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A Charismatic Mass concelebrated November 17 by Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares and Father Reggie Carreon, assisted by Deacon Al Hominski, followed by lunch and an afternoon with Jesse Romero, was hosted by St. Joseph Catholic Church in Phoenix. (see story page 4)

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Father Christopher Crotty, Well Known Speaker and Gifted Healer Will be the Guest Speaker for the Catholic Renewal Ministries' 22nd Annual Charismatic Conference February 28 and March 1



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For our big Conference in February we have invited Father Christopher Crotty, C.P.M., as our main speaker. Since many of you may have missed our earlier article about him and not know who he is I want to tell you about him and why we are so excited that he is coming here.

Father Crotty was born in 1967 and is a native of San Francisco, California. He attended Kolbe Academy, which was co-founded by his parents, Francis and Margaret Crotty, where he was the first high school graduate of the program. In 1986 he began service in the United States Navy, serving with distinction in the medical corps and eventually attending the anesthesia technologist program resulting in his serving as an anesthesia technologist at Balboa Naval Hospital for four years. Having completed military service he went on to work as a civilian anesthesia technologist at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose California.

In 1995 he became a member of the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy. A year later he began studies in philosophy and theology at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut. On May 31st, 2001 he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Michael Sheridan in Russellville Kentucky.

Following ordination Fr. Crotty served as the associate pastor at St. Martin of Tours in downtown Louisville Kentucky. There he came to understand the importance of tapping into the power of the Holy Spirit in pastoral care due to the unprecedented amount of brokenness that he found in the souls and families he was called to serve. As a result Fr. Crotty began introducing the teachings on the Holy Spirit and healing to his audiences on church missions, retreats and conferences. (continued on page 3)

He also teaches nationwide on radio and other media. Prison work has been an outreach for some years as well. Father Crotty is a member and supports the work of "The Association of Christian Therapists". His work has also supported "The Serra Club", "Magnificat" (women's prayer groups), "The Knights of Columbus", "The Ancient Order of Hibernians", and "The National Association of Private Catholic Institutes and Schools".

As a full time mission preacher with the "Fathers of Mercy" in Auburn Kentucky, Fr. Crotty has spent the last six years traveling the globe preaching God's love through parish missions, conferences and nights of healing. The 41-year-old priest has preached in all of the states except for five, as well as in numerous countries around the world. It was the power of the Holy Spirit that transformed his parish missions and healing Masses. The Holy Spirit began to draw souls to these missions, and true healing began to take place.

Physical healings from cancer, heart conditions, leg and limb conditions and a whole host of medical maladies have been healed on the missions. In his opinion, the greatest cures that take place are the chemical and sexual addictions he has seen healed. His favorite story is that of a healing that took place of a man suffering from liver cancer. According to Father Crotty, the man had just adopted four children under the age of 12 from the Philippines, one of which had been abused sexually. Both he and this particular son attended the mission. The father was completely healed of liver cancer. At the end of the mission, the boy told Father Crotty that Jesus had taken him on his lap and told him that everything was going to be all right.

He has seen time and time again the need for healing of family trees. His missions and healing Masses often include a special prayer designed to heal a person's past. Part of this realization comes from wounds that he experienced in his own life. He says that if we look at our histories, we are all broken in one way or another, and it takes the power of prayer to allow that truth to be realized and for us to be healed.

The message he preaches is that each soul is loved deeply by Christ who desires union with them, forgiveness and healing.

So spread the news he's coming here!
God bless you all!
Marge Chavez

Companion on the Journey

By Tom Beale

Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and then in subsequent booster shot(s) of the Holy Spirit, we personally encounter God in the person of the Holy Spirit. We are transformed. I received a powerful booster shot when I was 34 years old, becoming a radical, but baby, Christian. I was so on fire that it was suggested that I get locked away for a couple years to settle down. Was I that different?

The original Christians encountered the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. What they did was to dance around in public, (even Mary, I'll bet) probably with hands upraised and waving, shouting out praises to God, which were heard in different tongues by those who had come to see what all the commotion was about. We are told that people were amazed. Many laughed. Too much new wine, they thought. They did lock some of them up; but many took note of their joy. 3000 were converted the first day!

The question is not what joy of the Lord that you experienced on those more momentous spiritual occasions in your life, but what joy are you living out right now.

Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel) encourages us to live that joy out fully in our lives by being, with the Church, "attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit," telling us that "the Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's cross constantly invites to rejoice... Realizing of course that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved. I understand the grief of people who have to endure great suffering, yet slowly but surely we all have to let the joy of faith slowly revive as a quiet yet firm trust, even amid the greatest distress." Alleluia.

Let's pray: "Holy Spirit, make me a light and beacon of joy. Keep me dancing and arm waving and praising you at all times and in all things. Let them think that I have had too much new wine but, above all, draw them to you. Ever prompt and remind me of my blessings and of your love - the source of all joy in my life. Thank you. Amen.

The Holy Spirit, your companion on life's journey: celebrate joyfully with him today.



November 17 Jesse Romero Speaks at St. Joseph in Phoenix on Evangelization in the Church

The purpose of any ministry in the Catholic Church is to bring people to a relationship with God. We have been called, we have a vocation. We are chosen, changed, cleansed, sanctified and justified.

We are to be confident that he who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. We are to be morally constrained: obedience to God's ways is fundamental. We walk in power and faith and nothing can upset us, not even death. Death is a positive option for the believer. We are disciples, we imitate and spread the knowledge and teachings of Jesus.

November 20 Healing Mass at Queen of Peace in Mesa

Father Thomas Bennett, told us that only Jesus can truly bring us true happiness, forgiveness, healing and holiness, and that we're not to underestimate the power of one Eucharist well received. If we won't give up sin in order to receive the



Eucharist we won't be healed. If we will, we find strength and grace to come away from that sin and receive healing. He stays with us to heal us in the most intimate way. "Let me love you, Lord, as you love me. Make my heart more like yours."



December 13 Healing Mass at St. Steven in Sun Lakes



Father Pierre Hissey reminded us that all the gifts we have been given by God are for the greater glory of God. Sometimes we want to be appreciated as great people of God and do things for the wrong reasons. We are hurt because someone didn't notice what we did and honor us. Instead, we are to work together, and, when we do something, to remember why we did it, not for ourselves, but for the greater glory of God.

Healing Mass at St. Rose Philippine Duchesne in Anthem November 21

By Ken Goracke

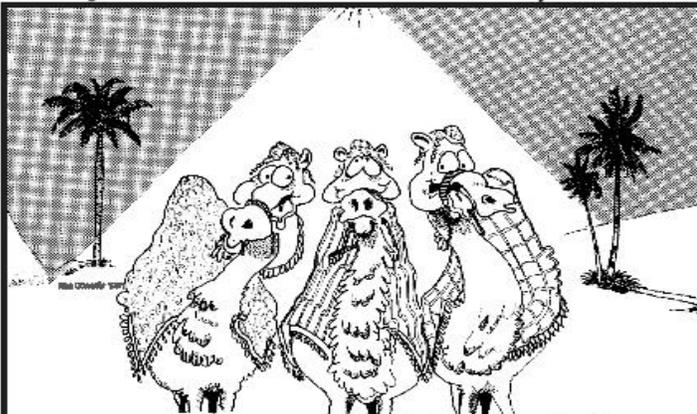
Father Scott Harris explained the differences between a daily mass and a healing mass is that in healing masses we wait on the presence of the Holy Spirit without rushing, which allows whole hearted participation in worship and gives time for the flow of the Spirit. His homily stressed Jesus' response when someone interrupted him by saying, "your mother and brothers are asking for you". Jesus replied, "these disciples are my mother, brothers and sisters and all who do the will of my father". Fr. Scott assigned homework with the question, "when have you heard the will of the Father, and how will you respond to his call"?



We wanted to share that the two great intercessors who attended our mass were Mary mother of Jesus (the mass was her presentation memorial), and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (November 18 was her feast day.) She was the saint who brought the Sacred Heart congregation to the USA, the Saint who prays much! What a patroness, to have for a prayer group!

Holy Humor

By Ken Goracke



It was a long hard journey, but so worth the trip do you know who that is in the manger?

The New Evangelization – Part 5

By Tom Beale

On November 24, 2013, the last day of the Year of the Faith and feast of Christ, King of the Universe, Pope Francis published an Apostolic Exhortation: *Evangelii Gaudium* (EG), the Gospel of Joy.

“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.” (Pope Francis in EG 1)

Yet he admits that “There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter.” (EG 6) “The great danger in today’s world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God’s voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless.” (EG 2)

“I invite all Christians, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ ... Now is the time to say to Jesus: ‘Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace’. How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.” (EG 3)

Our first step in the New Evangelization (NE) is clearly to renew our own personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Re-pray the last paragraph and enjoy the joy of the Gospel.

We will continue with EG and other news about the NE in the next issue.

Rosary Celebration Phoenix

By Cathy Cato

On October 13 over 7,000 people from parishes, prayer groups and other organizations attended the 37th annual Rosary Celebration Phoenix, sponsored by The Knights of Columbus with the assistance of the Legion of Mary, Catholic Daughters of America and other Catholic organizations. This year’s event fell on the 96th anniversary of the last apparition of the Blessed Mother to the three children of Fatima. Her messages there implored that the faithful pray the rosary in reparation and for the conversion of sinners.

The pageantry of the procession started with a blessing by our Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted. He was followed by the clergy, deacons, religious, laity, altar servers and groups and organizations carrying banners and showing their devotion to Our Lady by laying roses at the feet of her statue as they passed. The Native Americans processed in tribal costume, beating drums and dancing. What a treat for my first time attending Rosary Sunday!



I, Cathy Cato, serve on the board for Magnificat. Our organization marched with our banner shown here with members Antoinette Childers,

Vicki Kahler, Laurie Walsh and Holly Burke.

CRM leaders marched as always wearing red CRM shirts and carrying the prayer petition box.

Leaders of the “Light in the Lord Prayer Group” at St. Germaine in Prescott, Elaina their Current Prayer Group leader, Sharon, Diane and Toni, shown here, carried the



“Our Lady of The Desert Quilt for Life”.

We prayed the rosary, honoring Our Lady of Fatima, each decade lead by different members of the clergy, religious and laity. Hearing everyone praying together resembled the harmony of voices of our faith all over the world. Catholics and non-Catholics praying together in unison for world unity is a beautiful thing! I wouldn’t have missed this year for anything!!

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.

Young Adult Ministry

Diocese of Phoenix CRM and "Simple Praise Ministry" music ministry present praise and worship, camp-outs, teachings, bible study, and young adult events and programs for our charismatic youth. 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.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK! CRM is now on Facebook" under "Catholic Renewal Ministries Diocese of Phoenix".

Also visit catholicrenewalministries.net, our newly updated and exciting CRM website which now has a link to the Diocese of Phoenix.



"Magnificat Formation"

An introduction to the new Diocesan Women's Ministry

9 AM-12 Noon, Saturday January 25th
St. Helen's Church, 5510 W. Cholla, Glendale

Is Mary calling you? Come and see!

Light breakfast (offering taken)

RSVP: call Laurie Walsh (623)-979-9780
or e-mail aa-ok@cox.net.



Phoenix Chapter of Magnificat

A (Charismatic) Ministry To Catholic Women

Meets Monthly at the Diocese of Phoenix on the 3rd Thursday of the Month
7:00 to 9:00 PM

We invite women to come and learn how they can help with this vital arm of evangelization. They will learn about the Ministry and how they can help.

We have many roles for women to fill.

Please consider inviting Laurie Walsh to your prayer meeting to learn more about this exciting ministry.

Please call (623) 979-9780 or e-mail aa-ok@cox.net.

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Antoinette Childers will be serving Magnificat as Chairman of Magnificat's Intercessory Prayer Group. Victoria Kaehler is the new Co-Cordinator.



“Come after me. I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19



22nd Annual Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference

February 28, March 1

**Phoenix Convention Center
100 N Third St, Phoenix**

**Guest
Speaker:
Father
Christopher
Crotty**



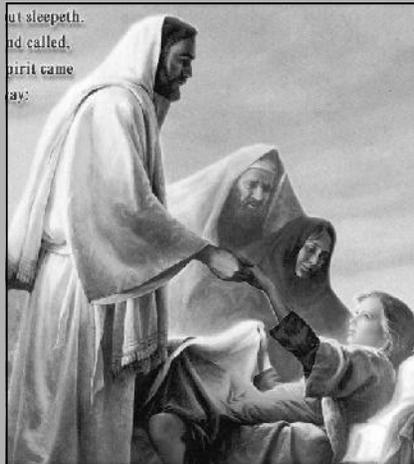
**Friday February 28
Registration: 1:00PM
Conference: 2:30-9:00 PM
Saturday March 1
Registration 8:30 AM
Conference: 9:00 AM-9:00 PM**



**Also Speaking:
Father Frank Bartel
Plus Others!**

**Pre registration: \$25 before January 30 to be eligible for prizes, or \$35 at the door.
Registration forms on flyers and website www.catholicrenewalministries.net
Maria (623)-465-2604, penfriend@msn.com, Marie (480)-585-5912, momdibone@gmail.com**

The Queen of Peace English Prayer Group and the Pro-Life Group Invite you to join them in a day of prayer for the healing of our country and for the overturn of Roe vs. Wade on it's 41st Anniversary.



**January 22, 2014
Praise and Worship 5:30 PM, Mass 6:00 PM
Queen of Peace Catholic Church
141 North Macdonald, Mesa**

The English Prayer Group will be doing the laying on of hands for those needing healing after the Mass.

Men's Ministry

**DISCIPLES TO
APOSTLES
JANUARY 25
7:00-8:30 AM**



Speaker: Father Thomas Bennett

**Queen of Peace Courtyard Room 124
141 N. Macdonald St., Mesa**

**Call George Koron (480) 314-1822
gkoron@cox.net**

“we...are being transformed into his likeness...”

**“...conform to the likeness of his Son the firstborn among many brothers...”
(Rom 8:29)**



Upcoming Events in Brief

January 13, 2014.....(Monday).....Healing Mass.....St. Jerome Catholic Church, Phoenix.....7:00-9:00 PM
 January 22, 2014.....(Wednesday).....Day of Prayer.....Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Mesa.....6:00 PM
 January 25, 2014.....(Saturday).....Men’s Ministry.....Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Mesa.....7:00-8:30 AM
 January 25, 2014.....(Saturday).....Magnificat Formation.....St. Helen Catholic Church, Glendale.....9:00AM-Noon
 February 10, 2014.....(Monday).....Healing Mass.....St. Jerome Catholic Church, Phoenix.....7:00-9:00 PM
 Feb. 28, March 1, 2014....(Fri-Sat)....Annual Conference....Phoenix Convention Center....Registration Friday 1:00 PM



INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR CRM – Thursdays at the Diocese of Phoenix following the 12:00 PM Mass at St. Mary’s Basilica

LIST OF PARISH PRAYER GROUPS IN THE VALLEY:

<p><u>MONDAY</u> Blessed Sacrament, Scottsdale 7:00 PM (480) 991-0870 St. Augustine, Phoenix 7:15 PM (623) 418-1594 St. Jerome, Phoenix 7:00 PM (623) 907-5426 Queen of Peace, Mesa 7:00 PM (602) 799-2563</p>	<p>St. Steven, Sun Lakes 10:00 AM (480) 585-5912 <u>TUESDAY</u> Our Lady of Lourdes, Sun City West 10:00 AM (623) 344-7283 St. Daniel, Scottsdale 7:30 PM (480) 945-2990 St. Maria Goretti, Scottsdale 7:00 PM (480) 994-1643</p>	<p>St. Thomas Aquinas, Avondale 9:00 AM (623) 935-9401 (623) 972-6741 <u>WEDNESDAY</u> St. Joseph, Phoenix 7:00 PM (602) 493-0190 St. Thomas Moore, Glendale 6:30 PM (623) 582-0994</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY</u> St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Anthem 7:00 PM (623) 465-2604 Holy Cross, Mesa 6:30 PM (480) 830-8346 (480) 830-3538 Corpus Christi, Phoenix 6:30 PM (480) 335-3706</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY</u> Lamb of God, Gilbert Museum, Gilbert 7:30 PM (480) 330-4350 St. Bernard Clairvaux, Scottsdale 9:30 AM (480) 347-4522 El Shaddai, Holy Cross, Mesa 6:00-9:00 PM (480) 251-6122</p>	<p><u>SATURDAY</u> St. Joachim & St. Anne, Sun City 9:00-10:30 AM (623) 997-4892 St. Jerome, Phx 2:00 PM (602) 751-5703 <u>SUNDAY</u> St. Clare of Assisi, Surprise 6:30-8:30 PM (623) 544-1787</p>
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ABOUT CRM HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: Healing prayer and deliverance ministry conducted by members of the Catholic Renewal Ministry in the Diocese of Phoenix is done under the authority of the Bishop and Father Charlie Goreiab. Each prayer warrior must attend training teachings given by the leaders of the CRM Healing Prayer Ministry, Manuel and Bertha Murillo, and be commissioned by their parish pastor. As more and more prayer warriors are being commissioned, healing prayer rooms are being opened at more and more parishes in the valley for prayer ministry. For more information call Manuel and Bertha Murillo at (602) 799-2563.

HEALING PRAYER ROOMS: 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
- Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 PM — St. Mary Catholic Church, 230 W. Galveston, Chandler
- Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM — Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Madonna Hall, 141 N. Macdonald, Mesa
- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 PM — St. Timothy Catholic Church, 1730 W. Guadalupe Rd., Mesa
- 4th Thursdays 7:00-8:30 PM — St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, 17111 W Bell Rd., Surprise
- Fridays 7:00-9:00 PM — St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 3140 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: Individual Prayer for Physical / Emotional Healing

- Every weekend after all Masses, — St. Jerome Catholic Church, 10815 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix
- Every 4th Sunday after 11:00 AM Mass — St. Steven Catholic Church, 24827 S. Dobson Rd., Sun Lakes
- 2nd and 4th Tuesdays after 6:00 PM Mass — St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3630 N. 71st Ave., Phoenix Prayer by appointment — St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3630 N. 71st Ave., Phoenix (call church)
- Prayer by appointment only — St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 13720 W. Thomas Road, Avondale —Please contact Priscilla Ashton 623-875-6130