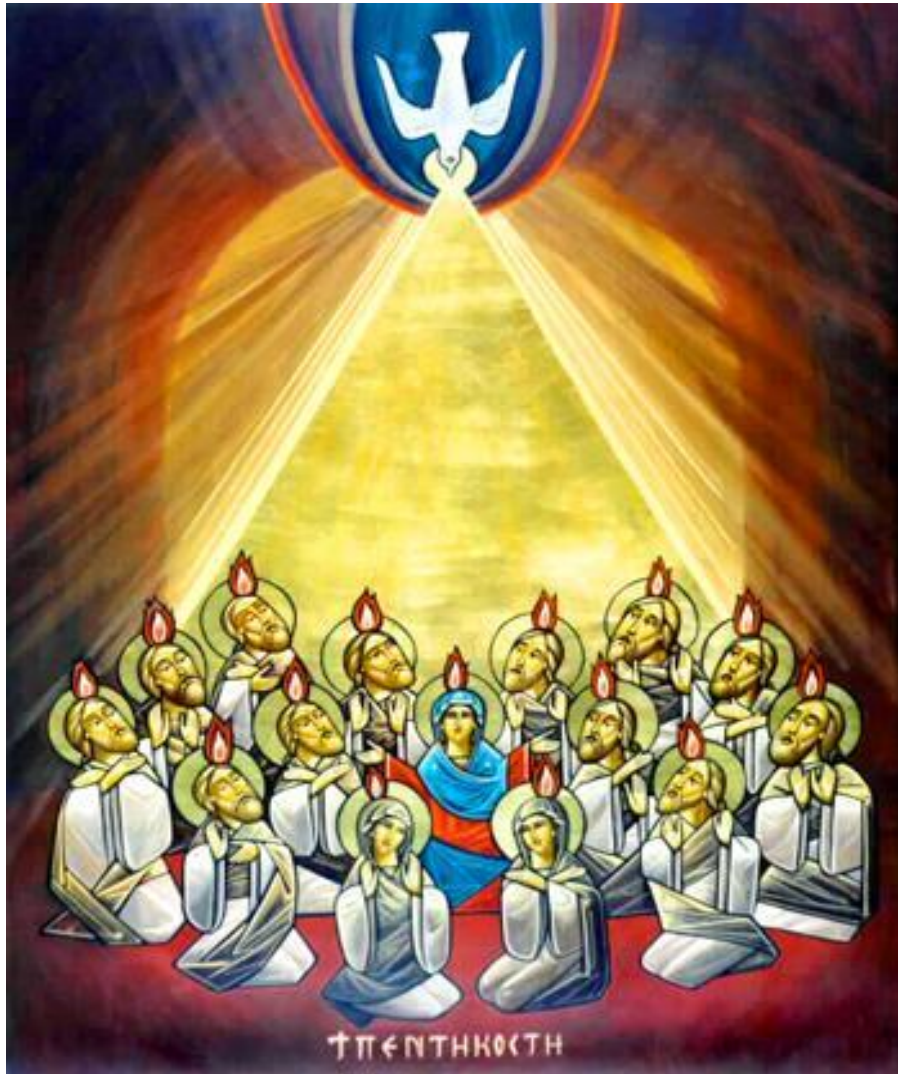


NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

PENTECOST 2012



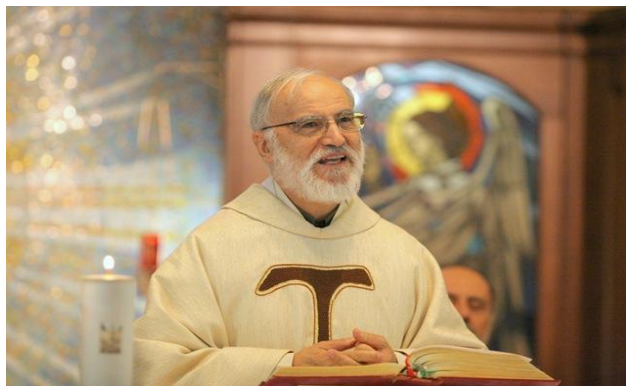
The early followers of Jesus gathered as the Lord commanded them, expecting the fulfillment of the promise. The promise was fulfilled. We traditionally refer to Pentecost as the “birthday” of the missionary church. Their encounter with the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room changed them. It was a call to carry forward in time His ongoing redemptive mission until he comes again.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is an invitation to all of us, in this age, to live lives of sacrificial love, holiness and service in a world that God still loves – a world into which He

sends His Son through the Body of Christ, the Church, of which we are members. The purpose of Pentecost is the empowering of the Church with the same power that raised Christ Jesus from the dead! The Holy Spirit draws us into communion with the Lord and participation in His Divine Life and mission. That communion is lived in the Church. The Catholic Catechism, quoting St Augustine, affirms “What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, which is the Church.” (CCC # 797)

We are led by the Spirit to live in the Heart of the Church, for the sake of that world. The Church is meant to become the home of the whole human race. Within the communion of the Church we become leaven and seed in culture, in order to lead the world into the “new world”, which is the Church. We are called to live a unity of life, where Christian faith is not compartmentalized but rather informs and permeates our daily lives. We are called to love the Church, continuing Jesus redemptive mission on the earth. This call extends to every state in life and every Christian vocation. They demonstrate that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are real and still available for all Christians.

Fr. Cantalamessa on Receiving the Holy Spirit



Fr. Cantalamessa, preacher to the Papal household, explains why we need the Holy Spirit and the gifts just as at Pentecost. Click on the link below.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=xFZ1N9gbSHY

Charismatic Revival in India

Potta, a tiny village on the West coast of India, in the southern most State of Kerala, has been attracting the increasing attention of Christians, especially Catholics from all over the world. A spiritual awakening, a renewal and revival, is touching and changing the lives of many, including Hindus and Muslims.

The power of God is evident. It started in 1978 through the intense prayers and devotion of a Vincentian priest, Fr. Mathew Naikomparambil. He had started a prayer group with 14 people who had assembled once a week, on a Saturday, in a church at Potta. Miracles and healings began to happen during their prayers. The first healing was that of a man who was suffering from Asthma for many years. Many others followed, both physical and spiritual. Word had spread around and the group of 14 soon began growing until it reached 40,000 people, coming together for prayer, healing, listening to the word of God weekly.

In 1983, Fr. Mathew started a live-in Retreat Center for 400 people in a vacant building, which was built for a hospital, in a nearby town. Thousands of people started swarming into the center for prayers, healing and deliverance, and to listen to the word of God. It has become the biggest Retreat Center in the world housing up to 15,000 people living at one place for one week at a time around the year. His spiritual conventions in India are attended by 200,000 to 300,000 with many reported healings.

Fr. Mathew has started a world evangelization project, and has been giving retreats, conventions and healing services in Asia, Europe, Africa and the Americas. He has been visiting USA every year since 1992, and many healings have been reported during his services. He has started a center in New Jersey.



Mass at the Divine Retreat Center



Fr. Matthew Naikomparambil

“If our life is to be sanctified, we should listen to the Word and be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Word reveals to us all spheres of life in which we need purification. Life will be purified by listening to the Word.

Although rains fall very heavily on the ground for quite a while, the water does not stay on the ground for too long. It disappears in so many ways. But the water collected in some low areas or in reservoirs might stay there for quite some time. The Word of God is very similar to this phenomenon. In the humble hearts, in the hearts that seek God, in the hearts where the Word is received with love and reverence and obeyed accordingly, it stays longer. It will also bring about abundant fruit.

Just like the water collected in the reservoirs becomes useful to many people, those who study the Word of God with interest and industry and give it to others at appropriate times will be a great blessing to the Mother Church and also to the world at large.”

Fr. Rufus Pereira

Well known Catholic charismatic preacher, vice-president of International Association of Exorcists passed away in London on Thursday May 3. He ministered worldwide and was a catalyst in bringing lay people into the deliverance ministry and the Catholic Church's closer cooperation with such groups. In 1994 he was selected as vice president of the International Association of Exorcists which was started in 1993, and in 1995 initiated the International Association for the Ministry of Deliverance.

Fr. Rufus priestly vocation began in his family and parish in Bandra, India. However his first personal experience of the Catholic charismatic renewal was on Pentecost Sunday in 1972, when the renewal began in India. Since then he worked extensively in the renewal and world evangelism ministries.

He has been editor of 'Charisindia', the national charismatic monthly, director of the National Charismatic Bible College and continued to be visiting post-graduate scripture professor at a Pontifical Theological Institute. In 1994 he was selected as vice president of the newly started International Association of Exorcists, Rome and in 1995 initiated the International Association for the Ministry of Deliverance. He joined the ICCRS council in 1997 and represented Asia and the healing and deliverance ministries.

Fr. Rufus had been scheduled to give a healing and deliverance retreat and to celebrate Masses with healing prayer in the Seattle area in mid-May.



Upcoming Events

October 27, 2012 — Western Oregon Catholic Charismatic Renewal (WOCCR) Day of Renewal.

Location: Church of the Resurrection, 21060 SW Stafford Road, Tualatin, OR 97062.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Presenter: Deacon Bill Brennan, Stockton CA. Deacon Bill ministers in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, including prophecy, teaching and exhortation at seminars, parish missions, retreats, and conferences. He has been active in the Charismatic Renewal since 1974.



Music Ministry: Clint Bentz and the ICPE.

Information: Will be provided as it becomes available.
