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Can charisms be manifested in a person who has not been baptised in the Spirit?



The Holy Spirit seeks to establish the Kingdom of heaven on earth by changing our attitudes toward relationships. In Baptism, we die to sin and are born again with Christ Jesus (cf. Rm 6:3–6).

People who have broken relationships

Kkottongnae, in South Korea, is a community of love that brings in and cares for sick, abandoned, and poor people. Troubles erupt when many people live together. In particular, alcoholics can create conflict in their relationships. Counselling revealed that in many cases, they had not received love from their parents and siblings. A lack of love led to their addiction to alcohol. They cannot love because they have not been loved. They rely on alcohol to comfort sufferings and wounds. They are sick souls who are distanced from neighbours by drinking and cut off from God by sin.

There was a Life in the Spirit Seminar held for the alcoholics at Kkottongnae. On the day of laying-on-of-hands in week five, many patients experienced the baptism in the Spirit. One of them kept crying for no reason after he received the Spirit. He had experienced that God lives and loves him. Then he became full of joy and forgave his parents, his brothers, and other family members with whom he had broken relationships. He has not relied on drinking since. He was freed from addiction after he became united with God and his relationship with his neighbours was healed through the Holy Spirit.

Spiritual Healing

The greatest suffering of Kkottongnae family members who were abandoned is not from physical illness, nor from mental illness. It is the wound of being abandoned by family and society. They closed their hearts and cut off relationships with others with hatred, anger, and resentment. To heal them, physical treatment and mental care do not suffice. Spiritual healing is essential.

Healing comes when sins are forgiven through the sacrament of Baptism and maintaining internal unity with God through the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

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The baptism of the Spirit gives us a deep, personal experience that God lives, stays in us and loves us dearly. Once we have received the baptism of the Spirit, we begin a new relationship with God and have a new dimension of communion with neighbours as well.

"The Church's first purpose is to be the sacrament of the inner union of men with God. Because men's communion with one another is rooted in that union with God, the Church is also the sacrament of the unity of the human race." (CCC 775)

Healing of relationships among seminarians

There was a Life in the Spirit Seminar held in a seminary. One seminarian came forward to confess during his testimony, "I now realise that everything was my fault. I suffered much at the hands of my classmates for the last five years in the seminary and I blamed and hated them. After the laying-on-of-hands, I realised that the cause of all those wounds originated in my family. I grew up in a troubled family with parents who hated each other. Therefore, I did not have an amiable personality myself to get along with my classmates and I always blamed them. I ask for forgiveness for everything I did to make life difficult. It's all my fault." As soon as he finished speaking, all his classmates came out and hugged him and said, "No, we have isolated, ignored, and hurt you... Forgive us... We are sorry..." Then, they all were reconciled with one another.

At that time, all the seminarians became moved and praised God. Reconciliation and forgiveness occurred between those who had difficult relationships with each other and they all were healed. The seminarian who hungered for his parents' love had received God's love abundantly and his relationships with others became healed through the Holy Spirit.

"In every liturgical action the Holy Spirit is sent to bring us into communion with Christ and so to form his Body. [...] Communion with the Holy Trinity and fraternal communion are inseparably the fruit of the Spirit in the liturgy" (CCC 1108).



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At the side of the international Council, a very important role in serving the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal is undertaken by the office, that works as headquarter for ICCRS in Vatican territory.

A good job description is included in the statutes of ICCRS (art. 25-27) approved by the Holy See twenty years ago, on 14th September 1993.

The ICCRS office serves the ICCRS' Council, providing the necessary administration to implement the Council's decisions. It is equipped with sufficient equipment [...]. It has the necessary personnel.

ICCRS Statutes, art. 25

Currently, the three staff members are from Venezuela, Cameroon and Fiji. The office is managed by the Executive Director (currently Oreste Pesare, Italy) under the supervision of the President and on the basis of the Council's guidelines (cf. Art. 27.).

The tasks of the office consist of co-ordination and administration in many different ways. For example:

Co-ordination and Administration: Keeping in order and up-to-date ICCRS' lists of leaders area by area, undertaking correspondence, informing members of important news received from their areas, producing the Newsletter (currently in seven languages, including Arabic), managing the international library and the ICCRS website and the ICCRS WebTV, arranging and attending Council meetings, being available to the President and Council members for correspondence, translation, etc., publishing ICCRS' books, producing special reports on the CCR situation in different parts of the world, etc.

Accounting and Financial matters: organising the accountancy according to modern means and practices so they can be examined by the ecclesiastical authority according to Canon 325, producing an annual balance sheet with a profit and loss statement, preparing an annual budget for ICCRS' Councillors, raising financial resources to enable ICCRS to carry on its mission, dealing with the payment of salaries and wages, the reimbursement of expenses, and the payment of accounts etc., all according to the guidelines given by ICCRS and its President.

Receiving visitors (cf. Art. 27.).

Event Organisation: ICCRS organises its events from

the office events, usually with the collaboration of local realities. The Formation Project programmes are also organised from the office.

In addition to the current office staff, ICCRS is aided tremendously by the efforts of volunteers from all over the world who contribute through their translations, technical services, and financial support. We thank and acknowledge these special people in their efforts for the CCR and ICCRS.

It could be also interesting to speak about the following areas of the office:

"Holy Spirit" Chapel

The "Holy Spirit" Chapel is an oratory in which the daily prayer of the ICCRS Staff takes place, and where masses are celebrated regularly. We, united to the worldwide Charismatic Renewal, pray for intentions that we receive daily through phone, fax, mail, e-mail and the Intercession Ministry page.

Furthermore, individual visitors or pilgrimage groups are invited to take a time of prayer in this emblematic chapel.

"Brian Smith" Library

Among the rooms in the ICCRS office, is a Library dedicated to Brian Smith (a pioneer in the CCR). It contains a vast amount of literature and audiovisual resources on the CCR and the Church. We continuously receive books, magazines, newsletters, DVD's and many other items from authors, ministries, prayer groups and communities. They are organised in the Library and used to serve the public.

"Bp Joseph Grech" Meeting Room

The meeting room in the ICCRS office, dedicated to Bp Joseph Grech, is mainly used to show videoconferences to pilgrimage and study groups from all over the world. It currently houses a collection of works of art.

We open the invitation to prayer groups and communities to visit the ICCRS office on the occasion of their pilgrimage to Rome. Even several Pentecostal groups have had the chance to visit the office and share with the Director.

Conclusion

I hope that this short description gives a general overview of the multitasking service that the ICCRS office offers daily to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Please, pray for us and... do not forget to support us prayerfully and financially, according your capacity. 🙏

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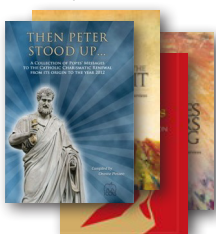
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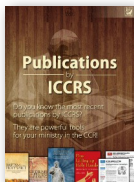
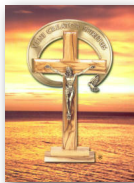
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to download a catalogue with more information on these and other recent ICCRS publications.

Resources from and for the CCR

In the Renewal, for more than 45 years, countless resources have been produced relating to the topics around the charismatic experience coming from the most general realities to the most specific. "He will make sure that you will always have all you need for yourselves in every possible circumstance, and still have something to spare for all sorts of good works" (2 Cor 9:8). Many people who identify with the CCR or who have been enriched by the experience of baptism in the Spirit have been equipped with gifts. They put these gifts at the service of the mystical body of Christ. Ministries, groups, communities, schools, NSCs, among other entities, have decided to collect their experiences and put them in writing or to record them to make them available to everyone who needs this information.

ICCRS, in view of this, produces its own resources and collects existing ones. Guides, manuals, guidelines, orientations, statutes, Episcopal documents, and much more, contribute to the health and productive growth of the members of the CCR. In addition, the reference material is a precious legacy for future generations, who will be able to consult and build on those resources with the power of the Holy Spirit. Far from being a straitjacket, such archival resources are an effective source for the discernment of the Spirit's voice in the ministry.

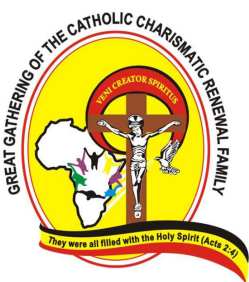
Currently, on www.iccrs.org, in the "Galleries & Resources" section, you can find the Statutes of ICCRS and the ones of the Catholic Fraternity, international bodies with pontifical right that serve the CCR and the charismatic communities respectively.

It also provides statutes, guidelines and guides issued by some NSCs, whose content can be a reference for those national and local realities wishing to improve their organisation. Some documents issued by Episcopal Conferences are present in the resources page, whose valuable lines express the voice of the Spirit through the pastors of the Church: statements, documents, pastoral letters and notes. We expect to collect in the section "other documents" major documents on the CCR not falling on the categories above. Finally, you can find the questions to ICCRS Doctrinal Commission which have been published in the Leadership Formation/Leadership Bulletin, presented organically by topics that are proper to the charismatic current. These questions play an important role within the ministry in the Renewal, because despite the multiple charismatic realities around the world, such issues have emerged from experience over the years of life of the CCR, and the answers are enlightening for those who wish to provide an effective service in the Lord's vineyard.

This project requires tact and dedication, so we count on your spiritual and financial contributions. So far, we have published only a few resources on our website, but our goal is to make accessible significantly more, such as: Papal messages, Episcopal statements, pastoral orientations of the Magisterium and important documents issued by NSCs. If you know of such documents of your region, please send them to us at director@iccrs.org. "So give encouragement to each other, and keep strengthening one another" (1 Ts 5:11) by sharing resources from and for the CCR! 🙌

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Great Gathering of the CCR Family

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:4)

■ Kampala, Uganda · 30 June – 6 July 2014

The Great Gathering of the CCR Family is a huge ICCRS celebration as part of the journey towards the CCR Golden Jubilee. The event will be held in Uganda, bringing together delegates from all the five continents of the world to Africa for the first time, to pray and seek the Lord for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Renewal and the Church worldwide. This event is organised by ICCRS in collaboration with the Uganda Episcopal Conference, Uganda Catholic Charismatic Renewal (UCCR), and the African Sub-committee of ICCRS (AFSCI).

A series of activities have been planned from 30th June to 13th July 2014, including:

International Leaders Conference · Speke Resort in Munyonyo, 30th June - 4th July 2014.

Special Pilgrimage and Public Rally · Uganda Martyrs Shrine in Namugongo, 5th July 2014.

Missions and tours:

7 days Service Mission in Mbarara Archdiocese, 6th - 13th July (including a Public Rally in Ahuriire, 12th July)

3 days Tour to Murchison Falls National Park, 6th - 9th July

1 day Tour Mabiira Rain Forest and Source of the Nile, 6th - 7th July

The Panafrican Congress of Renewal leaders and the 2nd World Youth Meeting of CCR will take place within the given days. A special workshop for priests will be also offered during the event.

Find all the details on the website of CCR Uganda: www.ccruganda.org.

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

CONCCLAT meeting under the motto “The CCR and the Light of Faith”

From 2nd to 6th October of this year was held in the city of Miami, Florida (USA) the plenary session of the Latin American Catholic Charismatic Council (CONCCLAT in Spanish), which motto was “The CCR and the Light of Faith.” During the meeting had teachings referred to the motto, to the renewal of the Church in the image of His Holiness Francis, and to the experience of Pentecost with Mary. Seventeen countries participated, represented by the National Coordinator and Advisor of each, together with the Executive Committee, headed by Maria Eugenia F. Gongora (Guatemala), and the Episcopal Advisor, Bp Luis Morao (El Salvador). One of the central themes was the need to promote the Life in the Spirit Seminars. Blessed be God! 🏠

Prayer Summit in Tanzania

Under the theme, “When the son of MAN comes will He really find faith on earth?” (Lk 18,8b), the CCR in Tanzania held a prayer summit from 30th August to 8th September 2013. On 30th August at least 600 participants turned up for the opening ceremony which was held in the Emmaus grounds through the Eucharist Mass celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Titus Mdoe, the auxiliary Bishop of Dar es Salaam. By Sunday 1st September, the day Cyril John started preaching, attendance had risen to 700 and by 8th September, the closing date it had swollen up to 2000 participants. Representation came from almost three quarters of the 33 dioceses of the Country and at least a few from neighboring countries; Kenya and Uganda. The topics were unique and power of the rosary in the intercession, the Eucharist adoration, the Jericho march, prophetic intercession, praying through the saints were hammered with a difference with a lot of practice. More than 500 participants registered to join the intercession Ministry; the fruit of the Prayer Summit 2013. 🏠

Madagascar Charismatics in Growth Mode

Once again, the members of the CCR “Fiombonana” (which means ‘communion’) in Madagascar assembled for an annual meeting. The charismatics of the Red Island have observed the tradition for some time to go to another corner of this vast country, to another diocese, to publicly proclaim their faith once a year. Accompanied by their National Chaplain, Rev. Father Jacques Grad, SVD, and national president Marie Hasimbola, this year’s pilgrims gathered in Morondava, a city on the West Coast, also known as the capital of the baobabs. Dioceses in Madagascar are distant from each other and travel between them takes tens of hours under exhausting conditions. Surprisingly, members of the Renewal enjoy this adventure. Despite the high costs and discomfort, they participate every year in large numbers. This year they gathered about 800 people for four days. The meeting adopted the theme that will serve as inspiration for a whole year (2013–2014) of training and prayers for all groups in the country, “It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit.” (Jn 15:8). The local Bishop, Marie Fabien Raharilamboniaina, and Vicar General have shown great kindness regarding our movement. 🏠

ICCRS FORMATION Visit www.iccrs.org or e-mail formation@iccrs.org for more information about our training programmes.



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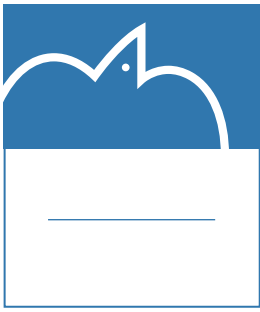
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“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.” (2 Cor 9:11)

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Tithing

God delights in giving good things to us. We too should give something back to God as a gesture of gratitude. The concept of tithing comes from the ancient practice of offering to God a small portion of the harvest or the sacrifice of a young animal as an expression of gratitude for the blessings He has bestowed on us.

Tithing is setting apart a part of our resources for the sake of the Kingdom of God. For a responsible Christian, tithing is inseparable from the stewardship of money. A good steward is the one who realizes that, as custodian, he should place the resources he has at the service of the Kingdom of God. “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” (1 Pet 4:10).

Why tithe?

Tithing is not to be understood or practiced in the New Testament context giving “as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). To tithe is to give. Giving is to be seen as a privilege, not an obligation. St. Paul treated sharing of one’s resources for the Kingdom of God as “a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God” (Phil 4:18). Sharing with those in need and supporting the work of God are important aspects of tithing. It is left to us to decide what measure we would like to use while giving to the Lord. Tithe is a free but committed and regular giving of an amount decided in prayer.

It brings blessings

The Bible assures manifold blessings to those who tithe. “Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” (Lk 6:38) The reason for giving should not be in order to receive. Let us remember that we can’t outdo God in generosity. For genuine givers are often the greatest beneficiaries of God’s goodness.

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.” (Mal 3:10). We need to keep in mind that God does not measure our giving by the amount we give. According to Jesus the tiny amount given by the widow was greater than all the others because she had “put in all she had to live on” (Lk 21:1-4).

ICCRS serves worldwide Renewal

ICCRS exists to serve the worldwide Renewal in all of its various streams and expressions. In 1993 the Holy See recognized ICCRS as a body for the promotion of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, with a juridical personality, according to Canon 116, and

approved the Statutes of ICCRS. ICCRS has its Office situated in Vatican and operates as an information and communication center serving the Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide as well as also being the link between the Renewal and the Vatican. “The Lord has done great things for us; because of which we are glad” (Ps 126:3).

ICCRS needs your support

ICCRS is preparing for the world wide celebration of Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in 2017. It has several new initiatives in hand. The main source of income at ICCRS is the tithes and donations received from NSCs and other supporters. ICCRS is presently undergoing a serious financial crisis, as donation from the worldwide Renewal has been steadily diminishing against the sharp increase in operating costs. ICCRS needs your help. At Christmas 2013, please give a Christmas gift to ICCRS and support us financially.

How could you help?

Make a personal donation to ICCRS.

Consider supporting us by making a Hope Sack pledge (details available on www.iccrs.org) and sending your donation every month, twice in a year or annually. Others could be encouraged to pledge for the Hope Sack.

NSCs, diocesan service committees, communities, ministries, etc. pledging an annual contribution to ICCRS.

By taking a special collection for the mission of ICCRS at Renewal events and sending it to us.

The options available for sending financial support:

1. By Demand Draft favoring ICCRS to The Director, ICCRS, Palazzo San Calisto, 00120 Vatican City, Europe.
2. You could donate by credit card through PayPal the details of which are on the website.
3. Alternatively, the amount could be transferred to the ICCRS accounts.

We would like to assure you that very contribution, however big or small it may be, will go a long way in augmenting the efforts of ICCRS for the renewal of the Church and spreading God’s Word. We thank you for supporting the mission of ICCRS. “You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” (2 Cor 9:11-12).

Happy and blessed Christmas to you all!



