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50 years of Amazing Grace

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We will anticipate the feast of

Triumph of the Cross September 9, 2017 St. Mary Church and Shrine US-72 Mio, Michigan

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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PROPHETIC WORD PROCLAIMED AT AMAZING GRACE CONFERENCE

February 17-19, 2017

THE WORD IS SWEETNESS

I am flooding you with my grace, the sweetness of my presence: within you and among you. Soak in mv sweetness, beloved ones.

ACT 4:23-31

Yes, this is a day to rejoice and be glad, to celebrate the outpouring of my Spirit in your midst; to give thanks and praise for the changes in your lives

from when you did not know Me or My love in your lives up to now when we break bread together in a rich and holy communion, for lives transformed by my grace and mercy.

But yet, know this: there is more. I have not completed my work in you. In the midst of deepening darkness and persecution, I bring you a new outpouring of my Spirit. To each I offer a new beginning to be my light to the world; grace to speak my word of love and mercy with boldness. Grace to overcome barriers in your lives, to face what seems unfaceable. Grace to renew the gifts I have given you. Grace to love me more deeply and openly. So, take my hand as I lead you into the light of healing and freedom to let your light shine in the darkness. Remember: Be not afraid, there is more.

Thank Me. Listen to my voice. I am preparing you for the darkness ahead. But you must listen. [Sr. Ann Shields]

I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the First and the Last. Who do you say that I am? Am I first in your heart? Will you lay down at the altar all that you have placed before me? Will you today abandon all for my sake?

Oh my children I long to dwell with you for all eternity.

I long to fill you with all that you so desire, but I have so much more for you than you could ever imagine.

Abandon yourself in me. When you lose your life in me, you will be found.

POWER

Come to me my children

Today I come in Power to vou. I bring а new beginning. Do you feel my power? Open your hearts; allow yourselves not to fear. I love you! I want to share my power with you, my love with you. You

CAN do all things through me. Accept Me. Allow yourselves to let me fill you and sustain you.

I say to you my people; your vision is too small. You measure the future by the past and would be content for things to simply continue as they have been or, for some of you, to return to the *glory days* of the past.

But I say to you again, your vision is much too small, for the challenges ahead will be great, but so will be the grace and power available to those who are willing to ask for it and surrender to it. The demands will be great, but greater still will be the harvest and the rewards for those who labor for the harvest. And so I ask you, my people, to say yes to me, to abandon your lives completely to me and my will, and power and love beyond anything you could ask for or imagine and you will come into the joy of the Lord of the harvest.

The shekinah, the glory cloud of God the Father, has been with us the entire conference and he wants us to ask him for our own glory cloud overflowing with the Holy Spirit that rained down at Pentecost to guide us and work through us more readily and fully. You who are called by my name, you whom I have redeemed and called by name have this, this one Truth settled: MY LOVE AND MY WAYS ARE ENOUGH.

Say no more, "I know you love me Lord, yes but... my parents didn't love me, my husband doesn't love me, my wife is difficult, I'm lonely, I feel forgotten."

No more "yes, buts."

Settle this in your minds and hearts once and for all: MY LOVE IS ENOUGH

Remember I am in you; you are in me. I now live in you. You are mine. Let me increase in you. Let go of all your "yes buts". Leave the past behind. I make all things new. Every day is a new adventure in my life and love. Rejoice that I have called you by name and go let my light in you shine in this dark world. Ephesians 3: 18-19

You are my glory cloud. You are my light which I am shining on the world. I am sending you as a light shining in the darkness, to bear my light to the world. You are my people. You are my light. You are my glory cloud, shining my light to the world.

I AM calls to you. Put out into the deep. Go further out, go deeper. The storms are bigger but the catch is much bigger. Still I AM even greater. I AM in the storm. I AM in the catch. Put out into the deep.

Pentecost in Rome - 2017

"PRECIOUS INSTRUMENT FOR ECUMENISM" THE MESSAGE OF THE POPE FOR THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

"Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a precious instrument of the Spirit for Ecumenism". Pope Francis, told the participants at the Golden Jubilee, which took place in Rome. Saturday evening was the great ecumenical Vigil with the Holy Father in Circus Massimo. "I thank God for these 50 years of the Holy Spirit sovereign," said the Pope, "which is the source of the current of grace that is the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Happy Golden Jubilee!" The event was organized by ICCRS (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services) and Catholic Fraternity. Thirty-thousand participants came from Italy and from 130 countries of the world, Catholics, Evangelicals, and Pentecostals.

"As every work of the Spirit leads to unity in diversity, the Holy Spirit wanted it to be ecumenical," the Holy Father pointed out in his message. "You are a precious instrument of the Spirit to walk with other Christian brothers and sisters in prayer and joint work in favor of those in most need: walking together towards the table of the Eucharist, as I said in Egypt". Pope Francis also invited the Catholic Charismatic Renewal to remain faithful to the word in John 17: "It is Jesus himself who prays to the Father for our unity: so that the world may believe that you have sent me." The Holy Father's message concluded with a welcome to everyone who came to Rome for the Golden Jubilee.

The program of the Golden Jubilee included meetings, symposiums, and workshops that took place in various basilicas, churches, and locations in the center of Rome and the testimony of witnesses of the early years of the Renewal and many others leaders.

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Information on the February Conference:

Thought you might appreciate an update on the celebrations of the *Jubilee for the Charismatic Renewal*. The *Amazing Grace* conference held in our state in February was full of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Those who came were refreshed and all were prayed with for a new outpouring of the Spirit. We were reminded that our jubilee was not a celebration of all that came before, but a beginning for what is ahead.

The National Charismatic Conference:

This conference will take place in Pittsburgh on July 20, 21, 22, 23, 2017. For more information about the conference you can go to their website: <u>www.nsc-chariscenter.org</u>.

I remember the twenty-fifth conference. We didn't register for the conference and had to wait for those who were handling registration to find room for us. If you are even thinking about going, please register.

How many of you are aware that the National Service Committee was able to purchase *The Ark and Dove Retreat Center*, the "Home of Baptism in the Holy Spirit" where the power of God came upon the students and filled them with his Spirit. I am sure many of you have heard the witness of Patti Mansfield and Dave Mangan of what transpired that Saturday evening. The Center will be available for:

• <u>Pilgrimages</u> – for those baptized in the Holy Spirit and those interested in this grace.

• <u>Retreats</u> – for laity, clergy, and religious interested in renewal by the Holy Spirit.

♥ <u>Praise and Worship Events</u> – for days of renewal and empowerment.

• <u>Visitors and small groups</u> – for those simply desiring to pray in the upper room.

If you go to the National Conference, you may have an opportunity to visit this historic site. You can find more information about The Ark and the Dove: at www.TheArkandTheDoveWorldwide.org.

Michigan Service Committee:

There have been some new assignments and positions of the Michigan Service Committee. In the Grand Rapids diocese, Fr. Aaron Ferris has been appointed as liaison to the Charismatic Renewal and Stephanie Sines as Associate Liaison. In the Lansing diocese, Debbie Hawley has been appointed as Associate Liaison. Since many of our Liaisons are priests, they are not often free to join us at our meetings so they appoint associates to represent them at our board meetings. Our liaison from the Saginaw diocese, Ken Kochany, was ordained a Deacon June 10, 2017. Let us keep him in prayer as he enters a new ministry for the Lord and the People of God.

Office Hours:

Our winter hours have become our summer hours (11:00 am to 3:00 pm.) as things are quieter at the office this year because we are not preparing for a summer conference.

2018 General Conference:

Plans are under way for our conferences in 2018. Our General Conference will be held in the Saginaw Diocese, and the Spring Conference in the Lansing Diocese. Members of the Service Committee who will be hosting these conferences in their dioceses are working on the when, where, what, and who. The theme for the conferences in 2018 is: **Plunge into the River of Grace.** For me, this theme calls for letting go of all that holds us back from giving our all to the Lord. Fear, timidity, those tapes that constantly run around in our minds that tell us we aren't good enough or that try to beat us down in some way, let's move ahead and stop believing the lies from the Lier. Let us believe him instead who is victorious and is always good.

We will keep you informed on our website most likely, or by our newsletter, if we have the funds to have it printed.

Our officers for 2017, who have already served half their term, are: Helen Clark – Chairman who is from the Gaylord diocese; Gerry Zelinski – Vice- Chairman from the Detroit diocese; Stephanie Sines– Secretary from the Grand Rapids diocese; and Patty Stamford – Treasurer, from the Lansing diocese. Patty is also the Secretary of the AMCCC office.

Finances are always tight but, the Michigan Service Committee, and Jenny and I thank you for remembering us so faithfully and generously even though you don't hear from us as frequently as you did in the past. It is our hope that we could again communicate with you more often. We want you to know of our gratitude to you and to our Lord for all we are able to do because of you. Thank you for all your prayers and donations to this ministry. We ask God, who knows you better that you know yourselves, to refresh, restore, and bless you all abundantly in all the areas of your lives where you need his touch. (Continued on back page.)



THOUGHTS AND IDEAS TO CONSIDER

- 1. It is and has always been my understanding that A. We are all God's children.
 - B. He loves each one as if we were the only one.
 - C. He (the Father) has given gifts (talents) to men and in His Kingdom (powerful gifts, spiritual gifts) called *charisms*. His kingdom is known and recognized by these *charisms*.
- 2. In the 1960's, He renewed the world with an outpouring of His Holy Spirit as at the first Pentecost within the Catholic Church. Do you remember praying for this to happen in a prayer said for the Vatican II Council at Mass each Sunday?

- 3. He is renewing the church in His kingdom through the Holy Spirit's gifts.
- 4. The Michigan Service Committee was formed and agreed to oversee and work at the *Vision* given in the 1970's for the state of Michigan.
- 5. Those on this committee were the *apostles* of this Renewal for the church in the state of Michigan.
- 6. They listened and discerned the prophetic words and worked at personal growth in the Holy Spirit, and to be witnesses of truth.
- 7. As a committee, they were to listen and do what discernment directed them in each diocese.
- 8. They were to provide growth opportunities in their areas and raise up new people as the Spirit leads, in accord with their Vision and Mission statements.
- 9. The following are some of the opportunities for accomplishing our Father's work in this our day!
 A. Workshops on Growth in the Holy Spirit.
 B. Formation in the Word
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 - C. "A Pilgrims' Way" Bible Study that forms the class in the Word.
 - D. Holy Spirit Mission. (For Parishes or prayer groups)
 - E. Workshops:
 - What is a charism?
 - Do I have Charisms?
 - Catechesis on the Charisms.
 - More is needed (The more of God. What does this mean for each of us?)
 - What is *kingdom living*? (In the Our Father we pray, "Thy kingdom come." What is his Kingdom, and how do we live it out?)
 - Do I know Jesus or just about Him?
 - Growth in integrity.

We, the Michigan Service Committee members, are here to give you help with any of these suggestions or ones you may have. Please feel free to contact those members from your dioceses. You will find their names and numbers on page 2.

(Arlene Apone from the Detroit Diocese)

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Our next event will be to celebrate the *Triumph of the Cross*. We will anticipate this feast of the Church on September 9, 2017 at St Mary's Church and Shrine in Mio, MI. The committee for this event is working on the details. In 1989, the MSC members discerned that a prayer pilgrimage should be done throughout the state of Michigan and Jim Murphy carried a cross, made up of wood from both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas, and walked with others through our seven dioceses. Many people experienced God's mercy in their lives as they prayed at that cross.

Because of that prayer pilgrimage, for us in the Charismatic Renewal in Michigan, this feast of the *Triumph of the Cross* has a special meaning and why we celebrate it. We have seen the Lord's triumph through the cross in people's lives.

Since this year is the 50th jubilee of the Charismatic Renewal, let's once again celebrate and rejoice what the Holy Spirit has done in the Church, in our state, and in our lives. Please put this date on your calendars and make plans to come to rejoice in God's goodness and mercy. He has saved us through his Cross and filled us with his Holy Spirit. That is reason enough to rejoice every day.

When we have the details of this event, we will put that information on our website: <u>www.amccc.net</u>. Please check the website as we get closer to the date and plan to come. *This event is our only other event of the year*.

May summer be a time of great blessings from our Lord in your lives, *Patty and Jenny*