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A Newsletter of Catholic Charismatic Renewal March 2010

*Welcome brothers and sisters to this newsletter. It has been a a number of months since we were in touch. Mea Culpa!*

## The National Conference

The big news is that 2010 is going to be such a busy year. There is so much on the horizon that is exciting not least of all the 16th National Conference.

Sr. Nancy Keller will be with us for that event. She is really well known across the globe and was one of the main speakers at the Pentecost conference in Rome back in 2006.

She was born in New York City, USA. She has been a Sister of Charity of New York since 1960. She has a Masters Degree in History and was a secondary school History teacher before becoming involved in full time ministry in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in 1971. She was a member, with Fr. Jim Ferry, of the first Charismatic House of Prayer in the United States. In 1975 she was a founding member, with six other Sisters of Charity, of Saint Elizabeth Seton House of Prayer in Scarsdale, New York. She obtained a second Masters degree in Theology/Spirituality from Immaculate Conception Seminary in New Jersey in 1980. Sr. Nancy was coordinator of the Charismatic Renewal in the Archdiocese of New York for ten years and also was a member of the National Service Committee for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the USA. for ten years. She continues to serve the Catholic Renewal in the USA as a member of the National Council for the CCR.

She has also served for many years in the ecumenical renewal in the United States as Vice-

Chairperson of the North American Ecumenical Charismatic Committee.

She was elected to the I.C.C.R.S. (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services) Council in March 1992 and elected director of the Rome office in March 1994.

In June 1996 the I.C.C.R.S. Council mandated her for the work of teaching and networking the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Today she continues her ministry of teaching sent out and supported in love and prayer by her charismatic community of Sisters of Charity in Scarsdale, NY where she again resides . Since beginning this work, she has spoken at Conferences and given retreats in about 50 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and South America as well as the U.S.A.

Her frequent theme is, There's always more of the gift of God ... God did not give a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power and love and self-control. (2 Tim 1:6-7)

I am sure it will be exciting to hear first hand that there is always **more** for us here in Scotland.

The conference will cost £10. There are places for 550 so we thought we would give you the opportunity to register before hand. This can be done by getting in touch with Glasgow CCR :

**TEL 07900 282486  
or 07709201809 or email:  
ccrglasgow@yahoo.co.uk**



**16th National Conference**

**Our Lady of Consolation  
Govanhill  
Glasgow**

**Fri 25- Sat 26 June 2010  
£10**

There will be workshops and opportunity for prayer ministry, mass etc.

There is always something wonderful about the National Conference when we can gather together from across the whole of Scotland and raise our voices in praise and worship of the Lord. So we encourage you to get the date in the diary now.

Book the buses. We will let you know through your Diocesan Service Teams about available accommodation near the venue.

If you have any questions you can get in touch by emailing through our website  
[www.catholiccr-scotland.org.uk](http://www.catholiccr-scotland.org.uk)

## New Year - New Life 2010

In November 2009, 4 of us from Scotland joined brothers and sisters from across Europe for the biennial meeting of leaders and youth reps. For the first time this included leaders from Albania, Denmark and Iceland and our own youth reps.

### **Speakers**

With the local bishop we celebrated the Eucharist at the beginning of the meeting. The final talk was by Prof. Guzmán Carriquiry, the undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. Other speakers were Michelle Moran, president of ICCRS; Johannes Fichtenbauer, representing the European Network of Communities; Jude Muscat from Malta, and deacon Lászlo Gorove from Hungary, who did the homilies of Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

I include a short summary of what was discussed but a fuller version is available from ICCRS see below.

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### **Content**

*In the end of the meeting Darek Jeziorny summarized briefly the content as follows based on teachings, sharing in groups and prophetic words.*

1. Ps 133,1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" The Thursday evening prayer meeting was very important to remove blockages between people who are important leaders in their countries. But all the days were full of:

- a) prayer in community which created unity among participants;
- b) being together as brothers and sisters – normal people (very important informal evening on Saturday);
- c) sharing our own experiences because it is not true that all of us know the same;

2. The vision for the CCR (not all doing the same, but we can discover it together):

a) **We know** there is no time to lose BUT:

- we are overworked & busy & and feel alone,
- we have troubles
- we are sinful
- we do not spend enough time with the Lord and that is why we are weak (we may serve Jesus with all our life but ... we do not know him from our personal meetings),
- we do not know the direction to follow,
- we are depressed because of what we see around (one of prophecies was encouraging to look behind the mountain of ashes which was so high);

b) **What to do:**

- the attitude of communion (Jude's teaching) which means: have time for the others,
- make room for the youth - preparation of new leaders to their ministries (leadership training) and using the youth's radicalism and zeal (young people are always revolutionaries),
- very important role of intercession during every ministry,
- using the rich tradition of the church
- preparation of the army under Jesus' command:
  - means "glory" which waits for us (Michelle's sharing),
  - means "Nazareth" (not spectacular but taking part in preparations of the army),

- invoking the Holy Spirit and his charisms non-stop,
- take care of holiness:
  - my personal holiness,-
  - leaders are co-responsible for growth in holiness of other people who are around,
- do not try to do everything on your own – create teams!

From the Thursday introduction: the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is now well received in the Vatican among cardinals and bishops, like other ecclesial movements. So it is good to use this opportunity.



## Report from Youth Representative

### Emmanuel Banda from Dundee

This report is based on the ICCRS leaders' conference held in Budapest, Hungary from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2009. The report seeks to give a summary account of events and talks discussed during the conference.

Day 1: Thursday 5th of November 2009

We all gathered in the conference room for the official opening of the conference. It was opened with the celebration of Mass which was lead by the diocesan bishop and Charismatic priests attending the conference. The songs during mass were song by the Hungarian choir.

After Mass there was supper. Thereafter, ICCR chairman Dariusz Jeziorny, from Poland gave the welcoming remarks. Every nation that attended the conference was welcomed before introducing the three newly joined nations; Albania, Denmark and Iceland bring the total number of ICCRS member nations to thirty. Dariusz Jeziorny then went to explain the role of ICCRS in the

Charismatic Renewal. Among the other things mentioned, Dariusz talked about the need for strong charismatic leadership in our respective nations. He added, "This is good time for the charismatic movement as there is so much support from the Vatican". In conclusion he stressed the need for young people saying that the Renewal is in great need of the youth as existing members are growing old hence the survival of the group lies with the youth.

The talk was followed by prayers lead by the ICCRS president Michelle Moran, from England. The aim was to call upon the Holy Spirit's guidance through the course of the conference. During prayer there was a message for countries facing difficulties (persecution) in their parishes and conflict within their groups. The message said "*come to me says the lord and let me do everything*". Soon after prayers there was an evaluation of the messages that came through. Humility and change were identified to be what the Lord was communicating to the nations. This was said to be an expansion to the message received in 2004, "*Europe should be on its knees*".

Day 2 Friday 6th of November 2009

The conference started with a reading from Psalm 100 followed by praise and worship led by the choir then prayer. A message came through prayer saying "*we are a nation of God*". After prayer the first speaker of the day, ICCRS president, Michelle Moran was invited to give her talk and after lunch the second talk was given by Johannes followed by group sharing.

#### *Summary of the talk*

The theme of the talk was *Direction*. There is a "sense of new direction in Europe" which the Lord wants us to take. This is in relation to the two messages for Europe that were received "*Get on your knees Europe*" and "*Stand up Europe*". Michelle continued with the theme, saying there is need for the Charismatic Renewal in Europe to know when the Lord wants us to stand up and when to be on our knees because God's ways are not ours. God wants us to be a mighty army but before this can happen we need to humble ourselves and let God lead us through the Holy Spirit, 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:6.

The other theme was *Prophetic Vision*, Ezekiel 37. Michelle highlighted the need for an Ezekiel prophetic vision in Europe. What do we see when we look at Europe today? Like the prophet Ezekiel do we see a valley of dry bones, hopelessness and death as opposed to life? God is still able to raise a might army from the dry bones and has destined Europe to His glory, Ephesians 1:18.

#### *Group Sharing*

The aim of the group sharing was to share experiences related to the talks. The sharing started off with prayer

then each one presented themselves to the group, saying their name and what country they came from. Everyone was asked to share what their experiences were with respect to how the charismatic renewal is run in their country and if there were any problems/issues. The following responses were given;

**German-** the youth leader spoke of the lack of unity in their Renewal between the youth and the adults.

**Romania & Croatia-** the charismatic renewal hasn't yet been recognised hence in some parishes they are under constant persecution.

**England & Scotland-** recognised the need for spiritual refreshment among its youth and the important role of youth activities were for the future of the Renewal and the Church as a whole.

**Other countries-** had no serious issues to share but only praise reports as to how well their youth groups and meetings were.

Day 3: Saturday 7th November 2009

Once again the morning began with a Bible reading then prayer. On this day Pierre from France led prayers and the Bible reading came from John 4:23. Thereafter, Jude Masscult from Malta was invited to give the talk for the day.

#### ***Summary of the talk***

The theme of the talk was *Communion –the foundations*. The talk began with a reading from Revelations chapter 22. Communion is love for one another. It is the selfless giving of oneself to serve others just as Jesus did. He came down from heaven and gave his life while we are still sinners and by commitment continues to give himself to us even today. Hence communion is also about commitment to one another. The absence of love and commitment in a community (Charismatic Renewal) meeting constitutes no communion. Therefore to live in communion is to love and to commit ourselves to each other regardless of our differences of opinion. Communion is also an act of worship. When we gather together in Christ we commit ourselves as a temple of God. Psalm 100.

#### ***Group Sharing***

The object was to elect a new youth ICCRS president and to focus on the importance youth roles in the Charismatic Renewal and the Church as a whole. The sharing came first then the election of the new youth president followed. One of the issues that came up during the discussion was the recognition that the youth leaders' meeting (at the conference) has grown in number since the first meeting five years ago. Hence it was suggested that a website for ICCRS for youth be set up, one which would offer more information on youth events, offer some guidance, where experiences and ideas can be shared etc. These and the

many ideas that were discussed were passed on to the ICCRS President Michelle who said she would look more into the suggestions. Shortly we moved on to the election of a new youth president. The election was a ballot system during which a single representative from each country was allowed to vote. Eva Sido from Romania was elected as the new president hereby becoming the first female youth president. The sharing then ended with prayers for the unrepresented nations and problems/issues that were raised on the first day of group sharing.

Day 4: Sunday 8th November 2009

This was the last day of the conference which likewise began with praise and worship then prayer. Professor Guzman Corriquily from Rome came and gave a talk. Being the last day of the conference meant that there was no group shearing instead lunch break was extended till evening in time for Mass. When the time drew near we all gather in the conference room for the celebration the last Mass of the conference. The Mass finished in time for a party in marking the end of the conference at which everyone attended.

#### ***Summary of the Professor's talk***

The church has turned her thoughts and heart to the hope of Christ's coming in glory. The professor went on to talk about the growing resistance towards the Catholic Church from the European Union. Europe seems to be walking on the dangerous path of the antichrist. Christ did not come into the world to condemn the evils of the world but to save sinners. Therefore there is still hope as the Spirit of God is the one who works in us to reach out to others. Professor Corriquily also spoke of the fundamental desire of the human heart for God. This hunger for God's truth needs evangelisation of the love of Christ. Are we able to evangelise this truth to others? We need a fresh start with Christ by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Hence prayer is the key to a fresh start and a change of the way we live. All those who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit are hereby called to put them to use for the Lord. If society no longer meets in a Christian gathering the Church must. We are in the age of great communication but not communion.

#### ***Conclusion***

I feel the conference was worth attending because it was spiritually refreshing to the soul. It was also an eye opener as to how the Lord through the Holy Spirit works around Europe. We were people from different backgrounds, cultures, communities etc. but ended up united in the communion of love by Jesus Christ our Lord. The conference highlighted so many important issues one of which was evangelisation for the future of the Church and the Charismatic Renewal. The youth leaders I met were

all enthusiastic about the word of the Lord and hoped to see more of the Scottish youth at the future meetings. I hereby recommend that more youth may be given the opportunity of the blessing found in being in the presence of God-loving young people. I would like thank all those that made this trip possible for I have been blessed.



## Youth Forum - Scotland

If one thing is for sure we here in Scotland have not been very good over the past number of years in encouraging our youth. That does not mean to say that nothing is happening. Many great things are happening. But we don't often hear about them.

There are many reasons for this. First of all the majority of those involved in Renewal come from prayer groups some of which have been going for years. There are many graces in this not least "the communion" we have just read about. But that in itself can become a stumbling block. If the shared communion means we are looking inwards there is a real danger that our prayer meetings become more social than spiritual.

We cannot help but grow close; we cannot help but look forward to meeting with our brothers and sisters and we cannot help responding to the needs of each other. In fact that should make us attractive, "See how they love". But it can also make it a bit daunting to newcomers. This is by no means a criticism but just something leaders should flag up now and again.

The other area that is a bit of a worry is the age of the group. It must be hard for a young person to join a group whose average age is over fifty.

Something worth thinking about. What do we do to attract young people. I am not talking here about 15-18 year olds but rather younger adults. The age group that seems to be missing across Scotland is the thirty somethings.

Maybe we should in our groups be targeting certain age groups for the seminars choosing times that suit those with young families, offering child care facilities but I realise this is much more difficult now than it used to be. I can remember when my wife and I came into Renewal we were able to go to conferences because such things were available.

We hope to get together a few interested young adults to share ideas and find out what is happening around the country. If you are interested email NST through the website or call 01382 203269 03 et in touch with Glasgow office.

# New Dawn Scotland

Over the year hundreds of Scots have travelled to Norfolk to what has become one of the most popular conferences in the UK if not Europe. The annual New Dawn Conference held in Walsingham each year has meant so much to so many. Myles Dempsey's dream of a week long conference has grown to what many feel is the highlight of their year. Speakers of the highest quality, praise and worship equal to none and most important of all a feeling of community where the Holy Spirit at work fills each moment makes this special event.



Now the good news is that there is to be a New Dawn Scotland. A committee headed up by the ever enthusiastic Dougie Hunter is well on the way to making yet another dream happen.

The five day conference will take place between the

**5th and 9th July in Madras College, St. Andrews.**

There will only be places for 500 so you are advised to book early. For those who have computers go to [www.newdawninscotland.com](http://www.newdawninscotland.com)

Plenty of information will be available through prayer groups etc. throughout Scotland.

Dougie informed me that he already has some great speakers coming including Ros Powel, David Payne (CaFE) Steve Murray mime artist, John Vaughan Neil, Fr Chris Thomas regular columnist to Good News magazine and a member of English NSC and more.

***So, never mind a summer of sport, here in the Church in Scotland we are having a summer of the Spirit.***

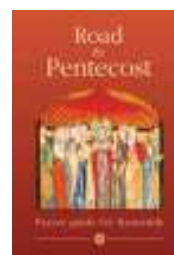
To Prepare for these events and prayer for a New Dawn of the Holy Spirit in the UK and Ireland

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## Road to Pentecost Booklets.

Join members of Renewal across the four countries. Let us in CCR Scotland fall on our knees and cry out for our nation.

This year they are being supplied by the Catholic Truth Society rather than Good News Magazine but before buying them speak to a member of your diocesan team 'they might have some' or get in touch with the NST.



# THE EDINBURGH 2010 MISSION CONFERENCE

*Witnessing to Christ Today*

We have been asked to pray for the up-coming Edinburgh 2010 Conference which takes place at the beginning of June. In 1910 in Edinburgh there was a remarkable Conference of 1200 delegates. They were church and mission leaders meeting to pray and think together about the world-wide mission of the Christian church. Many of them had experience of living as a missionary in another land, but most of them were English-speaking men coming from the Protestant churches of the West. Their gathering, with its prayerful process of study and reflection, is still recognised today as one of the most important occasions in the growth of the modern ecumenical movement.

Now, 100 years later, as efforts to build dialogue and cooperation towards unity among Christian churches continue, a centenary Conference in Edinburgh, from June 2 to June 6, 2010, will bring to Scotland about 250 delegates who will once more meet to pray and think together about Christian mission in today's world. This time the Conference members will include representatives from a much wider range of Christian churches and communities, including the Roman Catholic Church.

As Christians, we are not casual bystanders. We are asked to be involved in this work of the Lord in our times. If you are interested in ecumenical working then you can find out more by looking at either of these websites - [www.edinburgh2010.org.uk](http://www.edinburgh2010.org.uk) or [www.scot2010.org.uk](http://www.scot2010.org.uk) There are lots of useful resources and we are asked to inform ourselves, and to share our reflections. ***Most importantly, we are asked to pray for this event,*** please include this intention in all the prayer group meetings and in all your own prayers. ***Use the prayer card given on the Website (go to 'resources', then 'prayer and worship'), so that the whole country will be asking the Lord for renewed inspiration for his mission.***

Pray for missionaries who cross cultures for the sake of the Gospel. Pray for all whose mission is in families, parishes, schools, workplaces, hospitals, prisons, streets, offices – that we may carry the Gospel into all our relationships, in all we do and say, and that we may grow in love and respect for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## **At you meetings please pray for:**

the National Conference  
New Dawn Scotland  
Scotland's bishops and priests  
and of course the visit of Pope Benedict to the  
UK

## NST News

We are meeting regularly in the house of the SMA Fathers in Dunblane. This is ideal for us travelling. The meeting starts earlier so that we have plenty of time for praise and prayer. Listening to the Word and discerning what the Holy Spirit might be saying is still a priority. We also find we have more time to minister to each other building each person up in their leadership role.

Carol Masterton the new Diocesan Leader in Edinburgh has joined the team recently. Canon Willie Fraser from Tainuilt has also joined the team. He has worked for years with the Living Water Community. Canon Willie has replaced Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA who was moved to the Augustinian parish in Birmingham, St. Mary's Harbourne.

This move has not slowed down his ministry of healing which seems to be going from strength to strength.

### **Communications**

It is really hoped that we can build up better communications across the nation so that no group feels isolated. Work is being done on the website to help this. The newsletter has been resurrected. It all helps.

To help us please make sure we have a contact person for your prayer group, address and telephone number and if possible an email address. We can really keep everyone in the loop with an up to date contact list.

### **The Committee of the Isles**

This committee of leaders from the four nations is planning to bring the NST's of the countries together in November. Over the last few meetings of this group there has been a strong call to emphasise the importance of praise and a call not to rely on song as a substitute for this. More than anything is the strong feeling that we should be running the seminars in whichever form suits best to ensure we meet the call of Pope Benedict to take our charism to the heart of the Church.

The first charism of the Renewal is Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We have to offer this wonderful experience to everyone. So the call is to be adventurous and step out in faith. You don't need much but if you have problems getting this going in your prayer group or parish we are here to help.

Another thing to be asking ourselves regularly is why there are people with whom we pray for Baptism in the Holy Spirit who are not receiving the grace. Does it say anything about our expectancy or maybe our complacency? Do you expect a Pentecost experience?

Do you think we will ever have an experience like the one in Acts 4 when the apostles gathered to pray again after a bit of persecution. Will any of us pray and feel the room rock?