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A Word from Fr. Norbert

The Silent Necessity

In the Fall, Creation is having a party and most people are unaware. Oh yeah, the ooh's and the aah's at the color in all their brilliance, but not much thought on our part after that.

There is this whole chemical symphony going on for one thing as the invisible layers start to form between the leaves and the branches as the green of photosynthesis are cut off from their formation in the leaves and this allowing the red, yellows, and browns to appear. The leaves soon drop as this layer forms completely. Food and water are all on crowded highways as they make their way down the limbs to the trunk and their final destination to safety underground in the root systems from the freezing weather. Here they will patiently await the warmth of spring to trigger their return.

Rain continues to fall as it saturates the soil around the tree, driving out the pockets of air, filling them with liquid that will soon freeze and form a cold, insulating blanket to protect the precious resources of the spring to take place in the months ahead.

Tiny buds go dormant with the lack of food and water in celebration as they rest through the harsh winter months that would be too harmful if they were anymore developed, and finally, rest! Creation regroups after the hustle and bustle of spring and summer growth, storms, floods, droughts, diseases, insects and sometimes man's destructive blows. It just sits there in awe, rests and waits silently and attentively to the Master Gardener's voice that will call it all back into it's integral dance of life and growth and beauty.

May I suggest we can learn from creation and matter of fact from Mother Church. In our Liturgical year, we soon come to the end of Ordinary Time, (green), the season of growing. She allows us a time to rest, to regroup and assess and repair all the areas of our lives that have been drowned, damaged, distracted and parched from the spring's and summer's growth. The storms of the traumas of this year, the floods of opportunities, the parchiness of lack of prayer or desolation, insects of fear, doubts and sin. The disease of sins going unstoppable and addictions. Finally the destructive blows of our relationship with others and loved ones. We have grown spiritually and all these challenges have toughened and strengthened that growth, but we must grow more. How? If we are so tired.

Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter invites us into silence and rest from the outside. The daylight is shorter, stop working so hard, and use the longer nights for contemplation, rest and prayer. What do we contemplate, "The Paschal Mystery!"

We dive into the rich deep still waters of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection. The angel of God gaze in awe and adoration a long with the saints. The demons hide and run in sheer fear and horror as they know one day it will be their undoing. Have you come to punish us before the appointed time? This the demons asked as they met Jesus in this world. As that time continues to draw near we are asked to grow in our realization that we exist for the praise of God's Glory.

So drop the leaves of business, let our spiritual food drop to our roots and let the waters of the Paschal Mystery insulate us. Then there we sit in awe and rest and we wait silently and attentively to the Master Gardener's voice that will call us back into our spiritual dance of life, growth and beauty!

Happy Holy Days Season!

HISTORY OF THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

IN THE CHURCH AND IN ARKANSAS

The following article is taken from teaching by Thomas and Frances Ryan dated May 11, 2000, at the *Give Glory to God Prayer Group* in Rogers, AR. Tom died Dec.13, 2013, at age 85. He was a constant evangelizer. Tom and Frances received recognition for their pioneering work done for Charismatic Renewal in Arkansas at the state conference.

This first article is the teaching given by Tom Ryan. It concerns the history of the charismatic movement. After they taught I asked for their notes which they graciously shared. I have also included an endnote reference with research on Pope Leo XIII that can be omitted for the newsletter.

Submitted by Patti Brunner.

“I will briefly cover the beginning of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit until 1967.”

In Scripture:

Mark 1:7 John the Baptist preached, *“one more powerful than I is to come after me. I have baptized you in water; He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.”*

Matthew 3 John the Baptizer said to Jesus at the river Jordan, *“it is you who should baptize me not me baptizing you.”* Jesus said to give in for now, we must do this if we are to fulfill all of God demands. After 40 days in the desert, Jesus began his ministry. We also need to take time to read and listen to tapes, to go to prayer meetings, to be more aware of what God is now doing in our lives through this baptism.

Acts 2 The Holy Spirit descends on all gathered in the upper room. They were filled with this new power go forth and proclaim the work of God and use the new gifts that each had received. So we, too, are sent forth in this new anointing and power.

Time passed with the church fully active in all the gifts of Holy Spirit. People expected the gifts at an early age. Tertullian in 198, Hilary of Gall in 350, Cyril in 354, John of the Cross and many others during this period asked the church to seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts vanished at the end of the third century. After many centuries the gifts were manifested in people like Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Catherine of Sienna, St. Theresa of Avila, Saint Francis of Rome and many others. Anna Marie Schmidt was a stigmata; she smelled of fresh cut roses.

[In 1896] Pope Leo XIII asked the Church to pray the St. Michael's prayer, a prayer asking for protection from evil. Pope Leo had visions of the future foretelling of wars, sickness and the persecution of the church by Satan.

On January 1, 1901, the Holy Spirit fell on a group of people who it been praying for revival in Topeka, Kansas. Then in 1906, in Los Angeles in a small alleyway off the main stretch, Azusa Street, the Holy Spirit fell and people from across the country would find themselves at this place and wonder how they got there. An African-American preacher prayed over many of them and they went out into the world talking and preaching about the Holy Spirit. The Pentecostal church was first started at this time.

In 1930, Pope John XXIII visited a small village in Czechoslovakia. The entire village was Spirit-filled with all the gifts manifested. In 1962, Vatican Council II, Pope John XXIII said to pray that the windows and doors of the Catholic Church would be open to the works of the Holy Spirit.

In 1966 at Duquesne University, students and professors had been to a Cursillo weekend. They later learned about the baptism and gifts of the Holy Spirit. So they began going into the chapel and asking for all the Holy Spirit had for them. They all were filled with the Holy Spirit. Included in this group was Patti Mansfield. In 1967, Patti Mansfield and 25 others from Duquesne drove to Notre Dame to meet Ralph Martin and the Ranaghan's. They all prayed together and all received a Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This was the beginning of the charismatic movement within the Catholic Church.

Remember this did not just happen on your own. God put within you a desire to know more about Himself and his church, to go out as the apostles did proclaiming the word of God, expecting manifestations to follow. Now I ask Frances, my very beautiful spiritual filled wife of the last 48 years as of yesterday, to express the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the lives of many in Arkansas.

The following history of charismatic movement in Arkansas was given of Frances Ryan May 11, 2000 at the Give Glory to God Prayer Group in Rogers AR.

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History Con't ...

Read **Mark 16:15-18**.

He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents (with their hands), and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

The beginning of the Catholic charismatic movement in Arkansas was in Pine Bluff. Fr. Jim Mancini and four others had made Cursillo and met regularly for their Ultreya grouping. They began manifesting the gifts of the Spirit: praying in tongues, prophecy, and words of knowledge. They asked two priests what was happening but they had no answer. Then they asked an Assembly of God minister to meet with them. He said they had received the Baptism of the Spirit. He and the Assemblies in general had been preaching that Catholics could not receive this gift because they were too rigid and structured. This spontaneous gift of the Spirit was in 1971 and the Assembly minister was as surprised as Father Jim and his group.

About the same time as the group started in Pine Bluff there were some people meeting with an Episcopalian group in Conway. Sister Danielle then started a Catholic group at Saint Joseph's parish. In the fall of 1971, a small group formed in Little Rock. They named their group "Light to the Nations". They were to grow to 200 people. 95 persons attended the first Life in the Spirit Seminar. In the fall of 1971, Father Jim called the first state meeting. It was held at Good Counsel in Little Rock. They got together to pray, to eat, and to play one Sunday. There were three or four more of these meetings over the next few years.

Fort Smith started a group and had a good-sized attendance. Then they split as the young people of the group broke away. The young people were going to start an independent Catholic church. This caused many problems and continues to be a threat if people aren't very careful to stay under the headship of their pastor.

We began attending the prayer group in Fayetteville in 1976, which was probably formed in 1973 or 1974. Father Bob Dienert, Peter Past, Fred Sexton and Amy Past were the original leaders of the group. The music group that came out of the college-age Search provided the music. Even that group had a few people that broke away and went to other churches. Several have returned to the Catholic faith.

After several years there, we moved away. We helped form prayer groups in western Oklahoma and southern Tennessee, where we had moved and bought businesses. We moved back to Springdale in 1980. The Fayetteville group had stopped meeting after Father Dienert was transferred and the original leaders finished college.

In 1985 Mike and Lori Rockers moved to Rogers as principal of St. Vincent DePaul School. He called us and asked about finding a prayer group. Since there wasn't one, we started meeting in their home or ours. Sometimes four to six others met with us. We continued this for about two years. Then we began having more people and after prayer felt it was time to move to a larger place. We met at Tontitown a few times but that didn't work out so Father Lange gave us permission to meet at St. Raphael's. We continued meeting there until the fall of 1990. The Springdale group continued and all the Rogers people began meeting in the old school gym. We had a Life in the Spirit Seminar the winter of 1991. 100 to 120 people attended. The Rockers left for Little Rock in 1992.

The first diocesan charismatic conference was held in Eureka Springs with John Michael Talbot's group planning it and heading it. The next year the conference was held in Springdale, with John Michael playing a lesser part. He turned it over to a diocesan core team in 1993 and it has been held in Fort Smith since that time. The conference was extended to three days in 1999 and will be three days this year. There are 25 prayer groups in Arkansas including four that are Hispanic.

Father Jim Manchini, Father Ed Graves and Father John Marconi are the charismatic liaisons to the Bishop. There is no Hispanic liaison but the bishop will probably appoint one soon because their numbers are also growing.

There are 80,000,000 charismatic Catholics in the world including Pope John Paul II who speaks in tongues- good company!



How To Hear The Voice of God, Part I

At the conference, in July, I was approached by several of you who asked how you could learn to hear the voice of the Father. I will take the next few months' newsletter to explain how I learned.

First, I think it is important to establish that we can hear His Voice and it is vital that we do. We know that God walked and talked with Adam in the Garden in the cool of the day (Genesis 3:8). That ability was lost when sin entered in and as he forfeited his relationship with the Father, Adam also lost his spirit to Spirit connection which allowed him to "hear" the Voice of God. Through the covenant with Noah and Abraham man was given the opportunity to hear God but in an audible way, not spirit to Spirit. This was mostly granted to prophets, priests, and kings. We see Jesus get excited in Matthew 16:16 when a fisherman named Peter receives revelation "from the Father." Everything between man and God was about to change.

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Matthew 18:11 says that Jesus came to save that which was lost. What was lost? Man's relationship to God, period; so with the death and resurrection of Jesus every man now has the opportunity through His shed Blood to establish a covenant with the Father and re-establish his/her personal relationship with our Father God. Our Catholic faith is covenant heavy. Everything we do is based on covenant. If we eat His Body and drink His blood we cannot deny that we are in covenant. Leviticus 17:11 states that the life of the "animal" is in the blood, so if we drink His Blood His life is in us. Relationship is restored. If relationship is restored then that which Adam lost has been regained and talking to the Father spirit to Spirit is ours to enjoy. Why would we evangelize people and invite them to a personal relationship with a Father who never speaks to them? What would you call an earthly Father who never speaks to his children?

In John, Chapter 10, Jesus is emphatic about this: I am the Good Shepherd. My sheep hear my Voice and a stranger they will not follow. Matthew 4:4 is just as demanding: Man does not live on bread alone but on every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God. These verses are the words of Jesus.

When we look at the nine spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12, we find that these gifts do not exist unless we can hear the Voice of God, but if we are praying in Tongues already we are already hearing the Voice of God because He is giving us the utterance that we are praying (Acts 2:4). I will cover this more in depth later, but the Gift of Tongues is the main key in our training to hear His Voice.

Learning to His Voice does take time and some training. I tell people it's like learning a new language; we don't do that overnight. The problem is that this gift has been lost for so long that it is as if it never existed. As Charismatics we know that hearing His Voice is our inheritance. Until next month here is your homework.

1. Pray in Tongues for fifteen minutes
2. Read Scripture for five to ten minutes starting with John Chapter Fourteen and moving from there through John into the Book of Acts
3. Sit quietly for ten minutes thinking about what you've read

Do this every day, if possible. The more time you spend with the Father, the quicker you will learn to hear His Voice. I am praying for you ~ Dr. Dennis Holt

My Mind Is Busy With Things Of The World Tonight

Testimony of Sherry DeClerk

My mind is busy with things of the world tonight. This is one of Satan's greatest tools to steal our peace and put fear and doubt in our hearts and mind. This fear causes cracks in our armor that allow Satan to slip in and make us think we can control a situation or even try to make things right for others. Suddenly the voices of others slip in, drowning out the word of our loving Lord and Father and anxiety and depression take over! Whatever has occurred in your life and changed you becomes a tool Satan uses against you! The people around you may judge you and inside you are crying out, "I may look the same but inside I sometimes struggle to be what I was before. My words and thoughts may become confusing at times and my tone not exactly right and I push to be normal to all around me. I need to be more patient and to not try to control situations. My mind seems to run ahead and I lose patience with others conversations. The most valuable weapon I have is the love and understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ. My loving prayer warriors literally have brainwashed me as I think quietly in my mind, mumble to myself and at times shout out, "In the name of Jesus, Satan you do not have authority over me".

2010 brought me face to face with a mountain that in man's eyes was too dangerous to climb. Getting to the other side might change my physical self forever. It might also prove to be unsuccessful and lead to a journey of no return in man's world. As a Christian, I had always been taught to not fear death but to know your loving Father would take you in His arms to a better place. When you are faced with the uncertainty of going down that hall to an operating room and never awakening and realizing your time with those you love and with seeing your grandchildren grow up may be over, you know that only God is in control. A beautiful grand-daughter said to me, "Do not be afraid The Lord is with you". This may sound crazy, but my heart told me God wasn't ready for me to rest with Him and my job wasn't finished here in this world that He had created for man.

He has a path for each of us. He gave us freedom of choice and sometimes He allows us to stray, but as a loving Father He is always trying to pull us back to Him. God doesn't want us to ever suffer, but sometimes things happen in our lives that make us realize we are not in control and our only salvation and healing comes from the Lord. I found myself placing too much importance on who I was as a working woman. I was not spending enough time with the Lord and taking time to listen to the Holy Spirit and the changes He wanted me to make.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Arkansas is to share in and support the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the Church, that is, to stir into flame the grace of Pentecost. We strive to do this by:

- **Coming together in prayer groups to celebrate and experience the Father's love, grace, and mercy as it comes to us in the person of Jesus Christ and by gift of the Holy Spirit.**
- **Leading others to the release of the Spirit in their lives.**
- **Identifying, fostering, and using the particular charisms each has received.**
- **Serving one another, families, community, Church, and the world.**
- **Evangelizing, sharing the Good News by word and example.**

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This is where my story begins and it is an amazing journey of faith, of the love and prayers of so many, and most importantly of the healing power of our Lord and Savior. Whatever happens in your life, especially if it is something that threatens God's plan for you, don't speak or claim it! Satan is waiting for you to join with him to claim whatever it is, whether it is an illness or anything else that threatens you. See yourself through God's eyes and say over and over, "I am strong, I am healthy, I am a beautiful child of God"! Avoid anyone that tries to tell you otherwise. Ask my family. As I was coming to in recovery after my first neurosurgery and surrounded by my family, a young chaplain entered the room to pray with us. No one was prepared for what happened next. Coming out of anesthesia I heard his prayer of doom and gloom and I popped up spouting, "Out satan!! You have no authority over me in the name of Jesus!" My prayer warriors, as I said, had totally brainwashed me and even in a drugged stupor I threw those words of doom and gloom out of the room. That poor young man will surely never forget that moment.

There is a beautiful song called, *Holy Spirit Come and Fill This Room*. It says, "Bring us healing with Your warm embrace, show Your power make Your presence known, Holy Spirit fill this room." The Holy Spirit is always there for us. We need to be quiet and listen with our hearts. There is so much noise in man's world. My world has become filled with noisy MRIs that last a long time. God leads me to a quiet place where all I hear is His voice and feel the warmth of His loving arms. He leads me to a beautiful rock behind a rushing waterfall with the sound of the water and the warmth of His Holy Spirit. Psalm 27:5 says, "For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock." Please be quiet and listen and you will find your safe quiet place.

My first surgery was in 2010 in Boston. God used my daughter to connect me with one of the best neurosurgeons in the world. I am blessed to be a healthy, strong woman and God had protected me from many of the symptoms of this challenge; except for some visual changes that affected my work as a dental hygienist. Two years earlier I had been seen by a specialist that said no MRI needed; just a muscle problem that whenever it became necessary it could be fixed. In the plan of it all, it wasn't God's time in 2008. 2010 led to an MRI to correct some vision problems and that's when my challenge was discovered and God led me to Dr Almefty. One day I was working as a dental hygienist, and then the next day I received an MRI diagnosis followed by seeing Dr Almefty on Saturday for his advanced diagnosis. Within a week and a half I was in Boston for neurosurgery. Man's prognosis was very serious and the outcome questionable! How could this be? How quickly my life had changed!

A group of God's warriors were called in Before we left for Boston, I was covered with the healing blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit was everywhere. My sweet daughter-in-law stayed up making my special prayer cards of Bible verses proclaiming God's love and healing power along with another set from a special prayer warrior. The cards were recited over and over and never left my side. We only spoke healing and continuously gave glory to the Lord. He led us to Boston and I knew He would return me home as a witness to His healing power. Every possible moment was spent praising God and thanking Him for His healing. The prayers of many were heard and I will forever be grateful to the Lord for placing all of His prayer warriors in our lives.

In Boston, before the surgery, the Holy Spirit was everywhere. Car stickers praised His name and signs in windows proclaimed His glory. Bill and I passed a church where a small wedding was going on and sat in the back of the church to renew our vows and claim God's healing power. As we approached the Boston Commons there was an amazing revival going on and I joined the praise and worship. You could feel God's presence every-



where.

The surgery was to take two days and I was to be put on a vent half way through, as my family prepared for the long wait. Three in the prayer service held back home had a word that it would deliver itself and all would be fine. After the first day of surgery the nurse walked out to tell my family it had delivered itself and the surgery was over and successful. God's word had been fulfilled and my miracle was about to be revealed. My loving husband, along with two other special men of God had received that message. They heard it, they revealed God's word and we believed it! Praise God that our Father knew the outcome.

I would like to tell you my story ended here and we all lived happily ever after. Life is beyond good and since 2010 my family has been blessed with 4 more beautiful grandchildren giving us a total of 6 boys and 3 girls. It's amazing how God blesses you with grands, they love you unconditionally and never judge you. I have watched my children grow into amazing loving adults that are wonderful parents that love the Lord! 2016, in the midst of all these blessings, brought yet another challenge and 2016 led to another surgery. Sometimes we become too comfortable with all our blessings and don't listen to what God has planned for us. He wants us to praise him and share the miracles that happen around you and in your lives. God took control again and heard my prayers and the prayers of many. We believed in his healing power and I continually listened to 101 healing verses on a cd by Two Men and a Bible. At night I slept with an ear plug in my ear, as Bill reset it and continuously covered



me with God's word. He led us on another journey with him as our guide. The Lord spoke to my granddaughter and told her she must go with me, along with her Mom and the rest of the family. The innocence and belief in the Lord gave her the strength to let the Holy Spirit flow through her to calm me after surgery and keep me in the light of the Lord. Thank you, Jesus. The Lord heard the prayers and felt the faith of many and he was always in control. It was another successful journey that had led us to one place; the loving arms of Jesus.

Bill has recently retired and soon we will begin a new path with the Lord as our guide! We hope to spend the rest of our lives following whatever path He leads us on. Praise Jesus!!

We are all weak at times and Satan finds a way to put fear in your hearts. Surround yourself with believers, with people that only speak God's grace and healing power. Wash your-

self in His word from head to toe and be quiet and listen to the Holy Spirit. Before you realize it, a joy will flow over you that makes you smile and sends chills down your spine. Hebrews 13-5 tells us, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you."

The challenges we face are never to punish God's children, but to make us reach out to our loving Father. Today open your hearts and minds to our Lord and his healing power and let him hold you and cover you with the blood of Jesus. Jesus died to take away all of our sins, our fears, our hurts and our illnesses. Lay it all at the feet of Jesus and live the joyful life God intended for all of his children.

After the first surgery was over and as I sat in an open air restaurant in Old Italy in Boston with my husband and daughter celebrating, an Italian handsome gentleman with salt and pepper hair and beautiful blue eyes and dressed in a flowing white shirt walked in front of us, stopped and pointed his finger directly at me and said quietly and plainly as he pointed at me, "Where there's a star there's a scar and where there's a scar there's a star," and walked off. God is a God of miracles! That day we believe God sent us an angel as I received his miracle of healing. There may have been a scar in my life but the light of God's shining star had brought me back healthy and strong to do his will and give him glory.

God knew from the beginning we would not be perfect and would need him to guide us and the blood of Jesus to heal us. Thank you Lord for sending us your son and the sacrifice he made for us, your children. Praise God for all your love and miracles!

Psalm 91 – He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with his feathers and under his wings you shall take refuge.



Upcoming Events 2017-2018

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English	Sunday Feb. 25, 2018	4 p.m.	Concelebrated Mass
		5:15-6 p.m.	Chili Dinner
		6-7:30 p.m.	Talk
English	Monday Feb. 26, 2018	9-11 a.m.	Talk
		6:30-8 p.m.	Talk
Spanish	Friday Feb. 23, 2018	6-7 p.m.	Confessions(Tentative)
		7:15-8:30p.m.	Talk
		8:30-9:15p.m.	Adoration
Spanish	Saturday Feb 15, 2018	9-10 a.m.	Talk
		10:15-11:30a.m.	Talk
		11:30-1:45p.m.	Mass
		12:30-1:45p.m.	Lunch
		2-3p.m.	Talk
		3:15-4p.m.	Divine Mercy

Fr. McAlear Healing Service following Mass

Saturday, March 3, 2018 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Immaculate Conception
North Little Rock

Fr. McAlear Healing Mass in Hot Springs

Monday, March 5, 2018 6:00 PM—8:30 PM
St. Mary of the Springs
Hot Springs

Fr. McAlear Healing Mass

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 6:00 PM—8:30 PM
St. Joseph Church
Conway



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“I Will Pour Out My Spirit Upon All Flesh”

Friday, July 27, 2018 6:00 PM - Sunday, July 29, 2018 1:00 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church — **THIS IS A NEW LOCATION!!**

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Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Put Out Into the Deep for A Catch

In *Matt 18:16*, Jesus says that everything is confirmed by 2 or 3 witnesses and so it is in our day. Who sends us forth is confirmed by two or three Witnesses. Further, in scripture, before ascending into heaven Jesus tells his disciples in *Luke 24:47-49* ...repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name, too, beginning from Jerusalem. ***“You are witnesses of these things. I am sending upon you the promise of My father; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”***

In our day, we also have 2 witnesses—the witness of Jesus sending the Holy Spirit with power upon us, the laity, readying us to go and make disciples of all nations and we have the witness of the Church in our popes and in our bishops in the Second Vatican Council telling us to go forth and make disciples and thus establish the kingdom of God on this earth.

In 1885, Jesus told Sr. Elena, founder of the Oblate Sisters of the Holy Spirit, who were dedicated to spreading devotion to the Holy Spirit, to write to the Holy Father. It took her 10 years, until 1895, writing to the Holy Father telling him that God wanted a church more aware of the Spirit and more open to His promptings. Sr. Elena sent him 12 letters requesting that he spread throughout the world devotion to the Holy Spirit by propagating this devotion to join the faithful in a unanimous and universal prayer to the Holy Spirit to open the Church for a permanent Cenacle where the faithful, united with Mary, would pray for the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Sr Elena’s greatest dream was for Catholics to be invoking the Holy Spirit 24 hours a day 7 days a week. She wanted the prayer “Come Holy Spirit” to become as popular as the “Hail Mary”. Because of her letters, Pope Leo XIII asked Catholics to observe a novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. Next, the Pope wrote an encyclical on the Holy Spirit that generally went unheeded. At her urging, the Pope took the final step dedicating the 20th century to the Holy Spirit. On January 1, 1901, the Pope invoked the prayer “Come Holy Spirit” upon the whole world. At that exact same time, the Spirit came over a 24-hour night watch prayer service in Topeka, Kansas, now the site of the Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Modern Pentecostalism was born as Agnes Ozmen prayed in tongues, soon followed by all the members of Reverend Charles Parham’s Holiness Cenacle. Parham became the founder of modern Pentecostalism. Today the baptism of the Holy Spirit is sweeping the Christian world.

It was in the Council that the church fathers wrote copiously about the role of the laity. Many believe the most enduring gift of Vatican II is defining the present role of the laity in the church as “the Church”, co-responsible with bishops, priests, and religious for Christ’s mission on earth to bring all people into the Kingdom of God. Here are some Quotes from the documents:

“From the fact of their Union with Christ, the head of the church, flows the layman’s right and Duty to be apostles.” (Decree on the Apostolate of lay people)

“There rests, by divine mandate, the duty of going out into the whole world and preaching the gospel to every creature.” (Declaration on religious Liberty)

“The whole church is missionary, and the work of evangelization is the basic duty of the people of God.” (Decree on the Church’s Missionary Activity)

“All the Laity have the exalted duty of working for the greater spread of the divine plan of salvation to all men.” (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church)

Since Vatican II there have been many exhortations from popes. Pope Paul VI said in *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, “The presentation of the Gospel message is not an optional contribution for the church. It is the duty incumbent on her by the command of the Lord Jesus so that people can believe and be saved.” “In the long run, is there any other way of handing on the gospel then by sharing with another—the personal experience of faith?” John Paul II said in *Christi Fideles Laici*, “The lay faithful, precisely because they are members of the church, have the vocation and mission of proclaiming the gospel.” And in *Redemptoris Missio*, “The mission of Christ the Redeemer is still very far from completion....we must commit ourselves wholeheartedly to its service. It is the Spirit who tells us to proclaim the great works of Christ.”

“No believer in Christ can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples” from Pope St. John Paul II in his encyclical at the turn of the century is only one of the many insistent calls of Popes and the Second Vatican Council encouraging the laity to get on with the program that Jesus gave the Church, the mandate to make disciples of all nations. It was at Vatican II and the years following that the Church recognized the role of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the charismatic gifts as necessary to going out and proclaiming God’s kingdom.

~~~ Christy Miller

# Conference 2018

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MY SPIRIT  
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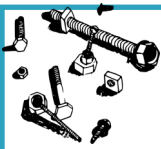
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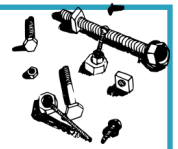




Hello again! I hope you letter so far. This time, we bles, and more cables. It is string of wires can make ple, I was helping a client

# Nuts & Bolts

are enjoying this month's news- are going to discuss cables, ca- so amazing how much a simple or break one's plans. For exam- set up a new computer and it



took over an hour to get all the old She wanted it to look just right and that took some time! I am going to take a wild leap of faith here and imagine that everyone is familiar with the power supply cable and not spend any time discussing them. (those are the cables that you plug into the wall sockets) The main focus is going to be on just 2 cords: an HDMI cable and a VGA cable.

First, [VGA cables](#). These have been around for some time. They often, but not always, have blue ends on them. They connect your monitor to your desktop tower. Oftentimes, when you think of a computer, you think of the monitor screen and forget that there is a cable connecting that monitor screen to the actual computer. This cable has a plug-in section on the back of most desktop computers (also called the tower) that connects the tower to the monitor. Also, many projectors have a VGA port on the back of them as well. VGA cables are something you may lying around and if so, great! You should have one on standby because you may be using it to hook up your laptop to your tv to watch some of the Renewal's video content.

Second, [HDMI cables](#). These are newer cables that have gained in popularity over the past 10 years. They are better than VGA cables because they allow AUDIO to be transmitted from them to screen (or monitor) that possesses speakers. For example, if you plug this cable into your computer and into the back of a tv, you will oftentimes be able to play Netflix from your computer on the tv with the sound coming out of the tv. It may not work every time depending on your computer and tv, but it generally will. HDMI cables have a flat end on either side that plug into matching slots on various devices such as computers, TVs, and projectors. This is THE CORD you should have handy. Many of your newer model (within the last 3-5 years) laptops and TVs have this plugin option available by default.

I hope this section on cords was not too boring or redundant. It is important to me that everyone be on the same page. Not only does it help you feel like you know a thing or two about technology, but if you do need help setting up, having this knowledge already in your back pocket will make troubleshooting easier. Now, you may noticed I mentioned projectors a few times during this newsletter. I did so on purpose. One great thing about the rapid pace of technological development over the past decade is that projectors have come down in price and in size, yet have not lost much in the quality department. I personally have a small projector and have used it in the past to make choir sing-a-longs for a party go smoothly. It is not very fun to make everyone bring their music books and hymnals to a pot luck; there would be less room on the tables for pies and cheesecake!! Below, I have an exercise I would like each group to perform. It MUST be performed in your small group, because you MUST have some serious discussion about the direction you want to go in.

### Exercise:

Your small group has just finished eating snacks and giving prayer requests. Before opening up the bibles to read the readings of the day, y'all decide to get the administration part out of the way. You check with Mary and Sue to make sure they are bringing food next week. You remind Bob that he needs to invite the pastor to the next meeting. And then Anna Mae brings up that she is having a difficult time seeing the tv when y'all play a DVD. Nothing against the tv size but her eyes are just not what they used to be. You bring up that in the newsletter this month, there were some links to projectors, [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). These projectors can be connected to a computer. The projector will then project whatever is on the computer onto a wall or to a [projector screen](#). Some projectors are better than others you say, but ultimately your group just needs one to help everyone see more clearly. You lead the group in discussion about cost and about where you might put the projector in the room you are meeting in. You then move on to the readings of the day but not before deciding that everyone is going to crowd around your laptop to look at the projectors mentioned in this month's newsletter.

I hope this *Nuts and Bolts* section was beneficial this month. Remember, God gave us dominion over the earth and computers are made up of minerals. We CAN use these devices to advance the Kingdom of God and we can use them mightily. Have a great rest of the month and God Bless!

*If you have any questions getting your small group set up technology-wise, please do not hesitate to text me at 870-378-6800 or email me at [todd.baltz@gmail.com](mailto:todd.baltz@gmail.com) to set up a phone call.*

*The blue links, those are great to click on!*

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## ***CHARISMATIC PRAYERS GROUPS IN ARKANSAS***

| Group Type             | Name                         | City              | Contact                    | Email/Phone  |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Prayer Group           | New Life                     | Conway            | Pat Hoelzeman              | 501-329-6314 |
| Prayer Group           | Heart of Jesus               | Fort Smith        | Phylis Weisenfels          | 479-783-0971 |
| Ministry<br>Magnificat | A Ministry to Catholic Women | Hardy             | Shirley Heuser             | 807-856-2543 |
| Prayer Group           | Light In the Darkness        | Hattieville       | Donna McCall               | 501-354-9786 |
| Prayer Group           | Children of God              | Hot Springs       | Christy Miller             | 501-318-9242 |
| Prayer Group           | Christ the King              | Little Rock       | Fred & Tammy<br>Woell      | 501-225-9287 |
| Prayer Group           | Holy Souls Prayer Group      | Little Rock       | Susej Thompson             | 501-772-2512 |
| Prayer Group           | Living Waters                | Mena              | Dc. Larry Hatch            | 479-394-5655 |
| Prayer Group           | Our God Reigns               | North Little Rock | Jerri Miller               | 501-835-6044 |
| Prayer Group           | The Friends of Jesus         | Pine Bluff        | Jim & Joanne Rin-<br>chuso | 870-879-3555 |
| Prayer Group           | St. Paul                     | Pocahontas        | Dennis & Janet Holt        | 870-892-9473 |
| Prayer Group           | Praise and Worship           | Russellville      | Marion Hotz                | 479-967-4296 |
| Prayer Group           | Glory of Zion                | Subiaco           | Fr. Mark Stengel<br>OSB    | 479-934-1169 |
| Prayer Group           | Merciful Heart               | Rogers            | Rebecca Brandes            | 316-258-2583 |
| Prayer Group           | Holy Family                  | Hot Springs       | Ruth Sliger                | 501-282-5292 |