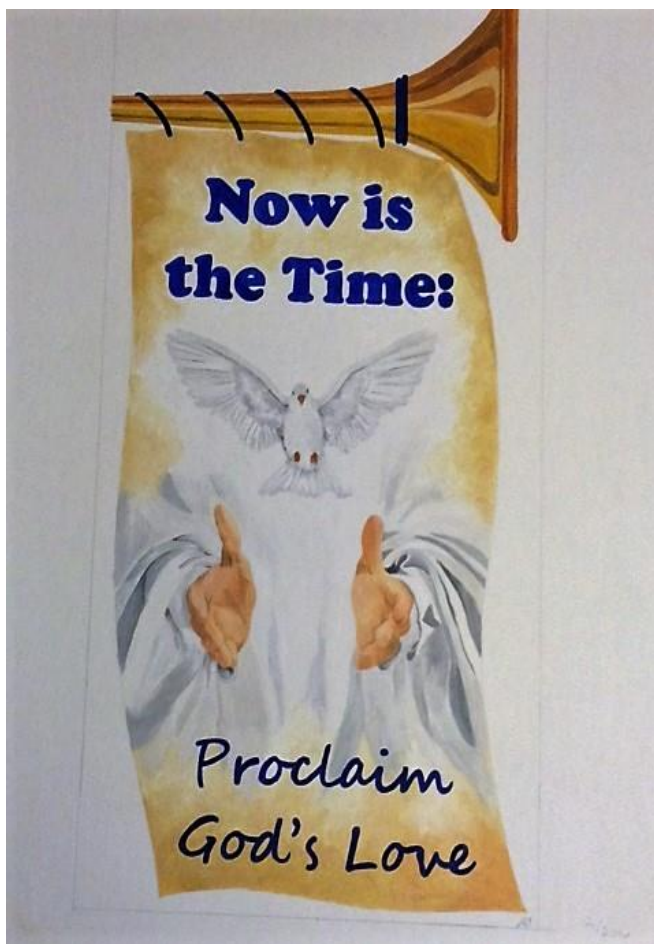




All Michigan Catholic Charismatic Conference

Letter to the Seven Churches

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2017

50 years of *Amazing Grace*
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February 17-19, 2017

Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center
Ypsilanti, MI

Summer Event

(Camping at Sleepy Hollow State Park)

June 16, 17, 18, 2017

(more information to come)

Triumph of the Cross

(more information to come)

Prophecies from the 2016 General Conference

Friday Night: 1. My heart is open. My arms are open. The river of forgiveness flows forth. Children, you are welcome here. Come, let me love you. Let me make you whole. I long to be one with you. You must experience my love before you can share it. Come and plunge into the ocean of my love and be whole.

2. My beloved children, I am calling you to empty your hearts and minds of anything which interferes with knowing the great love I have for you. I need you now more than ever to be my disciples in order to strengthen others in our world today. Open your hearts to me to feel the great outpouring of love I have for each and every one of you. I know you as special and unique. I have called you to this place. I would never leave nor forsake you. I love you.

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Vision: God has called us to be witnesses of our personal relationship with Jesus, and to use the charisms of the Holy Spirit for the up building of the Church of Michigan. (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

Mission: We are called to help others to develop their personal relationship with Jesus, the Lord, in the full power of the Holy Spirit so that, people can know, love and serve God.

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(Prophecies continued from front page.)

3. An image of the narrow chrome strips of the luggage rack on the trunk of a small sports car. Words: Give me all your baggage, all that is a burden to you. I will carry all that you have and I will take you to where I need you to be so that you may be with my Father.

Mass on Saturday Morning: 1. Come. Enter in. Be cleansed in my grace. Be renewed in your mind and spirit. Behold I make all things new. I speak new life to your lives and ministry. Come to me first; then go forth and I will accomplish my will in and through you. It is not you. It is me working and speaking through you. Will you give me permission to use you?

2. My sons, my daughters, be ready. Be ready. I desire to fulfill my will through you. I know you and I know your name. Do not be surprised by what will happen. It is not about you, but it is what I desire to do for those that do not know me.

Saturday Evening: 1. My children, my precious ones, my love for you is overflowing, an overflowing fountain, a fountain of strength, a fountain of faith, a fountain of power and might, a fountain of peace, straight from me to you. Receive my love for you.

2. Allow yourselves to feel blessed and filled with my joy. My Son is my joy. You, my children, are my joy. Until you allow me to embrace you and love you, you cannot share my joy, my peace, my forgiveness, and my love with all of my children. Accept my healing. Accept my love.

Mass on Sunday: 1. I anoint you with my power. Again, I say, I anoint you with my power. Let me make it clear: I, the Great I Am, anoint you. I do not refresh you with your power because it has not worked and never will. I bestow my powerful grace upon you because it is what will sustain you. My grace conquers those battles you are about to run from. My grace cuts through the bone to the heart of the soul of your brothers and sisters. My grace, my words, my power takes the impossible and makes it possible. So, I say to you, go back into battle. I will convert the hardened heart, the stubborn will, will submit to my will.

2. I am here. I am with you. I give you my power to move forward into all to which I have called you.

Do not doubt. Do not fear. I am with you in power. I will move among you. I will set you free. I will give you my power to do all that I have called you to do.



“Now is the Time: Proclaim God's Love

This is the prophetic call that the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Michigan is hearing strongly. It was the theme of the annual All Michigan Catholic Charismatic Conference (AMCCC) event held on July 8-10 with keynotes by James “Butch” Murphy. It's Go-Time for all of us...and no, it's not referring to Pokémon.

It refers to the urgency with which the Holy Spirit is commanding us to tell people about Jesus *now*. It is based in the call that we all received in our baptisms. This call is emphasized for those who have a special gift of evangelization, but those without that charism are not off the hook. Rather, we are called to proclaim Jesus through the other gifts we have received. “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Cor. 12:7).

God can reveal His timing in two ways: through “outside” world events and prophetically. As if we needed more “outside” incentive, the shootings in Dallas happened the night before this conference began. They are one of many external confirmations of the prophetic sense behind the theme of this conference, which was actually discerned several years ago by the leadership of the AMCCC.

Our world is being ruled by fear on an unprecedented level today. We are all vulnerable to it...so how much more; then, must those who don't know Christ be feeling it?

In one sense, it's no wonder that people are desperate for protection, for provision for their needs, and for love. These things are written into our beings so that we'll find them in our Heavenly Father. Those who have not yet met our Father are driven to obtain these things for themselves in any way they can. As the song says, they're “looking for love in all the wrong places.”

This is where we must come in. From the mysteriousness of God's omniscience and perfect love, He chose to send us as His ambassadors. None of us will do it perfectly, yet He still calls us to go. Only God's perfect love can cast out the fear that is ruling this world; only Christ can triumph over Satan.

Given the stakes, it is tempting to try to evangelize out of fear (often disguised as duty) or by using fear as a tactic. However, that would be trying to use what is of Satan to drive out Satan. It won't work. Scripture says that “The love of Christ impels us...” (2 Cor. 5:14). We must let Love Himself act in us.

“The Holy Spirit is the principle agent of evangelization” (EN, 75). He goes ahead of us, preparing the hearts of those to whom He sends us. He also is at work in the proclaimer to know what to do and say. The Lord is coordinating all of this. We can relax and trust Him.

Butch Murphy pointed out that “to proclaim” means more than “to speak.” It means “to manifest, to bring forth, to make tangible and experiential.” Each of us as baptized Christians is responsible to ask God when and what to do to accomplish this.

Butch named four ways we are to respond:

1. Announce the name of Jesus, who He is, and what He has done for us. Jesus is at the center of evangelization. As Butch put it, “Don't be afraid to turn people off. They're already turned off.” Hopefully we can “turn them on” to Jesus.

2. Have a holy Christian character. When you carry the Spirit of the Lord into a place or relationship, He will affect things. Mother Teresa was so aligned with Him that just by walking into a room the atmosphere would change. We must decrease so He may increase.

3. Do works of mercy and justice. Laying down our lives on a regular basis demonstrates the reality of God's love of which we speak. God wants us to care for everyone.

4. Use your charisms. A charism can break through hardness of heart in a way that words can't. (If you don't know what your charisms are, the Upper Room has resources to help you. Details are below.)

Butch encouraged us that “All we have to do is deeply know and love God and deeply know and love them (other people).” If we are in love with Jesus, we won't be able to stop proclaiming Him. And if we are not in love with Him, we need to look at our hearts, repent of those things that we prioritize over Him, and prayerfully ask Him to set us on fire with His saving love. After all, our faith is not about a philosophy but a Person!

A powerful healing service led by Bill Richart confirmed that God is ready to act. Then at the closing Mass, presided over by Bishop Paul Bradley of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, the Holy Spirit spoke prophetically about what He is doing and what He will do:

“I am here. I am with you. I give you my power to move forward into all to which I have called you. Do not doubt. Do not fear. I am with you in power. I will move among you. I will set you free. I will give you my power to do all that I have called you to do.”

Reflection written by Christy Whiting, Upper Room Director at Christ the King Catholic Church in Ann Arbor, MI

An Invitation: Upper Room's Praise & Worship events on Friday evenings are designed specifically to help people encounter Jesus and be empowered for evangelism. Come often to be spiritually nourished and to grow with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

There are many related resources at CTKUpperRoom.com. In particular, mp3s of past classes are available:
 -To grow in your ability to hear the Lord, take the class “Hearing God in Conversation”
 -To identify your spiritual gifts and learn to use them, take “Gifts for the New Evangelization”

If the concepts of baptism in the Holy Spirit, evangelizing, and charisms are new to you, read through the resources and plan to attend the next Life in the Spirit Seminar in the fall. Go to CTKUpperRoom.com for more information.

Actual Donations in April & May	\$751.00
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$1,249.00)
Actual Donations in June	\$755.00
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$1,245.00)
Actual Donations in July	\$300.98
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Actual Donations in August	\$1,770.00
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$230)

From the office.....

As you can see from the above information on our donations to the office, there was no month in which our donations exceeded our monthly needs. If you have been wondering why you have not received a newsletter this year until now, the reason should be clear. We simply did not have the money to print and mail one. The **good news** is we can do so at this time because of the excess we had left after all the bills were paid for our conference. I am so grateful to be in contact with all of you again.



I do encourage you to be supporters of the AMCCC. **I am** and have been since I was first hired in March of 1990. When I started here, I never thought I would be at this part time job over twenty-six years but I am. It has been an opportunity for many blessings and personal growth. I give praise to our God for his goodness in my life.

Without your help I do not know how often we will be sending you this newsletter. We used to send it out every other month. This is the usual way we are in contact with you. I hope we are not out of mind because we have been out of sight. Again with your help, we can more regularly be in contact with you.

One thought is to put a current newsletter on our website even if we **are not able** to send a paper copy out. At least if you go to our website, that would keep you informed of what is going on in the renewal in our state.

Jenny and I want to express our gratitude to those of you who do contribute to this ministry on a regular basis whether monthly, quarterly or yearly. Thank you from us and the Michigan Service Committee.

<u>Monthly budget for the Office from Nov.1, 2015 – Oct. 31, 2016</u>	
Actual Donations in December	\$ 930.00
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$1,070.00)
Actual Donations in January	\$1,575.00
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$425.00)
Actual Donations in February	\$1,112.20
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$887.80)
Actual Donations in March	\$1,401.00
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$599.00)

Our last event of this year will have taken place by the time you receive this newsletter. We hope you remembered the Triumph of the Cross. The feast day is September 14 but we anticipated this feast by celebrating it on September 10. As you know we were again at the Shrine in Mio. It was dedicated as one of the places with a Holy Door that we can go through to receive a plenary indulgence if we do all the requirements to obtain it for ourselves or a deceased person. Hope you were able to join us.

In November the Michigan Service Committee will meet at St. Francis Prayer Center for our annual retreat and meeting. We are having Mike Wicksall lead our retreat this year. During the meeting part of our time, we will be selecting our new board members and discerning the theme of our conference and speaker for 2018. Yes, we do have to begin our planning that far ahead. Both our committee and the National Service Committee started five years ago to get ready for the celebration of fifty years of the Holy Spirit's action on the college students on retreat at the Arc and Dove Retreat Center that we have come to know as the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. We would greatly appreciate your prayers and intercession that we hear the Lord's directives to us personally and corporately.



Nature has a way of reminding us in its beauty of this coming season of vibrant colors that we also are to shine forth the beauty of the God who lives within us.

We should take to heart that we are his masterpieces and he is creating in us the image of his son. Life is busy at all stages, just in different ways. When I was in the convent no day was like the one before. There was always something, no matter how small, that changed the schedule. Whether we like change or not that is what God calls us to each day. Be his beautiful work.

Jenny and Patty

Coming Events

Detroit Diocese

Oct. 8: **Shepherd Day** – 10:00 am-3:00 pm at the DCCR Center, 2322 Ford Avenue, Wyandotte. The

day will include praise and worship, teaching, sharing and much more. Bring your own lunch. Call the DCCR Center (734-2826244) to RSVP and for more information.

Oct. 15: Inner Healing Prayer Day – 10:00 am at *River House*, 805 West Elm Ave., Monroe.

Grand Rapids Diocese

Oct. 22, Nov. 25, Jan. 14, Feb. 18, March 25, April 22: Evening of Worship at *Holy Spirit Church*, 2230 Lake Michigan Dr. starting at 7:30 pm. Go to eveningofworship@hsparish.org for more specific information on the themes of each of these dates.

Mass and healing prayer: the first Monday of each month (except on holidays) at 7:15 pm at *St. Francis Xavier Church*, 222 Brown, SE. Fr. Ayoub Nassar will preside. Call parish for more info at 616-241-2485.

Prayer Meeting the 2nd and last Sunday of the month at *St. Isidore Church*, 628 Diamond St. NE from 2:30-4:00 pm. Call Mike Bertram at 616-719-8695 for more info.

Other prayer meetings: *Sts. Peter & Paul* in Ionia on Thursday at 7:00 pm. Contact Tom Lower at 616-527-0438; *St. Bernadette of Lourdes* in Stanton at 7:00 pm on Thursday. Contact Stephanie Sines at 989-291-0825.

Oct. 14: Adoration & Praise from 7:00-8:00 pm with **Individual Healing Prayer** from 8:00-9:00 pm at *St. Isidore Church*, 628 Diamond St. NE. Contact Mike Bertram at 616-719-8695 if you have any questions.

Lansing Diocese

Every Friday Evening all are invited to **Praise & Worship** from 7:45-9:15 pm at *Christ the King Church* in Ann Arbor, hosted by the Upper Room ministry. On 2nd & 4th Fridays we have prayer ministry. Contact CTKUpperRoom.com or call Christy Whiting at 734-665-5040 for more info.

Mass with praise & worship every Tuesday at *St. Peter Church* in Eaton Rapids. Rosary is prayed at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 and praise & worship after. **Mass and sacrament of healing with holy oil is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.** Call Rosemary at 517-974-4144 for more info

The following events will be starting soon this fall, however, some dates and places are still being determined. Contact the St. Francis Prayer Center at www.stfrancisprayerflint.com or 810-787-5330, attn. Deb Hawley for additional information:

Pilgrim's Way (biblical study course for living a Spirit Filled Catholic Life) coming soon to *Immaculate Heart of Mary Church* in Lansing.

Shepherd's Healing (a preparation for ministry/A process of healing life's injuries) at *St. John, Fenton*. Multiple classes will likely be available.

Mystery of Ministry Mini Conference: Oct. 29 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at *St. Agnes Church* in Fowlerville.

Discernment of Spirits (Fr. Tim Gallagher's Presentation) 2nd and 4th Mondays beginning Sept. 12 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm at *St. Francis Prayer Center*.

Healing Prayer Ministry Workshop Wednesday, Nov. 16 (location TBD, Flint area).

Season of Healing Monday, Nov. 14, 6:00-9:00 pm at *Holy Family* in Grand Blanc.

Lansing Diocese Service Committee for the Charismatic Renewal meets 2nd Friday every other month, 6:30-8:30 pm. Always open to new members. Come and be our guest. Locations rotate around diocese. We need you!

Marquette Diocese

For information on all events including prayer group contacts, go to www.catholic-church.org/upccr. For their newsletter, contact John Hogan at jhogan@outlook.com or at 906-450-5215.

Koinonia Retreat is being planned for October in Manistique to tell the basic Gospel out of the Catholic Church. Contact John Villemure at 906-341-5046.

Gaylord Diocese

Oct. 2-4: "Setting My Spirit Free" **3-day Mission** with Fr. Jack Fabian of Companions of Christ the Lamb from 6:30-8:30 pm at *St. Stephen Church*, Lake City.

Oct. 7-9: **Charismatic Retreat "Immersed in Mercy"** with Mike Wicksall at *St. Augustine Center* in Conway. Cost is \$150 (must register by Sept. 29)

Call Helen Clark to register or if you have any additional questions at 231-846-1438.

Oct. 23: **Calling all ecclesiastical groups in Gaylord Diocese to a gathering** at *St. Mary Cathedral* at 2:00 pm to share their mission to see how we may work together to serve the needs of our people and their spiritual needs. Bishop Raica will celebrate the Liturgy. More info later, but send contact info for your group to Helen at 231-846-1438 or email hlclark07@yahoo.com.

Kalamazoo Diocese

Servants of the Lord Jesus Christ Prayer Group meets every Thursday at *St. Catherine of Sienna* in Portage from 6:00-8:00 pm. A **healing mass** is celebrated the 1st Thursday of every month from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Praise, Prayer and Share meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at *St. Phillips Parish Center* in Battle Creek at 6:00 pm.

Charismatic Prayer Group meets Monday nights for prayer and education at *Sacred Heart Church* in Bangor. Contact Laryssa Baczynskyj at 269-350-5185 for more information.

Saginaw Diocese

Charismatic Holy Spirit Seminar coming in October. Dates, times and schedule have not yet been fully determined. For more information or to sign up, contact Judy Troxell at judytroxell@outlook.com (989-313-2688), or Harry Renko at nancyrenko@att.net (989-835-8793).

Empowerment Meeting the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the *Saginaw Renewal Center (new center)*, 607 E. South Union St., Bay City.

Saginaw Service Committee meeting 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the *new center*.

Healing Team meets the last Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the *new center*.

2nd Tuesday of month "Come to Worship" at 7:00 pm at the *new center*.

Heart of Christ prayer meeting every Wednesday at 1:00 pm at the *new center*.

Men's fellowship 2nd to last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the *new center*.

Come Celebrate what



We have been
We are
We will continue to be
the Holy Spirit's fire in our lives
and in the Church

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

Doors open 6:00 P.M. followed by registration and praise
and worship.

Presenters:

- Patty Mansfield
- David Mangan
- Fr. Richard McAlear, O.M.I.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

Saturday Morning

Mass: 8:30 A.M.

- Celebrant: Bishop Sam Jacobs

Presenter:

- James Murphy

Saturday Afternoon

Presenters:

- Charles Whitehead
- Arlene Apone

Saturday Evening

Presenter:

- Ralph Martin

Youth Track

Ages 14-21: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Presenter:

- David Mangan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Speaker begins at 10:00 A.M. Mass begins at 11:00 A.M.

Presenter:

- Bishop Sam Jacobs

Mass:

- Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, main celebrant

TICKETS

Individual - \$75.00 per Person

Families (Parents & Children) - \$200.00 flat rate

Youth Track - \$20.00 (unless registered as an individual or
under Family Rate)

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The other website addresses will be operational for a while longer but our plan is to no longer have them in the near future. They are:

www.allmichigancatholiccharismaticconference.org
www.allmichigancatholiccharismaticconference.com

Goodsearch is an easy way to support a ministry which you already support. Just go to goodsearch.com. When the site asks, "Who do you search for?" put in AMCCC or spell out our whole name. Then search or shop or play computer games or there are other options on the site you can choose if you want that will earn money for us.



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Come Holy Spirit, Come in Power.

Let us with thanksgiving and gratitude join with brothers and sisters throughout our land to celebrate this wondrous gift of the Holy Spirit that has been released in our lives.