

February 2016 - ACCR Sign of the Times

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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.
- Encouraging people to participate fully in the life of their parish.

Scroll down to see coming events and other information

A Message from Anil, ACCR Chairperson

Luke 14:27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Grace mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I hope you have had a wonderful time with your family and friends celebrating the festive season and taking some time off from the working life. It is ironic that straight after we come back from our holiday we are immersed into the Lenten period. This period leads us to the celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. One of the symbols of this period is the cross.

The cross has had a lot of bad publicity over the years. For the early Christian it was a symbol of condemnation since the Romans used the cross to put hardened criminals to death. For modern people it is an ornament to be worn on the body. I met a woman recently who wore a cross around her neck. I asked her if she was a Christian to which she replied that her grandmother always had a cross around her neck and she wore it in remembrance of her. Many people have associated Jesus with the cross and have come to the conclusion that if I do not follow Jesus I can avoid the cross. In the scripture mentioned above Jesus says **“Whoever does not bear his own cross...”** He does not say ‘my’ cross but his cross. Which means that the cross is a given whether or not we follow Jesus. In the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned they fell short of the glory of God and were given the cross from that

day on. Man was told he would have to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow and the woman was given pain at childbirth. From that day onward Satan has been trying subtly to draw people away from the cross. As lay people we cannot come to Jesus outside of our work. Many people want to avoid work and try and come to Jesus but only to find that their family has broken up or have left the church. In fact St. Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians says in verse 3:10 **“If anyone will not work let him not eat.”** That brings us to another question “If I get the cross anyway why should I follow Jesus?” If I follow Jesus he helps me carry the cross “Come to me all you are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest” Mt. 11: 28. So this Lent if we are not in gainful employment let us look for some and also pray for and help those in our communities who do not have any. If we are unsure of the right kind of job let us commit it to the Lord and ask him to place us in the right work.

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

God bless,
Anil.

Calendar these CCR dates and read the newsletter for more info

February 11th 7.30pm New HSI School of Discipleship begins at St Marks, Pakuranga. First of 3 open nights, come and see.

February 12th 7pm ACCR Mass with Bishop Pat at St Bens.

7pm : Praise and Worship followed by Mass and fellowship.
Please bring a plate of finger food for supper.

February 18th ICCRS prayer event for young people

April Teachings: Fr. Joseph Victor. Venue: Sacred heart Church, Ponsonby, 9am-4pm

April 16 Tongues and interpretation of tongues

April 23rd Prophecy and discernment

April 30th Healing and Miracles.

May 15th Pentecost celebration (afternoon - time and details tba later)

ACCR 2016 Mass for Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal,

celebrated by Bishop Pat and Fr Rory.

Date: Friday 12th February

Venue: St Benedicts, Newton (**Free parking available** from 5 - 9.50 pm at the Wilson Carpark on the corner of St Benedicts St and Alex Evans St.)

Time: 7- 7.30pm Praise and Worship ,
7.30pm Mass followed by fellowship.

Please bring a plate of finger food for a shared supper.

WANTED: Life in the Spirit Seminar Team Manuals

If you have any copies of the Life in the Spirit team manual gathering dust we would love to have them. Please bring them along on Feb 12th or contact Deidre 4108899.

New HSI School of Discipleship begins Feb 11th at 7.30pm at St Marks Parish Hall, Pakuranga.

The first 3 sessions are open to everyone, Feb 11th, Feb 18th and March 3rd. After this you'll be asked if you would like to commit for a year.

Another School has been running in St John Vianney Parish in Hillsborough for the last 7 months. Come and hear their testimony and see for yourself the knowledge and confidence they have acquired in sharing their faith.

Some Background:

Anel Aranha – the Founder of this School and Director of Holy Spirit Interactive started the Schools because of the following premise

“All demographic studies say that in 25 years time Christianity will be a minority for the first time in 1500 years. ARE YOU GOING TO LET IT HAPPEN or are you going to stem the tide and spread your faith”.

Please contact Mike Lobo for info re Schools of Discipleship. mlobo@titan.co.nz or 3900048 (free call)

' ICCRS invites especially youth and young people to join in a prayer-event

Who? Young people (14-35).

Where? Wherever you can meet for prayer at least 2-3 of you.

When? Preferably 18 February 2016. If this date does not suit you, meet the weekend before or after this date.

How? As the Holy Spirit leads you. It can be adoration, praise, worship, silent prayer - just come together in the presence of the Lord!

Younger members of Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer group invite others to join them to pray

on Feb 18th Contact Deidre at aucklandccr@gmail.com for more information.

For more information click this link

<http://www.isidor.se/Portals/10/documents/eccrnews/EUCCRIL-283-Come-to-Me-young-people-event.pdf>

Some Reading (I have included this again in case like me you were too busy to read in December)

1. **NSW CCR 12 page newsletter is attached.**

2. **EUCCRIL info sheets** <http://www.isidor.se/ccreurope/nl-nl/documents/eng.aspx>

#282 A powerful testimony from Pavol Strežo in Slovakia on reconciliation in society thru' repentance, given in the European Catholic charismatic conference in Warsaw, last October.

#285 What are charisms? An extensive teaching in ten points by Mary Healy (a part of her speech in our European conference in Warsaw, October 2015).

#284 The nowadays teaching of the Catholic Church on charismatic renewal as it was presented in Warsaw on 2 October 2015 by the official representative of the Vatican

Note: Eucril is free to all interested persons. Submit requests to kees@stucom.nl with the subject "Eucril" and this message: "Yes, put me on the mailing-list of Eucril-English or/and Eucril-Français."

ICCRS requests Donations

ICCRS only is able to survive because of incoming donations. With those we have to pay our (very few) staff in the office and have to finance all international projects we are running e.g. the CCR-event during the World-Youth-Day in Krakow 2016 and all preparations for the upcoming Jubilee in 2017.

To donate see possibilities mentioned on the ICCRS webpage www.iccrs.org

Prayer intentions

Service group and all CCR Leaders
New members for Service Group
Youth, particularly those involved in CCR
Conversion of ISIS leaders and members
For persecuted Christians

Sad news: *For those who have been praying for Amy, her aunty has sent us the following message.*
It is with great sadness I have to tell you that our beautiful Amy passed away. She died peacefully at home with her husband beside her. Her faith, her love and her trust in the Lord and the strength and courage she showed throughout have indeed been inspirational for many. Thanks to you all those who kept Amy in prayer over the last year and a half. I know they meant a lot to Amy. Please pray now for her husband and children, and wider family.

Note: If you would like to pray as one of our National Intercessors contact Josie, the National CCR coordinator for intercessory prayer: Josie_d_silva@hotmail.com

School of Discipleship:

Fridays 7.30pm. Venue: St John Vianney, Hillsborough.

Thursdays 7.30pm. Venue: St Marks, Pakuranga.

Please contact Mike Lobo mlobo@titan.co.nz or 3900048 (free call) for info re Schools of Discipleship.

Healing Ministry: Available after the 7.30pm Mass every 3rd Thursday at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield.

Note: Lilian Iskander and her Good Shepherd Group volunteer for NZ prayerline every Monday 7:30pm-9:00pm praying for callers from all around NZ. The number to call for prayers is [0800 50 80 80](tel:0800508080).

Dove Monthly meetings (include prayer ministry and fellowship)

West Auckland Dove: 1st Tuesdays at **St Michael and all Angels Anglican Church** - 425 Great North Road, Henderson. Contact Jane 0220859314.

North Shore Dove: 2nd to last Wednesdays 7.30pm. **Note New Venue: St. Thomas More Church, 366 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629.** Next meeting **17 Feb 2016 Holy Mass** in **St. Thomas More Church.** All warmly invited. 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

Joshua Fellowship: a Catholic men's fellowship. 7.30pm – 9.30pm every last Wednesday. St Josephs Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. Contact: Basil ph 4435755 or 0272612585 or www.joshua.org.nz