

October 2015 - ACCR Sign of the Times (note: there was no Sept newsletter)

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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

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.” Mt 5: 14

What a great concert it was. The Service group were skeptical at first but the enthusiasm of the Milford prayer group was infectious. Everyone who participated was full of the Holy Spirit and it was a joy to behold. Once again thanks to the Milford prayer group for answering the Lord’s call and going forward in faith. May this be just the beginning of many more.

The following week we hosted Josie Olsen from Wellington who had a message from the Lord that He is going to revive the Catholic Church. It was wonderful to see so many people gather, especially the old faithful who cannot come in the evening. The praise and worship was led by the Milford prayer group and then Josie gave her message. This was followed by a time of prayer for Auckland. The session ended with fellowship and lunch. We hope to continue with these gatherings in 2016. See Mike's letter below.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday November 14th for sharing of ideas and fellowship.

Thanks also to all who helped make the shift from St Joseph's Centre to Sacred Heart church in Ponsonby. May God bless you and your families.

Please continue to keep the Service Group and the activities of the ACCR in your prayers.

God bless ,

Anil

Calendar this CCR date November 14th, 9.30am. **All prayer group members are invited to meet with Service Group for future planning and fellowship. Venue to be advised later.**

Prayer requests

Fr. Iosevo Tuvere, the parish priest of Glen Innes, who was so supportive of the East Auckland LISS was diagnosed recently with bone cancer of the hip. Please join St Heliers PG in praying for a miraculous cure.

Pray for a miracle for Keegan, a 17 year old who is seriously ill with a rare cancer of the blood.

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.

Also please pray for the following:

Service group and all CCR Leaders
New members for Service Group
The sick, especially Zoe, Kate McGiven and other members of Renewal
Youth, particularly those involved in CCR
Conversion of ISIS leaders and members

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

Josie's visit

On Sept 5th the National CCR Coordinator for Intercessors, Josie Olsen, came to Auckland to tell us about what the Lord has been revealing to her.

The main message is – ‘God Desires to awake, heal and raise up His Church’ and we are being called to follow Him – we must work in unity to support those that the Lord Awakes – healing ministries, fellowships, pastoral care and others.

1. The Lord wants to awake, restore and raise up His Church

This awakening will begin with the prophetic call of his prophets and intercessors. The Lord will call His prophets to go out upon the Land and prophesy as directed by the Lord. The Lord desires those who are called to intercession to respond to this call and enter into intercession with Christ, directing prayer in this area of awakening the Church or as the Holy Spirit directs

2. As the Church awakes, the Lord will need the ministries within the Church he is already preparing for this time, ministries of healing, fellowship, discipleship and pastoring. The Lord desires unity among His people, who are called to work together, to minister to His people.

A message from Mike Lobo (ACCR vice chairperson) in response to Josie's visit

Dear Sisters and Dear Brothers of the Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal, May the Good Lord Bless you all.

There are many things to be thankful for. The Fantastic Concert. The life In the Spirit Seminars, the Josie Olsen Prayer Day for Auckland. The wonderful School of Discipleship.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your faithfulness to your prayer groups and your prayer meetings. Please pray for Kate McGiven who fell and broke her hip the day after Josie's visit.

Now to continue with Josie. On the Sunday (next day) Josie, Shane, Margaret Paton and I visited Mt Victoria, One Tree Hill, Auckland International Airport and Mt Ponga just beyond Papakura. Praying the scriptures from the day before and declaring the Lord's favour over the city of Auckland and its districts.

So you ask me now "Mike so what good did that do. Where are we going, are we following the stars or are we following the Lord?". On the Sunday following I met Maree Dobbs and she said to me that the Lord was not finished with ACCR yet. She had received a word that the Good Lord was asking us to extend our tent pegs and start building. She said that the Lord was asking us to start expanding our Minds and our Hearts to prepare for his flood gates to open, for the time had come for ACCR to be relevant again in active parish life.

We had about 65 people there at Sacred Heart Parish in Ponsonby. This was a very encouraging sign as we really haven't had a proper gathering for the ACCR members since we moved out of St Joseph's. Most of you who were there would have heard Anil, our Chairperson, mention that we were in the process of moving our office over to a room in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Vermont St.

New Beginnings and new ministries and new Renewal.

So I am going to put it out there for any or all of you to respond. What do you think about a monthly prayer meeting on a Saturday at Sacred Heart Parish? We will need your help to organise our city wide meetings by providing music, leaders and teachers.

This is one initiative from Josie's visit. I encourage you all to also put on the Lord's plan in your heart. Let me know if you have any initiatives you want started.

GBY, Mike

Note: Josie will be speaking at Jesus the Good Shepherd PG on Wed Oct 28th. All welcome. Venue: Milford Catholic Church, on the corner of Shakespeare Rd & Fenwick Avenue.

Breakthrough Concert :

What a blessed night. Congratulations to all involved. A huge team effort. And thanks to all those who bought tickets and came along.

Cranz Inner Healing course. This weekend course is for both those who want healing and those who wish to be trained as prayer counselors. **See attachments for more info.**

Date: 24-26th October (Labour Weekend)

Venue: St Thomas Moore Parish Centre, 17 Gloucester Rd, Arataki, Mt Maunganui.

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

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 or 3900048 (free call) for info re Schools of Discipleship.

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 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 open to all men. Vision: to encourage, support and strengthen men in their Christian calling. St Josephs Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna, Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm every last Wednesday. Contact: Basil ph 4435755 or 0272612585 or www.joshua.org.nz

A reminder Joshua Retreat 9 - 11 October at Willow Park.

Register online at www.joshua.org.nz.