

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.

A Message from Anil, ACCR Chairperson

Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

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

May the risen Lord dwell in your hearts always.

During the month of April Auckland was hit with a powerful storm with winds reaching hurricane force. This caused a lot of homes to lose power. Without power there were no lights, no internet, some homes could not cook food, people had to have cold showers, and in short life came to a standstill. And so it is in the spiritual kingdom as well. Without the Holy Spirit there is no power and no life. Jn 6:63 "it is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh cannot help." It is the Spirit that changes the host and wine into the body and blood of Christ which feeds and nourishes us. It is the Spirit who leads us to the truth and who reminds us of our sins, which helps sanctify us. So this Pentecost let us thank God for his gift of the Holy Spirit and let us be advocates of the Holy Spirit. Let us make the church aware of the Holy Spirit through our testimonies.

For the last two weeks from the middle of April we have had Fr Joseph Victor from India ministering in the diocese. Along with 2 masses where he spoke on the theme of forgiveness, he taught at the Milford prayer group on the Gift of Prophecy and the Blockhouse Bay prayer group on commitment. He also conducted two retreats, one a couples retreat in Takapuna and then a live-in retreat at the St. Francis Friary in Hillsborough. He was also able to minister to the members of the Mother of Divine Mercy in Avondale. We thank Fr Joseph for his ministry to us and hope to see him again next year.

If you would like to start a discipleship school in your parish please contact Mike Lobo.

Once again thank you for all your efforts in spreading the kingdom.
Continue to keep the renewal and the programmes in your prayers.

God bless,

Anil.

Calendar these CCR dates (for more information see below or in later newsletters)

May 20: Pentecost: 4-6pm. Lamb of God invite us all to join them at Christ the King Parish, Owairaka for Praise and Worship, prayer and fellowship. Please bring a plate to share.

June 9, 16, 23 and 30th: Life in the Spirit Seminar: 7pm run by St. Vincent de Paul Prayer Group (SVDP) at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Milford.

July 27 - 29: Dove Camp Auckland :

Aug 18: Breakthrough Concert:

Sept 28-30: Joshua Camp: MAX18NZ National Catholic Mens Camp at Kings College, Otahuhu at www.max18nz.info

Scroll down for more information

Thank you to all those who supported Fr Josephs events, and those who supported the movie fundraiser. The Movie, Paul the Apostle of Christ, was well worth seeing.

Pentecost Celebration coming up: See you there.

We hope to see you all at the Pentecost celebration on **May 20th, 4-6pm at Christ the King Parish, Owairaka.** We'll have Praise and Worship, prayer and fellowship hosted by Lamb of God. Please bring a plate to share.

A report on Fr Joseph's Retreat

Come away with me. Let us go alone to a quiet place and rest for a while. Mk 6:31

Our weekend retreat with Fr Joseph Victor began on Friday, 27th. Ten of us gathered together with Father for a spirit filled weekend. There were talks on Salvation, the different types of Christians, Fighting and seeking, Life & death and Claiming God's promises and seeing their fulfilment. The talks were filled with amazing passages from the bible as Father shared new revelation on these beautiful scriptures. Each of us were able to have individual confession and counselling sessions with Father. With Reggis' guitar and all our voices we were also able to make beautiful music for the Lord during our times of praise & worship. On both nights when the talks ended none of us wanted to return to our rooms as we hungered for more. Oh, I also need to say that the rooms were very comfortable, and the food was amazing. We hope that there will be a larger group next year. The cost of \$215 for two nights with all meals and comfortable accommodation was money well spent.

Fr. Joseph said that it is good to make a retreat at least once a year, if possible, so that we can re-treat ourselves – with a play on the word treat; being a sweet treat as well as treatment to re-energise our souls. The highlights were many but a notable one for me was the reconciliation and counselling with Fr Joseph which helped me come away with a strong sense of the peace of God and a new conviction to walk firmly in faith, knowing that Jesus is with me. We had two beautiful masses and times of

community prayer and solitary reflection. The entire 48 hours were like the mountain experience that I have been craving to have for a long time. Praise God for his mercies which are new every morning and for the grace that he poured out upon each of the retreatants and our families.

A Testimony from Caroline Mascarenhas from the HSI school in Blockhouse Bay.

I attended the HSI school last year at St Dominic's parish with Anil Baptist as our coordinator.

It was a spiritual journey that brought me back to my God. I had been in the Charismatic renewal years ago and had a reasonably good prayer life then but somehow I had drifted away from the Lord. I had stopped reading the Bible, just said my night prayers and went to church as a Sunday Catholic. When the school of discipleship was announced at our church I wasn't keen to attend at all. At my husbands prompting I decided to go and see what it was about.

The first session itself got my attention. It made me want to come closer to my God. I wanted to know the Bible better. I had heard about Aneel Aranha and was curious to hear more of his teachings, so I started attending the school. After the first five sessions I knew it was something I wanted to commit myself to. The video talks by Aneel was quite intriguing and I enjoyed the group sharing after that. It helped us to discuss our views as to how we perceive things, open up new ideas and thoughts and gave us a deeper insight into our Christian faith.

I also enjoyed the fellowship and chats that we had. We appreciate the commitment by Anil and Jennifer in running the school and thanks to Jennifer we enjoyed having a cup of tea or coffee and some snacks during or after the group discussions. This fellowship bonded all of us as one big family in Christ.

And that's not all. Many graces have flowed through us attending the school. Many prayers have been answered and personally I too have been blessed. Previously, even standing before a crowd would be nerve racking for me. I couldn't speak even a few words without my heart pounding with anxiety. Now my awesome God has given me the grace not only to speak boldly but also to lead the praise and worship for our prayer group. Even within my family I can see God's grace working in our lives.

I encourage you brothers and sisters to attend this school, try it out for yourself and see God's grace is flow in your life. Stay blessed!

A photo of the Blockhouse Bay HSI Discipleship School graduates.



Please contact Mike Lobo mlobo@titan.co.nz or Kevin Farrell kevinruthf@xtra.co.nz for info re starting a School of Discipleship in your parish.

More News from the prayer groups.

Manly prayer group.

We all wish Barbara Jones a very happy 90th birthday for the 15th May.

Orewa prayer group

On May 3rd we had a surprise visit to our Core Group meeting from Mike Lobo with Fr Joseph Victor . He celebrated a beautiful Mass for us (including a few prayer group members) at the home of Joanne and Chris Wilson, overlooking Orewa Beach on a stunning day. So blessed! Fr Joseph shared his faith journey with us and expanded the Mass to bring forth many treasures from our understanding of the Holy Eucharist.

Our group is planning to run a new version Life in the Spirit Seminar DVD called "The Gift" which we will source from Australia. This will begin in July and run for 6 weeks.

Prayer group members are heavily involved in parish ministries and maintain a 'Holy Spirit' presence in the parish.

St Vincent de Paul prayer group:

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Life in the Spirit seminar (4 Saturday nights in June) **See flyer attached.**

Also for our Bible Study Program: **The Bread of Life (The Holy Eucharist).** Second session Saturday 12th May, 7.30pm All welcome. St. Vincent de Paul Church, Milford. Led by Deacon David Marshall (6 Sessions: 14 April, 12 May, 14 July, 11 Aug., 08 Sept., & 13 Oct. 2018)

Life in the Spirit Seminars: Please continue to keep these seminars and their leaders in Prayer.

1. **April 16 - May 28:** Mondays 7-9pm at St Johns, East Coast Bays parish organised by Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group mission team.
2. **June 9th - 30th:** at Milford Church. A Life in the Spirit Seminar organised by St Vincent de Paul prayer group, 4 Saturday evenings from 7pm.
3. **July for 6 weeks.** Life in the Spirit Seminar DVD called "The Gift" will be hosted by the Orewa prayer group.

2018 Breakthrough Concert

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The BreakThrough concert returns with the best contemporary and timeless Christian music, dance and drama. Presented by Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal in association with Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group.

This time the theme is '**The battle rages on... but the war's already won**'. Journey through the bible to discover the meaning of life, suffering, our struggles and our victory in Christ.

Participation in BreakThrough– We need singers, dancers and actors. We look forward to strong support from our renewal members and your families. So please spread the word. Contact engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com.

Sponsorship and donations: Sponsorship form and cover letter are **attached**. Donations are welcome and needed for us to break even. You can make your donations to the ACCR account 03 0275 0340098 02. If you or someone you know could support or sponsor the Breakthrough Concert, please contact engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com or call Engelbert on 021 023 46853 We look forward to your strong support.

From Josie Olsen, National CCR leader for intercession

We are in a wonderful season, we are in the wind of change (John 3:8). The wind of the Holy Spirit is moving gently over our nation and fires are being lit. When God's wind blows no one can stop it. Remember Ezekiel, where it says can these bones live again, the answer is Yes!

Your intercession is essential for this move to continue.

Note: If your intercessory group would find it helpful, Josie has put together some intercession guidelines (you may have your own guidelines) and a brief of the 9 choir of angels and how they can help in our intercession. Contact aucklandccr@gmail.com if you would like a copy emailed to you.

International CCR update

EUCCRIL 307 - A report of the Prophetic Consultation, Assisi March 2018. By Christof Hemberger
To read this issue go to <http://www.isidor.se/ccreurope/en-gb/documents/eng.aspx>

EUCCRIL 308 - NEWS ABOUT THE NEW STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Some of you might have heard the news already: Pope Francis has decided the international Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) will get a new recognition and new statutes next years.

As you might know, the *International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services* (ICCRS) exists to serve the CCR all over the world in its various dimensions. Next to ICCRS there is another international organisation *Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Communities and Fellowships* (CF) that has papal recognition – besides further networks and ministries that do have a kind of international service to the CCR.

Pope Francis decided to bring all those services in and for the CCR into ONE SERVICE – so that the international CCR will be a much wider expression of unity. A new “umbrella” will be created that will have space for all (prayergroups, communities, networks, ministries, schools of evangelisation etc.).

Michelle Moran (former president of ICCRS) and Pino Scafuro (Vice-President of the Catholic Fraternity) have been entrusted by Pope Francis with the task to work on statutes for this new service to the worldwide CCR. This work now has been finished and the new statutes have been made public. You can find them also as 0440uk on www.stucom.nl.

What does this all mean to us?

The new service to the CCR will start at Pentecost 2019 and will be called CHARIS (*Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service*). We will get an “International Service of Communion”, a team of leaders representing the continental level as well as some international communities and networks. The “International Service of Communion” in a way will be similar to the “ICCRS-council”, but wider as it will not only have continental representatives. On continental level we will get “Continental Services of Communion” that will have representatives of regions, communities and networks on continental level.

On national level we are asked to change our “National Service Committees” into “National Services of Communion”: As it will be on the international and continental level, “National Services of Communion” shall be a sign of lived unity within the CCR and therefore have representatives / members coming from regions, prayergroups, communities and ministries.

Leaders of “National Services of Communion” and representatives of international networks and ministries are invited to a General Assembly that is electing a General Moderator (chairperson) for the CCR on world level.

CHARIS will provide an international office in the Vatican.

The CCR from next year on will not be a “private association of faithful” any more, but a “public juridical personality according canons 116-123 of the Code of Canon Law”.

ICCRS and the Catholic Fraternity?

The tasks and the service of ICCRS and the CF (including the international office) will be continued by CHARIS. In that way ICCRS and the CF will cease as organisations, but not as service to the CCR.

As you can see we are in a very interesting time of change. We encourage you all to study the new statutes and explanations about CHARIS – and to keep the transformation in your prayers!

Christof Hemberger
Chairman European Subcommittee of ICCRS

(This issue is also available on <http://www.isidor.se/ccreurope/en-gb/documents/eng.aspx>)

[Whats happening in NSW:](#) See their May newsletter attached

ACCR Prayer intentions

Service group
Diana Ingle, National Service Committee and all CCR Leaders
For the intentions of ISAO and ICCRS
New members for Service Group
Life in the Spirit seminars
Prayer group leaders and prayer group initiatives
For all members of the renewal who are sick
Youth, particularly those involved in CCR
Conversion of ISIS leaders and members
Persecuted Christians

Regular events

Prayer groups: See website for meeting places and times. <http://www.catholiccharismatic.org.nz>

2017 -2018 Schools of Discipleship

New school to begin soon: at Maria Assumpta, **Beach Haven Parish.**

St John Vianney, Hillsborough: Sundays 4.30pm. Contact Viveka viveka.d@icloud.com

St Dominics, Blockhouse Bay: completed. Watch this space for info on a new school.

St Marks, Pakuranga, Thursdays 7.30pm. Contact Gerard De Silva desilva.sriyan@gmail.com

St Marys, Papakura Youth, Wednesday 7pm. Contact Mike Lobo mlobo@titan.co.nz

Please contact Mike Lobo mlobo@titan.co.nz or **Kevin Farrell** kevinruthf@xtra.co.nz for info re Schools of Discipleship.

Healing Ministry: Available after the 7.30pm Mass every 3rd Thursday at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield. Enquiries Contact Ramiz 027 201 0302.

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.

Home Group Bible Study at Schnapper Rock, Northshore: Call or text Ramiz 027 201 0302

Dove Catholic Fellowship for woman: Monthly meetings (include prayer ministry and fellowship)

West Auckland Dove: 1st Tuesdays at 7.30pm at **St Michael and all Angels Anglican Church** - 425 Great North Road, Henderson. Contact Jane 0211178977 or Teresa 838 9969

North Shore Dove: 3rd Wednesdays, 7.30pm. **Venue: St. Thomas More Church, 366 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629.** All warmly invited.

2018 theme for the year is TO BE LIKE JESUS.

For more information contact Sylvia Hartley - 09 443 7477 email: aldonsylvia@gmail.com

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 at St Josephs Centre, Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. **Contact:** Basil ph 4435755 or 0272612585 or www.joshua.org.nz