

"The wind blows wherever it pleases; you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. That is how it is with all who are born of the Spirit." John 3:8

Sounds From The Cenacle

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From Steve's Desk



My dear friends in Christ,
We are in the midst of joyously celebrating 50 years of what we call the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. It has been celebrated in Rome with Pope Francis, in the Holy land with pilgrims, in Pittsburgh with over 6000 in a multi ethnic conference and in

many regional gatherings throughout the country. We will be having our own celebration on October 6th and 7th at St. Jerome's, gym in Walbridge, Ohio.

It began for the Catholic Church at a retreat at the Ark and the Dove retreat house near Duquesne University in February of 1967. But we can go back in time to January 1st when Pope Leo XIII invoked the Holy Spirit on the 20th century by singing Veni Creator Spiritus. On the same day there was an out-

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From Fr. Jim's Desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

I give God glory and thanksgiving for each of you as you have availed your life to the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. I look forward to ministering with you as we come together for the annual Conference sponsored by and produced by the whole MCCR Office and Board.

Our theme:

Sanctify and Empower Us! - Let Us Proclaim! As we mark the 50th anniversary of the new Pentecost experience that happened first at Duquesne University near Pittsburg in 1967.

I was blessed to be at the Priests, Deacons Seminarians Conference at Steubenville this summer and to have the opportunity to meet and listen to

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER
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FRI. OCT. 6 & SAT. OCT. 7, 2017
SAVE - REGISTER BY SEPT 8

Speakers:
Fr. Dave Pivonka
& Jim Murphy



From Fr. Jim's Desk (cont. from front page)

Patty Mansfield's story. She gave a wonderful witness of her own Pentecost Experience fifty years ago. She tells it so well that you can almost see yourself there with her. Of course how often in these fifty years has she recited her story...and she always gets it right.

One of the important messages I received from her is **the source** of the Charismatic Movement in our time – the **Holy Spirit!** All the other movements new and old in the Church can be traced to human origin except this one. It was the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in such a profound way, like Pentecost, that they had to share the experience and the message with others. That spark is all that it took.

What about you? When and what is your experience of the Holy Spirit in your life? It is good to reflect on these most important God experiences in your life. How are you different from how you were before the Holy Spirit touched you? And then, what difference has it made in the life of your family and other people around you?

From Steve's Desk (cont. from front page)

pouring of the Holy Spirit at the Bethel Bible School in Topeka Kansas. This is generally considered to be the beginning of Pentecostalism. From there it spread to tent meetings at Azusa Street in Los Angeles and beyond, touching over 600 million people. Of course, we can go back much farther, to Pentecost and even farther to the Holy Spirit "overshadowing" Mary and all the way back to creation.

The truth of the matter is that the Holy Spirit, like the wind, "blows where He wishes". It seems that denomination is not as important as an open and contrite heart.

So we gather to celebrate this marvelous gift of our Lord's gift of His very essence, love. And rightfully so because there is nothing better that we can possibly receive. But we do not live in the past. We can only

My first experience came in a prayer meeting in Bellevue when some members broke in to prayer tongues. I remember thinking, 'That's different. What is that?' I was a little surprised but not shocked. It seemed so natural. I was a 'baby priest' back then and was very self-conscious of everything I did or said.

I worked on T.E.C. and Cursillo teams for a number of years but kind of avoided the Cenacle experience and MCCR. I remember making a conscious decision not to get involved with the Charismatic Movement. I remained active in the Cursillo Community but the Lord is gradually calling me to expand to the Charismatic movement. The Priest, Deacon and Seminarians conference has helped push me toward being Fr. Jerry's successor. I am relying on your prayers and the Holy Spirit's inspiration to do my very best in serving you all.

I do find the Holy Spirit very gentle yet very persistent. I am looking forward to this year's Conference and to seeing all of you in person and perhaps swapping our stories of Life in the Spirit.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Jim Brown

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live in the present and hope for the future. I believe it is time to honestly ask ourselves if we are a mission oriented people that are actually ministering in the "now" power of the Holy Spirit. Do we ask the Lord of Lords to lead us to "divine appointments" every day and open us to opportunities to love others with and over and above our natural abilities. Or do we allow fear of failure and discomfort hold us back? Do we say to ourselves; I'm too old and tired? I know I've said this to myself. But really, does a charism have an age limit?

Please stay informed of what the MCCR is doing (we are working on something new) and join us at the Sanctify and Empower Us! - Let Us Proclaim! conference on October 6 and 7.

In Christ,
Steve Toth

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Coming Events 2017

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sept 16	Magnificat Breakfast • Our Lady of the Lake Chapter • Anjulina's 2270 Hayes Ave., Fremont <i>Speaker: Judy Cole</i> Cost \$18. Mail check (Magnificat) & registration to Hortensia Clevenger, 316 Wexford Dr. Huron, OH 44839 - \$23 after Aug 31		Starts 9:30 AM
Oct 1	Magnificat Breakfast • Our Lady of Consolation Chapter • Old Barn Out Back Restaurant, Lima <i>Speaker: Rose Meyer</i> Cost \$10. Mail check (Magnificat of Lima) & registration to Kay Smith 2825 Hummingbird St., Elida, OH 45807 by Sept 26 Questions:419-339-8971		Registration starts 9:30 AM Breakfast 10:00 AM

Oct 6-7 Sanctify & Empower Us! Let Us Proclaim!

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Oct 6 Fri Check in 6:00 pm, Gather 6:45 pm, Program 7:00 pm - 9:45 pm
Oct 7 Sat Rosary 8:00 am, Praise & Worship 8:30, Program 9:00 am - 6:00pm
Reconciliation & Lunch on 2 hour break

Diocese of Toledo Charismatic Prayer Meetings

MONDAY:

St. Mary's, Defiance, OH	5:30 p.m.	Paul Boff	(419) 782-7227
Beacon of Love	7:00 p.m.		
Huron - Women's Prayer & Scripture Meeting - St. Peter's		Diane Dudenhofer	(419) 433-4835
Findlay, Prayer Group	7:30 p.m.	Barb & Ron Kuhlman	(419) 365-5545
Norwalk, St. Paul's	7:00 p.m.	Bev Reichert	(419) 706-0464
St. Richards, Swanton	7:00 p.m.	Judy Cole	(419) 825-1589

TUESDAY:

Fremont, Sacred Heart Church (4th Tues.)	7:30 p.m.	Judy Good	(419) 334-8145
St. Francis Rehab Center, Greensprings OH (2nd Tues.)	7:00 p.m.	Judy Good	(419) 334-8145
Ottawa Areawide	7:30 p.m.	Sharon Rump	(419) 523-3137

WEDNESDAY:

Emmaus Community (in MCCR chapel) St. Jerome Walbridge, OH (chapel in Parish Life Center)	7:00 p.m.	David Bland	(419) 322-8282
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THURSDAY:

Marblehead, St. Joseph (1st & 3rd Thurs.)	9:30 a.m.		
Lima, St. Gerard	7:00 p.m.	Joan Dubbert	(419) 734-5650
Toledo, SS. Peter/Paul	7:30 p.m.	Jerry & Sharon Laurent	(419) 331-1763
		Jose Garcia	(419) 691-7129

FRIDAY:

Defiance St. Mary (EVERY Fri.)	7:00 p.m.		
		Fela Trevino	(419) 784-4508

SATURDAY:

Fremont, St. Jos. Hispanic	7:30 p.m.		
		Raul Gonzales	(419) 332-9252

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