



# CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OFFICE

*in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis*

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Spring 2025

*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.

## Forty Days

A season of awakening is nearly upon us. We cast off the doldrums and dreariness of winter and begin to look forward and prepare for the new life spring brings. We consider what to put into our gardens and look forward to turning over the fallow soil.

Lent is the spring of the Church year. The word lent means spring or springtime. It is a time of preparation for us, as we look forward to the Easter morning. We prepare anew the soil of our hearts, looking inward and asking the Holy Spirit to guide us to renewed growth and interior conversion as we pray, fast and consider in which ways we must reach out to those in need - our lenten call to pray, fast and give alms.

As we contemplate lent and its celebration we can consider a few things. Lent is forty days long. In Scripture when we encounter the number forty we know that something big is occurring, whether it is the call for a people to change their ways, as in the story of Noah and the Great Flood or of Jonah and the Ninevites. Moses spent forty days on the Mountain with God to receive the Commandments. The Israelites wandered forty years in the desert until a new generation grew and hard hearts were changed. Elijah spent forty days on Mount Horab, being renewed for his prophetic work.

Forty represents renewal, preparation, repentance, fulfillment and always transformation. Transformation takes time and is accomplished through trial and testing, and listening to the voice of God in our hearts.. None of God's chosen are untested or immune from temptation. Even, Jesus is tested and tempted. It is during the forty days or



forty years that changes of heart occur. It is during this time that repentance or great change takes place and sometimes a new call to an even greater role is fulfilled.

When thinking about the forty days of lent it is important, to contemplate the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert. He rises from the waters of His baptism and immediately the Holy Spirit leads Him into the desert to fast and pray and to be tested. The quiet of the desert allows him to focus on God, not distractions of the world. The Holy Spirit has led Him and is with Him.

Praying, he connects himself to the Father in relationship and supplication, In fasting He denies Himself so He can more clearly hear God's voice, he shows humility and receives strength for His trials. During this time Satan repeatedly attacks him with many temptations, always looking for an opportunity to exploit potential weakness, even twisting scripture to make his appeal more alluring and always Jesus turns away from Temptation and to His Father,

Jesus does not call us to anything He has not experienced. He understands us and gives us tools to grow in holiness and love of God. We are called to use the tools of prayer, and fasting to draw closer to God.

**Reflecton:** *In this next forty days are you willing to be led by the Holy Spirit? Will you allow him to be with you and work in you? **Spend some time in silence.** Are you willing to let the fallow ground of your hearts be tilled with fasting and almsgiving? Are you ready to be fertilized with prayer and the sacraments of the Church? Will you be changed this lent?*

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## Jubilee!

A year of Jubilee is a Holy Year. The concept originates in God's instruction to Moses in Leviticus 25:10 to set aside every 50th year as a sacred year to call for liberty to all the inhabitants of the land, a forgiveness of debts, a release of slaves and restoration of properties. It was a call to restore right relationships with neighbors and with God.

Christian tradition has continued the idea of Jubilee. A year of Jubilee is a Holy Year focusing on forgiveness of sin, repentance, conversion, joy and celebration. Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee year, themed "Pilgrims of Hope". This Jubilee Year began Christmas Eve of 2024, and will end on Holy Family Sunday, December 29, 2025 taking its theme from Romans 5:5 "Hope does not disappoint..."

*"The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation." (Pope Francis, Spes Non Confundit 25)*

What a wonderful way to remind us that we are a people of hope, especially in a pessimistic age when we look around ourselves and see so much conflict and division. In Hebrews 11:1 we are reminded just how integral hope is to our belief. "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" Hope is a looking forward to something more, something

better, promised to us by our Lord. It is a firmly held belief, a trust and an expectation that in spite of trials, all will turn out for our salvation according to the Lord's plan. The theme of hope runs through scripture, both in the Old and New Testaments. In 1 Peter 3:15, Christians are reminded to always be ready to give reason for their hope, but to do it with gentleness and respect. It is part of our witness to our Lord, It is what we can show the world as we embark on our pilgrim journeys.

By definition a pilgrim is a person who embarks on a reverent journey to a sacred place for religious reasons. Expanding on this, we Christian people are all pilgrims on an arduous journey to Heaven. We are a pilgrim people.

For the Jubilee Year some will be able to be physical pilgrims - making pilgrimages to Rome or various pilgrimage sites around our nation, others will be participating through prayer and works of mercy & penance or making pilgrimage to a cathedral church.

Special Indulgences are attached to Jubilee Years.

Participate in the best manner that you are able according to your calling and circumstances, remembering that this is a Holy Year of Hope and each of us is called to hope, repentance, conversion, faith and joy.

**The Year of the Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope**  
Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office - MSP



*4 Days Pilgrimage to*

**The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion**

Come, join Fr. John Rumpza & the CCRO,  
**May 15-18, 2025**  
as we journey to Champion, WI



Fr. John Rumpza  
Spiritual Father



Alex Schindler  
Worship Leader

**CCRO PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS:**

- National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion's Annual Marian Conference
  - Marian Conference Speakers - Bishop David Ricken, Fr. Anthony Stephens, CPM, Very Rev. John Girotti, JCL & Donna-Marie Cooper O'Brien
- Shrine of St. Joseph, De Pere, WI
- St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay, WI
- And, much more!

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- Early Bird Registration & Payment due March 31, 2025

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- Regular Registration & Payment due April 9, 2025

\*Cost per person is dependent on the number of occupants per hotel room



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*"... do not be  
unbelieving,  
but believe."*

*John 20:27*

When Christians contemplate the Upper Room thoughts quickly turn to the scene of the Last Supper and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. It is in the Upper Room that Jesus offered His Body and Blood for our salvation.

After the crucifixion, the Apostle's, and disciples returned to the Upper Room as they mourned and wondered what their next steps would be. It was a place of prayer and miracles. The risen Jesus appears to His followers in the Upper Room. And it is here that he invites Thomas to touch his wounds and believe.

The followers of Jesus Christ were gathered in the Upper Room when the power of the Holy Spirit descends upon them, filling them and sending them to proclaim the truth of Christ, beginning His Church on earth.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office (CCRO)  
 presents a Spring Conference

# ...in The Upper Room

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*John 20:27*



Fr. Michael Becker  
"Incorruptibles"



Fr. Tom Margevicius  
"The Eucharist and the  
Upper Room"

**March 29, 2025**

**8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Mary, Mother of the Church**

**3333 Cliff Rd E - Burnsville MN 55337**

For event details and to register please scan the QR code,  
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**Suggested Donation \$55.00 to help defray our expenses.**



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

### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*By Nicole O'Leary, senior editor, FAITH Catholic*

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

*Let us pray.*

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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

- † **March 4, 2025 (Tuesday) Healing Mass** 7:30 PM - St. Peter's Catholic Church, North St. Paul, MN
- † **March 6 (Thursday) Mercy Night** 7:00 - 8:00 PM St. Michael Catholic Church, St. Michael, MN
- † **March 7 (Friday) Cor Jesu** 8:00 PM St. Mary's Chapel, St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul MN
- † **March 14 (Friday) Spirit and Fire** 6:30 - 8:30 PM Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Roseville, MN
- † **March 15 (Saturday) Fire on the Hill** 6:30 PM Cathedral of St. Paul, St Paul MN
- † **March 29 (Saturday) CCRO SPRING Conference - “...in the Upper Room”** 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville, MN <https://ccro-msp.org/spring-conference-2025>
- † **May 15 - 18 (Thursday - Sunday) Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion**— see flyer inside

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**FALL CONFERENCE**

**OCTOBER 25, 2025**

You're invited to a CCRO Fall Conference

ST. BARTHOLOMEW CATHOLIC CHURCH  
WAYZATA, MN

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