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NOW IS THE TIME:

I rely on you to love my people.



2016

Spring Conference

April 23, 2016
Grand Rapids Diocese

General Conference

July 8, 9 10, 2016
Kalamazoo Diocese

Triumph of the Cross

September 10, 2016
Mio, MI

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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From the office ...

One of the things that happened before the General



Conference was the unexpected death of a member of the Michigan Service Committee, Murray Maurer. He was on vacation with most of his family at Lake Michigan. He had taken a walk and

gotten disoriented where the family was staying. When he got to place they were staying, Pauline, his wife, noticed his speech became slurred and took him to the hospital immediately. He was airlifted back to Kalamazoo. Even in that short time things had become worse and Murray went home to his God and Father on July 13, 2015.

He loved being on pilgrimage spending many days walking on the 1989 Prayer Pilgrimage throughout the state of Michigan that was led by Butch Murphy. Inspired by this pilgrimage, he also walked on the pilgrimages that took place in Ohio, 1990 and the one in Kentucky in 1991. Murray was also responsible for the three pilgrimages in his Diocese of Kalamazoo, north to south, east to west, and around the diocese. My husband, Ralph, and I even joined those who were walking in and praying for the Kalamazoo Diocese for a day or two or a few hours on these pilgrimages.

Murray was active in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in many capacities throughout the years. His service on the MSC included a year of being its chairman. Those who knew him will remember how he could be counted on for his friendship and encouragement, and how he used his gifts to generously serve, support and strengthen the Body of Christ.

We wish to thank all those who gave a gift to the AMCCC in memory of Murray. We are grateful to you and Murray's family.



The General Conference was a blessing to all who attended and one person expressed it in these words: “Everyone, I really believe, left the conference fully re-energized and ready to show more of God’s love in the Now to all they meet. Here are a few witness accounts.

Here is part of Lucy Dewitt’s story of her first experience at an AMCC Conference. “I don’t know what happened to me that night, but it has changed me. The face that looked me in the eye on Saturday evening was the face of Jesus not Fr. McAlear. I couldn’t have told you that night that anything happened at all! But now looking back and knowing the things that have happened to me and my family since then, the good and the bad, I know I am not the same person who left my house on Friday. I’m calmer and happier and don’t get upset over silly things, a much better person.

Karen Quayle shared that witnessing the love for Jesus in everyone was so inspirational and a made for a tear-filled weekend.

“This was the first Charismatic Conference that I have attended,” said Vicky Ricketts. “The freedom to love and praise God in such a wonderful way was amazing. The words of forgiveness, love and mercy of Fr. McAlear were just what I needed to hear. I am excited about sharing them with my family. I also prayed for the healing of the pain in my right leg. That pain is now gone!” Praise God!

I know there are more witness stories out there. You need to share with all of us the blessings of God in your lives. We would all love to hear the marvelous works of God. For his wonders are to be proclaimed not kept secret. Please share.

No one has as yet claimed the articles left at Terrace Inn. One was a water bottle. The brand is Contigo with a gray and white screw on cap. The other item left was the August Magnificat in a gold leather cover. Please claim these items if they are yours.

May we use this time of Advent, that is so precious, to continue growing in deeper intimacy with to him that the celebration of our Savior’s birth bring new insights to what his Incarnation means for us and for all.

Have Blessed Christmas and New Year

Jenny and Patty

<u>Monthly budget for the Office from</u>	<u>Nov.1, 2014 –</u>
<u>Oct. 31, 2015</u>	
\$2,033.29	
Actual donations in February	\$760.00
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$1253.29)
Actual donations in March	
\$2,141.98	
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	\$108.69
Actual donations in April	\$870.00
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$1,163.29)
Actual donations in May	\$910.00
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$1,123.29)
Actual donations in June	\$1,748.10
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$285.19)
Actual donations in July	\$1,105.00
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$928.29)
Actual donations in August	\$351.56
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$1,681.73)
Actual donations in September	\$730.00
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$1,303.29)
Actual Donations in October	money didn't
get	deposited until
November	
<u>Monthly budget for the Office from</u>	<u>Nov.1, 2015 –</u>
<u>Oct. 31, 2016</u>	
\$2,000.00	
Actual Donations in November	
\$1,091.89	
Budget Surplus or (Shortage)	(\$908.11)

Total Expenses of the year Nov. 1, 2014 to Oct. 31, 2015 came to \$18,455.71

Income Nov. 1, 2014 - Oct. 31, 2015

Donations	\$	12,650.66
Holy Spirit Mission	\$	500.00
Special Donation for Postcards	\$	350.00
Spring Conference	\$	1,030.70
General Conference	\$	3,967.73
Triumph of the Cross	\$	<u>147.15</u>
Total	\$	18,646.24

Liquid Assets - Oct. 31, 2015

Checkbook	\$	2,949.42
In Savings	\$	<u>507.77</u>

Total \$ 3,457.19



Coming Events

DETROIT DIOCESE

Training for “Wind & Fire” Life in the Spirit Seminars: The DCCR Plan for the New Evangelization is to offer Life in the Spirit Seminars to every parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit during the time period from Easter, March 27 to Pentecost, May 15, 2016.

This is a great undertaking and will require a substantial number of people who are already baptized in the Holy Spirit to willingly and lovingly present these opportunities for spiritual renewal to the People of God in the Detroit area. The DCCR is offering the following training sessions to equip all of Jesus’ disciples with the know-how and enthusiasm to facilitate these seminars. The training days are as follows: **Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015** from 6:30-8:30 pm – How to Present “Wind & Fire” in your Parish; **and Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015** from 6:30-8:30 pm – How to Facilitate “Wind & Fire” in your Parish. Location: *The Detroit Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center*, 2322 Ford Ave., Wyandotte, MI. Please RSVP to 734-282-6244 or dccrcenter@aol.com.

GRAND RAPIDS DIOCESE

Parish of the Holy Spirit is having an **Evening of Worship** one Saturday a month from 7:30-9:30 pm Please see their web site at www.hsparish.com/ for specific dates.

Pilgrim’s Way Bible Study every Tuesday at *St. Isidore Church*. Contact Stephanie Sines at 989-291-0825 or stephaniesines@yahoo.com for details.

There’s an opportunity to receive personal prayer after the Sunday, 11:00 am Mass at *St. Bernadette-St. Margaret Mary* in Stanton. This will be done once a month starting soon. Contact Stephanie Sines at stephaniesines@yahoo.com or 989-291-0825 for details.

Mass and healing prayer: First Monday of every 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 is held the 2nd and last Sunday of the month from 2:30-4:00 pm at *St. Isidore Church*, 628

Diamond St., NE. Call Mike Bertram 616-719-8695 for more information.

Other prayer meetings: *Sts. Peter and Paul in Ionia* every 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.

LANSING DIOCESE:

Holy Hour and Healing Prayer the second Tuesday of each month at *St. Peter Church* in Eaton Rapids. Mass is at 7:00 pm followed by healing prayer. Call Rosemary at 57-628-3948 for more info.

Advent Praise & Worship Candlelight Mass – every Sunday at 5:00 pm during Advent at *St. Joseph Church in Howell*. Contact the parish office at 517-546-0090 for more information.

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.

Jan. 12, 2016: **Pilgrim’s Way Course Study:** Tuesday evenings for 24 weeks.

Shepherd’s Healing: Two are planned for, starting in January. Still confirming locations.

Feb.1, 2016: **Living the Catholic Spirit-Filled Life** - Six weeks at *St. John’s Fenton*. Begins Tuesday followed by Pilgrim’s Way Course Study.

March 7, 2016: **Living the Catholic Spirit-Filled Life** at *Holy Redeemer Burton*, beginning for six weeks culminating with Pentecost celebration Liturgy.

Jan. 23: **Prayer Ministry Workshop:** *St. Francis Prayer Center* - 9:30-3pm. Deb is available to take this to any other local area for anyone who would like to provide it for their people.

April 30: **Mini Conference:** 9:00-3:00 pm to be held at *St. Agnes* in Fowlerville. Topics will be Leadership Training, Understanding and Using Spiritual Gifts.

MARQUETTE DIOCESE:

For information on all events including prayer group contacts, go to <http://www.catholic-church.org/upccr>. For their newsletter, e-mail jhogan123@centurytel.net.

GAYLORD DIOCESE:

New Prayer Group: has started at *St. Mary Church* in Grayling, MI on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. For more info contact Barb Selesky at 989-348-3140.

For information on any events, contact Helen Clark at clarkhln@gmail.com.

KALAMAZOO DIOCESE:

Servants of the Lord Jesus Christ prayer group meets every Thursday at St. Catherine of Sienna, 1150 W. Centre Ave., Portage, MI from 6:00-8:00 pm in rooms 9-11 with praise and worship, speakers and praying over anyone asking for prayers. A healing mass is celebrated the 1st Thursday of every month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Father also anoints after the mass.

Praise, Prayer and Share meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at St. Phillips Parish Center, 112 Capital NE in Battle Creek at 6:00 pm The purpose of this time will be to praise God through song and prayer and to have an opportunity to share God's goodness in our lives.

Sacred Heart Church, 201 W. Walnut St. Bangor, MI **Charismatic Prayer Group** meets weekly on Monday nights for prayer and education. Contact Laryssa Baczynskij at 269-350-5185 for more information.

SAGINAW DIOCESE:

2nd Monday of the month: **Saginaw Service Committee meeting** at 7:00 pm at the *new center*.

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

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

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

Empowerment Meeting the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the *new center*.

On-going Pilgrims Way every Thursday at 7:00 pm at the *new center*. Contact Judy at 989-313-2688 for more information.



Year End Donations

To our donators, thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. We are grateful to you and our Lord. For all you others who receive our newsletter either by printed copy or email, we

would happily receive any end of year donations you desire to make for tax consideration. You can see from our financial report that we are in need of more consistent income. Please prayerfully consider a donation.

From our Spiritual Adviser

This is a Collatio Fr. John Ederer shared with those who were on a Charismatic Retreat for the diocese of Gaylord in October and wants to share with us.

From the Litany of the Sacred Heart: Heart of Jesus in whom dwells the fullness of divinity, have mercy on us. Col. 2:9-10: In His body lives the fullness of Divinity. Col. 1:15-20: ...all things were created through Him and for Him. Before anything was created, He existed and He holds all things in unity.

What did I hear? In the heart of Jesus can be found His full divinity; equal to the other members of the Trinity. His divinity is not diminished by His full humanity. Jesus is God.

How did this effect me? That makes me feel amazed that we actually have the full Godhead in our midst, since they are One. What a gift; that God came to earth for us and for me!

My prayer.: Jesus, is that your will? Help me understand this.

Lord, do you have something to say to me? “This is true; that I am fully God and fully man, all balanced together into One unity. I cannot be divided half and half. In the core of my heart, you will find this to be true. This is the essence of who I Am. This is the identity of my being. I came to earth as a human in the form of every man. This is a mystery to you. I know it and you know it. And yet I can tell you that, even to the depths of my heart, I operate as both fully human and fully divine. This means that I am both God and man in love with you and everything that exists. My purpose is to bring all into unity within my precious loving heart.”

We can respond to Fr. John's Collatio by doing one ourselves on this line from the Litany to the Sacred Heart and the scriptures quoted. The scriptures fit in quite well with the season we are in, in the Church's year. In all of our preparations for

celebrating his birth, let us take time to put him first each day.



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"PREPARE THEE THE WAY OF THE LORD!"

THIS IS THE SEASON FOR ALL THINGS,"P"

Prayer - "ask how you can prepare and help others prepare for the greatest Party of our lives!" (AMCCC celebrating the 50th. Anniversary of Charismatic Renewal at Eastern Michigan University, February 17-19, 2017) Appropriate God's grace for yourself and for your families to live in His presence through Baptism in the Holy Spirit!

Present - your opportunities to your Pastor!

Provide - for your Parish family a Life in the Holy Spirit Seminar between Easter and Pentecost 2016, and other times too!

Proclaim! Prophecy! Purchase for yourselves your white garment!

Participate - in the preparation of the greatest Party ever! – (February 17-19, 2017) **50 years of POWER!!! Release the POWER!!! You're it!**

Pentecost 2017 - in Rome with Pope Francis!

"PREPARE THEE THE WAY OF THE LORD!"



Love in Jesus the Lord, Arlene Apone
2017 AMCCC Conference Chairperson

PS: Conference and Pilgrimage brochures available through the D.C.C.R. Center. You can also order Wind and Fire, Life in the Spirit Seminars books by calling the Center at 734-282-6244 or through their website at dccrcenter@aol.com



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