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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.

**Monday Night Fellowship Young Adult Bible Study**

Diocese of Phoenix CRM and "Simple Praise Ministry" present "Monday Night Fellowship With God" young adult bible study every second and fourth Monday of the month from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Helen Catholic Church in Glendale.

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,

During the last two years we have focused on love and unity during our monthly leaders' and ministry meetings. We want to spread this love and unity throughout our communities. During Jesus' ministry he taught about love and unity, but he also healed many that were physically and spiritually afflicted. We know through scripture that the Samaritan Woman was "free" from sin after an encounter with Jesus. The healing and freedom from sin allowed her to recognize Jesus as the Messiah; at this point she was eager to run into town and tell the people "come see a man who told me everything I have done".

We also have the same opportunity for healing. We are very fortunate to have healing rooms with trained prayer teams. At present we have eight prayer rooms in our diocese and more scheduled for healing and deliverance training. Our Bishop fully supports these healing and deliverance rooms; it is no coincidence that the Diocese of Phoenix is bringing Fr. Jose Antonio Fortea from Spain, a priest and theologian who specializes in demonology, to conduct several sessions on healing and deliverance. (Information for registration on pg. 7.) These sessions are meant to educate us and explain the danger that sin plays in our lives. Please don't let this wonderful opportunity pass you by, remember our Lord said my children perish for lack of knowledge.

This will also be a wonderful opportunity to continue with our journey during this year of faith and evangelize to our brothers and sisters that need to hear the good news. We all need healing in this hurting world. If each one of us would only take the opportunity to embrace and pray for one person that the Lord leads to us in the super market, work place, ball game, or any place we happen to be, can you imagine the impact we might make? Try it; you may just find that this simple gesture of love becomes contagious. "...Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days." (John 4:39-40)

Peace and blessings to all of you.

Marge

## Companion on the Journey

By Tom Beale

"The New Evangelization": Are we tuned into opportunities around us as Peter, John and the father of the prodigal son were?

A cripple: "when Peter and John were going up to the Temple ..., it happened that there was a man being carried along. He was a cripple from birth... *Peter, and John too, looked straight at him* and said, 'Look at us.'... Instantly ... he jumped up, stood, and began to walk." (Acts 3:1-8)

A prodigal: "While he was still a long way off, *his father saw him* and, moved with pity, he ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him." (Luke 15:21)

Who are the cripples and prodigals to be evangelized in our lives?

That person in your prayer group who has offended you. Are you on the lookout for them, ready to run meet them when you see them?

That son, daughter or sibling who really irritates you. Are you always looking for the chance to love them into the Kingdom?

That lady in the grocery store whose eyes tell a sad story. Are you aware of her and eager to offer her prayer?

That person who betrayed your trust. Do you watch for them, excited to reconcile with them?

Do you even see those people at all, or, like me, are your eyes often cast downward so you won't make eye contact with any of them?

It's your choice: to be the prodigal son's elder brother who neither sees nor acts; or to be alert, running out to meet the prodigal, reaching him even before his own father does.

Want to evangelize? Lift your head, open your eyes and obediently allow the Spirit to lead you, letting him show you the mind of Christ and the heart of the Father.

Let's pray: "Holy Spirit, truly open the eyes of my heart. Be my eyes; guide me, direct me; that I may take on the mind of Christ, the heart of the Father, the deeds of the Spirit. Amen."

The Holy Spirit, your companion on life's journey: just look, listen and obey - today.

## The New Evangelization – Part 1

By Tom Beale

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) maintains a web site at <http://www.usccb.org>. It is informative and valuable, containing such resources as the New American Bible online, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) online, the mass readings of the day, Church news and access to many other important Catholic documents. Currently, at the following url: <http://www.usccb.org/about/strategic-plan.cfm>, one can find the 2013-2016 strategic plan for the New Evangelization, Journey with Christ: Faith-Worship-Witness. The plan itself is only 1-1/2 pages long and is directed to all Catholic Christians. There are links to more specific plans for each of the years between 2013 and 2016.

As introduction, the New Evangelization is the mission that is shared as the common Christian Vocation and Apostolate by all Catholics. The intent is to evangelize our current post-Christian world, much as the original Apostles and Disciples evangelized the pre-Christian world some two thousand years ago. Many new tools and technologies are available to aid our efforts today.

The Church presents us with three opportunities, or audiences, for the transmission of the Christian faith in the New Evangelization:

- Those who are faithful and need to be renewed. (Renewal\*)
- Those who have never heard the gospel proclaimed. (Rebirth\*)
- Those who are baptized but have lost a living sense of faith in their daily lives. (Revival\*)

Our present Year of Faith is both preparation for, and the first step in, the New Evangelization. In the Year of Faith, Catholics are called to rediscover, renew and deepen their relationship with Christ and his Church.

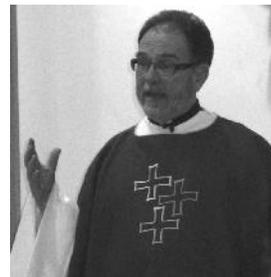
Watch this newsletter for future installments about the New Evangelization.

To arrange for speakers at your parish or prayer group on this important topic to all Catholics, please contact Tom Beale (623-878-6488; [tabeales@aol.com](mailto:tabeales@aol.com)).

\*The terms Renewal, Rebirth and Revival, used for the different audiences, are the creation of this author, not of the USCCB.

## March 20 Healing Mass at Queen of Peace with Father Scott Harris

The first reading for Mass was from Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, about Nebuchadnezzar throwing Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego into the fiery furnace because they would not bow down and worship his statue. But, when he looked, there were four men in the furnace, not three. In the gospel reading from John 8:31-42 Jesus declares, “if the Son frees you, then you will truly be free!”



In Father Scott’s homily he reminded us how important it is to have Christ at our center. All that is required here on earth is to bring the word “out there” to “in here”. “Lord let thy will be done!” Are we as brave as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego? As we find a deeper meaning to our faith and make a deeper commitment to God we become greater instruments in his hands. We must carry our crosses; be charitable.



We must be different. The three men were transformed to face death without fear. We don’t like the pain of being tortured or killed for our faith. Our vocation to be Christian is to grow through the years. We need to open channels to God. We need to be open to move God from wherever he is in our life to the very center of our life. This is not a fast process. It takes time to grow.



## Magnificat Returns to Phoenix And is Now Part of CRM

Magnificat, a charismatic ministry to Catholic women, has returned to Phoenix and is now under Catholic Renewal Ministries.

"Magnificat began on October 7, 1981 with the encouragement of the late Bishop Stanley Ott, and the late Archbishop Philip Hannan of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. It is canonically rooted in the church as a Private Association of the Christian Faithful. What started as a prayer meal for 200 Catholic women has become an International Ministry spread across the world with chapters currently located in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, Malta, Poland, and Africa. Its primary purpose is to inspire spiritual growth in holiness for women and to evangelize them to the fullness of faith. We believe it to be a response to the Second Vatican Council message to women December 8, 1965:

*"But the hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of woman is being achieved in its fullness, the hour in which woman acquires in the world an influence, an effect, and a power never hitherto achieved. That is why, at this moment when the human race is undergoing so deep a transformation, women impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel can do much to aid mankind in not falling..."*

Its primary purpose is to inspire spiritual growth in holiness for women and to evangelize them to the fullness of faith. Magnificat takes its inspiration from the Visitation in St. Luke's gospel, Chapter 1. After Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and Jesus was conceived within her, she runs in haste (92 miles) to her cousin, Elizabeth, who was also with child. Scripture tells us that at the moment Mary's greeting reached Elizabeth's ears, the child in her womb (St. John the Baptist) leaped for joy and Elizabeth was also filled with the Holy Spirit. At that moment, there was an explosion of grace and Mary sang the Magnificat. (Luke 1:46-47, 49)" (Quoted from Marilyn Quirk, coordinator, Central Service Team, Magnificat. Website: [www.magnificat-ministry.net](http://www.magnificat-ministry.net))

Laurie Walsh is available to speak to CRM prayer groups about this ministry to women. Call Laurie at (623) 979-9780.

## Bertha & Manuel Invited to Tucson February 2 to Teach Healing and Deliverance to the Hispanic Renewal

Deacon Mario Aguirre invited Bertha and Manuel Murillo to give a formation class on healing and deliverance to the leaders of the Hispanic Renewal in Tucson. They took ten prayer teams with them from the Phoenix prayer ministry to pray for the leaders. The first night they prayed to discern who would be qualified to take the class the following day. Those leaders then attended the formation classes on the following day. There were 90 people who attended the classes and of these 66 people were commissioned by their priest, Father Marcos Basulto, for healing and deliverance ministry.

The formation classes were authorized by the Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson. We are very grateful to see how the Lord is expanding the healing and deliverance ministry in the Catholic Church in Arizona.



## Bertha and Manuel Train Healing Prayer Teams at St. Mary Basha

On March 22 & 23 fourteen prayer warriors (7 new prayer teams) were trained by Bertha and Manuel Murillo and commissioned by pastor Father Daniel McBride for healing and deliverance ministry. Father McBride blessed them and presented them with St. Benedict Crosses. The new prayer teams, joined by the healing teams from Queen of Peace, had the opportunity to pray together as a ministry for the first time at the monthly Hispanic Healing Mass at St. Mary Basha's on April 24.

On May 8 they opened a new bilingual healing prayer room at St. Mary's which will be on Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00PM. We are grateful also for these new prayer ministers in the Catholic community as there is a great need for prayer ministry in the east valley.

## New Prayer Group Leaders at Corpus Christi Parish Phoenix Visit St. Steven and Queen of Peace Prayer Groups



Victoria Kaehler (front row center left), Amor Obispo (front row center right), and Gloria Asadi (front

row right), leaders of a new prayer group starting at Corpus Christi Parish in Phoenix, visited the prayer group at Queen of Peace in Mesa (photo above) on April 8 and the prayer group at St. Stevens in Sun Lakes on April 15 to observe the format of prayer groups before starting their own. Another new leader not pictured is Susan Simeone.

On April 25 they held their first prayer meeting at Corpus Christi.

They are looking forward to hosting a "Pilgrimage in the Holy Spirit" at their parish on August 24 and 25. Please see ad page 8. We welcome this new prayer group and pray that God will richly bless them.

## Manuel and Bertha Give Discipleship and Leadership Teachings

A four week "discipleship and leadership" class was taught by Manuel and Bertha Murillo at St. Jerome prayer group April 22, 29, and May 6. The final day of the class will be on May 20.

These teachings are a follow up to the "Pilgrimages with the Holy Spirit" and "Life in the Spirit Seminars" to provide continued discipleship and evangelizing of new members, to form stronger Christian walks and to build new leaders for the Catholic Renewal Ministries in the Diocese of Phoenix. The sessions include testimonies. They encourage healing and preparation for ministry in the Charismatic Renewal.

Manuel and Bertha are available to give these teachings at other parish prayer groups. For more information you may contact them at (602) 276-9100 or (602) 799-2563.

## CRM Prayer Teams Were Invited to Minister at the Hispanic CRM Conference and Retreat



Thirty-six prayer ministers (18 prayer teams) of the Diocese of Phoenix Healing and Deliverance Prayer Ministry under the direction of Prayer Ministry leaders Manuel and Bertha Murillo were invited by the Hispanic CRM coordinator Rosa Elena Cruz to intercede and pray for the 400 Hispanic Renewal leadership servers at the pre conference retreat in preparation for the Hispanic CRM Conference held April 28 and 29 at Glendale Community College. They also interceded and prayed for people at the conference where 5,000 people attended. The priest at the retreat, Father Freddie, prayed all weekend of the retreat for unity between the Hispanic and English Charismatic Renewal Ministries.



## Prophecy Given for the Catholic Renewal Ministries at Intercessory Prayer on Thursday April 18, 2013

"The Lord is proud of his people who have remained faithful during hard times and who never fail to come together and pray for those who are less fortunate than themselves. I am a God of mercy and hope, says the Lord, hope for the future, not woe. Therefore, do not fail to remain strong and continue your prayers for the less fortunate, for I will do great things among you because of your faithfulness, says the Lord."

DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CRM and  
SIMPLE PRAISE MINISTRY PRESENT:  
"Monday Night Fellowship With God"



A Bible Study For Young  
Adults  
Every 2nd and 4th Mondays  
(except holidays)  
From 7:00-8:30 PM

Kick Off: June 24, 2013

St. Helen Catholic Church  
5510 W. Cholla Street,  
Glendale, AZ 85304

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



Healing Mass  
Queen of Peace Catholic  
Church

Wednesday May 15, 2013  
6:30 PM Praise and Worship  
7:00 PM Mass

Celebrant: Father Thomas Bennett

141 N. MacDonald Street  
Mesa, AZ 85201

CRM Eve of Pentecost Charismatic  
Mass Celebration  
Saturday, May 18, 2013



Come Join us at  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
11001 N. 40th St., Phoenix

6:00 PM Praise & Worship  
6:30 PM Mass

Celebrant: Father Frank Bartel

Music: Ron & Lamb of God Music Ministry

Refreshments served immediately  
following the mass

Phoenix Chapter of Magnificat  
A (Charismatic) Ministry To Catholic Women

Meets Monthly at the Diocese  
On The 1st Monday Of the month

There will be a "come and see meeting"  
September 28 (more info in next newsletter)

Please consider inviting Laurie Walsh to  
your prayer meeting to learn more about  
this exciting ministry. (623) 979-9780

If God wanted us to keep  
looking back, we would be  
born with a rearview mirror.



*Ken Goracke*

Father Jose Antonio Fortea's Con-  
ference for Healing and Deliverance

Sponsored by the Diocese of Phoenix



Wednesday May 29  
6:30-9:00 PM

St. Timothy Catholic  
Church  
1730 W. Guadalupe Rd.  
Mesa, AZ 85202

\*Must be registered by website:  
[www.catequesisfamiliarphx.org](http://www.catequesisfamiliarphx.org)

Simple Praise Ministry  
Family Camping Trip in Lake Havasu  
June 14-16, 2013

Families are invited  
For more information e-mail Jojo:  
[jojoconcepcion77@gmail.com](mailto:jojoconcepcion77@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Events in Brief**

May 13, 2013....(Monday).....Healing Mass.....St. Jerome Catholic Church, Phoenix.....7:00-9:00 PM  
 May 15, 2013....(Wednesday).....Healing Mass.....Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Mesa.....7:00-9:00 PM  
 May 18, 2013....(Saturday)...CRM Eve of Pentecost Mass...St. Joseph Catholic Church, Phoenix.....6:00-9:00 PM  
 May 29, 2013....(Wednesday)...Fr. Fortea Healing & Deliverance Conference....St. Timothy, Mesa.....7:00-9:00 PM  
 June 9, 2013.....(Monday).....Healing Mass.....St. Jerome Catholic Church, Phoenix.....7:00-9:00 PM  
 June 14-16, 2013...(Friday-Sunday).....Family Camping Trip.....Lake Havasu.....all weekend  
 June 24, 2013.....(Monday)...Monday Night Fellowship kick-off.....St. Helen Catholic Church, Glendale....7:00-8:30 PM

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 Goreieb. 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.

**MONTHLY  
HEALING MASS**  
**Every 2nd Monday of the  
Month 7:00-9:00PM**  
**May 13, 2013  
June 9, 2013**  
**St. Jerome Catholic Church  
10815 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix**

 **A PILGRIMAGE  
WITH THE HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
**Friday August 23  
7:00-8:30 PM  
and  
Saturday August 24  
9:00 AM-3:30 PM**  
**Corpus Christi  
Catholic Church  
3550 E. Knox Rd. Phoenix  
Contact: Susan Simeone  
(602) 315-1950**

**INTER-  
CESSORY  
PRAYER**  
**Thursdays  
at the  
Diocese of  
Phoenix  
Following  
the  
12:00 PM  
Mass at  
St. Mary's  
Basilica**

**HEALING PRAYER  
MINISTRY**  
 Every 4th Sunday of the Month  
 After the 11:00 AM 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 Catholic Church**  
 10815 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix

**HEALING  
PRAYER  
ROOM**  
 Individual Prayer  
 for Physical and  
 Emotional Healing  
 Every Wednesday  
 6:00-9:00 PM  
**St. Mary Basha  
Catholic Church**  
 230 W. Galveston  
 Chandler

**HEALING  
PRAYER ROOM**  
 Individual Prayer for Inner  
 Healing & Deliverance  
 2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
 7:00-9:00 PM  
**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  
 7:00-9:00 PM  
**St. Vincent de Paul  
Catholic Church**  
 3140 N. 51st Ave  
 Phoenix