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Through The Holy Spirit*

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**Father Frank Bartel Celebrated Pentecost Mass with Catholic
Renewal Ministries on Saturday, May 26, at St. Jerome (see p.5)**

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**From the Desk of
 Father Andrés**



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I want to share with you about two recent events that have been very refreshing and life-giving for me.

The first “event” was the celebration of the 50th anniversary at St. Jerome parish where I am pastor. This event was actually comprised of two separate events: a concert featuring current and former music ministers at St. Jerome, and a Sunday celebration that included mass and a parish “picnic.” The church was filled for the concert which featured many, many talented and renowned musicians, vocalists and composers. The thing that will always stand out in my mind was how everyone there sang along in unison with virtually every song. There was a total unity among both the congregation and the performers. There was also a great atmosphere of joy, community and unity at the picnic, a unity that crossed cultural, age and language lines.

The second “event” was my trip to Italy for the 17th International World Meeting of Families in Milan, Italy, accompanied by 30+ others from St. Jerome. The Meeting itself renewed in me a global sense of unity in our Church. We are all one in Christ. The remainder of the trip, which included visits to Venice, Assisi, Rome and the Vatican, reinforced the same sense of community, joy and unity that I experienced with our anniversary celebration at St. Jerome. Most especially, our visit to Assisi was a powerful time for us as a community. I think we all got a great sense of the radical call of Christ on each of us as individuals, a call which we must respond to individually; but also a call in which we stand in unity. There was a deep sense of personal individuality in Christ, while at the same time being a member of the Body of Christ.

Take the time to celebrate together, to explore together, to savor one another. Even when the busyness of the times makes it challenging, just do it. You will be renewed, and so will the Body of Christ.

God bless you. I love you.

Fr. Andrés

From Marge Chavez

Thirty six pilgrims led by Fr. Kilian McCaffrey and accompanied by Fr. Paul Sullivan and Msgr. George Schroeder journeyed from Phoenix to Dublin, Ireland for the 50th Eucharistic Congress to represent the Diocese of Phoenix. The Eucharistic Congress is held every four years; it is an international gathering of people which aims to: promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the church to help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and to draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.

People from all nations gathered in this beautiful setting to be one in Christ. The overall theme for the Congress was "Communion with Christ and with one another". There were also sub-themes throughout the week. Although there were many workshops, exhibits and activities offered, the highlight each day was the celebration of the Mass bringing thousands of pilgrims together. Little did it matter that we sat freezing in the outdoor arena and, if not fortunate enough to be under cover, drenched as it rained. We were in awe of so many of our brothers and sisters from all corners of the earth coming together to focus on the Eucharist.

We embraced as we sang our theme song, "Though we are many". Refrain: Though we are many, we are one body, we who come to share this living bread; cup of salvation, shared among all nations, nourishing us now and ever more.

The closing program of the Congress which was held in Croke
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Companion on the Journey

By Tom Beale

A story: At the beach, St. Augustine is contemplating the mystery of the Trinity. He sees a boy who over and over pours cups of water from the sea into a small hole in the sand. St. Augustine asks, "What are you doing?" "I'm going to pour the entire ocean into this hole." "Impossible. The whole ocean will not fit in that tiny little hole." "And you cannot fit the Trinity in your tiny little brain," retorts the boy, who then vanishes.

Another story: One day, three of his Dominican brothers hear a powerful voice speaking to St. Thomas Aquinas: "You have written well of me, Thomas; What would you ask in reward?" St. Thomas replies "Nothing other than you, Lord." Later, while celebrating mass, St. Thomas is given a vision of God. After that, he refuses to write any further on his unfinished work *Summa Theologica*. When urged by his secretary to continue his writing, St. Thomas replies, "The end of my labors has come. Compared to the divine glory I have seen, all that I have written seems now to be just straw in the wind." He never wrote again.

Both saints sought God. In the one story, a saint, seeking to know about God's nature, ponders the Trinity. He learns a blunt lesson: God is infinitely greater than he can ever imagine. In the other story, a saint, seeking to know God, wondrously experiences God. What a difference: Knowing about God versus knowing God. One is unattainable; the other sublime.

The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we can come to know God - not so much to know about him as to know him. That must be our seeking and our striving. Our efforts will not be in vain. We will be rewarded.

The incomprehensible God has incomprehensibly chosen to live within us, allowing us to fellowship with him and to come to know him. Alleluia.

Let's pray: "Holy Spirit, ever-present companion, I want to know the Father and the Son and you. I want this more than anything else in life. Guide me into an intimate personal relationship with my God."

"Blessed are the pure in heart, they shall see God."

Park, Ireland's national stadium, was very impressive. The stadium, which holds up to 80,000 people, was filled to capacity. This celebration lasted five hours with magnificent choirs, singers and testimonies just before the closing Mass. Emotions were high as we witnessed over 100 Bishops and Archbishops, hundreds of priests and many religious in attendance. What a sight! Cardinal Marc Ouellet in his homily during the closing Mass called for a new beginning for the church in Ireland saying that "we can rely on the Lord for a new beginning. St. Paul gives us the key for any personal or ecclesial renewal: We are intent on pleasing Him". (2Cor 5:6) This key to renewal in our lives is a decision to recommit ourselves to love the Lord and to live and to die for Him, knowing that His grace will never fail. May the upcoming "year of faith" strengthen in us this decision. Just before closing our Holy Father appeared on screen in a pre-recorded message to announce where the Congress would be held in 2016. When he announced that it would be in the Philippines a loud sound of applause thundered throughout the stadium. Tears of joy came from our Filipino brothers and sisters; they immediately invited everyone to the Philippines for the 2016 Eucharistic Congress promising us a "warm" hospitality.

Since we were blessed to have Fr. McCaffrey, a native, as our guide, we visited many magnificent sites in Ireland. "Become what you receive" was one of the themes during the Eucharistic Congress. My prayer is that I am able to share with all those that I encounter what I have received during this amazing pilgrimage.

Love, joy and peace

Your Sister in Christ,

Marge

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.

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.

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.

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 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 Marilyn Stewart at 480-969-9956.

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 602-540-3490.

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.

CRM Pentecost Celebration at St. Jerome with Father Frank Bartel



CRM Members from all over the valley gathered together to celebrate the feast of Pentecost with praise, worship, and the waving of colorful banners during a Mass celebrated by Father Frank Bartel at St. Jerome parish in Phoenix. Most people wore red shirts symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit. Father Bartel began Mass by saying that the Holy Spirit is like a flagman on a roadway construction site who waves a red flag of warning when we encounter danger in our lives, then, when everything is OK he flags us on, showing us the safe way to go.

During his homily Father Bartel said we are people of fire, people of the Holy Spirit. We burn and shine more powerfully when we come together in community. The Holy Spirit unleashed an explosion of grace, new light, new fire shining in the world, when He fell on the apostles as they were gathered together. We all have our gifts but we shine more powerfully when we work together in community. Two of the symbols of the Holy Spirit are wind and fire. Wind moves, it

changes direction, it goes at different speeds. Fire also changes direction and moves at different speeds. The gifts of the Holy spirit that we have are not static. They are active. Each of us have different gifts that we have received that we need to share.

The Holy Spirit knows the gifts He has given us are big but He says we can do it with His grace, that He helps us to understand them and use them properly. Sometimes we do not recognize the gift we are given. We make mistakes.



We must forgive one another and live in the power of the Holy Spirit, fan the flame so it does not die in us and others, so we can be a bonfire, a light to the nations,

and bring hope and peace to the world.



Father Chad King Spoke to St. Daniel Prayer Group on May 28

Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Scottsdale, Father Chad King, was guest speaker at the St. Daniel prayer group on May 28.

He spoke about the people of Shinar in the book of Genesis who wanted to build a city of their own with a huge tower so that they would be known, and how God confused their languages and scattered them all over the world. Then, at Pentecost, God reversed it so that everyone understood what was being said even though they all spoke different languages, to bring us together.

Today so many people are trying to make a name for themselves. Their concern is only for themselves and their own happiness, but they are not happy. We are called to concern ourselves with others, instead. Our purpose for having the Holy Spirit is to love others and help them find Jesus and the path to heaven.



Holy Cross Prayer Group Prepares for Up-Coming Pilgrimage / Life in the Spirit Seminar in January

The young prayer group at Holy Cross in Mesa have been watching “Thy kingdom Come” teachings from SCRC in California on the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, in preparation for hosting a Pilgrimage and Life in the Spirit Seminar in January. They have prayed over each other for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and for personal needs and healing so that they will be experienced in prayer ministry, both in praying for others as well as receiving prayer themselves. They have already shared praise reports! Thank You Jesus!

Holy Laughter By Ken Goracke



The GLORY isn't in NEVER FAILING but in always RISING when you fail..



Father John Shetler Celebrated his 20th Anniversary in the Priesthood on June 16, 2012 at Holy Cross Church in Mesa

Members of CRM including the Holy Cross Prayer Group attended the Anniversary celebration for Father Shetler, who has celebrated many healing masses and spoken at many events for CRM. It was hard to tell which of the lines was longer, the food line or the line to get a picture taken with Father Shetler! He took the "road less traveled" and wished to be like the leper who returned to Jesus to say "thank you". "That road has made all the difference!"



**CRM Ohana Luau (Family Picnic)
Saturday August 11, 2012 at Big Surf
1500 N. McClintock Drive Tempe, AZ 85281
10:00AM-6:00PM, \$30.00 per person
Includes Water Park use and lunch**

For more information contact:
East Valley: Marge Chavez (480) 201-6691
West Valley: Jojo Concepcion (623) 229-6902

Pre-Registration by mail is encouraged for planning purposes. See our website for registration form.
Please send registration by July 28, 2012
*Free registration to all Toddlers age 2 and under

**Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit
St. Germaine, Prescott Valley
Saturday August 4, 2012
9:00AM-4:00PM in the Parish Hall
Seminar is free — bring a sack lunch
LSS follow-up date and time to be announced
Contact Tom Beale at 623-878-6488**

A Prayer for Holy Priests

My Dear Jesus, you desire that we pray the Lord of the harvest that He send zealous laborers into His harvest. Deign to raise up in your Church, and especially in this diocese, numerous and holy priests who, taking your Divine Heart as their Model, will, in the exercise of their holy priesthood, promote the glory of your heavenly Father and the salvation of those souls whom you have redeemed with your Precious Blood. Give us truly holy priests who, inflamed with the fire of your Divine love, seek nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

Fund Raiser Dinner July 28, 2012

Queen of Peace, 141 N. Macdonald, Mesa
Following 5:00PM Mass—Videos for the children
Contact Manuel and Bertha Murillo
(602) 540-3490



"Let God Arise!"

Plan Now to Attend the 21st
Catholic Charismatic
Conference

February 8 & 9, 2013

At the Phoenix Convention Center

Keynote Speaker Maria Vadia
Other speakers to be announced

Separate Sessions for Teens and Young Adults

For more information see updates on our website at CatholicRenewalMinistries.org.

Or call: Marge Chavez (480) 201-6691



Joan Chavez to be one of the speakers at the 38th Annual Southwest Catholic Charismatic Conference in Albuquerque NM
July 27-29, 2012
Call (505) 247-0397
or visit www.asfcc.org



**Healing Mass
September 13, 2012**
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
2825 West Rose Canyon Circle
Anthem, AZ 85086
Celebrant: Auxiliary Bishop
Eduardo Nevares

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Upcoming Events in Brief
 July 9, 2012.....(Monday).....Charismatic Healing Mass.....St. Jerome Catholic Church.....7:00-9:00PM
 July 13-15, 2012...(Fri.-Sun.)...Worship Cafe Camping by the Lake...Lake Perris California..2:00PM Fri.-12:00PM Sun.
 July 28, 2012.....(Saturday).....Fund Raiser Dinner.....Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Mesa.....6:00PM
 August 4, 2012..(Saturday)...Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit...St. Germaine Catholic Church, Prescott..9:00AM-4:00PM
 August 11, 2012....(Saturday).....Ohana Luau (Family Picnic).....Big Surf Tempe.....10:00AM-6:00PM
 August 13, 2012.....(Monday).....Charismatic Healing Mass.....St Jerome Catholic Church.....7:00-9:00PM
 September 13, 2012...(Thursday).....Healing Mass....St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Catholic Church, Anthem...7:00PM
 February 8-9, 2013....(Fri.-Sat.).....21st Catholic Charismatic Conference, Phoenix.....Phoenix Convention Center



Worship Café
July 13-15, 2012
CAMPING BY THE LAKE
Lake Perris California

Friday 2:00PM check-in to Sunday 12:00PM check-out.
 \$90.00 for 2 nights—up to 8 people per RV site. Water & electric available. Contact: Jojo at jojoconcepcion@cox.net
 Information and sign up at www.catholicrenewalministries.org

MONTHLY HEALING MASS
 Every 2nd Monday of the Month — 7:00-9:00PM
 July 9, 2012
 August 13, 2012
 St. Jerome Catholic Church
 10815 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix

Magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together!
 (Psalm 34:4)

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

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 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

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

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)

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