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CRM Mission: To declare Jesus is alive through his word, to put the gifts of the Holy Spirit into service for the community, to give testimony to what the love of God has done in our lives, to be united and committed in one spirit of service to form community.

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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.

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

A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit Day of Retreat and Reflection

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.

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.

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.

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

Valley Wide Charismatic Events

Valley Wide Charismatic Events are open to everyone from the entire diocese of Phoenix and are held throughout the year. Events may include praise and worship, teachings, prayer, and fellowship.

For information on setting up an Event contact Marge Chavez at 480-201-6691. For information on upcoming Events visit our website.

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 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 Marilyn Stewart at 480-969-9956.

Monthly Youth Prayer Meetings

Monthly "God's Love Youth Ministry" prayer meetings at St. Jerome's, and "Monday Night Fellowship With God" from 7:00 to 8:30PM every second Monday of the month at the City of the Lord.

For more information contact Jojo Concepcion at 623-229-6902.

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory Prayer Ministry meets every Thursday at the Diocese of Phoenix after the 12:00PM Mass at St Mary's Basilica to pray exclusively for the needs of the Catholic Renewal Ministries. Leaders and prayer group representatives are encouraged to come to pray for their prayer group needs.

For more information contact Manuel and Bertha Murillo at 602-276-9100 or 602-799-2563.

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.

From Marge Chavez

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since the beginning of the year we have been praying for a liaison for CRM. With heartfelt joy help me welcome our own Bishop Eduardo Nevares as liaison for CRM! We look forward to new beginnings as we experience change and transformation. We have been praying for love and unity within our Charismatic community; for we know that we cannot give what we do not have. It becomes evident as we reach out to our brothers and sisters in love that this love that our Lord has graced us with becomes contagious.

This atmosphere of love and the presence of the Holy Spirit was ever so evident at our conference "Let God Arise" held February 8 and 9. The praise and worship, the teachings, the healing ministry, along with every ministry throughout the conference, attributed to this holy atmosphere. With this same spirit of holiness let us go forward and support our new shepherd with the love and unity for which we have been praying. We need to take our challenge of evangelization seriously as we continue to go deeper into the Word of God, spend more time in adoration and take advantage of all the wonderful events that our diocese, parishes and CRM are offering during this year of faith. It is no secret that there is a great need for workers in this vineyard that our Lord has left for us to tend. We all have a responsibility to do our share.

For those that have left CRM for whatever reason I challenge you to return and ask for forgiveness from the entire body, if forgiveness is due. We need to become strong soldiers to fight the battles of the world and to protect our Holy Catholic Church.

"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the father loves (also) the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith."

(1 John 5:1-5) Love conquers all. May the Lord fill you with His peace and blessings,
Marge

Companion on the Journey

By Tom Beale

I recently taught baptism classes for parents and godparents. Their opening class exercise was to consider their child's future life and to list what they most importantly want for the child. Try it yourself. Stop for a minute and list what you most want for a parent, child, grandchild or just someone dear to you. Then ask yourself what God might list for that same person – or for you.

What God wants most desperately for every one of his children is that they will spend eternity with him. It is so desperately important to him that he will do anything to attain it – even sacrifice his own child. "This is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that every one who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16)

The parables of Luke 15 (the lost sheep, lost drachma, prodigal son), all speak of the Father's heart: his desperate desire that all who are lost will be found, and all who are dead will find life.

Is it any wonder then that the mission of the Holy Spirit is to guide you into eternal life? That is called sanctification, and he is called the "Sanctifier." Is it any wonder that the Spirit brings with him all of his gifts and fruits for the work of your sanctification? Is it any wonder that the Holy Spirit wants to work through you to draw others to Christ, or that the Spirit manifests all of his gifts and charisms through you in order to draw people to Christ? Everything the Spirit does works toward the conversion and sanctification of the world – person-by-person, heart-by-heart.

The Spirit is always at work in you to bring you into the healthy fullness of eternal life. The Spirit always wants to be at work through you to bring others into the healthy fullness of eternal life. That's his job. Your job is to be attentive and obedient to him as he does his work. Your job is to cooperate with him as he works to fulfill the Father's deepest, most desperate desire – that all of his children will find a home in him forever.

Let's pray: "Holy Spirit, I marvel at your love for me and for all people. I surrender myself to you, that you might work in me and through me; that the Father's desires will be fulfilled. Make me more attentive and obedient to your voice. Amen."

The Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, your companion on life's journey. Just listen and obey - cooperate with him today.

Phoenix 21st Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference “Let God Arise”



What a beautiful conference we had February 7, 8, and 9 this year. Our wonderful speakers were Maria Vadia, Father Bill Halbing and Bob Valiante. What powerful teachings they gave us! And we really did a lot of praise and worship this time with four different outstanding music ministries to lead us! We sang and waved flags and danced before the Lord in great abandon and in turn we felt God’s presence with us filling the convention center. What an awesome weekend! It truly seemed more beautiful and powerful than any conference we’ve ever had before!

Father Bill, in speaking to us, remarked that we have lost the power that God wanted us to have. We have to get out and tell people about Jesus! We have to get the word out. He quipped that “according to the book of Acts we are late for work!” We have not been out in the fields spreading the kingdom. Within our hands we have the power of God! We are losing territory! We have to take it back! God is going to demonstrate his power in us before he does it in the rest of the world. When we believe, when we are convinced, when we know that Jesus defeated the enemy and believe it, then we can move forward. Jesus did everything the Father told him to do. God wants to tell us everything before we go out. God wants to get us ready to go out. It is no longer time for getting ready, the time to go out is now! We are called to speak the word of God to the nations. God is raising up new Elijahs in these last days, new Esthers, new Nehemiahhs.



In these times we must be strong in our faith and trust in God. Worrying is a sin against all that God is. When we worry we fail to understand God’s divine priority in our life, fail to understand God’s divine pay-off for us (he has already paid), fail to understand God’s preference for us (we are the apple of his eye), fail to trust God, fail to understand God’s paternity of us (he is our Father). We must say and do what Jesus does, bear our cross, confess our sin, trust God, bear fruit, praise God, pray that He be known, and bring others to Him.

As Maria Vadia spoke to us about the work we do for the kingdom of God, she observed that “we have failed to make disciples.” We must rise and let the glory of God shine upon us. We don’t want to miss what the Holy Spirit is doing. The world needs to see witnesses. We have a high calling to demonstrate the power of God. We are a people of glory. Wherever we go we take the kingdom with us; we release it everywhere we go. We are working in power in the midst of dark times. Prophets and kings wanted to see this power of God in action among His people and didn’t see it. They longed to have close access to God.



One of the quickest ways of accessing God is through praise and worship. It is proper protocol in the presence of our king and God to praise him and worship him in his presence! We enter into the kingdom of God through the blood of Jesus with praise and thanksgiving.

Saturday night Maria led us in a healing service where she and other leaders prayed for us for healing.





Bob Valiante—a Powerful Conference Speaker

We were also blessed again to have Bob Valiante with us as a guest speaker at our conference. He says we see ourselves as com-

mon lay people out in the trenches fighting for our faith. But we are very important to God because we are the missionaries of the church. We are Christ’s witness in the world.

Our spiritual and moral lives are being stolen away from us. As Christians the entitlement we deserve is the cross of Christ. There is only one real freedom, the knowledge of Jesus Christ; speaking, knowing, preaching Jesus Christ. We fail our call to stand up, be brave, speak out. We are being called to know the Catholic Church, to know who we are. Parents aren’t teaching their children. They don’t know what the church teaches, what we believe. God has called us, anointed us, given us power. He says, “you arise, you preach, you teach!” Help build a church where everyone has a personal relationship with Jesus. Churches will fill because of your witness!

Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares Celebrates Mass at CRM Conference

Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares told us God can use the least of us, his instruments, to do his mighty works. It is not our choosing but God who has called us



into the intimacy of the Holy Spirit. We have been given the special grace to awaken the Holy Spirit within us. He gives us the charismatic gifts to do the work he has called us to do here on earth. They are for now. Someday all the charismatic gifts will come to an end and only faith, hope, and love will remain. But today God wants to lead us into the ocean of His divine love. He wants us to use our gifts, to persevere in the work He has given us to do, to not be afraid to go out and cast our nets into the deep to catch men for His Kingdom.



CRM Youth Conference

The conference was a fantastic and inspiring experience that got me moving to the music and thinking about God. After an exciting Friday at the Adult and Teen general session, Saturday morning continued with fun yet inspiring action songs. With teens

from all around the Diocese, it didn’t take long to make some new friends. There were different action songs, and we were split into two groups to compete against each other. Later, we settled down and listened to different speakers talk to us about our Catholic faith. We were prayed over by Maria Vadia and Jojo Concepcion.

The day was filled with prayers and talks that left me closer with God. There were a couple surprises too. We got to hear a nun rap and we asked questions to the Auxiliary Bishop, Eduardo Nevares! Overall, it was an incredible and uplifting experience and I can’t wait to go again next year.

Cara Jay Concepcion

Worship at the Conference—Awesome!



Pilgrimage and Life In the Spirit Seminar at Holy Cross Parish-in Mesa



The Holy Cross prayer group in Mesa with the help of Diocesan CRM team members hosted a Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit followed by a Life in the Spirit Seminar in January and February. Team members included Tom and Edmee Beale, Manuel and Bertha Murillo, Ron and Theresa Clavecilla, Ed Orillo, and our deacon Tom Ferreira, who spoke and gave their testimonies.



We now have thirty one new people who are growing in the Spirit, and loving it, Praise be to Jesus! — Jan Reagor

“Pilgrimage” Held in Globe



Our prayer group at Holy Angels' Catholic Church in Globe invited Tom Beale and his team from Catholic Renewal Ministries to lead a “Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit” for us beginning on Friday evening February 15th and continuing Saturday all day February 16th, with a follow-up Thursday February 21st during our regular prayer group meeting.

First of all, I want to say that the generosity of the team in responding to our request for a Pilgrimage



was amazing. Four members arrived for an overnight stay for Friday and Saturday, and three others came just for the Thursday evening meeting, a long drive in one night. They brought their own equipment, graciously accepted whatever we had to offer in the way of accommodations and freely shared their joy in Christ with us. The teaching was clear, gentle, and concise. Exhortations given were all easily understood and easy to respond to because of the atmosphere the team created of unity, service, love and good humor.

About 60 people attended, including a few attendees from Blessed Sacrament parish in Miami, and many came to me afterwards saying how much they had been moved or challenged in their walk with Christ through the Holy Spirit. Our pastor, Father Arnold Aurillo, and Tom Beale, prayed together for every single person in attendance for a deepening of their understanding and response to the Holy Spirit. About 20 people attended the follow up meeting later in the week and reported how they had responded to the Holy Spirit's promptings during the week and what a difference it made in their own or family life. It was a great time for us and has given our prayer groups greater direction and focus. We hope to continue with a longer series of presentations to develop our parish response even more. We are grateful for Tom and the team; they feel like family, as we all should in the family of God. Our thanks and blessings upon all of you who make these encouraging visits possible! — Colleen DeRose

“Ladies Only Retreat” — Women’s Bible Study Pilgrimage at Mt Carmel, Tempe



Women from the Mt. Carmel Church Women’s Bible Study invited Tom Beale and his team to give a “ladies only” Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit on Saturday January 26. The auditorium was filled with women eager to learn more about the Holy Spirit, a wonderful turnout considering that it rained continuously all day long. And what a great time we had with lively share groups, informative teachings by Tom, and sharing of personal testimony by Manuel and Bertha Murillo! After quiet prayer



time many of the women shared how much they had received during the day.

Healing Mass at Queen of Peace with Fr. Bennett

Father Thomas Bennett celebrated a healing Mass on January 16 with prayer teams ministering healing prayer following the Mass.

During Mass Father Bennett spoke about the first reading in Hebrews where Jesus is a merciful high priest who expiates our sins. Jesus understands us better than we do ourselves. He suffered what he suffered so that he could help those being tested, so that he could help us. In the gospel reading the people brought Him all who were sick—everyone! The whole town! Everyone was looking for Him!

All of us need spiritual, mental, psychological healing; He knows what we need. He wants us healed in our soul so we can accept His will. Only He can heal us. Only He is God.



“Healing of the Family Tree” Teachings by Fr. John Hampsch at the Parish Mission at St. Mary Basha in Chandler



Father John Hampsch was the speaker for the parish mission held from February 25-27 at St. Mary Basha Church in Chandler. He spoke in the morning sessions about “Faith” and in the evening sessions about “Healing of the Family Tree”. Healing of the Family Tree is a subject Father Hampsch has spoken on many times over the years and one for which he is particularly well known, especially among those of us at CRM. He was very well received at St. Mary’s and the healing Mass on Wednesday night was standing room only. Father Daniel McBride, pastor of St. Mary’s, asked the parishioners if they wanted Father Hampsch to come back and there was resounding cheers and applause!



Healing of the family tree involves asking Jesus to forgive and heal sins and illnesses passed down from generation to generation through the bloodline. These iniquities and generational sins are described in Leviticus in the old testament where God explains blessings and curses that result in the spiritual realm depending on what we do or do not do in the physical world. There are spiritual laws which have consequences in the natural if they are broken by sin in the spiritual. We are all affected by these generational sins but Jesus died for all sin past, present and future and can forgive and heal the effects of these past sins of our ancestors on us.

It is not unjust for God to punish the children for their father’s sins. He does this so that we can see the effects of sin and what it does. Like he said of the paralytic, “so that you know I can forgive sin” (that you can’t see), see the man get up and walk.

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Diocese of Phoenix CRM and Simple Praise Ministry introduce our new Youth and Young Adult Outreach, "God's Mercy Youth Ministry," monthly prayer meeting at St. Jerome and "Monday Night Fellowship With God" for young adults every 2nd Monday (except holidays) from 7:15-8:30PM
**City of the Lord Main Hall
SPM Worship Center
711 W. University Dr., Tempe**
www.simplepraise.org www.mnfwithgod.org



HEALING PRAYER ROOM
 Individual Prayer for Physical and Emotional Healing
 2nd and 4th Mondays
 7:00-8:30 PM
St. John Vianney Catholic Church
 539 Loma Linda, Goodyear

HEALING PRAYER ROOM
 Individual Prayer for Physical and Emotional Healing
 Every Friday
 7:00-9:00PM
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
 3140 N. 51st Ave
 Phoenix

MONTHLY HEALING MASS
 Every 2nd Monday of the Month—7:00-9:00PM
 April 8, 2013
St. Jerome Catholic Church
 10815 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix

HEALING PRAYER ROOM
 Individual Prayer for Inner Healing & Deliverance
 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
 7:00-9:00PM
**St. Timothy Catholic Church
Christy Center**
 1730 W. Guadalupe
 Mesa

HEALING PRAYER ROOM
 Individual Prayer for Healing & Deliverance
 Every Wednesday
 6:30-8:30 PM
**Queen of Peace Catholic Church
Madonna Hall**
 141 N. Macdonald
 Mesa



Healing Prayer Ministry
 Every 4th 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 Road)

Healing Prayer Ministry
 Every Weekend After All Masses
St. Jerome's Catholic Church
 10815 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
 Thursdays at the Diocese of Phoenix
 following the 12:00PM Mass
 at St. Mary's Basilica