

### ACCR APOSTOLATE VISION

To see the restoration of all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as a normal part of Catholic Church life, and lead people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and develop the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all believers.

### ACCR APOSTOLATE MISSION STATEMENT

ACCR seeks to serve the Catholic Church by being one of the agents and instruments of the Holy Spirit working for the ongoing renewal and growth of the Church today.

We seek to participate with the Holy Spirit in the renewal of the Church by:

- Working to lead all people to a close, personal and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord of all aspects of their lives.
- Fostering the Baptism ( or Release) of the Holy Spirit, received in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as a means of deepening the work of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church and in the lives of individuals.
- Encouraging the use of the charismatic gifts as an accepted and regular part of life in the Catholic Church.

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### A Message from Anil, ACCR Chairperson

Lk 11:1 ..... “Lord teach us to pray”.....(RSV)

#### A call to radical Holiness.

Even though Jesus disciples were with him and they saw him perform miracles, they did not ask him to teach them to heal or perform miracles. They asked him to teach them to pray. If we follow Jesus’ journey through the gospels we see that he was a man of prayer. His ministry was very demanding as he had divine powers to heal, forgive, raise from the dead and much more. Such things were not very common in his time so people flocked to see this Messiah and fulfill their needs. He must have been tired at the end of the day but he took time off away from the crowd and the disciples to pray. If we Google prayer we may get millions of pages on various types of prayer, we may try and find a type that suits us, but the essence of prayer is to connect with God, talking to him and listening to him. It is the art of seeing things from God’s eyes. When Jesus asks us to pray for those who abuse and persecute us we begin to see them from God’s eyes and begin to love them . We get in tune with God himself. There is transfer of power through the Holy Spirit which gives us the empowerment and encouragement we need to carry on our journey of faith along the will of God.

One of the fruits of baptism in the spirit is a desire for personal prayer and reading of the scripture. As Catholics we have not been brought up on this fare. Traditional Catholic upbringing focuses on Mass and devotions. Although in recent times the Pope and the bishop’s have been trying to encourage Lectio Divina there hasn’t been much change. Personal prayer and reading of the Bible seems to be more ‘Protestant stuff’. Through the baptism of the spirit we as Charismatics have discovered the joy of personal prayer and reading scripture, we must share this with our brothers and sisters. The other thing about personal prayer is that it must be personal and not corporate. While praying as a family and as a couple are important, personal prayer is a must. Many pray as a couple but even in a marriage and family there are differences and each of us must seek God’s point of view on the situation. Each of us must find a sacred time and space in our home where we can pray. It is a place where God waits for me every day. In a world where we are bombarded with millions of messages we must also include God’s.

I mentioned in my last write-up that May was going to be a busy month. And it surely was. Beginning with the National Service committee meeting in Wellington, the leader’s meeting, the Pentecost Vigil Mass and Fr. John Rea’s outreach, it was a fulfilling month. Thanks to all who made it possible and helped out. May God bless you all.

## Youth and NZ CCR

We had a very good meeting of the National Service Committee meeting (NSC) in Wellington. Diana gave us an encouraging report about the youth activities in Christchurch and Auckland. Diana is using the model that is used in Brazil, where the youth run parallel to the Renewal under the NSC before taking over. She told us that the youth were very mission oriented and they want to see the charisms as a normal part of Catholic life, which is very much at the heart of our mission. The youth have managed to get into some important positions in both diocese as well as in Hearts Aflame which hopefully will revert back to being Charismatic.

**CCR Conferences coming up:** ISAO conference in Bahrain September 23 – 25<sup>th</sup>, details were emailed out recently. A Conference is being planned for Australia, more info later.

**School of Discipleship:** Our first school for Central/West Auckland began on the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month at St John Vianney, Hillsborough. The second starts very soon on Thursday evenings at St Marks, Pakuranga. Please contact Mike Lobo [mlobo@titan.co.nz](mailto:mlobo@titan.co.nz) or 3900048 (free call) for info re Schools of Discipleship.

Please continue to keep the service group and all the outreaches of the ACCR in your prayers.

God bless  
Anil

### **Calendar these CCR dates** See attached posters and extra information below

**July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> 2 part Inner Healing Seminar.** 9.00am - 5.00 pm at St Dominics Church, 32 Bolton St, Blockhouse Bay.

**July 25-26<sup>th</sup> Weekend Life in the Spirit Seminar.** 9am - 5pm at St Josephs Centre, Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna, organised by Jesus the Good Shepherd PG.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Teaching Sessions by Ann Brereton, chairperson of Australia CCR,** 7pm – 9.30pm at St Vincents Church, Milford. All members of Renewal invited.

**August 29<sup>th</sup> Breakthrough Concert** organised by Jesus the Good Shepherd PG, Bruce Mason Theatre, Takapuna

August 21- 23 CCR National Leaders Retreat in Australia. Theme: A time of Transformation. Directed by Fr. Ken Barker MGL. Venue: Pallotti College, Millgrove, Victoria

**Inner Healing Seminar: 2 parts, July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am - 5.00 pm at St Dominics Church, 32 Bolton St, Blockhouse Bay. Contact: Reggis/Betsy – 09 8263937 Email : [betsjes@gmail.com](mailto:betsjes@gmail.com)

This seminar has a practical approach emphasizing the importance of healing one's inner being to enable joy, peace and freedom as promised by Jesus Christ. **(See the 2 attachments for more info)**

### A testimony from Rowena, who attended The Inner Healing Seminar in 2014.

Last July I attended a two day healing seminar. I wasn't expecting a healing as I only went because Betsy had asked me to go and pray. I had grown up feeling less intelligent and inferior to my sisters and even though I had gone to confession regularly I still felt guilty about a lot of things.

Just before I woke on the Monday morning after the seminar I saw a perfectly white sheet in front of me and Jesus was saying " this is you now, I have taken away your sins". I can't describe him but I have this faint awareness of a real

presence.

That was just the beginning, for days afterwards I wanted to keep telling people in the street about Jesus and his great love. Now ten months later I still notice the change in myself. Things that would have hurt me no longer seem important. I feel much more confident and peaceful. Jesus is showing me the sin in me but leaving me feeling loved and precious.

Just a month ago one of my sisters was staying with me. She mentioned she couldn't understand the bible. Later when I was praying the thought came to me, academic intelligence is not as important as I thought, for me there is so much in God's word. My healing is still continuing.

## Life in the Spirit Seminars:

A Life in the Spirit Seminar is for those who want:

- spiritual growth
- to know Jesus as a personal friend
- to know more about the Holy Spirit
- to develop your prayer life and love/understanding of scripture
- to witness to others
- to develop your spiritual gifts
- to connect to the power of the Holy Spirit

**25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July: Weekend Life in the Spirit Seminar at Takapuna**, organised by Jesus the Good Shepherd PG. 9am – 5pm at St Joseph's Centre.

See the poster attached or contact Goretti 021 025 63164 or Teresa 480 7684 [Register at www.jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz](http://www.jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz)

**Breakthrough Concert** 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015, 7 p.m. at Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna, presented by Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal in association with Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group.

In response to a vision of many people praising God in a concert hall, members of Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group have stepped out in faith to present BREAKTHROUGH, a live praise concert of the best contemporary and timeless Christian music, celebrating salvation history.

*Jesus is the one whole helps us break through the walls of sin, need, pain and fear. Through the concert the history of salvation will unfold as we explore the bible story from Genesis to Revelation in song and action.* Featuring hits like Indescribable, Our God, Mighty to save, My Redeemer lives, Forever and many more. Also featuring the all new single "Breakthrough" by Jesus the Good Shepherd band. Experience live music with Jesus the Good Shepherd band, Priests in Harmony, Fusion Youth band & Divine Retreat Centre NZ Praise Band.

**Tickets will be on sale from Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at [www.ticketmaster.co.nz](http://www.ticketmaster.co.nz)**

If you find it difficult to book online then please contact JGSPG and they can arrange for your tickets. Email [admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz](mailto:admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz) or call Sam on 022 222 8762

### **IMPORTANT REQUEST – Can you help with the concert skits?**

As part of the Breakthrough concert there will be small skits and a dance sequence performed on stage. JTGS prayer group is calling for the assistance of all CCR members or friends who can act or dance and are willing to take part in the concert. This will entail coming for about 10 practices over the next two months. Practices will be for about 2 hours and held at a venue on the North Shore. Email [admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz](mailto:admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz) for details or call Goretti on 021 025 63164 OR Engelbert on 021 023 46853. Please reply latest by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**August 3rd – 5<sup>th</sup> Teaching Sessions by Ann Brereton, chairperson of Australia CCR.** At Milford Church, 7 – 9.30 pm. Hosted by Jesus the Good Shepherd PG. Carpool and come along.

**Probable Topics** (The final selection and arrangement of topics is still to be confirmed.)

- **Monday** - Catholic Charismatic Renewal – a brief overview: the origins, hierarchy, mission and the fruits of the Renewal,. An update on whats happening in Renewal around the world now. The role of ICCRS (international committee), national service committee and regional service teams.
- Role of the prayer group. Leadership - how to be good leaders. Elements of a prayer meeting.
- **Tuesday** - Utilising the Charisms of the Holy Spirit – Recognising, developing and using our gifts. Explanation followed by application.
- **Wednesday** – How to be led by the Holy Spirit in all aspects of life. Listening to and hearing the Holy Spirit. Developing the habit of personal prayer in the midst of our busy schedules

**Healing Ministry:** Available after the 7.30pm Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield

**Fundraising Concert** for the quake afflicted people of Nepal on the 27th June at 7:30pm in St Thomas More parish hall. Western Music by Ramiz and friends. Tickets \$10. Contact Ramiz 4445808 Door sales if tickets are still available. Donations are welcomed on a/c 03 0296 0133960 01. **See poster attached.**

Reports from the prayer groups

**Life in the Spirit Report from Orewa**

St John's and St Francis' Prayer Groups in Hibiscus Coast Parish recently completed a 6 week Life in the Spirit Seminar entitled "This Promise is for You" – presented on DVD. Presenters were Michelle Moran (ICCRS President) and Charles Whitehead, past President and leader in CCR UK. Both excellent speakers. The Seminar was small, around 23 people in all, with one coming from a way out of Auckland each week to participate. For the majority it was a renewal of Baptism in the Holy Spirit which is always worthwhile. We recommend this DVD set as it provides top quality speakers each week, which we followed with small groups to discuss and pray over the 6 weeks.

**Life in the Spirit Report from Glen Innes**

The seminar is going very well with around 50 – 60 people attending each week. The five Eastern Suburb parishes of Glen Innes, Glendowie, Orakei, Panmure and St Heliers have joined together for this Life in the Spirit Seminar over eight Tuesday evenings from 5th May. We will conclude with a celebratory Mass on Tuesday 30th June. The combination of the five parishes was in response to the Diocesan Pastoral Plan "**to work collaboratively across parish boundaries in wider pastoral areas**" and to provide parishioners with the opportunity to grow in their relationship with God. Our thanks goes to all those helping: the planning committee, the music team, faith sharing leaders and speakers. Our thanks also to members of the service group for their guidance and help throughout the seminar. We are all truly blessed by the bounteous mercy of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**CCR reading material**

Tongues of Fire has yet to be replaced. Meantime explore other CCR sites for reading material, eg <http://www.ccrnsw.org.au/> for the NSW CCR newsletter

and <http://www.ccr.org.uk/about-ccr/goodnews-articles/> for many archived articles from Good News Magazine put out by UK CCR .

**Intercessory Prayer:** If you would like to be an Intercessor contact Josie, the national CCR intercessory prayer coordinator: [Josie\\_d\\_silva@hotmail.com](mailto:Josie_d_silva@hotmail.com)

Please pray for the following:  
**The Life in the Spirit Seminars**

**Service group and all CCR Leaders**

**Youth, particularly those involved in CCR**

**Prayer group initiatives especially the Breakthrough Concert August 29th**

**ISAO conference in Bahrain 23rd-25th September 2015**

**Amy:** (June 11<sup>th</sup>) Amy is still being prayed for and with at a weekly prayer time in her Mum's house. It seems she had a vision of the Lord healing her and although she's talking calmly about what the future might hold, she's going forward believing in her visions and in Words that others have received for her. She's also praying for and with others and receiving Words for them so the Lord is doing an amazing work in her.

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women** monthly meetings (include prayer ministry and fellowship)

**West Auckland Dove:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at **St Michael and all Angels Anglican Church** - 425 Great North Road, Henderson. Contact Jane 0220859314. July meeting: *"Growing in Faith"*

**North Shore Dove:** 2nd to last Wednesdays **7.30pm at St. Joseph's Centre**, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna, Auckland. For more information call Nanci Heah (09) 419 0348

**South Auckland Dove:** last Tuesdays , **7. 30pm at St Anne's Parish Hall**, 126 Russell Rd, Manurewa. Contact Grace Rowland 09 577 3479 or 027 624 3842