

# NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

FALL 2011



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## CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING PRAYER

On Friday August 5, Fr. Bill Adams CSSR presided at a Mass and led prayers for healing afterwards. The Mass was held at St. Rose parish in northeast Portland. The music was provided by Daniel Oberreuter and his wife, both of the group *Thirsting*. Approximately 90 people attended. Most of them came forward for prayer at the end of Mass.

Fr. Bill encouraged us to be open to the healing power of God. He also encouraged us to be open to whatever God has for us. He reminded us that often we come to the Lord with our own wants, needs, and desires and sometimes leave disappointed when these are not met. However, God knows what we need most and what is best for us at that moment and we might miss this if we

are not open to it. He encouraged us to present our needs to the Lord but also to ask God for whatever he might wish to give to us at that moment.



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## INSPIRATION

This is a prophecy from the August 5 Mass with Fr. Bill Adams.

*Peace be with you. My peace I give unto you. Rest in me, my people and know you are my beloved and you are precious in my eyes. Do you believe that? Do you know how much I love you? Why do you live in fear? Why do you worry and fret about everything?*

*I see the misery around you: floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, tornadoes, tsunamis, terrorism. Sin abounds in abortion, pornography, homosexuality, pagan rituals, and drug addiction. As a nation, you have drifted far, far from me and my protective wings. A darkness descends upon the land, but it cannot harm you.*

*Come to me you who are burdened, for I bring you life. Don't be afraid, I am with you and within you. Am I not Lord of all the Earth? I command the earth to spew forth fire and rock, I command the seas to swell, I command the winds to blow and the sun to scorch the earth. But I am with you. Do not say why do I suffer and grieve in self pity. I died for you, I carried your sins on the road to Golgotha because I love you. I am with you in all things and at all times.*

*I am Jesus, I turn water into wine, calm the tempest with a word, I made the blind see and the dead live. Trust in me. I come to set you free, from your worries and your fear. If you trust me*

*and live in me, I will wash away all cares. Seek my face and I will deliver you from the darkness. Come to me, I am the living water. Come, drink deeply of my love.*

*Rejoice in this, if you die with me, you shall live with me. If you hold out to the end, you shall reign with me.*

*Will you be my hands, my feet, my voice in this darkness? Receive my spirit which I pour forth into you now and banish the darkness from this land.*

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## **WISDOM**

“Nothing is more practical than  
finding God, than  
falling in Love  
in a quite absolute, final way.

What you are in love with,  
what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.  
It will decide  
what will get you out of bed in the morning,  
what you do with your evenings,  
how you spend your weekends,  
what you read, whom you know,  
what breaks your heart,  
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

Fall in Love, stay in love,  
and it will decide everything.”

*Pedro Arrupe SJ*

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## **The Kingdom of God consists not in spoken words but in Power!**

The coming of the kingdom does not admit of observation, and there will be no one to say, "Look, it is here, look it is there!" for look the Kingdom of God is among you (*Luke 17: 20-21*). This is the answer Jesus gave to the Pharisees who had asked him when the Kingdom of God

would appear. This does not refer to a geographic place or location but to our hearts and minds for Christ. We are called to bring his kingdom everywhere we go.

At the beginning of this year our CIC group got together to evaluate our walk with the Lord. One of the brothers wondered why so many of us lack the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and yet he dwells in us. Yes, each one of us who has been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit has the fullness of the third person of the Trinity in him or her. If he is in us why do we still live the life of sin that the Lord Jesus saved us from?

I received the gifts of the Holy Spirit when I was prayed over a few years ago and it was such a wonderful experience. Little did I know that was only the beginning and I needed to move on into the knowledge of the things of God. Despite having the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I was still living in fear, sometimes afraid to stand up for the truth. I was still sinning. The gifts alone could not change me. I needed to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to have a complete change of mind and heart. The gifts are for the building of the kingdom, not an end in themselves.

One of the main hindrances to fully experiencing the power of God in our lives is fear. Fear in all its forms is the strongest weapon the devil can use against us; fear to stand up for the truth, fear to believe and trust God, fear of man... the list goes on. In *Romans 8:15*, Paul says, For what you received was not the Spirit of slavery to bring you back into fear; you received the Spirit of adoption enabling us to cry out Abba, Father! Countless times in all the gospels, Jesus encourages all those who come to him not to be afraid. When we stand boldly in faith, believing in God, fear is destroyed and the power of God is unleashed in us.

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## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR



ST ANNE'S PRAYER GROUP invites you to participate in a seven week Life in the Spirit Seminar.

Pope John Paul II said that the Charismatic Renewal can be considered a special gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church in our time. It was born in the Church, for the Church, following the light of the Gospel. Members experience the living encounter with Jesus, fidelity to God in prayer, confident listening to His Word and a vital rediscovery of the Sacraments, courage in trials and hope in hardships.

If you would like to have an even closer relationship with God than you have now and to know more about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, please come to St. Anne's Church, Room 1, from **October 10 to November 21**, on Monday nights starting at 7pm. The address is 1015 SE 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Portland Oregon.

Registration will start at 6:30pm. Please come and bring a friend.

For any questions, please call Jackie Morgan, 503-913-6232

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## **FALL DAY OF RENEWAL**

A Day of Renewal has been tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, November 12, 2011** at the Church of the Resurrection in Tualatin. We have had several previous Days of Renewal at this Church. Our speaker will be Fr. Charles Wood, pastor of St. Clare parish in Portland. Fr. Charles has been involved in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in a variety of ways since the early 1980s.

When the details have been finalized we will be sending everyone on our email list a flyer with all the specifics of this event.