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■ Michelle Moran



Throughout this Jubilee year there has been a strong sense of the current of grace gathering a momentum. Bruce Yocum, one of the pioneers in CCR reminded us of this during the Jubilee celebration of communities. He said that after the initial baptism in the Spirit they didn't know what to do, they were literally 'swept away by the Spirit'. This reminded me of a prophetic word we had at the Duquesne anniversary weekend in Feb. There was a sense that at this time the Lord is calling us to go deeper in the Spirit, Psalm 42:7 *'Deep calls to deep in the roar of the waters your torrents and all your waves swept over me'*.

During the Pentecost celebrations, we heard the testimonies of several pioneers. Dr Vinson Synan a Pentecostal leader who met CCR in the early 1970's shared that at that time he 'felt sure that the Roman Catholic church would not tolerate the Renewal and that Catholics who spoke in tongues would soon be out of the Church'. However, what we are living during this Jubilee year testifies that thankfully, Dr Vinson's fears were not realised. We are, in fact, on the way to the place that was the desire of Cardinal Suenens, where we are 'a movement of the Spirit offered to the entire Church and destined to rejuvenate every part of the Church's life'.

The Pentecost Jubilee gathering in Rome was the initiative of the Holy Father. He had the vision that for the eve of Pentecost we should move out from the usual place of gathering, St Peter's Square, and meet in the heart of the city at the Circus Maximus. As we share in an ecumenical current of grace, the Holy Father called us to an ecumenical prayer vigil. He noted that at Pentecost they 'were all gathered together in one place'. So, as 50,000 people gathered together the Pope thanked us for our corporate, prophetic witness. He said; 'we gather in the open air as in a Cenacle because we are not afraid. All of us believers are gathered, all those who profess that Jesus is Lord'. We were encouraged along the path towards unity, unity for mission. To show with our witness that peace is possible. Whilst acknowledging that we have differences, the Holy Father



encouraged us to desire a 'reconciled diversity'. He said that 'today Christian unity is more urgent than ever' and added, 'we must walk together, work together and love one another'.

Fr Raniero Cantalamessa led us in a beautiful prayer for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole world. He invited us to all say together; *'Come down on us Spirit of love, Spirit of reconciliation, Spirit of humility, Spirit of obedience...'* After this, he asked the Holy Father to pray for all of us. The Pope gently stretched out his hands and prayed. Then there was a prophetic word given by Patti Mansfield; *'Lift up your eyes and see, that the fields are white for harvest. And if you would obey me, and if you would obey the prompting of my spirit, you will yet see, infinitely more than you can ask or imagine. You will yet see the power of my Spirit descend upon the human race. I tell you, the fields are white for harvest, but I need your obedience, I need your docility, I need your faith, and you will yet see marvels that will astound you, infinitely more than you can ask or imagine, for the glory of my name'*.

It is vital that we stay attentive to the Spirit throughout this Jubilee year. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to take us deeper into the wells of prayer where we can grow in intimacy with the Lord and hear His voice with clarity. This is the season to do all we can to build unity in the Spirit. Maybe we need to shake off the dust of the past, in order to move forward in mission because this is the time of the harvest. 🌾

The Cross of the Renewal

■ Ann Brereton



The Ark and the Dove Retreat Centre in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is the birthplace of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. It was here in 1967 that some students from Duquesne University experienced the life changing experience known as Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

As you drive into the tranquil grounds of the Retreat Centre standing before you is a life-size Cross of the Renewal.

Work of artisan Patrick Campbell, the Cross is magnificent. In December 2016 Patrick was commissioned by Oreste Pesare, the Director of ICCRS to construct the 'Cross of the Renewal' to commemorate the 50th Golden Jubilee of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. The project was taken on in faith as the funds needed to complete the project had not yet been raised.

Married to Joy with a blended family of 9 children, the Campbells annually travel two or three times around America attending Catholic events and selling their beautiful, handcrafted, wooden benedictine crosses.

The family live in Kingstree, South Carolina and it was here that Patrick began to construct the anniversary Cross in his garage. He soon realised the Cross was too big and it would need to be moved to his shop space, one mile from his home. Having no transport he had to walk the 400lb cross to its new location. He made the decision to do this at night when there was little or no traffic on the streets of his home town however he was concerned that the Sheriff may not give him permission.



Patrick says that what happened next was a miracle. The Major and Chief of Police accompanied him and one of his sons as they walked the Cross through traffic in the



middle of the day, watched by 6,000 of the townspeople. The Town Officials said it was one of the best things that had happened to their town in a very long time. The townsfolk realised that "Christ is among us".

Campbell and 3 of his sons Talon, Iggy and Lucas worked 14 hours a day to complete the cross on time. The whole family transported it to Pittsburgh where they were welcomed by Catholic Charismatic Renewal representatives from around the world.

During the dedication service, Oreste Pesare gave thanks to God for His guidance and inspiration, to those who provided both prayers and financial support and to Patrick and his family. "His family accepted this like a project from God. It was not just a job. It was responding to a call from the Lord"

The Cross of the Renewal conceived and implemented in Canada by Rene Brimo (RIP) depicts the outpouring of the blood and water from the side of Jesus crucified, which is symbolic of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It includes a Celtic circle that symbolizes the wound in Christ's side to the Holy Spirit, which is a dove at the end of the circle. The words "Veni Creator Spiritus" expresses the fervent prayer of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

In Pittsburgh, the 12 foot Golden Jubilee Cross is made from African Mahogany, a beautiful dark brown wood and has a 3 foot bronze Corpus. Patrick explained that while carving the Dove it looked white which was odd considering the wood was from the same tree therefore should have been the same colour. The Dove stayed white.

The Cross now stands as a testimony to the millions of people who have experienced the baptism in the holy spirit and is a symbol to the witness of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. 🙏

Financial Report

■ Cyril John

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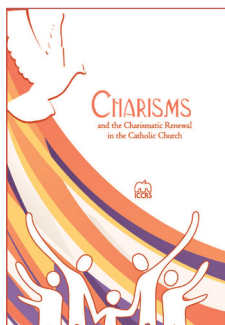
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed generously to support the work of ICCRS. As you are aware, ICCRS exists to serve the worldwide Renewal in all of its various streams and expressions. In the past three years ICCRS Council was preoccupied with preparations for celebrating the Great Jubilee Year of the CCR in Rome as well as other parts of the world. Your support did help ICCRS in a big way to carry on its operations and fulfill the mandate given to it. We, in ICCRS, are united with St. Paul in our thoughts: "I thank God for you each time I think of you, and each time I think of you I do so with joy..." (Phil 1:3).

I consider that 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 2016.

Income

Our total income for the year, from January to December 2016, was 272,461 Euros. It included 92,725 Euros received as donations from National Service Committees (NSCs). Donations from individuals, groups and communities amounted to 74,821 Euros whereas response to Hope Sack appeal was 1,554 Euros. Collections at various events amounted to 11,733 Euros. The ICCRS newsletter generated revenue of

1,780 Euros and books and material brought in 14,965 Euros. The events organized by ICCRS including the Leadership Training Courses generated 58,552 Euros. The Catholic Fraternity contributed €16,191 for shared office space and facilities. Bank Interest earned was €140.

Expenses

The annual 2016 expenses at ICCRS was 226,841 Euros compared to a budget of 239,867.

Present Position

In order to continue the service of ICCRS to the world-wide Renewal, we need generous and sacrificial offerings, support and prayers from every one of you - the Sub-Committees, NSCs, communities, groups and individual donors.

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. 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 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 celebration for the intentions of all our benefactors. May the Good Lord continue to bless you abundantly for your generosity! 🙏

HELP! ICCRS needs YOU to reach more people for the Lord!



ICCRS needs well-organised and responsible people who have the talent of speaking more than one language to offer their **voluntary service** to the CCR worldwide.

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LISTENING FROM THE LORD

Consecration to Our Lady prayed by Archbishop Alberto Taveira (Brazil) at St. Mary Major Basilica, Rome, during the CCR Golden Jubilee 2017.

Mary, Mother of Nazareth, the Spirit covered your life and your soul, and the Word made flesh came to the world. We thank you for your yes, and pray to you that this great Current of Grace, the Charismatic Renewal in its many different expressions, may open up hearts so that the Spirit comes to us. Teach us how to pray.

Mary, you went to the mountains of Judah to love and to serve. Mary, Mother of Charity, Mary of the Magnificat, grant us the grace of praise in the life of all the Charismatic Renewal. Mary of Bethlehem, grant us the grace of Jesus being born and reborn in our prayer groups and in our communities.

Mary of the Presentation in the Temple, we ask from you the grace of welcoming the Mystery of the Cross and the sword that comes upon us, so that we may know that Jesus is a sign of contradiction and that this should not lead us to fearfulness but to courage, with the disposition to total faithfulness.

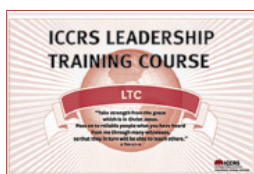
Mary of Nazareth, you who have treasured and pondered all things in your heart, grant to us from the Lord the grace of keeping all things in our hearts, especially those present in the simplicity of the daily life of our prayer groups and of our Communities. Mary of Cana, who taught us to put into practice the words of Jesus, grant us the grace of always keeping the Bible in our hearts and in our hands.

Mary of the Cross, faithful disciple, Mother of all of us, you who stood near the Cross of your Crucified Son, we want to welcome you and take you to what is ours. Mary of Resurrection, Mary of Pentecost, this is our place! Here we feel at home, your home. We are at our place in the Church, which is the Marian and Charismatic dimension of the Church. Make us faithful in all the expressions of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal all over the earth.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, Mother of the Church, Mary of Pentecost, pray for us! Amen.

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