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**“The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me”**



Luke 4:18

PRAISE THE LORD !

We are excited about the plans for our Conference which will take place at the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel, 1870 Griffin Road, Dania Beach, Florida. The dates for this event will be September 19, 20 and 21, 2008. We have been given a special rate of \$115.44 which includes 11% tax for all rooms, single, double and quadruple, You must call the hotel at 954-920-3300 to make room reservations. Please make your reservations by August 28th to guarantee this room rate. We encourage those who possibly can to stay at the hotel. This will ease the financial burden of this office as Catholic Charismatic Services is responsible for filling a quota of 164 room nights.

MAIN SPEAKER

We are pleased to inform you that Father Anthony Ozele will be ministering to us at the Conference. Father is a priest from the Diocese of Warri in Delta State, Nigeria. He is presently studying for his Doctorate of Religious Education at Fordham University. He is the author of three books and is gifted in the ministry of healing and deliverance. He is a preacher of God's word and a compassionate man who devotes his time to helping people spiritually, physically and socially.

BRING A FRIEND

Our annual Conference is put on to proclaim the honor and glory of God and so that we might do the works of Jesus. Much prayer, planning and preparation go into

each Conference and the Lord blesses it mightily. Lives are changed forever through His love. This week end presents us with a great opportunity to evangelize. Bring someone who is hurting to meet Jesus.

CONFERENCE BANNERS

If your Prayer Group does not have a banner, you have sufficient time to make one or have one made. Bring your banner to the Conference on Friday with a stand to hang it on. Also, please select a person from your Prayer Group to carry it in the procession at the Sunday closing liturgy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It takes many people who are willing to volunteer to help with the Conference to make it all it can be for the Lord. We need your daily prayers along with many helping hands. The ministries most in need of help are : Registration, Greeters, Ushers and Intercessors who are willing to spend time in the chapel praying for the Conference. The blessings are many. If you feel called to serve, please call this office.

THANKS

We want to sincerely thank all those who have supported this office by working hard at the Conferences and for your generous pledges and donations. It is by your willingness to give of your time, talent and finances that this office continues to remain open. We encourage everyone who receives “The Paraclete” to pray and ask the Lord what He would have you give. There is no gift that is too small. He takes all our gifts, puts them together and blesses them and it is “enough”.

The Lord wants us to be cheerful givers. In 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, scripture tells us, “ Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, For God loves a cheerful giver’. When we talk about or think about giving, the story of the widow comes into our mind. She gave two copper coins to the Lord and yet Jesus

said; “I assure you, this poor widow has put in more than all the rest. They make contributions out of their surplus, but she from her want has given what she could not afford - every penny she had to live on.”

It seems that giving to God is a learning process. At first we take a few small steps, and it may even seem difficult to let go. We human beings have a desire to accumulate much for ourselves and still desire more. At times we give into that selfish thought that says that if we give we won't have enough left for ourselves. As we continue to give and experience the blessings of giving, our hearts and hands begin to open up to the Lord's truths about being generous. We find we have all we need.

In Proverbs 3:9 we read, “Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce. Then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow.”

It is a great blessing for us to know that when we give to God we are obeying Him. It is His desire that we obey Him. It pleases Him and He blesses us with the wonders of His loving care. Jesus says to us, “Give and it shall be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.”

“RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT”

Pentecost and The Holy Spirit Of Truth

By Father Raniero Cantalamessa

The Advocate

The other title of the Spirit in John is that of Paraclete, or Advocate, “Another” Advocate, Jesus calls Him. During His life on earth Jesus was Himself the Advocate; “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest,” He said. (Mt. 11:28) When He promises the Advocate, it is almost as if He had said: “Go to Him, all you who labor and are burdened, and He will give you rest!”

The Holy Spirit plays in us a role exactly opposite of the one played by the spirit of evil. The Holy Spirit defends the faithful and intercedes ceaselessly for them before God with “inexpressible groanings.” (Rm. 8:26-28) The spirit of evil accuses believers before God day

and night. (Rv. 12:10) But the Defender is infinitely stronger and more victorious than the accuser! With Him we can conquer every temptation and transform the temptation itself into victory.

How does this “perfect consoler” console us? He is in Himself the consolation.” He consoles by making the words that Jesus spoke to His disciples resound in our hearts: “In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.” (Jn. 16:33) He consoles by testifying in our spirits that we are children of God. (Rm. 8:16)

Thirst or Fear?

“On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, ‘Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.’ (Jn. 7:37) The first condition for receiving the Holy Spirit

is not merits and virtues but desire, need, thirst.

The practical problem about the Holy Spirit lies right here.

Are we thirsty for the Holy Spirit or do we have an unacknowledged fear of Him? We sense that if the Holy Spirit comes, He cannot leave everything as He finds it. He could even make us do strange things that we are not ready to accept. Whoever the Holy Spirit touches, the Holy Spirit changes! Our prayer for having the Spirit sometimes resembles the prayer of St. Augustine before his conversion: “Grant me chastity and self-control, but please not yet.” We are tempted to say, “Come Holy Spirit, come ... but not right now, especially no strangeness! Isn't God order, decorum, composure and equilibrium?”

If the apostles could have chosen for themselves the way the Spirit should have manifested Himself, they would never, ever have chosen to speak in unknown tongues, exposing themselves to the ridicule of the people who said, “They have had too much new wine.” (Acts 2:13) Therefore, let us ask the Holy Spirit to take away our fear of Him. Let us say, “Come, Holy Spirit! Come now, come as you wish.”

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

Let us pray

*O God, Who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, that we may always be truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Monday - **Healing through the Word**

7:30 PM - St. Louis Church - Maria Vadia
Hospitality Room A

Fourth Monday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

7:30 PM - St. Bernard Church
Celebrant - Rev. Robert Richardson

First Tuesday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

8:00 PM - Nativity Church – Hollywood

First Tuesday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

7:00 PM - St. Mary Star of the Sea-Key West

First Thursday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

8:00 PM - Nativity Church
Indian Community

First Friday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

8:00 PM - Nativity Church Shrine
Filipino Community

May 7- **Life in the Spirit Seminar-** St Bartholomew Church
7:30 PM every Wednesday for 7 weeks.

May 15 **Mass and Prayers for Healing**

7 PM- Rosary 6:30 PM
St Maurice Chapel
Celebrant: Fr. John Fink

June 5, 6, 7 & 8 – **Women of Worship (WOW) Conference**

Hilton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel
1870 Griffin Rd, Dania Beach, Florida

September 19, 20 & 21 – **28th Annual Catholic Charismatic**

Conference –Hilton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

May

- 1: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
- 2 Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
3. 1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14:6-14
4. Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a
5. Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
6. Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
7. Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
8. Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
9. Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
10. Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
11. Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23
12. Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
13. Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
14. Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Jn 15:9-17
15. Jas 2:1-9; MK 8:27-33
16. Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1
17. Jas 3:1; Mk 9:2-13
18. Ex 34:4b-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18
19. Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
20. Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
21. Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40
22. Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50
23. Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12
24. Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16
25. Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58
26. 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10;17-27
27. 1 Pt 1:10-16; MK 10:28-31
28. 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45
29. 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52
30. Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
31. Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56

JUNE

1. Dt 11:18, 26-28,32; Rom 3:21-25,28; Mt7:21-27
2. 2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12
3. 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12;13-17
4. 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12;18-27
5. 2 Tim 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
6. 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
7. 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44
8. Hos 6:3-6; Rom 4:18-25; Mt 9:9-13:
9. 1 Kgs 17:1-16; Mt 5:1-12
10. 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
11. Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:17-19
12. 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26
13. 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32
14. 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37
15. Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8
16. 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
17. 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
18. 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
19. Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
20. 2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20; Mt 6:19-23
21. 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34
22. Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33
23. 2 Kgs 17:5-8,13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
24. Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80
25. 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
26. 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29
27. 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4
28. Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17
29. Acts 12:1-11; 2Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19
30. Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22