

Official Newsletter of the
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for the Catholic
Charismatic Renewal
In the Auckland Diocese

A Sign of The Times

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Monthly Message From Anil Baptist

Auckland CCR Chairperson

Mt 25:21 ...since you have been faithful in a few things I will entrust you (CCB) with much more.



Everyday I get emails from various organisations asking me to sign a petition against some law, like gambling, asset sales, and oil drilling and so on. One petition seeks to block a law against pokie machines, which according to the petitioners will harm vulnerable families. Although the intentions are good the methodology is incorrect. We cannot protect the vulnerable by law, but by being Christ to them.

Some time ago there was a debate on TV whether poverty or parenting was to blame for the plight of our children and the verdict was overwhelming in favour of parenting. One of the root causes of our problems in society, is the lack of proper parenting. All the parenting courses in the world will not make us better parents, because parenting is using our God given authority to govern our children. As we know from scriptures, God's authority is not one of tyranny or bullying, but one of gentleness and submission to the Holy Spirit.

The homily preached at Mass in my parish last Sunday told us that we must wage a Holy war, not a war that kills people based on their faith, gender, creed and ethnicity, but a war against the seven deadly sins like lust, envy, greed, sloth, pride, gluttony, anger and injustice.

Most of us grew up in a culture where pornography was restricted to adult stores, but through the TV and internet it is in our bedrooms. A visiting preacher once told of a redeemed prostitute who came to him for prayer ministry.

She told him that most of her clients were Catholic and most of them attended a particular Mass. The irony of the story is that the prostitute repented, but the church goers must have found another.

How are we waging this Holy war in our families? I find so many people who want to do great things for the Lord, but have lost their children and spouses on the way. At the end of it all we must remember that our mandate is to redeem our families and no more. "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you and your household will be saved." Acts 16:31 (CCB). If we cannot fight a Holy war in our families how are we going to fight it in our communities, parishes, workplace and government? As Jesus says, those who are faithful in small matters will be faithful in big ones. So let us make a commitment to fight the battle in our families, so that when we are ready to leave this earth, we too can say like St. Paul: "I have fought the good fight and have run the race."

At our last Service Group meeting it was decided that anyone who wanted to do a Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) or any other outreach under the ACCR banner, must come and present their intention before the Service Group. This is so that we can work with you to maintain harmony within the body. For a LSS contact Deidre Broome and for all other activities contact Mike Lobo. They will arrange for you to meet the Service Group.

God Bless, Anil



Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

AUCKLAND RETREAT
Willow Park

13-15 September 2013

"Love Like Mary"

Speaker

Bev McDonald

Pick up a Registration form from your church foyer or local Dove Fellowship, or register at

www.dove.org.nz - Registrations close Saturday 7 September

Or contact: Shona Williams Ph (07) 543 0101 Email: shonawilliams58@gmail.com

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(Limited Stock)

Lumen Fidei (The Light of Faith)

Pope Francis Encyclical Letter \$12.00

Catechism (Leather-bound) \$15.00

**All Charismatics
Welcome!!**

Every 2nd Friday of the Month

(Sept 13th) 7.30pm

St Joseph's Centre Takapuna

**For: Praise & Worship
Teaching
Sharing
Prayer Ministry**

There will be:

Fellowship and a cuppa

**Invite your friends & bring
along your prayer group
members!**

DRCNZ Live-In Retreat

Conducted by Rev Augustine Vallooran V.C.
and his team of Glen and Teresa

8th Oct, 2013 6.00pm - 10th Oct, 2013 8.00pm

Marsden Bay Christian Camp,

89A One Tree Point Road, Ruakaka, Whangarei

<http://www.marsdenbaychristiancamp.com/>

All meals would be provided. Cost of Bunker Bed Rooms

@\$170/person & Family Room @\$230/person.

Due to limited accommodation, you are requested to make payments
via internet banking to DRCNZ (BNZ-02-0108-0034368-001)
preferably by 15 August.

Please email drcnz@xtra.co.nz once payments have been made with
the following details - names of participants, contact phone number,
email address, amount paid, bank code and ref number.

For further info please contact Cynthia 8132101; 021 064 2157

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