



# CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OFFICE

*in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis*

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**Fall 2023**

*Mission Statement:* Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel so all can respond to the call to conversion to Jesus Christ, surrender their lives to the Father and experience transformation through baptism in the Holy Spirit.

## If Not For You

Dr. Carole M Brown

Did you ever wonder how your life might have turned out if you didn't know the Lord? It's worth retracing those fundamental moments, those key figures without whose influence your life may have turned out very differently.

Many of us, myself included, grew up in Catholic families who cared about passing on the faith. My parents had me baptized, taught me the prayers, and took me to Mass. They did all the right things—but in my case, the lights did not go on automatically. I believed that there was a God, but he seemed distant and disconnected.

My life was changed when a high school friend, to whom I was complaining about my problems, asked me, "Carole, have you ever *prayed* about this?" It was a stunning question. Why would I do *that*? I knew the prayers—but what did that have to do anything? And...what on earth did it mean to "pray *about*" something? It was as if a piece of rust broke off the gears in my brain, and the wheels of curiosity started to turn. She seemed to know something I didn't know.

That same friend gave me a bible, a bible devotional for teens, and a pirated Christian music tape. As I took up the scriptures, I was



surprised to discover that God seemed to know what was going on in my life.

How else could I explain that the bible readings and reflections seemed to match up with things that I was experiencing?

And since God was evidently trying to communicate with me that he DID know what was going on in my life, I decided I should try to get to know him better. The more I knew him, the more I loved him. The more I knew him and loved him, the more I wanted everyone to know and love him.

I sometimes look back to that night and wonder what if that conversation had never happened? What if I never came to know the Lord? What if my friend hadn't shown up at school every day and taped encouraging notes in my locker, or passed me notes in class to share her musings about God's involvement in our lives? How would my life have turned out if she had not accompanied me in coming to know Jesus? I hate to think about it.

In our times there are many new "evangelization programs" on the market—video series, book studies, and other resources that promise results. But here's the thing. Most of the people who need those programs are not the ones who attend them. The only hope for many people to come to know Jesus is *by meeting you*. Being introduced to the love of Jesus, *by you*. By sharing life *with you*. Are you willing to be that person?

## Life in the Spirit Seminar

*"The Holy Spirit comes  
where He is loved,  
where He is invited,  
where He is expected."*

*St. Bonaventure*

### Save the Date

January 12 - 13, 2024

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
Roseville, MN

watch for more details [ccro-msp.org](http://ccro-msp.org)



## Have You Heard?

### WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

October is a delightful time of the year; a feast for the senses, as the air changes, becoming cooler and crisper, colors delight eyes and sounds change as animals begin to take flight and prepare for winter. Even, the scents of fall are different, as the earth readies for its winter's rest. It is a good time for reflection. A time to sit back and ponder what changes the season brings.

So too, it is great time to reflect on the fall feasts in the Church. October is a full calendar, with many feasts and saints to consider. Many are easily recognized and often we seek their intercession, as we walk our faith journey. In such a full calendar, let's consider a few feast days and saints.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Guardian Angels. How can we not celebrate that God has given each of us an angelic guide to be at our side, watching over our every step. Surely, for many the prayer to your guardian angel was a first prayer and continues to be an important prayer in your life. Our guardian angel is always there to turn to as we travel through life.

Animal lovers can hardly forget Francis of Assisi, who is honored on October 4<sup>th</sup>. While, remembering that St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and nature, one also recalls that he was incredibly humble and helped to renew the church in a difficult time, by living out the Gospel, in prayer, word and deed. His example called many to an honest and true lived faith.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we remember John Paul II and his first words to the gathered throng at he began his long papacy, "Be not afraid." Truly these words are what we are called to, if we are alive in Christ and immersed in the power of the Holy Spirit. But how hard they can be to live. He lived with courage and a great devotion to our Blessed Mother, adding the Luminous mysteries to the rosary, giving a fuller meditation on the life of Jesus reflected in the mysteries of the rosary.

Lastly, while many more saints, and feasts populate the October calendar, it is necessary to recognize that October is a Marian month, dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, Mary calls us to use the rosary as a great weapon for holiness, peace and hope, asking us to pray the Rosary daily. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, lands on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and was originally celebrated as Our Lady of Victory when Catholic forces were able to win the Battle of Lepanto against overwhelming odds and turning the momentum of the war against the Ottomans.

This victory was attributed to Catholics lifting the Rosary in supplication.

Take a moment to ponder the church calendar and the witness of so many, who walk with us.



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# And their eyes were opened...

*Let me journey with you.*

Our presenter, Dr. Carole Brown is the current Director the Sioux Spiritual Center in the Rapid City, SD Archdiocese.

She has a heart for Jesus, spending her adult life in evangelistic outreach and ministry. She has traveled extensively and is a teacher, a missionary and gifted speaker and evangelist.

She will ask us to not be faint of heart as she accompanies and leads us to more deeply explore the call to hear God's voice as we walk with Him and one another.

*What is the theological meaning of accompaniment? Accompaniment is to walk alongside another on their journey. As companions of the journey, sometimes it is the unrecognized Christ who walks with us, Therefore, we are called to capture these moments with others on the journey, and to recognize Christ. It is our hope this conference will give you many insights as to best accompany the people in your life and to help them recognize Christ.*

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office presents . . . 

## Evangelization by Accompaniment

Saturday, November 4, 2023  
 8:00 AM Registration  
 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM Mass and Conference  
 4:30 - 6:00 PM Healing Service  
 NET Center - 110 Crusader Av W  
 West St Paul MN

*And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them... Luke 24:15*



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Dr. Carole Brown



Fr. Marc Paveglio

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**Are you a believer? Looking to boldly go forth?  
Come, ready to go deeper. Let your heart be set afire!**



Our musician and vocalist, **Theresa Peterson** is a worship leader, speaker and singer/songwriter. She has played a number of major festivals and conferences and opened for national acts. Teresa has led worship for Encounter Ministries, Heart of the Father Ministries (Unbound), The Culture Project, and worked with national speakers Fr. Michael Gaitley (33 Days to Morning Glory), Archbishop Chaput, and Relevant Radio's Fr. Richard Simon.



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*“Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. ...  
Do not be afraid to be holy!” John Paul II*

## HAPPENINGS

**November 2 (Thursday) MERCY NIGHT, 7:00 - 8:00 PM St. Michael Catholic Church, St Michael MN** Adoration, Praise and Worship, Prayer Ministry, Confessions - Open to All. Please bring family, friends, and neighbors

**November 4 (Saturday) “Evangelization by Accompaniment” CCRO FALL CONFERENCE - 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM**  
**NET Center 110 Crusader Av W West. St. Paul MN [ccro-msp.org](http://ccro-msp.org) 763-571-5314**

**November 7, 2023 (Tuesday) HEALING MASS, 7:30 PM Mass St. Peter’s Catholic Church 2600 N. Margaret St North St. Paul, MN** Fr. Jose Cortes Prayers of healing following Mass. Hosted by St. Peter’s Prayer group.

**November 10 (Friday) COR JESU, 8:00 pm - 10:00 PM** Eucharistic adoration, confession, praise & worship music and fellowship with young adults, college - age and older - with Fr. Joseph Taphorn, SPS Rector

**November 11 (Saturday) Fire on the Hill - follows the 5:15 PM Saturday Mass -** Praise and Worship and Prayer Ministry for healing and prophetic encouragement

**December 1 (Friday) COR JESU, 8:00 pm - 10:00 PM** Eucharistic adoration, confession, praise & worship music and fellowship with young adults, college - age and older

**December 5, 2023 (Tuesday) HEALING MASS, 7:30 PM Mass St. Peter’s Catholic Church 2600 N. Margaret St North St. Paul, MN** Fr. Jose Cortes Prayers of healing following Mass. Hosted by St. Peter’s Prayer group.

**December 7 Thursday MERCY NIGHT, 7:00 pm - 8:00 PM St. Michael Catholic Church, St Michael MN** Adoration, Praise and Worship, Prayer Ministry, Confessions - Open to All. Please bring family, friends, and neighbors

**December 9 (Saturday) Fire on the Hill - follows the 5:15 PM Saturday Mass -** Praise and Worship and Prayer Ministry for healing and prophetic encouragement

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**January 12–13, 2024 (Friday - Saturday) LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Roseville MN** (more info to come)