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A Word from Fr. Norbert

THE PROMISE OF TOMORROW

I recently received a plaque that had the phrase “To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” As a gardener this phrase truly captures the driving motivation of most people who find so much satisfaction in gardening. Yes, the produce is sweet. The wonder we enjoy as we watch the hand of God work His miracles, and the dance of creation unfolding before our eyes can be uplifting, breathtaking and life changing. Mostly however, we enjoy the gift of faith to believe there will be a tomorrow as we watch creation die and rise over and over again. We come to understand death and resurrection and that it will be no different for us. Our hard work as gardeners is always rewarded with resurrection in our hearts of the wonder and promise of tomorrow here or in heaven.

Now, I also came to realize one day, and this is something we all know, that we are about 80% water and 20% dirt (mineral). We are all gardens! I think you all know where I am going with this. How does your garden grow? If we find ourselves depressed, tired, burned out, angry, sad with no hope, maybe we have not planted our garden at all, but have left it to chance. Oh, yeah, a garden will always grow something. But, a wild garden is planted by wind blowing in whatever it can carry or water carrying in whatever floats or can be swept by its current or the different wildlife depositing their share of seeds, which leaves the garden full of growth but nothing or very little that profits the soul. But, it can even choke the soul and leave it thinking the world around them is all there is. We know this world is wasting away awaiting its own resurrection to a new earth.

A person of joy, faith, patience, self- control and hope, is a person

who takes the time to plant their garden with things that are profitable for themselves and everyone else around them. Then they spend most of their day pulling all the wild stuff, composting it, so it even nourishes and helps make fruitful the garden that promises the soul of a tomorrow resurrection.

Again how does your garden grow? Is it filled with the random business of life? Uncontemplated and without purposeful decisions about how the proverbial “I” is existing today for the praise of God’s glory, or are we meticulously working hard at purposely planting and protecting those spiritual crops that produce 30, 60 or 100 fold for the praise of God’s glory, and rewards us with the promise of tomorrow in this world or the next?

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.

The ACCR Newsletter is published bi-monthly in email format only. Please share this newsletter with family and friends. The next newsletter will be published on November 1. The deadline for articles and information for the next newsletter will be October 15. Please contact accnewsletter@gmail.com to send articles. All articles will be reviewed before publication. Your prayers for this endeavor are greatly appreciated.

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“Listen Like Mary” Conference

Ladies, are you hungry for more of God? Have you ever asked God to speak to your heart? Have you cried out for help and knew there has to a better way to cope with the day in and day out events of life? Do you long for fellowship with other women? Are you wondering how to help your children be faith filled adults? Are you in love with the Lord and your faith? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then mark your calendar for September 8th, 2018 to attend our Women’s Conference “LISTEN LIKE MARY”.

Our local Magnificat Chapter “Jesus Bread of Life” along with the Women’s Adult Faith Formation groups and our Woman to Woman Ministry here at St Josephs have been working together since this past April to bring a dynamic day for you and your young women. We are hosting a Women’s Conference “Listen Like Mary” featuring Sonya Corbitt author, speaker, and guest on EWTN television and radio. Sonya, a convert from the Southern Baptist faith, will share her testimony about how seeking the truth brought her to the Catholic Church. She is an engaging speaker with a gift for breaking open scripture and is known as the Bible Study Evangelista. Sonya’s books and bible studies *Unleashed*, *Fearless*, *Ignite*, and *Soul of the World* are a few of her publications. Sonya is also a contributor to the Magnificat Magazine, a columnist for the Great Adventure Bible Study with Jeff Cavin's and is a Dynamic Catholic speaker. Along with her personal sharing we will have praise and worship music, adoration and a wonderful meal together. The day will be a wonderful way to listen, learn and be inspired to grow in holiness.

We are highly encouraging you to bring your moms, daughters, granddaughters and nieces to this event. It will be a great way to spend the day with the most important people in your life. What ages are appropriate? You know your young women the best. A guideline would be if they have the ability to listen to 45 minute talks.

The registration fee is \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for those 21 and under which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. You may register online or by mail. For more information visit the church web sight at sjparish.org and click on the link “Listen Like Mary”. You may also go to Facebook at Magnificat Central Arkansas Chapter. We are praying for each of you and hope to see you there!

Listen Like Mary
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

FEATURING
Sonya Corbitt
SPEAKER - AUTHOR
BROADCASTER

Saturday,
September 8, 2018
8:30am-3:00pm
St. Joseph
Catholic Church
Spiritan Center
Multipurpose Room
CONWAY, AR

Full details & registration information may be found at sjparish.org

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THE ARMOR OF GOD

BY PATTI BRUNNER

There is a spiritual war waged against us whether we believe it or not. We tend not to recognize Satan, who we know as the “father of sin”. Our ignorance of him makes him far more effective. As Christians we are in a daily battle of some sort on a daily basis. Our spiritual battle is real, even though we cannot see the attacker. But in the spiritual realm, there is a battle raging regardless of my willingness to fight. God has authority over heaven and earth; we just have to stand with him when we are bombarded by the evil in this world. It may seem that the world is getting far more evil than it has ever been before, and that may be true, but evil is not new. God wants us to be prepared. He doesn’t want us to be beaten down. But we have to equip ourselves with all God gives us.

If you are familiar with the Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 6, verses 10-17, in the New Testament, you have heard about the Armor of God. Early on in healing ministry, I was taught the importance of putting on this armor before ministering, indeed to daily pray to take up the Helmet of Salvation, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Belt of Truth, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Sword of the Spirit which was the Word of God. I prayed this for fifteen years, expecting the Lord’s protection against the devil’s schemes and what the Ephesians’ verse 12 calls our struggle with, “*the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.*” But when we prepared to teach about the Armor of God in Rogers at the Patriarch House Spiritual Formation and I asked the Lord to teach me about the Breastplate of Righteousness, I began to realize that this Armor of God is not limited to a prayer but is the strength of a Christian’s walk with the Lord. After recognizing that righteousness comes from Jesus Christ I discovered that the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation deliver His righteousness to us! My tip-off to greater understanding was when the Lord shared that the Sacrament of Reconciliation cleanses our breastplate and keeps the heart guarded from the effects of sin. Not alone could man do this, only in Christ. The enemy longs for you to deny and reject it--the only way it can be penetrated. Reconciliation “polishes” and removes the filth that accumulates so that it does not become so burdened with sin that you want to remove it because of its heaviness. Caked with personal sin and bitterness it seems to be the problem instead of the solution. Have you ever felt “lighter” after a good reconciliation? Guarding your heart is so important to Christians to help you from giving your heart to others – the false gods. The Lord’s righteousness restores purity to those who have looked the other way and have been enticed by wealth, power and pleasure. The yoke of righteousness looks to the perfect obedience of Jesus when your own fails and allows restoration. And this was just one of the pieces of the armor God provides to us!

At Patriarch House our team spent eight weeks looking at each phrase of verses 14-17 in Ephesians and taught about each item of armament the Lord provides to us through His Church. In order to share with more people this Truth of the Spirit, our

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team recorded our talks and posted them as podcasts and YouTube videos. You can access them in various ways. To easily watch, listen or read our talks please see <http://www.patriarchministries.com/> . They are ***Truth of the Spirit Episodes TS015-TS023***. You will also find references and small group discussion questions at the end of each blog.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 says, *“For though we live in the world we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretense that sets itself against the knowledge of God. And we take every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”*

There are tools given to us by our Catholic faith. These are richly founded in our faith. Standing firm in the Armor of God does not stop spiritual warfare from raging; it stops it from defeating you!

It is very important to say a prayer of protection for both yourself and your family daily. These prayers were taken from the book, *Deliverance Prayers for the Laity*, published in 2016 by Sensus Traditionis Press.

Prayer of Authority

Lord Jesus Christ, in Thy Name, I ask Thee to bind and silence all powers and forces that do not accept Thee as Lord and King, in the air, in the water, in the ground, the netherworld and nature and the spiritual world. I ask Thee to bind all demonic action and demonic communication. Lord, seal this whole place, all of us here and all our intentions in the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Mary, we ask thee to surround us with thy mantle of protection and crush Satan's power in our lives. Saint Michael the Archangel, we ask you and all our Guardian Angels to defend us in battle against Satan and the powers of darkness. Amen.

Prayer of Command

In His Name and by the power of His Cross and Blood, I ask Jesus to bind any evil spirits, forces and powers of the earth, air, fire, or water, of the netherworld and the satanic forces of nature. By the power of the Holy Spirit and by His authority, I ask Jesus Christ to break any curses, hexes, or spells and send them back to where they came from, if it be His Holy Will. I beseech Thee Lord Jesus to protect us by pouring Thy Precious Blood on us (my family, etc.), which Thou hast shed for us and I ask Thee to command that any departing spirits leave quietly, without disturbance, and go straight to Thy Cross to dispose of as Thou sees fit. I ask Thee to bind any demonic interaction, interplay or communications. I place *N. (person, place or thing)* under the protection of the Blood of Jesus Christ which He shed for us. Amen.



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Spoon-Fed

By Dr. Dennis Holt

For me this was one of the best conferences we have had. The new setting at St. Joseph's, the speakers, the music, the "hands on" demonstrations, were just the high points for me, but I praise God for all those who gave of their time and talents to serve so many people. A big shout out to everyone.

I was especially blessed by the enthusiasm and reverence Father Mathis and Patrick shared about their love and faith in our Lord Jesus. I think the Holy Spirit used these men to spoon feed us and share how the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for us all. One thing that caught my attention was when Patrick said that if "your church" is not interested in evangelizing the people and sharing Christ with others, that church does not need the gifts of the Holy Spirit. To me that was simple and yet so profound. That explains why so many churches are slowly drying up. Years ago the Holy Spirit told me that the churches that did not let "My Spirit blow on them" would dry up. Patrick's words to me were a confirmation of that word (rhema) but it is something that doesn't have to be. Nearly every person participated in the exercises this conference and was so excited that the Holy Spirit was pouring out His Spirit on "all flesh."

About three years ago I gave a talk at the conference entitled "Why Every Person Needs to Be Charismatic." The Church began at Pentecost and the Father did not make a mistake by giving us the gifts that were given that day. Pentecost is the beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ and the River flows from there to everyone who believes (Mark 16:15-18). Psalm 34:8 says to taste and see that the Lord is good. We all tasted at the conference and proved without any shadow of a doubt that our Father is very good. From the preparatory prayer in the chapel before the conference started, it was obvious to all that the Holy Spirit was going to move big and He did. Both Father Mathias and Patrick were impressed by how we seemed to be such a close family. I know so many others felt that same thing. I believe that what we all experienced at the conference is what the Father wants His entire church to experience.

Everything was done with such reverence and enthusiasm that totally contradicted the myth that Charismatics are weird and disrespectful. The Eucharistic procession was fantastic. I loved the shouting, laughter, and adoration extended to our Beloved Jesus as He was carried around the auditorium by Father Tony. The word, "halal," in Hebrew is part of the word, halleluiah. It actually comes from two words, halal-Yahweh. We interpret the word, "halal," as praise be God, but at its root it means "foolish raving." On Friday night I saw the same excitement for our Savior as I see at football games. What a blessing that was. I think we gave ole blind Bartimaeus a run for his money.

The question I propose now is: What are you going to do with what you learned and experienced? There was so much grace poured out at the Conference and it does not need to be discounted. We are His light, and He proved it to everyone. Can we be content to go back to our parish and sit in a pew and beg God to love us?

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Are we willing to risk as Patrick said to see our faith come into action? There are so many hurting people around us every day and we have the answer to their misery and pain – Jesus Christ.

I ask that you pray and ask the Holy Spirit what He is asking of you. Maybe you could begin by just getting with one other person and praying with, for, and over them and then asking the Lord for a word for them. At ACCC we want to help. What can we do to help you get started in the vision that the Holy Spirit is giving you? You were not at the conference by accident. That was a divine appointment orchestrated by the Father. You tasted the New Wine that Jesus is offering and millions are thirsting for. Will you pass the glass for others to taste or will you just go back to things as usual?

As always we at ACCC welcome your suggestions and ideas in how we can better serve every parish in our state. The team has been praying the prayer: “Next year in Verizon Arena.” Before the six day war in 1967 in Israel the Jews did not have possession of Jerusalem. Their prayer to the Father for years preceding the war was: “Next year in Jerusalem.” That prayer was answered in 1967. Wouldn’t it be sweet if one day soon we had to have our Conference in Verizon Arena because of the huge number of people attending? I can only imagine.

“But they could not find a way to take the man into the house where Jesus was. But they could not find a way to take him in because of so many people. They made a hole in the roof over where Jesus stood. Then they let the bed with the sick man on it down before Jesus” - Luke 5:19.

Shalom

Conference Testimonies

By Debbie Eckert

Just the week before the conference Kenny and I were on vacation together. We were with each other 24-7 during this particular week. Due to this fact, I began to notice that almost everything that anyone said, Kenny was asking for us to repeat. I had also noticed that at Mass he couldn’t hear homilies, or if he spoke to me, it wasn’t in a whisper but quite loud. He couldn’t hear me if I whispered to him. While on vacation our daughter said that she thought he really had significant hearing loss. I had noticed it, but really became aware of the fact while we were together on vacation.

Saturday night at the Healing Service during the Conference, Fr Mathias asked for those who had ear problems to stand up. I guess Kenny didn’t hear him or didn’t recognize his hearing deficit. I nudged him in the side and said stand up and claim your healing. Kenny stood up and all of us around him prayed over him. Nothing spectacular happened to Kenny but when he spoke to me, there was a remarkable change in the volume of his voice. I said: “Are you hearing better?” He replied “yes I think so.” Then he asked me if he was talking softer and I said yes. I whispered in his ear and so did Fr Mathias and he could hear everything.

Since then, the TV volume is lower and he has not asked me to repeat anything. He definitely received a healing and we give thanks and praise to God!

Testimony from the Conference

A lady from Fayetteville, Paula, who is an Oblate of Subiaco Abbey, had attended the recent double ordination at the Abbey. At the dinner following the ordination, she asked whether she might go see Fr. Hugh (Assenmacher) in a Fayetteville hospital. Fr. Hugh had suffered a brain injury in a fall and had been taken to Fayetteville. She was urged to visit with Fr. Hugh. Over the next ten days she spent a lot of time with Fr. Hugh, praying with him, singing to him, trying to help him eat, etc. She sent daily reports back to the Abbey. So when he died after several days, she was really downhearted. She attended Father Hugh's funeral on Friday, and then drove to Conway for the conference. She said that on the way, she was telling the Lord about her sorrow and asked Jesus to give her some sign during the conference that Fr. Hugh was at peace.

At the session on Sunday morning, when people were asked to pair up and the first person was to ask for God's word for them, Paula stood behind a woman. When this woman turned around, she acted very surprised at whom she saw. But she then said that she had seen Jesus and Mary, and that their word for Paula was that she should be comforted and not be afraid, that they (Jesus and Mary) loved her very much.

At that point, the announcement was made that all should immediately go to church, that it was time for Mass to begin. Paula sensed that there was more to the message, and so she sought out the woman after Mass to ask her whether there was something more. The woman said that yes there was. The reason she was surprised to see Paula, a woman, when she turned around, was that she had also seen an unknown man with Jesus and Mary, and so she had assumed that the person behind her was this man. She said that this man was a fairly tall, well-built man, with short gray or white hair. He was dressed in a very nice neat blue shirt with no wrinkles. He looked very serene, was smiling nicely, and said nothing, but she sensed that he too wanted to comfort her (Paula).

Oblate Paula told me, Fr. Mark, of this "word" to her, and I told her that Fr. Hugh very often wore nice guayabera shirts, including a blue one. Paula left the conference feeling much loved and consoled.

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When we went to the convention in Little Rock they prayed over Don for his eyes and the doctor told him that his pressure in his eyes was down from 23-24 to 16, which is the best it's been in four years. Praise the Lord! ~ Marguerite and Don Rhodes

From Keaton Black, youth

Healing was always something that I thought would be awesome to experience, but never believed it would happen to me. Before my shoulder was healed there was a sharp pain right above my shoulder blade that would restrict me at times; it was most probably caused from throwing out my arm in baseball, yet I'm not entirely sure what the initial cause of the pain was. Even running was a struggle because the simple movement of my arm would hurt, but when everyone put their arms out in prayer I felt God's presence. It was like nothing was ever wrong in the first place!

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By Elizabeth Johanna Thomas

The Power of the Holy Spirit was all over this conference--for what I experienced happened all weekend!!

First: starting with the Procession of Jesus--I was first given a vision of a very tormented face and the words to Pray for those in Torment --the poor souls here on earth and those in purgatory. The face was in great agony, and the message very urgent to "PRAY for those who are tormented." As the weekend proceeded, I saw just how tormented we are--starting with me.

Friday Jesus sent 4 different males in different stages of life. The first my eyes saw was around 21 and I find he is a Seminarian. Man behind him was a father of three lovely children, THEN two 12 year old boys --Jacob and Ezekiel from ALASKA!! All were visited with. sharing a special word from God to each of them.

I did not see the "GIFT" until the Eucharistic Procession and a little 1 year old baby boy was fussing as I was kneeling on the floor. We were singing and I turned to him and "sang to him and made eye contact." I held him then--my spirit was flooded with the realization that God allowing to hold "John Michael" a child I miscarried the first year of marriage. As I was crying, smiling and being flooded with joy--my eyes looked over to the other 'male figures' and I realized that God had allowed me to connect with my 'son' in all the stages of his life. YES!!!

Saturday --God in His mysterious ways--TRIGGERED a deeply tormented child of who felt rejection many times over the years. When that happened, deep anger rose within!! Thanks to Father Norbert, God gave me insight as to why this eruption was needed. Unless YOU ARE HEALED OF A HURT--the vessel is not as effective in ministry.

Saturday night, still feeling unloved and unwanted ---tried to isolate myself--But you know God--no hiding from Him. There, God released all the rage and anger within as I lay in the Spirit. A sweet lady wearing a blue blouse stayed with me through this time, she just kept holding me as the Holy Spirit had me drunk with joy, and I could not stand. She was the Blessed Mother when I needed mommy the most, for God was healing the rejected child and also a little girl who had been 'touched' in very wrong ways by some folks.

Sunday I was given a WORD by Tammy of a vision of a volcano erupting and then Fred said that a nine year old girl was cleansed and given new life. Those WORDS confirmed exactly what God did that weekend. All Glory to God forever!!

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CHARISMATIC PRAYER 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 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 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 |
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