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Identity of CCR:

Passing on the Fire to the Next Generation

■ Br James Shin

Renewal of Catholic Church

During the 2,000 years of Catholic Church history, there were some remarkable renewal movements. In the period of persecution of the early Church, Christians kept their faith at the risk of their own life. However, as freedom of religion was allowed, paradoxically the Church lost its strength and had weakened spirituality. It was then that God has set his plan of building monasteries through which the Church was renewed by the prayer, solitude and sacrifice of the religious. A short time later, when the Church became worldly again, the renewal of the Church resumed, this time through living a life of poverty and simplicity based on the biblical ideals. Soon after, the liturgical movement followed and this time the emphasis was put on devotion to the Eucharist.

In the 20th century, however, despite all these efforts of renewal movements, when science and materialism took over the hearts and minds of Europe and United States, the Church lost its way of living spirituality. Young people in particular strayed, falling into wrong idea of liberalism and giving themselves up to pleasure. Fortunately, in this time of crisis, the Lord sent His gift: the Charismatic Renewal, to manifest Himself to young generations, helping them to regain faith and to renew the Church.

Urgent Need for a New Generations of Apostles

As Pope Benedict XVI stated, “There is an urgent need for the emergence of a new generation of apostles anchored firmly in the word of Christ, capable of responding to the challenges of our times and prepared to spread the Gospel far and wide.” (*Message to the youth of the world on the occasion of the 27st WYD*).

Young people should not be viewed as a guarantee of the future of CCR. They have their rightful place within the whole setup as young persons. They too,

as temples of the Holy Spirit, are gifted people who could open new horizons to the older generation. However, the older generation must nurture them and raise up new leaders among them.

Young CCR members in Korea tend to have difficulty fitting into the environment of seniors’ charismatic prayer meetings. The reason for this lies in the differences of organisation and the structure of the meetings,

but a further reason is that elders tend not to give enough opportunities to the newcomers. Therefore,



the duty to accept new young people with open arms, making place for their charismatic service, encouraging them to engage actively, rests with the seniors. On the other hand, youths must make the effort to fit in and serve.

One more important thing for the young CCR members is that they should not be satisfied with doing service only within the prayer meeting. They have to go throughout the world proclaiming the Gospel, as the Apostles did. I believe that the loving task of evangelisation and pursuing missionary work is the way to ignite the flame of the Holy Spirit.

Formation of Leaders

Therefore, it is the duty of CCR to overcome both the aging of the leaders and institutionalism of the Church. CCR has to support young people with all the prayers and efforts as well as provide opportunities for them to take a leading role in spreading the fire of the Holy Spirit. The way to accomplish this is by training young leaders and raising them up into positions of authority.

Currently, the Charismatic Renewal is experiencing lack of spiritual leaders who can give instruction to Christians attending the seminar for the first time. Even people who experience the Holy Spirit have difficulty in understanding and managing the gift they have received and fail to grow spiritually. We must bring up many leaders and servants who can give guidance and share biblical knowledge.

As in the *Acts of the Apostles*, where Priscilla and Aquilla, impressed by the passion of Apollos toward God, brought Apollos into their house to teach him more about God’s way, I believe one of CCR’s mission is to train passionate young leaders.

New generations, as gifted persons, should keep in mind the following scripture to open new horizons to the older generation:

“Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity” (1 Tim 4:12).

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The Cross of the Renewal

The Cross of the Renewal has been adopted as the International symbol of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.



For event organisers

We appeal to every event organiser to prayerfully consider promoting the Cross of the Renewal at every one of your events. Here are three good reasons why you should:

a

You will generate funds for your own ministry equivalent to 25–50% of the sales generated depending on the option you select.

We are certain that the additional funds generated will be a welcome blessing.

b

Your efforts will also generate funds for ICCRS equivalent to 10–15% of the sales generated, depending on the option you select. You will be doing your part as a steward of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal to enable ICCRS to continue to serve the Renewal through their ministry.

c

You will have done your part to promote the Cross of the Renewal as a fitting symbol of the CCR and to foster a sense of unity among all who wear this symbol.

For more information, please visit:
www.crossoftherenewal.com

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you are aware, ICCRS exists to serve the worldwide Renewal in all of its various streams and expressions. The ICCRS Council under the leadership of its President, Michelle Moran, has started several initiatives to make ICCRS more relevant to the worldwide Renewal. “The Lord has done great things for us; because of which we are glad” (Ps 126:3).

While thanking the Lord for all the blessings we continue to receive through ICCRS, I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to everyone who contributed generously to support the work of ICCRS. Your support did help ICCRS in a big way to carry on its operations and fulfill the mandate given to it by the Church.

I present to you a brief report about the ICCRS financial situation to ensure transparency and accountability. The following are some highlights relating to the financial position of ICCRS in the year 2011.

Income

Our total income for the year 2011 from January to December was 208,000 EUR. It consisted of 82,000 EUR received as donations from ICCRS Sub-committees and National Service Committees (NSC’s). Donations from individuals, groups and communities amounted to 100,000 EUR whereas response to Hope Sack appeal was 18,000 EUR. In order to cover the annual shortfall of about 107,640 EUR, certain short term measures were adopted by approaching NSC’s, communities and individuals for increasing their donation or for pledging help to ICCRS. This special drive generated a good result. Unlike in the past, there were no major ICCRS events this year that generated surplus funds. On the other hand the Colloquium on Baptism in the Holy Spirit held in Sacrofano (Rome) in March 2011 created a deficit of around 8,300 EUR. The *ICCRS Newsletter*, books and material ran into a deficit of 5,000 EUR.

Expenses

On an average, the annual expenses at ICCRS were

approximately 182,640 EUR per annum. A deliberate attempt was made by ICCRS to reduce the expenditure on staff and other items and to bring down the expenses to about 150,000 EUR per annum. Utmost care was also taken to control expenditure at ICCRS. The expenditure for the Council members and meetings was about 25,000 EUR, which was less than what was budgeted. While looking at the budgeted figures, we find that there has been a saving of 6,000 EUR in office and administrative expenses. Even on the Newsletter there was a saving of 4,000 EUR. In spite of all efforts, the total ICCRS expenses for the year were 224,700 EUR, as against the budgeted amount of 231,000 EUR.

The Present Position

With the deficit, ICCRS would be able to carry on its present operations only for a couple of months more. In the meanwhile, Michelle has constituted a Financial Task Force to explore the possibility of generating some ongoing support for ICCRS. For ICCRS to carry on its service to the worldwide Renewal, we need generous and sacrificial offerings, support and prayers from the ICCRS Sub-committees, NSC’s, communities, groups and individuals.

ICCRS needs your support

Through financial assistance, you have helped ICCRS to continue its important mission in the Church over the years. We appeal to you to continue to help us to bring to fulfillment some of the very important projects in hand. I exhort you to pledge us support in response to our Hope Sack Appeal. After introducing the facility for online payment, transmitting of funds to ICCRS has become hassle-free. You may please visit our website (www.iccrs.org) today itself and make a donation or pledge your support to the Hope Sack Appeal. You would be delighted to know that at the ICCRS chapel we intercede and organize special Eucharistic celebrations for the intentions of all our benefactors. May the Good Lord continue to bless you abundantly for your generosity!

Cyril John

CHAIRMAN OF THE ICCRS FINANCE COMMITTEE

Support ICCRS “online”!

Donations to ICCRS “online” via Credit Card / Paypal is the easiest, fastest and safest way to support CCR worldwide. PayPal is everywhere and you can make the transaction wherever you are. With this simple and practical method you are also able to:

- Pay registration to ICCRS events.
 - Pay your subscription to the *ICCRS Newsletter* and the *ICCRS Leadership Bulletin*.
 - Buy online our publications and products.
- Visit www.iccrs.org for further information.



About ICCRS:

Doctrinal Commission

■ Mary Healy

The ICCRS Doctrinal Commission is a group of theologians who reflect on important questions in the CCR and produce documents that can serve as points of reference, both for CCR leaders and for bishops and priests who have pastoral oversight.

The Doctrinal Commission was first formed after the international colloquium on prayer for healing held in 2001 by ICCRS in collaboration with the Pontifical Council for the Laity. One of the fruits of the colloquium was a proposal to develop practical guidelines for healing ministry, based on the *Instruction on Prayer for Healing of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith*. These guidelines would then be distributed to leaders of prayer groups all over the world, helping to ensure that healing ministry would be carried out in accord with the teaching and liturgical norms of the Church. Bishop Joe Grech, a member of the ICCRS Council, formed the Doctrinal Commission to

carry out this task and faithfully led it until he passed away in December 2010. The present chair of the Doctrinal Commission is myself, Dr. Mary Healy, a professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan, USA.

The Doctrinal Commission has produced two documents so far: *Guidelines on Prayer for Healing* and *Baptism in the Holy Spirit*. Future documents may address topics such as charisms, exorcism and deliverance. With each document, the Commission first creates a draft, then sends it to theologians and CCR leaders around the world. After receiving comments and feedback, the Commission creates a revised document and sends it to the ICCRS Council for review. The final document is then translated and published. The Doctrinal Commission also answers questions that arise from the experience of the CCR around the world in its column in the *ICCRS Leadership Bulletin*. 🏠

ICCRS COUILLORS' PROFILE

María José C. de Ortiz

María José Cantos was born on February 8th, 1951. She lives in Talca, Chile. In 1985 she experienced the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which changed her life radically. From that moment on she dedicated her life to serve God.

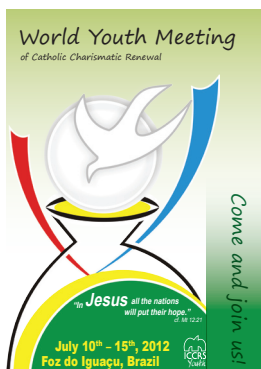
The Lord called her to evangelise and a priest of the CCR in Chile invited her to speak in retreats with him. In 1986 her husband also had the same experience, and from that moment on they are more united, evangelising together as a married couple —giving talks not only in the CCR, but in other ecclesial realities.

She has been part of national charismatic teams and since 2006 she is the National Coordinator of CCR. She is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and participates actively in her parish. She has also been called to work for the Continental Mission in Chile, in the Consultative Committee of the Conference of Bishops. She is also a Graduate in Theology in the Catholic University of Maule, Chile.

She is part of the ICCRS Council from 2009 representing Spanish-speaking South America.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit www.iccrs.org or e-mail events@iccrs.org for more information about our events.



World Youth Meeting of CCR

“In Jesus all the nations will put their hope.” (cf. Mt 12:21)

■ July 10 – 15, 2012

The World Youth Meeting of CCR is one of the activities promoted by ICCRS in preparation for the Golden Jubilee to be celebrated in the year 2017, but it also serves to introduce the Catholic Charismatic Renewal youth to the entire world. Taking place in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, from the 10th to the 15th of July, 2012, it will gather about five thousand young people from more than 100 different countries.

The programme is varied, including several meaningful activities for youth.

Join now! Registration is available on-line www.mundial2012.rccbrasil.org.br.



The Joshua Camp

■ August 1 – 13, 2012

The world is coming to London... and needs to hear the Good News! Sion Community, “More than Gold”, the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales and RELaY, invite you to join in this great opportunity to evangelise, during the Olympic Games that will take place in London in August 2012.

Participants will stay in a huge camp close to the Olympic village and will get some formation and training in evangelisation, before we start spreading the Good News in all kinds of outreaches.

Application is only possible for people in groups between 5 to 15 persons. No individual applications are possible. For more information, visit www.thejoshuacamp.com.



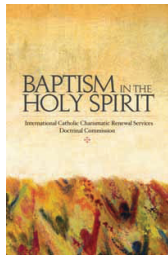
Please, send us news from your group, community or NSC to newsletter@iccrs.org.

ICCRS Newsletter is growing!

It is our joy to announce that the *ICCRS Newsletter* from this year is being published in **Arabic** and **Romanian**. This is fruit of the perseverance of the translators that have made a faithful service to ICCRS—in an unofficial way—for several years. So, we hope that our publications may reach many more people in CCR and in the Church in new areas of the world. The *ICCRS Leadership Bulletin* will be published along the *Newsletter*, according to the regular subscription plan. Visit the 'Other languages' page to download the *ICCRS Newsletter* in Romanian and Arabic for free. 📖

ICCRS new publications

We are pleased to say that—with occasion of the celebration of the 45th Anniversary of CCR in USA—during the conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 1st-3rd, 2012 two new ICCRS publications will be launched: *Baptism in the Holy Spirit* booklet and the revised edition of the *Guidelines on Prayers for Healing*. See below detailed information about these items that are part of the CCR literary treasure:



Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Author: ICCRS Doctrinal Commission

Year: 2012 (1st edition)

Pages: 116

Language: English

Price: USD 10.00

Publishing house and distribution:

Chariscenter, USA

www.nsc-chariscenter.org

chariscenter@nsc-chariscenter.org

“Following the Colloquium a number of final revisions were made to the text and now we are pleased to share the fruits of our labours in this book. It is however worth noting that this important reflection on baptism in the Spirit, which is surely the heart of CCR, is on-going and in a sense is therefore still a work in progress.” (Foreword)

Michelle Moran (England), *ICCRS President*

By June 15th the books will be also available at the ICCRS office for **those outside the USA**. Please, stay tuned at www.iccrs.org to buy them online! 📖

Guidelines on Prayers for Healing

Author: ICCRS Doctrinal Commission

Year: 2012 (5th edition revised)

Pages: 60

Language: English

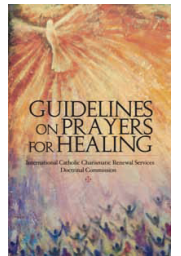
Price: USD 7.00

Publishing house and distribution:

Vera Cruz Communications, USA

www.veracruzcm.com

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“I hope this document will be studied and put into practice by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide, becoming a point of reference for all who want to place the charisms they have received at the service of the Church and the new evangelization.” (Preface)

Card. Stanisław Ryłko (Vatican City),
President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity

ICCRS FORMATION

Leadership Training Course



LTC Singapore

■ June 10 – 16, 2012

■ Jessica Francisco → gerard_jess@singnet.com.sg

Take strength from the grace which is in Christ Jesus. Pass on to reliable people what you have heard from me through many witnesses, so that they in turn will be able to teach others.

2 Tim 2:1-2

The ICCRS Leadership Training Course is a way for ICCRS to help foster leadership in the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal. In partnership with local Charismatic realities, ICCRS provides this week-long programme that will call and empower new leaders as well as strengthen and encourage current ones.

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