



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OFFICE

in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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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.

THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US WITH GIFTS FOR MISSION

FATHER BONIFACE HICKS O.S.B.

In his encyclical **Lumen Fidei**, Pope Francis teaches: “the openness of God’s own love...is not only a relationship between the Father and the Son, between an ‘I’ and a ‘Thou’, but is also, in the Spirit, a ‘We’, a communion of persons. Here we see why those who believe are never alone, and why faith tends to spread, as it invites others to share in its joy. Those who receive faith discover that their horizons expand as new and enriching relationships come to life” (Lumen Fidei 39). The Holy Father weaves together three important concepts here: faith is not merely a personal project, when we believe we are moved to share our faith, and it is particularly the Person of the Holy Spirit who animates this.

Although faith has a radically personal dimension—no one can believe on my behalf—faith is never merely a personal project. We received faith from someone else (often from many others) and when we believe we also belong to something larger than ourselves, indeed to a great cloud of witnesses (Heb 12:1). It is worth reflecting on how we first came to believe and also the steps that we have taken as we felt ourselves to be part of a new family of believers. Even for those raised in the faith, there is often a critical moment, an experience of feeling unconditionally loved in prayer or in the communion of the Christian community, when we could say that we knew, personally, that God was real. Then there are generally also steps of vulnerability, trust and commitment that bonded us together with some part of the Christian community. Whether we realize it or not, the Holy Spirit is the architect of all of that.

The same Holy Spirit who facilitated an experience of God’s Love and bonded us together with the Christian community also empowers us with gifts for mission, for sharing the faith. Good always spreads itself. This often moves together with our natural talents but then produces supernatural fruitfulness. This might be teaching, leading, interceding, exhorting, encouraging, invit-

ing, healing, or a variety of others (the Siena Institute identifies twenty four of the most common gifts as listed in Scripture). We have to take the risk to try and use some of these gifts in order to discover with confidence how the Holy Spirit wants to move in us. The best way to try is to experiment in the context of community where those who love us can support us and encourage us. Furthermore, no one’s gifts are meant to be used in isolation but rather in complementarity with the gifts of others.

One great way to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the spread of the faith is through a parish mercy night. A mercy night centers around the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar for a couple of hours in a parish church. Two baskets can be placed at the foot of the altar—one for placing petitions at the feet of Jesus, the other containing small pieces of paper with a Word from Scripture that can be received from Jesus. Some people are present for adoration and intercession. Others exercise a gift of music, exhortation, encouragement, witness and teaching through animating the worship—by alternating a simple song with a prayer, a little exhortation on how to encounter the Lord and times of silence, they help those present to draw close to Christ. Others are present at the entrance of the Church to welcome, guide and accompany visitors. Others serve in small prayer teams to listen with love and respond with prayer, healing and prophecy. Others go out into the streets to engage strangers, pray with them and invite them into the Church to encounter His Love. This simple format can engage the Gifts of the Holy Spirit robustly in a way that ignites faith and transforms lives.

As Pentecost approaches, let us thank God for the gift of faith and those who brought that gift to us at the same time that we recommit ourselves to sharing faith with others through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost - The Spirit is Alive

“...he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which he said, “you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 1:4 – 5

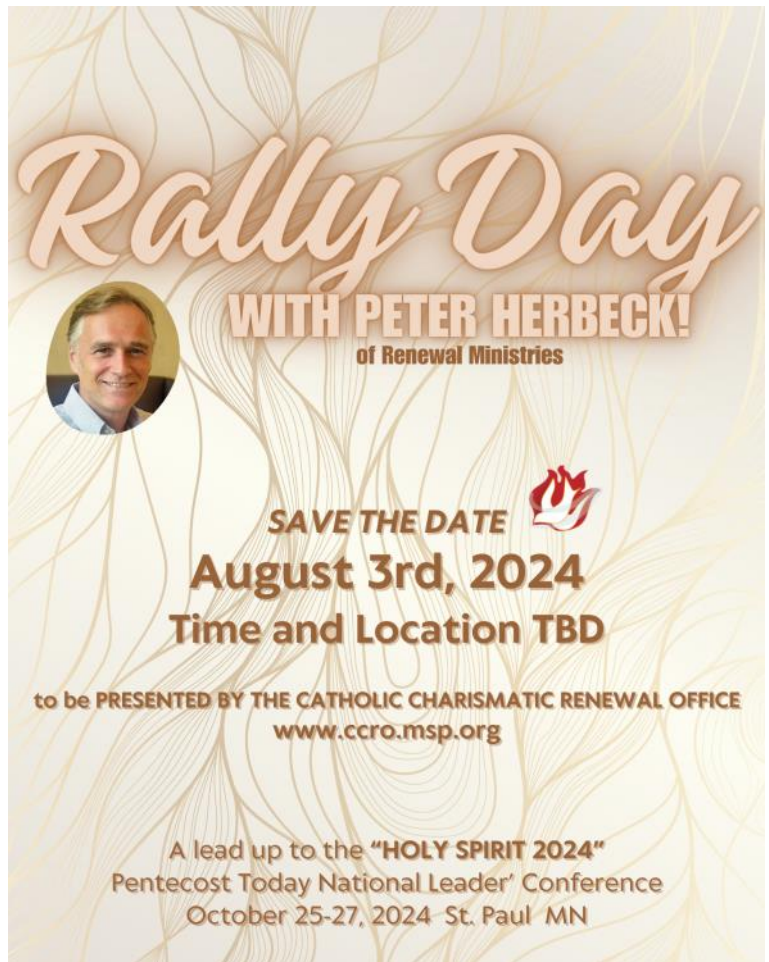
“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samar’ia and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

“...there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues...” Acts 2:2-4

On this day the Apostles and followers of Jesus were transformed - their faith came alive! The Church burst into life. They were empowered with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit to go forth speaking truth to the ends of the earth.

Flame and wind are striking when one thinks of transformation. A little fire can warm our hearths and a light breeze can cool us on a hot day, but the power of a raging fire or roaring wind can sweep away all the old debris. So, something new can grow – Transformation!

Each of us has received that flame at our baptism, and again when Confirmed, not as a visible sign as the first outpouring of the Spirit, but an invisible transforming moment in our lives, calling us to be witnesses. We are the embodiment of Christ on this earth. Each of us has a flame, calling us to some work that is individually ours to raise up God’s kingdom. Sometimes we are the warmth of the hearth or the cool breeze, sometimes baptized with the Spirit our gifts grow brighter and we are called to even more. Together we are the Church, the transforming fire of God. Each of us has work for today and tomorrow. Open yourself up and actively seek what work you are being called to in living God’s mission. Not all work may be great in the eyes of the world, but all work done with our eyes on God is great in his kingdom. As the Great St. John Paul II urged, “Be Not Afraid.” Are you ready?



Rally Day
WITH PETER HERBECK!
of Renewal Ministries

SAVE THE DATE 
August 3rd, 2024
Time and Location TBD

to be PRESENTED BY THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OFFICE
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A lead up to the “HOLY SPIRIT 2024”
Pentecost Today National Leader’ Conference
October 25-27, 2024 St. Paul MN

Pray the Holy Spirit Novena

May 10 - May 19, 2024

This beautiful novena is considered to be the oldest novena of the Church, beginning when Jesus ascended in to Heaven and directed His Apostles to pray until the Holy Spirit would come to them, giving them power and strength to be witnesses to the ends of the earth.

In this novena we pray specifically for an increase in the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and make a daily Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit.

This Novena may take more than one form, but consists primarily of The Sign of the Cross, a daily Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit, and prayers for an increase in each of the gifts of the Holy Spirit .

For help praying the Holy Spirit Novena

[https://](https://thecatholic handbook.com/holy-spirit-novena)

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May 17—18, 2024
Sanford Center Bemidji MN


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Beginning the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

<https://crookstoneucharist.org>

Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB was baptized in the Spirit and began operating in the charisms around the same time that he was baptized sacramentally at Penn State University in 1997. He has been active in charismatic prayer groups, led Life in the Spirit seminars, given conference talks on the Gifts, and offered Charismatic retreats since that time. His work in discerning charisms goes hand in glove with his work in spiritual direction. He has co-authored a book on Spiritual Direction and a book on Personal Prayer which include substantial teaching on the charisms. For that reason, the Personal Prayer book has been used in the Encounter School of Ministry as part of their regular two-year curriculum. More recently he has served as a teacher in the Encounter School of Ministry, a Conference speaker, and together with Dr. Mary Healy and Father Peter Ryan, recorded video teachings about the charisms that are featured on the Encounter Ministries website. Father Boniface is also board member for Pentecost Today USA. Father Boniface is passionate about the way God empowers us to manifest Christ in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.


CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OFFICE
SPRING CONFERENCE



Charisms Transformation

"Make love your aim; but be eager, too, for spiritual gifts..."
1 Corinthians 14:1

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4 May
2024

CHURCH OF ST. PETER
2600 N MARGARET STREET
NORTH ST. PAUL MN 55109



7:30 AM - 3:45 PM ~ Beginning with the Rosary, First Saturday Mass, & Adoration, followed by Conference Presentations

6:00 PM - MERCY NIGHT ~ Music - Reflections - Testimony - Prayer



- This event is **Sponsored by the CCRO**. For more information or to register please use QR Code provided, or check our website WWW.CCRO-MSP.ORG or call the CCRO office at 763-571-5314
- A **\$50 Donation** is asked to defray event expenses.

Lunch and supper are on your own. Please bring your meal or check out nearby venues. Water, coffee and snacks provided.

**God's love transforms, starting at our toes and filling us to overflowing.
Delighting and Surprising!**

Come, encounter the Holy Spirit on ever-deepening levels.

**Be revitalized and transformed as you recognize
the love of God, personified, in the Holy Spirit living in you.**

**Learn how to recognize and gain a deeper understanding of your gifts, and how
strengths and weaknesses together build the people of God.**

**Explore the Charisms entrusted to the Body of Christ to build
and grow the community of believers.**

Give in to your hunger for the Lord and be emboldened!



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“Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.” St. Padre Pio

HAPPENINGS

- † **May 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.
- † **May 3 (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 Bishop Joseph Williams
- † **May 4 (Saturday) CHARISMS “Transformation” CCRO Spring CONFERENCE - 7:30AM - 8:00 PM - St. Peter’s Catholic Church 2600 N Margaret St. North St. Paul MN www.ccro-msp.org**
- † **May 7 (Tuesday) HEALING MASS, 7:30 PM Mass St. Peter’s Catholic Church 2600 N. Margaret St North St. Paul, MN** Prayers of healing following Mass. Hosted by St. Peter’s Prayer group.
- † **May 10 (Friday) SPIRIT AND FIRE NIGHT - 6:30 - 8:30 PM Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church: 2048 Hamline Ave. N. Roseville MN** Join in a night of worship and prayer! Led by Father Marc Paveglio.
- † **May 11 (Saturday) Fire on the Hill - follows the 5:15 PM Saturday Mass - Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul MN** Praise and Worship and Prayer Ministry for healing and prophetic encouragement
- † **May 17-18, 2024 (Friday - Saturday) STAR OF THE NORTH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Bemidji, MN** - Hosted by the Diocese of Crookston and the Diocese of Duluth. <https://crookstoneucharist.org>
- † **May 19 - July 19, 2024 NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE begins** - The Marian Route begins with a 10:00 AM outdoor Mass at the Headwaters of the Mississippi, in Itasca State Park, and winds through the Midwest (*Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana*) meeting other Pilgrimage Routes in Indianapolis July 19, 2024 for the National Eucharistic Congress. To see pilgrimage route and stops in the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis <https://www.archspm.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage>
- † **July 17 - July 21, 2024 NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - Indianapolis, Indiana** God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ’s love with a world that so desperately needs it. www.eucharisticcongress.org