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## From the Desk of Father Andrés

### The Passion of the Holy Spirit

The Bible and Christian writers describe the power of the Holy Spirit, the spread of Jesus, by drawing comparisons: They speak of light, rest, companionship, warmth, health, comfort, joy, all of which have been incorporated in theology to explain the Holy Spirit.

We could find two opposing versions of Christians: The one without the Holy Spirit who spends time regretting the bad days, living an unenthusiastic life of anemic faith; or another who is happy because of the lived experience of the love of God, optimistic despite difficulty, hopeful in the face of tragedy. That person doesn't forget Heaven, but is also committed to earth today.

Why are they different? The second person practices the Presence of the Holy Spirit.

A catechism teacher is enthusiastic in his work. He finds new resources every day to convey the gospel. He may not notice, but the gift of Wisdom accompanies him.

A worker is said to have common sense. For him the most complicated situations are clear, he finds the right solution. He practices the unseen gift of Understanding.

A professional, a priest, a mother, all share something in common. When others come to them with their problems and painful histories, they communicate peace, joy and the desire to persevere, sharing with them the encouragement of the gift of Counsel.

A scientist awakens daily and goes to the laboratory. He might isolate a virus, test a vaccine, or develop a serum; ever with the rebellious desire to help humanity, a virtue that accompanies the gift of Science.

An alcoholic, a drug addict, a desperate young lady are suddenly aware that the image of God the Father has not been erased from their memory. They savor His kindness. Guided by the Fear of God, they make their way back.

A husband sees his home at risk: He prays and seeks help. He suffers and struggles. Then one day, things start to change, as if the fog is lifted. He has been sustained by the invisible gift of Strength.

The youth group members discover the power of prayer. Each week they invest time to communicate with God. The Lord speaks to them. He comes into their lives. He transforms them. They are encouraged by God's gift of Piety.

Thank you Holy Spirit for being such sweet, earthly company!

God bless you.  
 Fr. Andres

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## From Marge Chavez

*“It was I, the Lord, who made them holy.” (Ezekiel 20:12 NBA)*

“Holiness 20:12” is the theme for our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference being held Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Holiness is for everyone and we should strive for holiness. As Mother Theresa said to a reporter, “Holiness is a duty for you and me.”

“Strive for peace with all men, and for the Holiness without which no one will see the Lord” (Heb. 12:14). As we strive for holiness we grow in a deeper love for God and for all those around us. Our desire for holiness deepens as we serve our fellowman. We need to pray for a servant’s heart, that we will be joyful and loving when we go about our Master’s work. His flock is precious to Him and He so lovingly entrusts them to us to love, nurture and embrace ever so tenderly. May we have unconditional love for all those that cross our path.

We ask for holiness as St. Francis of Assisi asked God to give him holiness in his prayer:

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon, where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope, where there is darkness, light, where there is sadness, joy. O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

We invite you to come and see what the Lord has in store for you and all those that you invite to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference on “Holiness”.

Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevaes, Fr. Bill Halbing, from Newark, New Jersey, and Jim Murphy, currently a consultant for the National Service Committee for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, will be our keynote speakers. (Other speakers TBA.)

There will also be a Life in the Spirit Seminar for youth and young adults in a separate room from the main conference.

Love, joy, peace and blessings to each one of you. —Marge

## Companion on the Journey

By Tom Beale

Can you imagine Jesus asking his disciples: “Is my gift wisdom, or is it knowledge, or perhaps understanding?”

That seems absurd. The seven gifts listed in Isaiah 11 describe Jesus. He didn’t just have those “gifts.” They described him. They were part of him, of who he was. Likewise, what charisms of the Spirit did Jesus have? The answer: All of them, to be used as needed in his ministry.

What about us? When we are baptized, we receive the Holy Spirit in fullness. In Confirmation we receive “the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on Pentecost.” (CCC 1302) The Spirit becomes part of us and our new nature. We are a new creation in Christ, with God’s Spirit present within us.

And what “gifts” and charisms does the Spirit bring with him? All of them - to be used as desired and as needed by the Spirit, to do his work of sanctification in us, and through us to others.

In a recent news story, a man saved a woman’s life by lifting a car off her – by himself. It was a special strength given him at that instant, something extraordinary and beyond himself at work, but something required for the task at hand. That is much the way the gifts and charisms of the Spirit work. They are extraordinary, supernatural abilities when needed - God working through us to complete his own work. They’re not “our gifts”. It’s not our work. It’s God’s work through us.

When we are prompted by the Spirit to take some action, we can act obediently and confidently that the Spirit will provide the ability needed to complete his purpose. The man in the story didn’t stop to think about the strength required to save the woman’s life. He just acted and he had the strength when he needed it.

The Holy Spirit, our constant companion, will direct and guide our every step – if we will only listen to him and obey him. Let us always be fully confident that he will not only guide us, but that he will work through us using whatever talent, ability or gift that is required. Alleluia.

Let’s pray: “Holy Spirit, my companion on life’s journey, I surrender myself again to you. I marvel at your presence in my life. Help me to hear and know your voice. Help me to be obedient to your command. Make me fully confident in your ability to work through me as you desire. Amen.”

Listen for God’s Spirit today. He is your companion on the journey.

Photos below from “A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit” held April 16, 2011 at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help in Scottsdale. (See story on page 5.)



Photos below from “A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit” held on June 11, 2011 at St. Rose Philippine Duchesne in Anthem. (See story on page 6.)



## Healing Masses

Charismatic masses followed by the laying on of hands for healing are celebrated throughout the year at parish churches in the Diocese of Phoenix.

(See stories about healing masses at Prince of Peace Sun City West p. 5, and St. Jerome's in Phoenix on page 7.)

For information on how to set up a healing mass at your parish contact Marge Chavez at 480-201-6691.

## Life In The Spirit Seminars

Life in the Spirit Seminars serve as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide teaching, guidance, and prayer leading to a new and deeper relationship with the Lord. They are an invitation to make or renew a deep personal commitment to Jesus Christ in openness to the Holy Spirit and His gifts. Seminars are given throughout the year at parish churches in the Diocese of Phoenix.

(See story about the Youth and Family Life in the Spirit Seminar at St. Thomas Aquinas in Avondale on page 7.)

For information about how to set up a Life in the Spirit Seminar at your parish contact Tom Beale at 623-878-6488.

## A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit Day of Retreat and Reflection

In the scripture John 14:26 Jesus tells his disciples, “the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.”

In this one-day retreat we learn what the scriptures and the church tell us about the Holy Spirit and simple, practical ways to personally experience the Holy Spirit in our lives.

(See stories in this issue about “Pilgrimages” held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Scottsdale p.5, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne in Anthem p.6, and Queen of Peace in Mesa p.6.)

For information on setting up a Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit Day of Retreat and Reflection at your parish contact Tom Beale at 623-878-6488.

## Valley Wide Charismatic Prayer Meetings

Valley wide prayer meetings open to everyone from the entire diocese of Phoenix are held every second Friday of the month throughout the year. Meetings include praise and worship, teachings, prayer, and fellowship, and are held at a different parish church each month.

For information on setting up a valley wide prayer meeting at your parish contact Marge Chavez at 480-201-6691 or JoAnn Duffy at 480-945-2990.

## Weekly Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Meetings

Weekly charismatic prayer group meetings are held at many parishes throughout the valley where there is praise and worship, teaching, sharing, prayer ministry and fellowship. These meetings provide a place for the formation of close friendships with other charismatic Catholics in a local area and encourage growth in the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and a life lived in the Holy Spirit.

For more information on starting a prayer group at your parish or to locate a weekly prayer group meeting in your area contact Marge Chavez at 480-201-6691 or JoAnn Duffy at 480-945-2990.

## Worship Night

To host a worship night– a time of praise and worship especially for youth and young adults (but all ages welcome), contact Jojo Concepcion at 623-229-6902.

## April Showers of Blessings at “A Pilgrimage With the Holy Spirit” at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help

As the old saying goes that April showers bring May flowers, so the Holy Spirit showered so many blessings upon the participants and team giving the “Pilgrimage” at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Scottsdale on April 16, that we saw the glow of faith blooming all over those who were there that day!! What a beautiful outpouring we experienced!

Teachings and touching testimonies were given by CRM leaders Tom Beale, and Manuel and Bertha Murillo, about their own development of a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit, Jesus, and the Father, while inspiring praise and worship was led by the outstanding Lamb of God Music Ministry.

Special guest speaker and teacher was OLPH’s very own Associate Pastor Father Chad King who also shared the story of his life and how he came to experience the wonderful healing and transforming power of the Holy Spirit at prayer gatherings in Steubenville as he literally watched people change and become more joyful and alive. He reminded us that we are all called to remain in the presence of the Holy Spirit and pray for others to be free, healed and whole again. We are to be God’s instruments to bring God’s love and healing to others.



As prayer teams ministered to people at the end of the “Pilgrimage” we could see the changes blossoming on the faces of those who were there and experienced that same thrill of joy that Father King experienced so many years ago!



On Tuesday April 26 there was a follow up meeting in the St. Daniel the Prophet Catholic Church Chapel for those who had attended the “Pilgrimage” on the 16th.

The “Pilgrimage” was sponsored by Catholic Renewal Ministries of the Diocese of Phoenix and St. Daniel prayer group.

## CRM Valley Wide Healing Mass at Prince of Peace Catholic Church Sun City West



Prayer teams and CRM leaders rejoice in song and thanksgiving at the close of the May 13th Valley Wide praise and worship and Healing Mass held at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Sun City West.

Father Augustine Ogumere, Parochial Vicar at St Clement of Rome in Sun City, celebrated the healing mass and spoke eloquently about The Eucharist and who we are in God. He told us that nothing can take away from us who we are, that we are so blessed to be able to receive Jesus in communion. In the day’s reading Jesus tells us, “whoever eats my body and drinks my blood will have eternal life”.



We are adopted sons and daughters of God and nothing can take that away from us. It’s not like the manna God gave the Israelites in the desert, which was only temporary. They didn’t know who Jesus was. But we need have no doubt that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist. If he has done this, what else can he not do? They prepared for Him, were given instruction. Jesus has been sent to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom. If you believe, you will have eternal life. Jesus says, “If you drink My blood and eat My body you will have eternal life.” Don’t doubt. He says, “I am Jesus”.

At communion we enter the mystical body of Christ, the church. If we sin, doubt, we delay what He wants to do for us. We must know we are nothing and surrender ourselves so he can use us. Do not be afraid, be encouraged. He is love, compassion, forgiveness, healing, peace. Seek Him. If you are sick you are participating in the cross of redemption.

We ask, “take my pain, grief, and cleanse me. Take them and let them become a cleansing in me, let me be redeemed. I will continue living forever.” When this life ends we continue living. We belong to God. Sickness doesn’t take away anything from who we are in God. “Lord make us accept You and ourselves for who we are. Do not make us be afraid, but believe You are ever with us. Praise, glory and honor be to you now and forever, Amen.”

**“A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit”  
Held at St. Rose Philippine Duchesne  
Catholic Church in Anthem**



St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Church in Anthem celebrated their first “Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit” retreat on Saturday, June 11, 2011, hosted by St. Rose “ad majorem Dei gloriam” (for the greater glory of God) prayer group.

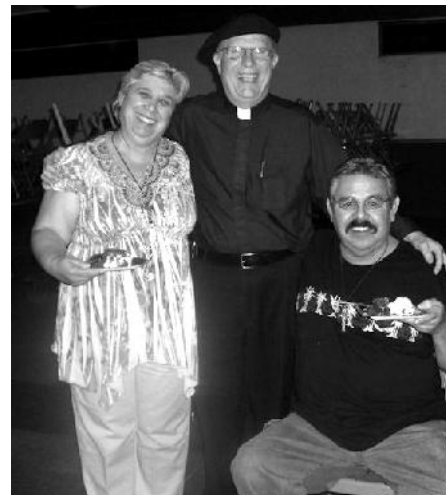
The retreat had an attendance of 75 people, including members from sixteen parishes statewide. Truly a day of blessings for everyone!

Ken & Maria Goracke

(More pictures on page 4)



**Pilgrimage  
With The  
Holy Spirit  
Turns Into a  
Retreat for  
the Leaders  
Team at  
Queen of  
Peace**



A “Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit” day of retreat was planned for Saturday June 4 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mesa to introduce people to the life lived in the Holy Spirit before having another Life in the Spirit Seminar there. But Life in the Spirit Seminars have been put on there in the past for the whole parish at the request of Father Charlie Gorieb, pastor of Queen of Peace. So most parishioners there had already been introduced to the material before.

So, when no one showed up except the leadership teams and members of CRM for the “Pilgrimage”, Tom Beale, CRM’s leader for the retreat, decided to turn the day into a special day of retreat for the leaders, making it a much deeper pilgrimage retreat to serve those who had come to serve, those who were already living a life in relationship with the Holy Spirit.

For those 30 leaders who were there the Holy Spirit moved “tremendously”. “We were fed deeply and, although we were already very close to one another in the Renewal, we were brought even closer to each other than we had been before. We felt such a deep unity among us. The move of the Holy Spirit was so powerful! We received so much more than we were expecting,” said Manuel and Bertha Murillo of their experience of the day. “Truly a very blessed day!”

In addition to the regular speakers for the day, Father Charlie also spoke to the group, and his teaching and sharing was such a wonderful blessing! We were so delighted to have him there with us. Thank you Father Charlie!!

At the end of the day the leaders prayed with each other for their own personal needs. Bertha said, “We felt that the Holy Spirit really stirred things up for us and renewed the fire within us. We felt encouraged. We felt that God did this for us to give us a time of refreshment. It was very powerful and meaningful for us.”

**Holy Land Pilgrimage!!**

**August 31 - September 11, 2011**

Come join Fr. Andres and walk where Jesus once walked. Take a “Jesus Boat” excursion on the Sea of Galilee and be inspired! Step into the Jordan River and renew your Baptism promises! Celebrate Mass at Mt. Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration, Jerusalem with the Mount of Olives, and the Way of the Cross! Ascend Masada by cable car and later take a dip in the Dead Sea. Travel to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity! All this and more on this inspirational Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Air, hotels, 2 meals a day, plus more for \$3,375 per person from Phoenix. Space is limited, reserve your seat now!

For more information:

[www.pilgrimages.com/stjerome](http://www.pilgrimages.com/stjerome)  
or call Redetta at 602-909-9303

## Youth and Family Life in the Spirit Seminar and Pentecost Celebration Held at St. Thomas Aquinas

God's Love and Spirit of Peace Prayer Groups, and Simple Praise Music Ministries presented a Life in the Spirit Seminar for young people and their families on June 11 at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Avondale, fol-



lowed by praise and worship celebrating Pentecost. The guest speaker and teacher for the day was Brother Ale Aguspina.

Many of the young people who attended shared their thoughts afterward. Here are some of them:

**Allyson Santiago (Age 16):** "During the LSS, I really liked Brother Ale who spoke. He had a lot of humor! The songs being played gave meaning that related to real life. Every time you listened to the songs you became closer to God and the Holy Spirit. During the Praise and Worship at night, I accepted the Holy Spirit inside me."

**Kayla Concepcion (Age 18):** "I loved spending a whole day with God and people



who love him as much as I do. This experience really opened up my eyes and heart more to God. During the LSS there was this one portion

where the speaker, Brother Ale, had everyone close their eyes and have the elders lay their hands on us and pray. It was really intense, because one of them laid their hands on me and I started to cry. It was really emotional and I loved it. I can't wait for next year!"

**Cyril Pangan (Age 19):** "The Life in the Spirit Seminar (Pentecost Celebration) had a great impact on me. It was a great experience. A whole day glorifying and

praising God! We were provided with food, talks given by Brother Ale, and music that was sang and played by Jojo Concepcion and Band 8:28. Brother Ale's talks were funny but amazing. There was not one point where I would get lost and not pay attention. Imagine paying attention to a person talk for a whole day! He is the funniest preacher I have ever met and he makes his teachings relevant to the daily life. Even the youngest of the children were laughing and listening to him speak. He also sings and acts while he preaches.

My favorite part of celebrating Pentecost was at the end of the seminar. There was a two hour gap followed by Praise and Worship that was lead by Simple Praise Ministry. There's nothing better than praising, worshipping, and glorifying God. Having the Holy Spirit in the room with every one felt amazing."

## Pentecost Celebrated at St. Jerome's Healing Mass

St. Jerome Catholic Church in Phoenix celebrated the Feast of Pentecost at the 2nd Monday of the month Healing Mass on Monday, June 13, 2011.

What an awesome evening of Praise and Worship and Healing!

Father John Shetler, associate pastor at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mesa, celebrated Mass, and as always wore his infamous "red" cowboy boots. Father also wore a "red stole" that was blessed by "Blessed" John Paul II back on September 14, 1987

when he celebrated Mass with the faithful at ASU stadium on his memorable visit here as pope.

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**Upcoming Events in Brief**

May 9-July 11, 2011...(Mondays)...Journey Through the Book of Acts...Queen of Peace Prayer Group...7:00-9:00PM  
 June 23-July 28, 2011...(Thursdays)...6-week Life in the Spirit Seminar....St. Rose Philippine Duchesne....7:00 PM  
 July 11, 2011...(Monday)...Monthly Healing Mass....St. Jerome Catholic Church....Phoenix.....7:00-9:00PM  
 August 6, 2011...(Saturday)...Potluck Barbecue Fund Raiser Dinner...Ron & Theresa Clavecilla residence....5:30PM  
 August 8, 2011...(Monday)...Monthly Healing Mass...St. Jerome Catholic Church...Phoenix....7:00-9:00PM  
 August 12, 2011...(Friday)...Valley Wide Praise and Worship.....Tom Beale residence....Glendale.....7:00-9:00PM  
 August 13, 2011...(Saturday)...”Le Café” Fund Raiser Dinner...St. Daniel Catholic Church...Scottsdale...starts at 6:00PM

**Journey Through the Book of Acts with the Queen of Peace Prayer Group**

7:00-9:00PM Monday Nights  
May 9-July 11  
(No Meeting on July 4th)

QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
141 N. McDonald St, Mesa  
Room 124

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

7:00PM Thursday Nights  
June 23-July 28

ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
2825 Rose Canyon Cir.  
Anthem, AZ 85086

“Le Café” A French Dinner will be held as a fund raiser at St. Daniel in Scottsdale on Saturday, August 13 starting at 6:00PM, \$15 per adult, \$5 per child. For more information call 480-201-6691.

**Valley Wide Praise and Worship**  
**Friday August 12—7:00PM**  
**Tom Beale Residence**  
**6238 W. Sierra St., Glendale**

**Healing Mass**

Every 2nd Monday of the Month

**Monday, July 11**

7:00-9:00PM

**Monday, August 8**

7:00-9:00PM

**St. Jerome**

**10815 N. 35th Ave.**

**Phoenix**

**HEALING PRAYER ROOM**

Individual Prayer for Healing and Deliverance

Every Wednesday  
6:30-8:30 PM

Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
Madonna Hall  
141 N. McDonald, Mesa

**HEALING PRAYER ROOM**

Individual Prayer for Physical and Emotional Healing

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
6:30-8:30 PM

St. Jerome’s Catholic Church Hall B  
10815 N. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Phoenix

**HEALING PRAYER ROOM**

Individual Prayer for Physical and Emotional Healing

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
7:00-8:30 PM

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
539 Loma Linda,  
Goodyear

**Potluck Barbecue Fund Raiser**

5:30PM AUG. 6, (RSVP), 644 W. Citrus Way, Chandler, 85248, \$3 per person, hamburgers / hot dogs provided, bring appetizer, salad, or desert, +drink. For more information call 480-585-5912.

**Healing Prayer Ministry Every Weekend After All Masses**

St. Jerome’s Catholic Church  
10815 N. 35th Ave., PHX.

**Healing Prayer Ministry Every 1st Sunday Of The Month After The 11:00AM Mass**

St. Steven Catholic Church  
24827 S. Dobson Rd., Sun Lakes  
(On Dobson just north of Riggs Rd.)

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