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**From the Desk of**  
**Father Andrés**



**The Year of Faith.**

Humanly, we are each born into this world in wide-eyed wonder. We experience a time of intense curiosity and learning. We ask tough questions and struggle in adolescence. We figure out to some extent who we are and what we want; and we set about preparing ourselves to live out those decisions. Finally, to some level, we mature. Then, life and time can catch up to us and we tire – ready to retire. Parents, family and society provide the guidance and framework throughout this lifelong human process.

The development of our faith life closely parallels the human development process, from the time of our conversion, or baptism in the Spirit. Throughout this lifelong faith process, the Holy Spirit and the Church provide the guidance and framework.

On October 11 we entered the Year of Faith proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI in preparation for a time of “New Evangelization.” In this Year of Faith, the Church asks us, individually and as Church, to re-encounter Christ and deepen our faith in him. This is accomplished only through the guidance and work of the Holy Spirit who is both architect and developer of our faith process.

The Year of Faith is important for us in Renewal because our charism and calling is renewal of the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. By that same power we strive to refresh our own faith through a rekindling of wide-eyed wonder, a renewing of childlike curiosity, a re-learning from doubts and struggles, a fresh preparation for ministry, and finally an entering into the work of the “New Evangelization.” This is not the time to be tired, or to retire. It is time to let the Holy Spirit be that ever-quenching spring of living water. It is time to live a full and mature “life in the Spirit.”

Study the Scriptures, the Catechism, the documents of Vatican II. Believe in Christ – deeply and personally. Re-encounter him. Set yourself aside fully for the work of the Holy Spirit, and put your total trust in him – in all things. Do it with energy and joy. The Spirit will lead you, and all of us together, through a year of wondrous growth, and into a time of miraculous ministry.

**God bless you. I love you.**

**Fr. Andres**

## From Marge Chavez

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
We are encouraged to continue praying before and after the elections; ask the Holy Spirit for guidance for every mark made on your ballot. Also continue praying for love and unity within our families, our communities, our prayer groups and our nation. Whatever the outcome on November 6<sup>th</sup> we need to storm heaven with our prayers. Ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us.

I was praying for our nation and I picked up this prayer taken from "Hidden in His Hands" by Basilea Schlink. It is so beautiful and seems so appropriate for these times that I wanted to share it with you:

### "THE PLANS GOD MAKES ARE WISE"

My Father, help us to accept with a humble and trusting heart the sufferings and hardships that you send us now and those the future may hold for us. Help us to bear them in the knowledge that a difficult situation has never been mastered by despairing, but always by trusting.

Let us also trust You when Your leadings for our loved ones, for our nation and other nations, indeed, for the whole world, become harder and harder. Let us keep our eyes fixed on the final outcome, for Your pathways always end in glory. I thank you for the assurance that all Your leadings have been conceived according to an eternal and wonderful plan. They are directed towards a glorious goal and even if the way first leads through the night – through personal brokenness and judgment upon the nations – the outcome will be a new world, which You will create out of the ruins.

Therefore, with our eyes fixed on the goal, we will live in implicit trust and in the assurance that after the chaos and affliction, Your glory will dawn – and with it a new world. Amen.

—Basilea Schlink

"..wonderful is his counsel and great his wisdom" (Isaiah 28:29)

Love, joy, peace and blessings.

Your sister in Christ,

Marge

## Companion on the Journey

By Tom Beale

Jesus describes the baptism in the Holy Spirit saying, "you will receive the power of the Holy Spirit which will come on you." (Acts 1:8a) We often use this quote, yet less frequently finish his statement: "then you will be my witnesses... to earth's remotest end." (Acts 1:8b)

Our Church finishes the statement this way: "a member (of the Body of Christ) who does not work at the growth of the body to the extent of his possibilities must be considered useless both to the Church and to himself... the true apostle is on the lookout for occasions of announcing Christ by word, either to unbelievers to draw them to the faith, or to the faithful to instruct, strengthen and incite them to a more fervent life." (Vatican II, "Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People")

Those of us who have long been involved in Catholic Charismatic Renewal sometimes moan for the old days: "So many people - so alive and on fire! But, now... where are the people, and the life?"

Yet, even today when well-known, Spirit-filled speakers come to town, their faith and energy help instruct, strengthen and incite us. People do come out and we are spiritually rekindled. "Alleluia! The Spirit really showed up today."

Don't be fooled, while those speakers' faith is strong, they face the same temptations and frailties we do, if not more so. It takes energy and courage for them to be the beacons they are.

Here's a personal question: After we have been with other people, do they say about us: "Alleluia, the Spirit was really here today." If not, why not? We have the same Spirit those speakers do. What is lacking? Energy and courage?

Time is short. Don't waste any opportunity to witness to Jesus, to pray with people, to heal. Just do it: "when the time comes, the Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say." (Luke 12:12) The Spirit provides everything, including energy and courage. Act now. Seize each moment.

Let's pray: "Holy Spirit, give me the courage to say 'yes' to your gift of boldness. Make me a witness at all times and in all things. May others always experience your presence through me."

The Spirit - your companion on life's journey - let him work in power through you today.

## Healing Mass at Queen of Peace October 24



### 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.

### 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. 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.

## Teachings on Healing and Deliverance Prayer Given at St. Jerome

Bertha and Manuel Murillo, Coordinators of healing and deliverance prayer ministry for Catholic Renewal Ministries under The Diocese of Phoenix, gave a series of teachings four Sundays in July at St. Jerome Catholic Church. The teachings were conformed for lay people with previous experience and training for prayer ministry and also for anyone in the church interested in learning about healing and deliverance prayer. This teaching gave basic and practical information for anyone having needs arising in the home requiring prayer who may not be able to go to church to receive this kind of prayer. They taught about sin and how it opens up doors in a soul to demonic activity. They also shared how important it is to continue to maintain a sanctified life through the church by regular attendance at mass and the sacraments to remain in the state of grace. At the end of the last session experienced prayer teams prayed with the people who attended, and, because of the understanding they received, they received much freedom healing. It was a powerful life-changing experience for many of them. Manuel and Bertha are available to give teaching at other parishes. If you are interested in having them speak at your parish please contact Marge Chavez at Catholic Renewal Ministries at 480-201-6691.

## Healing Mass October 24 at Queen of Peace, Mesa with Father Bennett



Father Thomas Bennett blessing the prayer teams

People gathered from all over the valley Wednesday night, October 24, for mass and healing prayer ministry at Queen of Peace Parish in Mesa. Celebrant for the mass was Father Thomas Bennett, pastor of Queen of Peace. He said that each of us had come for very personal reasons but that we are all in need of God's grace. Every mass is a healing mass because we come to Jesus. He is the one who gives grace to overcome our weaknesses, our sin, anything keeping us from God, anything stopping us from loving him. Jesus wants to give us the fullness of that promise that he has already given us upon the cross to heal us and to save us. He wants us to allow him to heal us from within.

## Father Shetler Celebrates Healing Mass September 13 at St. Rose Philippine Duchesne in Anthem



The mass at St. Rose in Anthem was well attended and prayer ministry lasted late into the evening, as most everyone wanted the anointing of oil by Fr. John Shetler, who was

celebrant of the mass and who prayed with everyone afterwards. Those attending the mass remarked how impressed they were with the people from the prayer group hosting the mass, that they were very warm and spirit-filled; very inviting. The music by Ken Goracke and Mary Mininni was very moving with joyful dancing and singing during worship. The presence of the Holy Spirit was very strong during prayer ministry with evidence of much healing. Thank you Father John for coming to Anthem!

## Prescott Life in the Spirit Seminar

By Barb Hertko

Our 6 week Seminar, "Growth in the Spirit" was well received. Various speakers presented their personal experience of the power of the Holy Spirit. One speaker, Ed Orillo, reminded us that maintaining a strong faith in God is necessary in this ever changing world. Each message built on the one before it, giving us a broad view of how the Holy Spirit is present within us and can be active in our daily lives. The evening of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was beautiful. When asked how the experience affected them, each person responded that they had received what they needed; comfort from fear, healing of wounds, spiritual requests answered, and new hope for the future. To realize that we are so intimately known and loved by our Creator is an experience like no other. Our thanks, and deep appreciation for the CRM Team and this wonderful ministry.

**St Thomas Aquinas, Avondale, Celebrated Healing Masses with Fr. Frank Bartel September 10 and Fr. Augustine Ogumere October 1**

By Ferrell McNeal

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Avondale began several months ago to schedule monthly healing masses at our parish sponsored by our Spirit of Peace Prayer Group.



We were privileged to have Fr. Frank Bartel celebrate the Healing Mass in September. He has reminded us that there is a difference between being cured and being healed. He told us that you can be cured of certain illnesses or physical

ailments, but we all receive healing when we come in faith and deepen our relationship with God. The mass concluded with the laying on of hands- it was beautiful to see the little children coming up and resting in the Spirit! We do pray for Fr. Frank who had a heart attack at the end of September. We thank Ron and Theresa and the Lamb of God Music Ministry from Mesa for praise and worship for our September mass!

Fr. Augustine Ogumere from St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church was able to fill in for Fr. Frank at our October Healing Mass - we were very grateful for that! Our music for that mass was provided by the music ministry from St. Teresita in El Mirage. Thank you so much!



Our next Healing Mass will be Monday, December 3rd. We are praying that Father Frank will be able to celebrate that mass again for us and that his health will be much improved by then.

**Healing Mass**

Monday December 3, 2012

6:30PM Praise and Worship

7:00PM Mass

Hosted by "Spirit of Peace Prayer Group"

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

13720 W. Thomas Rd., Avondale

Call Ada Fe Cunningham: 623-935-9401

Or Ferrell McNeal: 623-972-6741

**Renew ! Refresh ! Rejoice ! Enjoy !**

In observance of this Year of Faith, and in celebration of its 25th anniversary, St. Steven's Parish invites you to join them in 4 nights – or 3 days and 1 night – of spiritual renewal. Refresh your sense of wonder and awe at God our Father, Jesus his Son, and the Holy Spirit. You will be renewed. You will rejoice.

**What?**

Music, talks, fellowship: A short course, and reunion, with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (1) The Heart of the Father, (2) The Mind of Christ, (3) Living Life in the Holy Spirit

**When?**

3 nights: Monday-Wednesday, November 5-7  
7:00-9:00PM

OR – evening sessions repeated the next morning

3 days: Tuesday-Thursday, November 6-8  
8:30-10:30AM

.....PLUS.....

**Closing Mass of Healing and Renewal**

Thursday, November 8, 7:00PM

Fr. John Shetler, celebrant



**Where?**

St. Steven Catholic Community  
24827 S. Dobson Rd., Sun Lakes  
Contact Marie DiBone (623)-217-6633

**Who?**

Sponsored by St. Steven Prayer Group & Catholic Renewal Ministries of the Diocese of Phoenix

FREE. A free will offering can be made.

**Come Holy Spirit!**



Who is the Holy Spirit and how do I relate with him? What are the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit? How do they apply to real life? To my life? The answer is SIMPLY amazing. Come and see. St Jerome Parish and Prayer Group invite you to.....

**A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit**

Saturday January 5, 2013, 8:30AM-4:30PM  
St. Jerome Parish Hall, 10815 N. 35th Ave., Phx

**With Closing Session:**

Monday, January 7, 2013

7:00-9:00PM — FREE

Then, Follow that up with a.....

**Life in the Spirit Seminar**

7 Consecutive Monday Evenings — FREE  
Starts Monday January 14, 2013, 7:00-9:00PM

St. Jerome Parish PMC  
3450 W. Desert Cove, Phoenix  
Contact Mark Poulen (602) 795-3963



### CRM Leaders Go To Philippines

Manuel and Bertha Murillo, coordinators of healing and deliverance prayer ministry for CRM, were invited to the Philippines by Ron and Theresa Clavecilla, who have family in the Philippines, to give talks on healing and deliverance. While they were there they were under the covering of Shalom Ministry headed by Father Archie. They spoke at 6 different places. The agenda included going to the maximum and minimum penal community in Manila to minister, and to pray for those men who were hospitalized. They went to an outdoor pavilion on Saturday where Ron, Manuel and Bertha spoke. They were also guest speakers at a prayer group meeting and a Christian Businessmen's breakfast where Ron, Theresa, Manuel and Bertha all spoke.



### "You Will Receive the Power of the Holy Spirit!" (Acts 1:8)

Get to know the Holy Spirit. Learn how to live in his power. Experience a new Pentecost. The Holy Cross Prayer Group invites you to.....

### A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit

Friday, January 11, 2013, 6:30-9:00PM  
Saturday, January 12, 2013, 8:30AM-4:00PM  
and Thursday, January 17, 2013 6:30-8:30PM

Holy Cross Catholic Church  
1244 S. Power Rd., Mesa

And then.....Experience a:

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

7 Consecutive Thursday Evenings  
Starts January 24, 2013 6:30-8:30PM  
Contact Jan Reagor (480)-830-8346



### Ladies ! A Retreat Day — and Night — Just for You!

Come meet the Holy Spirit – meek and gentle of heart. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Women's Bible Group invites you to....

### A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit

Saturday, January 26, 2013, 8:30AM-4:00PM  
and Tuesday, January 29, 2013, 6:30-8:30PM

Held at the City of the Lord  
711 W. University Dr., Tempe  
Contact Carey Gass (480) 329-9314



Keynote Speakers:  
**Maria Vadia**



**Father Bill Halbing**



**Bob Valiante**

## Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Renewal Ministries 21st Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference "Let God Arise!" (Psalm 68:1)

Friday February 8, 2013, 2:30PM-9:30PM  
Saturday February 9, 2013, 8:30AM-9:30PM

Phoenix Convention Center South Building  
100 N 3rd St, Phoenix, AZ 85004  
(North East Corner of 3rd Street and Jefferson)

**Separate Sessions for Teens and Young Adults**  
SPM for Young Adults Friday Night 9:30PM-11:30PM

For more information see updates on our website at [CatholicRenewalMinistries.net](http://CatholicRenewalMinistries.net).  
Or call: Adult conference - Marge Chavez (480) 201-6691, [mchavez845@hotmail.com](mailto:mchavez845@hotmail.com)  
Teens and Young Adults Conference: - Jojo Concepcion (623) 229-6902

Friday Registration at 1:30PM, Saturday Registration at 8:00AM  
\$25.00 by January 23, 2013, \$35.00 at the door, teens \$5.00  
Free registration to all Priests, Deacons and Nuns

**Upcoming Events in Brief**

November 5-7, 2012...(Mon.-Wed.)...25th Anniversary Celebration...St. Steven Church, Sun Lakes...7:00-9:00PM  
 November 6-8, 2012...(Tues.-Thurs.)...25th Anniversary Celebration...St. Steven Church, Sun Lakes...8:30-10:30AM  
 November 8, 2012.....(Thursday).....Mass of Healing and Renewal.....St. Steven Church, Sun Lakes.....7:00PM  
 December 3, 2012.....(Monday).....Healing Mass .....St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Avondale.....7:00PM  
 January 5, 2013.....(Saturday).....Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit....St. Jerome Catholic Church....8:30AM-4:30PM  
 January 7, 2013.....(Monday).....Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit closing night....St. Jerome Church....7:00-9:00PM  
 January 14, 2013...(Monday).....7-week Life in the Spirit Seminar starts...St. Jerome Catholic Church...7:00-9:00PM  
 January 11, 2013....(Friday).....Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit.....Holy Cross Catholic Church.....6:30-9:00PM  
 January 12, 2013.....(Saturday)....Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit.....Holy Cross Catholic Church.....8:30AM-4:00PM  
 January 17, 2013....(Thursday).....Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit closing night...Holy Cross Church.....6:30-8:30PM  
 January 24, 2013...(Thursday)....7-week Life in the Spirit Seminar starts...Holy Cross Catholic Church...6:30-8:30PM  
 January 26, 2013...(Saturday).....Women's Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit.....City of the Lord.....8:30AM-4:00PM  
 January 29, 2013....(Tuesday)...Women's Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit closing night...City of the Lord...6:30-8:30PM  
 February 8-9, 2013....(Fri.-Sat.).....21st Catholic Charismatic Conference, Phoenix.....Phoenix Convention Center

**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](http://www.simplepraise.org)    [www.mnfwithgod.org](http://www.mnfwithgod.org)

**INTERCESSORY  
PRAYER**

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

**MONTHLY  
HEALING MASS**

**Every 2nd Monday  
of the Month  
7:00-9:00PM  
November 12, 2012  
December 10, 2012  
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 Rd.  
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 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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