions of the Cross* was the facilitator and each participant was prayed over for a deeper release of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. The day explored three main themes: (1) Who is the Holy Spirit? (2) What are the

gifts of the Holy Spirit? and (3) Do you need more power to live your Christian life?

There were over 100 registrants from as far east as Ottawa and as far west as Trenton. Most participants expressed thanksgiving for the opportunity to participate and left renewed in their faith, along with our prayers and hope that they would share and spread the message of God.

Masses with prayers for healing are still scheduled in the area. Fr. Mac Burke was the celebrant of the last one held at the chapel of the Hotel Dieu Hospital on August 27th.

Future plans include a one day seminar on *Healing of the Family Tree* in early 2005, and another *Life in the Spirit Seminar* later in the year. Some of the core group members from the *Servants of the Light prayer group* hope to visit other prayer groups in the area for education, support, and the exchange of ideas. †

DIocese of Peterborough

Submitted by Frances Killen

At our last General meeting of CCRSO the word which spoke deeply to my heart was that of learning to "think outside the Charismatic Box." I wondered was this the "New thing" that the Lord had spoken to us about in the past and was this how in my Diocese He was going to bring "A New Thing" into reality? Additionally He seemed to speak about ONE, one person, one step at a time, being one with Him and being one with one another. I began to question how we in the Charismatic Renewal were visibly ONE with all of the other groups within the Church and what if any, acceptance had we gained over the past 30 some years. The time since our last AGM has truly been one of pondering these things in my heart even as our Blessed Mother pondered much in her heart. The past 30 some years have seemed so slow in waiting for His divine plan for our Diocese to unfold but I now dare to say we are beginning to see at last. Perhaps we are slow learners who knows but I praise God for all that is happening and all the fruit that is beginning to sprout forth.

In June we had a Lay Symposium at which all members of our Prayer Groups were invited to participate. This day was a coming together of all the Lay Movements in the Peterborough Diocese with over 700 people in attendance. We all felt that for the first time

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we were given exposure and acceptance by the rest of the Church as an authentic Lay Movement of the Church, being asked to spend about 5 minutes speaking about our particular Charism and purpose in Holy Mother Church. Praise God for this wonderful opportunity.

In the Spring of this year 2004, Bishop Nicola DeAngelis opened the new office of Youth, Vocations and Evangelisation under the leadership of Fr Norbert Glassmaker. The first thing that

the office did was to request volunteers to assist Fr. in the daunting task that lay ahead of him. Very quickly people from all 3 of our Prayer Groups began to work with Fr Norbert, and to pray hoping that God's plan for this Office would unfold. In the Office of Youth a number of young people and people from other groups in the Diocese began to become involved, thus the Lord brought us all together. As we met and began planning it became evident that we needed to first of all plan a small training weekend for our youth and who better to do this than "YEO", led by our own Brian and Cindy's children! Praise the Lord for an amazing weekend with four hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament being the highlight!! God was opening doors and the Holy Spirit was rushing in. The word One was truly in evidence as we heard of one young man, a Hindu who attended our Leader Weekend, without us realising he was even Hindu. In his own words he stated that before I came here I did not know Jesus and now at Adoration I have met Him! One life deeply touched.

A larger weekend was planned for young people to camp out in Our Lady of the Assumption Parish field; now SONFEST was born, the theme being, "WE want to see Jesus". Despite the over abundance of rain and the terrible flooding in our area the Lord spared us and we were able to have the camp out! The speakers for the weekend included Mark Alfano, lay evangelist, Fr Tom Lynch, Fr William Slattery and Bishop DeAngelis. The music ministries were a great blessing to everyone and inspiring in their enthusiasm. The whole weekend was backed up with a wonderful, combined effort of many groups within the church working together in co-operation for the good of our youth. The approximately 170 young people came away with a renewed sense of their faith, new friendships and a challenge to continue to grow deeper in the Lord. An Adoration Tent was set up and people from several of the Lay groups volunteered to pray there during the daytime hours of Saturday and Sunday. We became ONE in the Spirit praying and working together for the good of our youth. Our Youth, many of whom had never been to, or even heard of Adoration, remained with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night allowing the other volunteers to go home and rest. We pray that our young people will continue to be faithful to Adoration and commit to our perpetual Adoration Chapel.

For many years It has been a practice of our Prayer Groups to organise a yearly Day of Renewal and to invite all members of the Diocese. We have been blessed with the encouragement of our late Bishop, however we never seemed to have a great impact, with normally about 60 people coming out for the day and little or no support or interaction with the rest of the Church. Working with Fr Norbert in the Office of Evangelisation, we were recently surprised

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and blessed by his suggestion that we work on a Day of Renewal. Our Day of Renewal is entitled "Seek and you shall find" on the occasion of the year of the Eucharist. We are seeking to rediscover the mystery of the Eucharist through live music, dynamic speakers, devotions, Adoration and the Holy Mass. These days of Renewal, which we hope to make available each year, will in my opinion, replace our old Days of Renewal and become a part of the

greater Church. We will be working together beside the rest of the laity and priests, becoming more One in Him and with each other. It seems the Lord is taking the old thing and making it new, making us one and helping us to think outside the Charismatic box even on our Days on Renewal! I see how we too in the Peterborough Renewal have been somewhat poor in our vision. He in His mercy has renewed the vision of the Renewal in our Diocese by giving us new ways to reach out to the poor in spirit both young and old just as He seemed to indicate through the prophetic word He gave to us at CCRSO.

Please join us on November 20th for an exciting day with the Lord. Our guest speaker will be Fr Paul Ingram of the Companions of the Cross.

In all that is happening I am also reminded of John Paul's *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, no. 43 "A Spirituality of Communion." Every member of Christ's Body is a part of you and of me and He calls us to be truly one with Him and each other in an authentic way, laying aside all of our fears and prejudices and seeing in each other the Face of Christ. On a personal level I have learned so much over these past few months and I have been told by members of our Prayer Groups the same thing. God is doing a new thing in Peterborough and each of us pray; Lord let it begin with me that I may do Your will and understand Your Divine plan for my life and for our Diocese. Lord that we may be ONE even as you and the Father are ONE. Lord show us Your Face. Come Holy Spirit we need You. †

DIOCESE OF SAULT STE MARIE

North Bay Region

Submitted by Kas Pelc

For the first time in two years, *Springtime of the Spirit prayer group* closed down during the summer months. However, on August 13th and 14th, the prayer group sponsored an all-night vigil with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Alphonsus Ligouri parish in Callander. A number of people spent the night in the church, while others came through the night and during the following day (we even had visitors from Poland). The people were pleased and honored to spend this time in the presence of Our Lord and have asked us to sponsor another such event.

Beginning on Saturday, September 18th, *Springtime of the Spirit* are sponsoring **Fr. Corapi's video presentation** on the Catechism at Holy Name of Jesus parish in North Bay. These presentations will be held twice a month, concluding Saturday February 19, 2005, and the focus will be on the Sacraments. For more information about this, call (705) 776-2191.

Sudbury Region

Submitted by Terry Shannon

The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie celebrated 100 years of formation as a diocese on September 16th, 2004. On Sunday, September 19th, an outdoor Mass was held for the people of the Sudbury region at Bell Park Amphitheater which is located on the shores of Ramsey Lake in the center of Sudbury. A 100-voice choir and orchestra provided music, with participants from all three sectors of the diocese: English, French and Native. Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe was the main celebrant assisted by Auxiliary Bishop Robert Harris. It was a wonderful witness of faith, hope and love.

On Sunday, September 26th at 3:00 p.m. a second special Mass for cancer sufferers, their caregivers, family and friends was held at Our Lady of Hope Church. Over 500 people took part and Msgr. Raymond Farrell was the main celebrant and he preached a powerful homily. The Sacrament of the Sick was administered by 8 priests who were present. A reception followed.

Life in the Spirit Seminars are scheduled for late fall, and Growth in the Spirit Seminars early in the new year. A special Lenten Program is scheduled for five Saturdays during Lent in 2005. †

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October 29-31, 2004

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Guest Speaker: Fr. William (Bill) Halbing

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Space is limited. Please register as soon as possible.

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DIOCESE OF THUNDER BAY

Fr. Joseph Arockiam, pastor of St. Hilary's parish in Red Rock, has invited Deacon Armand Danis, the diocesan liaison, and members of *Bind Us Together* prayer group from St. Agnes parish in Thunder Bay, to come to Red Rock for an evening of praise and worship on Tuesday, October 5th.. Fr. Joseph and members of his parish are wanting to begin a charismatic prayer group in the parish. They request our prayers. †

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

The Mass with prayers for healing celebrated by Fr. Fernando Suarez of the *Companions of the Cross*, which was held on September 23 at St. John Fisher Church, was a tremendous blessing to so many, many people—some coming even from London. There are so many awesome reports of healing and even skeptics were touched by the power of the Spirit.

Holy Mass and Healing Service

Friday, October 8, 2004: 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
4070 Central Parkway E., Mississauga
(intersection of Central Parkway and Rathburn)

Celebrant: Mr. Rufus Pereira

For more info call Olympio at (416)-419-3805; or Rita at (905)-566-1644; or Esther at (905)-5007-6185.

Eucharistic Celebration and Healing Service

Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
Holy Rosary Church, 354 St. Clair Ave. W.
(St. Clair W. stop on Spadina Subway Line)
Parking behind the church in school lot

Celebrant: Fr. Fernando Suarez

Collection proceeds to: Food for Life Television Ministry.
Sponsored by Holy Rosary Prayer Group

For information, please *don't* call the church. Call (416)-781-0733.

CHRIST THE KING RALLY

November 20, 2004: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at
Canada Christian College
50 Gervais Drive, in Don Mills (Toronto)

Speakers:

Bishop Richard John Grecco

Fr. Graham Keep (Youth Track and main session)

Music: Luce, Vince and Mike

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For further info call (416)-781-0733
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as great
as the Power behind us**

WHAT HAS YEO BEEN DOING?

YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others) is a youth group based in the North Bay/Powassan area under the direction of Cindy-Lee Sullivan. The following is a partial list of their activities since the Spring.

During Lent 25-30 youth participated in a Lenten *Life in the Spirit Seminar*. Area priests, deacons and teachers were brought in to give the talks and as always the Lord was very generous in His blessings.

YEO facilitated two **Confirmation Retreats** for area parishes (one with 60 youth; the other with 40). The retreats are based on the *Life in the Spirit Seminars* but using only the first four sessions and then the retreatants are prayed with for them to be open at their Confirmation for the fulfillment of all the Holy Spirit wishes to give them.

The *YEO* adult team met with Fr. Norbert of the Youth Office in Peterborough to offer our services as a youth ministry. A youth training session was held in that diocese. (See Diocese of Peterborough news.)

Thirty teenagers from *YEO* staged a passion play at the local parish. As always, there wasn't a dry eye in the place and the cast tried to incorporate more of what they witnessed in the movie "The Passion of the Christ."

Praise God! Two *YEO* young adults came into the Catholic Church last Easter. There are a few more looking at the possibility next year.

Members of *YEO* will be organizing a Thanks-giving dinner for the needy of the area on October 9th. *Springtime of the Spirit prayer group* members will be assisting with this project. †

His Love

His Love so Great fills all the Earth
But we have gone astray.
He looks upon us with compassion
To draw us back within His Sacred Heart.
My Lord forgive me all that I have done
To wrong You and my fellow man.
Your Love so great fills all the Earth
And draws me back till we are ONE.
I taste the Joy of Your Loving Kindness,
Always patient, waiting for a heart to stir.
Your Sacrifice so pure and humble
I cannot comprehend it.
I kneel before Your Cross in awe,
Your Love so great You died to save us.
And now You ENTER IN to Your Glory,
From the dead You rose, to win for us the
Victory
How can I ever Thank You?
I am so weak, so small, so inadequate,
But through You I ENTER IN to Life anew.
Your Grace and Mercy fill my heart
How can I ever Thank you?

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to thank all the people who responded to my requests and submitted news items for this issue. This is what makes a newsletter! However, I would like to encourage more of you who are prayer group leaders and CCRSO members to not hesitate to send me information, no matter how small and insignificant it may seem to you. Tell us about, or send us notices of your Days of Renewal, Life in the Spirit Seminars, Growth Seminars, etc. Our readers are interested in what other prayer groups are doing. That's the whole purpose of this newsletter.

I would also like to remind prayer group contact people who receive this newsletter that it is not intended for them only, but for the leaders and other interested people of your prayer group. Therefore, we would encourage you to make copies and pass them on. If copying is inconvenient for you, we can send you bulk mailings at 32¢ per copy plus mailing. The next issue of STIRRINGS will be the **January 2005 edition. I need to receive your submissions by December 27.**

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