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Fanning the flame:

Keeping and spreading the fire through works of Mercy - Year of Mercy

Brother James Shin



The Holy Father, Pope Francis proclaimed the jubilee year of mercy. The 'motto' of this Holy Year is "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). A model that demonstrates the spirituality of 'mercy' is found in the parable of 'the good Samaritan'.

A few years ago, on my visit to Uganda I met a young beggar on the street of Kampala. He was a mentally retarded person with epilepsy. Sleeping without a roof for more than a week, he lived day by day eating spoiled bananas and water. His pants and clothes were full of excrements. You can imagine how bad he smelled. I was then with other colleagues of Kkottongnae on my way to the airport. We immediately got off from the car, brought water and bathed him, dressed him with new clothes then finally found him a new home sheltering him in Kkottongnae. Hundreds of people were gathered at the site with amazement on their face; They were the people who had seen the beggar everyday on their passing by, but like the priest and Levite in the parable of 'the good Samaritan', they had not paid any attention to the poor man.

Pope Francis in his bull of indiction 'Misericordiae Vultus', stressed that "the mercy of God is a concrete reality, that our love and care for others should be put into action" (Misericordiae Vultus, 6). He expressed this as 'corporal works of mercy' which are, "to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned"(Misericordiae Vultus, 15).

The love of God in a word is a love that forgives. In chapter 15 of the Gospel of Luke, the apostle of mercy portrays beautifully the forgiving love of the

Father through the story of the prodigal son. At the return of his son who had wasted all the inheritance, the Father joyfully welcomes with forgiveness and love. How merciful the love of God is!

In Kkottongnae there are about 4.000 abandoned,

sick and poor people. They suffer not only from physical disease, but their hearts are broken. They have deep wounds from being betrayed, rejected,



and abandoned. Just like the lost son; in blame and curse, hate and anger they have lost everything. Perhaps the reason why Jesus has been denied, betrayed, and abandoned is to know our wounds so that he could heal us completely. Therefore in order to heal, not only we need to take care of them physically and mentally, but we should also give good care spiritually. That is to receive the wounded with the love of the Father revealed in the parable of 'the lost son'. We should not judge or ask about their past, but rather give them care with prayer and sacrifice.

Those who have received the Holy Spirit, are destined to witness Christ till the end of the world. The way to live a life of witness is by using the gifts which manifest 'God present among us', assuring people that the Gospel we proclaim is real. But living a witness of Christ as we have seen in this article is also about practicing mercy in our lives; Living a life of love by having mercy for the poor and those who suffer. And this is I believe the true way to a new evangelization.

"Do not quench the Spirit" (1Th 5:19), says the great apostle. In order to keep and spread the fire of the Holy Spirit we should proclaim the Word through gifts of prophecy, heal and cast out the devil with the gifts of healing and miracles, and like the apostle Paul be mindful of the poor (Gal 2,10). Indeed the culture of Pentecost cannot be separated from the culture of Love that shows God's mercy. In the hearts of the people who have received the Holy Spirit echoes the following words from our Lord, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). 🙏



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Annual Financial Report 2015

■ Michelle Moran



I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed generously to support the work of ICCRS. As you are aware, ICCRS exists to serve the worldwide Charismatic Renewal in all of its various expressions. At the moment we are very

busy with the preparations for celebrating, at Pentecost next year, the Golden Jubilee of CCR in Rome at the invitation of Pope Francis. We are also continuing to develop the ICCRS Formation. This year we have leadership training programmes in Indonesia, USA, Poland, and Guadeloupe as well as our 3-week Leadership Formation Institute here in Rome in Aug/Sept. Responding to requests from around the world we are also launching our international ITC (Intercession Training Course). In addition to this, we continue to move forward with the vision of establishing a University of the Holy Spirit to serve the worldwide CCR. All of this and the other services that ICCRS offers would not be possible without your generous donations. I take this opportunity to thank the National Service Committees and ministries who regularly contribute to ICCRS and those who make personal donations. Be assured that we pray for all of you every working day in our ICCRS, Holy Spirit Chapel, here in the Vatican. We at ICCRS, are united with St. Paul in our thoughts: "I thank my God each time I think of you, and when I pray for you I do so with joy..." (Phil 1:3).

It is important that we place a brief report about the financial situation of ICCRS before you to ensure transparency and accountability. The following are some highlights relating to the financial position of ICCRS in the year 2015.

Income

Our total income for the year, from January to December, 2015, was 203,038 Euros. Among others, it includes 136,153 Euros received as donations from National Service Committees (NSCs). Donations from individuals, groups and communities amounted to 31,376 Euros including the Hope Sack appeal. 7,500 Euros were received as sponsorship for ICCRS staff. The ICCRS newsletter together with books and materials brought

in 14,844 Euros. In addition, The events organized by ICCRS, including the Leadership Training Courses, generated 73,149 Euros which resulted in ICCRS being able to cover its current year expenses.

Expenses

The annual expenses at ICCRS was approx 229,998 Euros compared to a budget of 230,000. In the light of financial constraints, we took stringent measures to control expenditure at ICCRS. As a result, it has been possible to keep the expenditure close to budgeted figures. For example, expenditure for office rent is now shared with the Catholic Fraternity, thus reducing the ICCRS portion of the rental paid to the Vatican.

Present Position: ICCRS needs your continued support

As we have been unable to build up any financial reserves, presently, ICCRS is only left with funds to carry on its work for a couple of months. So we need your help to continue our service to the worldwide Charismatic Renewal. In order to expand our vision, we need generous and sacrificial offerings, support and prayers from all of you.

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 fulfilment some of the very important projects in hand, especially those linked to the upcoming Golden Jubilee of the CCR in 2017. 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) and make a donation or pledge your support to the Hope Sack Appeal. We have also recently opened bank accounts in Germany and in Australia.

Be assured that in the ICCRS chapel we will continue to intercede and organise special Eucharistic celebrations for the intentions of all our benefactors. May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly, thank-you for your generosity. 🙏



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Snapshot of ICCRS Councillors:

Bishop Francis Kalist

BISHOP FRANCIS KALIST



The Lord began my spiritual life at my Baptism as a child. My parents' life of faith was a great support for me from childhood to grow in the devout life, but the real process of renewal began in 1980 when, as a student of Theology in St. Albert's college; I attended the first Charismatic retreat in the Seminary.

After my priestly Ordination I was appointed as parish priest of St. Paul's parish, Christnagar, Ghaziabad, in the outskirts of New Delhi. I came in contact with the Delhi Service team, I was invited on a regular basis to preach the recollection for the various charismatic prayer groups in Delhi, and became aware of the charismatic gifts. Those years I used to attend the summer programs of the National Charismatic Renewal Services in Ernakulam, Kerala.

In 1995, at one of those programs, I had the first tangible experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Though I regularly attended, I was most of the time a mere spectator or trying to get some new ideas and points from the various talks for my own preaching. During praise and worship I witnessed an ordinary-looking man next to me, fully lost in prayer, and his face was shining. I was not praying – I was only watching my neighbor. I was simply taken up by him, and thought, "I am a priest and this is only a lay man. But how graceful and how ardently prayerful and Spirit-filled he is!" During that prayer I did not disturb him, but as soon as the prayer session was over I turned to him and enquired about how he was able to get into this prayerfulness. His reply was a very touching; it changed me from a mere spectator to an active, earnest seeker of the Holy Spirit. He was leading a bad life and fathered two children. Afterwards some friends helped him and forcibly brought him to a week-long retreat where he received the grace of conversion. After his conversion, while leading a life of Renewal, he fathered three more children. He told me, "Father, if you meet my five children you will notice the two older ones are so closed up, reserved, timid-looking and gloomy, while the three I got after my conversion are so cheerful, active, graceful, and full of life. Now I am spending my life in prayer and penance to make my two older children come out of the effects of my sin in their lives".

This experience touched me and I began to pray earnestly to become a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led person. That evening during the infilling prayer I was anointed and captured by the Spirit. Now I am striving to grow in the Renewal. I serve the Renewal in my capacity as the Episcopal advisor to the NCCRS in India.

Among the books that I read during the last 12 months are: The Holy Spirit and Charismatic Renewal by R.H.Lesser; Charisms and Charismatic Renewal by Francis A. Sullivan S.J; Miracles do Happen by Sr. Briege Mckenna, O.S.C. with Henry Libersat; and Mercy by Cardinal Walter Kasper.

I see the Renewal of the future as the Pope Francis says that it is the "Current of Grace", which alone can make the Church a vibrant community. It will give the right leadership in the Church, It is the only source of unity in the Church and among the various denominations, it alone can enliven and inspire every association and movement within the Church. 🙏

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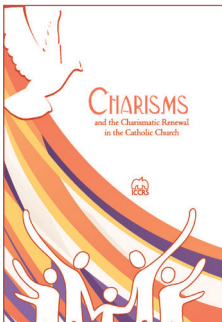
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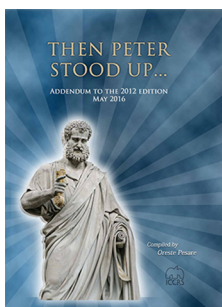
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Praying with Mary in the Upper Room

In preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the CCR, let us join in prayer with the enclosed *Rosary for a Worldwide New Pentecost*.



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ICCRS Doctrinal Commission Update

In 2015 the ICCRS Doctrinal Commission completed the draft of a new document on deliverance ministry. This document is the fruit of the international colloquium on deliverance that was held by ICCRS in Rome in 2014. The purpose of the document is twofold: (1) to offer theological principles and sound pastoral practices for practicing deliverance ministry in accord with Catholic faith; and (2) to provide a means of communicating to the wider Church what deliverance ministry is and why it is of urgent importance today. The draft has now been sent to a wider group of theologians and experts in deliverance ministry, as well as members of the ICCRS Council, for their comments and suggestions. Our hope is that the document will be finalized and ready for publication later this year.

The Commission has added a new member from Latin America: Rev. André Luiz Rodrigues da Silva, a patristics scholar from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Finally, the Commission is now beginning plans for a theological symposium that will take place on Thursday of the Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Rome, June 1, 2017. 🏠

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LFI • Rome, Italy

■ 28 Aug. - 17 Sept. 2016

■ Contact: ICCRS Formation → formation@iccrs.org

ICCRS offers its VII Leadership Formation Institute programme. Students will be offered practical teaching and workshops on various aspects of the ministry within CCR. In addition, the students will go on several field trips in the eternal city of Rome. The school will be held primarily in English, but other languages will be made available depending on the number of requests.

Online registration is open on www.iccrs.org.



LTC • Poland

■ 06 - 13 August 2016

■ Contact: Fr. Wojciech Nowacki → wnowacki@odnowa.org.au

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■ 22 - 30 October 2016

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The ICCRS Leadership Training Course, in partnership with local Charismatic realities, provides this week-long programme that will call and empower new leaders as well as strengthen and encourage current ones. The programme includes daily Mass, Eucharist Adoration and a time of Charismatic Praise and Worship, and teachings. There is also time for reflection, sharing and ministry.



ITC • D. R. of Congo

■ 1 - 6 July 2016

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