

## November 2015 - 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.

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### A Message from Anil, ACCR Chairperson

#### 'There are varieties of service but the same Lord' 1 Cor. 12:5

The Bishop of Auckland as part of the diocesan pastoral plan for 2014 to 2019 has introduced a Fit for Mission programme. This can mean different things to different groups but what does it mean for the ACCR? Our mission as defined by our charter consists of 4 steps:

1. Baptise people in the Spirit
2. Bring them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
3. Release the charisms and encourage people to use them.
4. Get people actively involved in the life of their Parish.

In other words we are called to be “ Missionaries to the Missionaries. “ Without the charisms of the Spirit we cannot evangelize.

God has given us the School of Discipleship to help us form people for their mission. This is a school that will fulfill our mission and help the ACCR participate fully in the Bishops 'Fit for Mission' programme. I encourage all of you to join a school near you and help run them in your Parish.

On a sad note it is with regret that I announce that Zoe, our long standing member of the SG, has decided to step down due to health reasons. We hope to farewell her at our meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> if she is able to make it. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

God bless

Anil.

## Calendar these CCR dates

**November 14<sup>th</sup>. Prayer group leaders and all those interested are invited to meet with Service Group for future planning and fellowship. Starts 9.30am with Praise and Worship.** Venue: Sacred Heart parish hall, Vermont St, Ponsonby.

**February 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm** ACCR Mass with Bishop Pat at St Bens.

## Testimony: The Holy Spirit is moving among the priests in Malta.

In issue 281 of EUCCRIL (THE EUROPEAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL INFO-LETTER) there is an inspiring testimony from a prayer group in Malta. For years they have been praying for their priests. In 2014 they were asked to lead a Life in the Spirit Seminar for priests. Thirty priests attended. In 2015 they ran a second LISS for priests and they are running one now for a group of nuns. I encourage you to read this and to keep praying for our priests in NZ. **See full story in the attachment.**

In issue 280 there is a report on the European CCR Conference held in Warsaw 1-4<sup>th</sup> October. There were 500 participants from 35 nations. The messages summarised are pertinent to us here in NZ.

At the end of the conference, Michelle Moran (England, president of ICCRS), again encouraged all those present to go and to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. "Of course in Europe we live in difficult times today! But we only can learn from our sisters and brothers from other continents: Where there is persecution, faith is rising! Yes, Europe is a weak and sometimes difficult continent – but God has not forgotten Europe! Those who only focus on their problems will only see their problems! Who is not looking ahead lacks vision! God wants us to live in the freedom of the sons and daughters of God and in the power of His Spirit! Let us go home now, strengthened by this hope he gave to us during these last days!" **Attached for those interested.**

**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."**

## 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 Nov 14<sup>th</sup> or contact Deidre 4108899.

## Breakthrough Concert Report

The BreakThrough concert was held on Saturday, 29th August at the Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna. It was organised by the ACCR in collaboration with Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group. It was a night of Christian music with the purpose of bringing together people from all over Auckland to praise God and to learn more about him. The simple objective was evangelisation - our contribution to the diocesan program of being 'Fit for mission'.

The programme was made up of a large repertoire of Christian songs and the entire bible story (from Genesis to Revelation) was woven through the songs. The groups who performed were:

- Jesus the Good Shepherd band
- Fusion youth group (from St John Vianney, Hillsborough/ St Therese)
- Divine Retreat Centre NZ Praise band
- Fr. Elric Jorquil

The concert was well attended by about 700 people from Auckland including a few priests; and we have been receiving a lot of good feedback from various parishes and prayer groups. The singers, actors, musicians, dancers and support group numbered around 75 people.

It was a blessed evening and we thank God for giving us the opportunity to serve the people of Auckland and give them the Good News in song, word, acting and dance.

**The ACCR service team and the BreakThrough team would like to thank all ACCR prayer groups for their prayers, support and participation.**

**Thank you Zoe, you are one of God's humble servants.**

Most people in ACCR will know Zoe McCarthy. Due to ongoing ill health and pain, we regret that Zoe has decided to stand down from Service Group. She will be sadly missed, as she has worked tirelessly for the Lord through her involvement in Charismatic Renewal. She has made many phone calls and sent many emails contacting people for various events.

Zoe joined the renewal about 1973. Before this she was involved with the Legion of Mary. She went to a prayer group held at Liston house and helped set up for the meetings. She loved all aspects of the Renewal, the praise and worship, the teachings, and learning about and using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Later Zoe joined the Epsom prayer group, and later again when Avondale started a prayer group she attended that one also as a support person.

Zoe asked me to say 'she is very sad that she has had to resign as she has loved working with all the people in ACCR. She has also loved working with the kind, caring people on the Service Group who are so willing to serve the Lord.'

Zoe is still willing to help out when she can so you may still get calls from her. If her health is OK she will be at our meeting on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.

**CCR NSW Charismatic Retreat 'His Name is Mercy'**

**Sydney, Australia from the evening of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

Conducted by Jim Murphy from Western Michigan USA and Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR, Chaplain to CCR in NSW. For more information about the retreat and speakers see the *attachment*  
Venue: St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, 64 Mackillop Drive, *Baulkham Hills, Sydney*

**'Speaking the truth in love: how to talk about hot button issues with coherent conviction and charity,'**

The Catholic Community Network in collaboration with the Catholic Young Professionals, warmly invites you to hear [Brendan Malone's](#) views on 'Speaking the truth in love: how to talk about hot button issues with coherent conviction and charity,' on Thursday 5 November 2015 at the St. Columba Centre, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby at 6.30pm. Please contact [akld.ccn.express@gmail.com](mailto:akld.ccn.express@gmail.com) to register

**Please pray for the following:**

Service group and all CCR Leaders

New members for Service Group

The sick, especially Zoe and other members of Renewal

Youth, particularly those involved in CCR  
Conversion of ISIS leaders and members

*ICCRS requests all renewal to pray for peace in Syria and for all our Christian brothers and sisters who are suffering, those who are displaced from their homes, and those who are dying for their faith, and let us pray also for their families.*

**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](mailto:Josie_d_silva@hotmail.com)*

#### **School of Discipleship:**

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

Starting soon: 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.**

**Healing Ministry:** Available after the 7.30pm Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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

**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](http://www.joshua.org.nz)