

JESUS IS LORD!

PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION



**“THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT BUT THE
LABORERS ARE FEW;
SO ASK THE MASTER OF THE HARVEST
TO SEND OUT LABORERS FOR HIS
HARVEST.”**

MATTHEW 9:37-38

936TH COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

JUNE 14, 2026



WE ARE HIS PEOPLE: THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK.

Psalms 100:3

DO NOT LIMIT ME

My dear people of hope, you know that I love you. Daily prayer, Mass, communion, so many beautiful things. You know that I love you. And I tell you in love that the thing that limits me the most is you. You define me and what I can do and what I can't do. You set the standard and I tell you, ask for the elasticity of your soul to be more open to what's possible through my love, through my care, through my mercy. Do not limit me, says the Lord. Do not define me. Be open to my Holy Spirit and move with my Spirit. Thank you.

LOVE ME, INVITE ME, EXPECT ME

Who am I, you ask? I was there in the beginning, before anything existed. I am the power of God. I am the action of the Father. The Father spoke his word, and I put the sun and the moon in its place, the seas and the land where it belonged. The Father spoke his word, and I allowed the Virgin to be with child. The Father spoke his word, and I allowed the Son to be crucified and put into a grave. The Father spoke his word, and my power raised the Son from the dead and gave him life. And who am I to you, you might ask. If I am loved, if I am invited, if with faith I am expected, I will renew you, I will heal you, I will deliver you, and I will bring new life to you that you have never seen before, says the Holy Spirit.

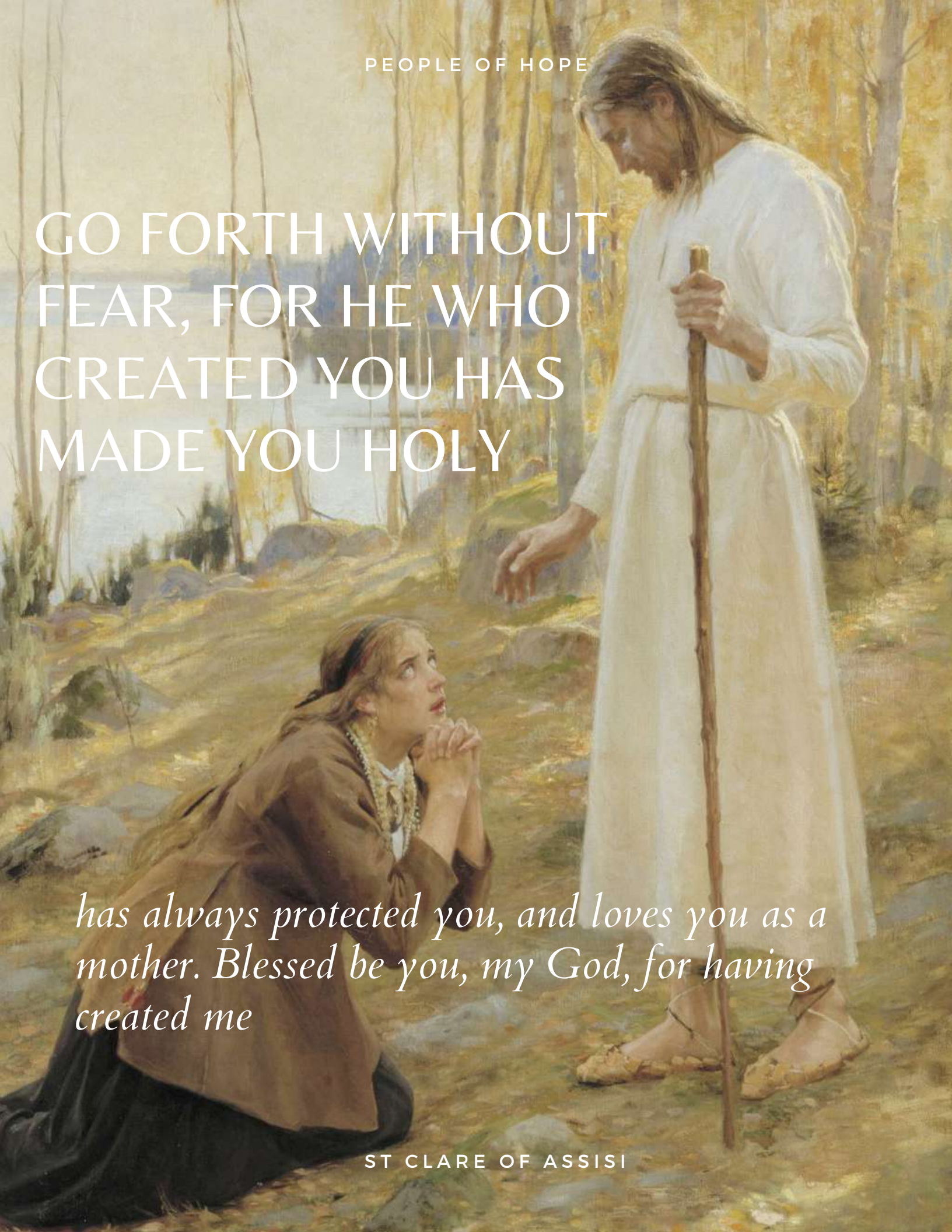
MY POWER IS STILL WITH YOU

Did I not tell you that if you only would but believe, you would see the glory of God? And I know every one of you in this room would say, yes, Lord, I believe. But do you live immersed in that belief day in and day out in all your circumstances? When things are difficult, profess, I believe, Lord, show me your glory. Even when things are desperate, remember to profess, I believe, Lord, show me your glory. Did I not tell you that if you would but believe, you would see the glory of God?

**Prophecies from May 25th, 2026
Community Prayer Meeting**

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Photo courtesy of Marites Allen (front cover)
Christ and Mary Magdalene, Albert Edelfelt, 1890 (quote page 1)
Photo courtesy of Marites Allen (quote page 2).

A religious painting depicting Jesus standing on the right, wearing a long white robe and holding a wooden staff. He is looking down at a woman kneeling on the left. The woman is wearing a brown jacket over a dark dress and has her hands clasped in prayer. The background is a forest with tall, thin trees and a body of water in the distance. The overall tone is soft and contemplative.

PEOPLE OF HOPE

GO FORTH WITHOUT
FEAR, FOR HE WHO
CREATED YOU HAS
MADE YOU HOLY

*has always protected you, and loves you as a
mother. Blessed be you, my God, for having
created me*

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PENTECOST IS CALLED THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH.

It seems that without Pentecost, the church would have died on the vine. Without this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, St. Peter would have likely died a fisherman and the great St. Paul would have been known as a murderer. It's safe to say that you and I would not be together if we had not received this outpouring, this Baptism In The Holy Spirit. We can't overestimate the greatness of the gift of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus said, "it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." (John 16:7)



SINCE THAT MOMENT

Many stories from the People of Hope Pentecost Prayer Meeting

On May 24th, for the 49th time, the People of Hope community celebrated Pentecost. It was a true celebration of the Holy Spirit with times of prayer and praise and prophecy, and intercession and sharing and teaching. Our Senior Coordinator Paul Quense, got us started with joy and encouragement, anointed with the Holy Spirit. Fred Bunsu gave an excellent talk on the Baptism In The Holy Spirit. Quoting Dr. Mary Healy and many others, Fred led us thru key elements of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He reminded us that the Baptism In The Holy Spirit is more than a moment, it's the beginning of a LIFE in the Holy Spirit. Fred challenged us to allow the Holy Spirit to reign in our life.

Sonia Masterson led a time of "one minute sharings" where Anne Cantine, Lynn Scarfone, Julie Ross, Eleanor Benson, Judy Touhill, Damian Moccia, Dave Touhill, Mary Quense, Carolina Margiotta, Gregory Floyd, Leonard Foreman, Emmy O'Dougherty, Taryn Scarfone, and Lynn Hull shared stories of the Holy Spirit working through them in a variety of situations. A wide range of ages (from ~ 12 to 90) shared during this session; it's clear that the Holy Spirit is moving in all of us.

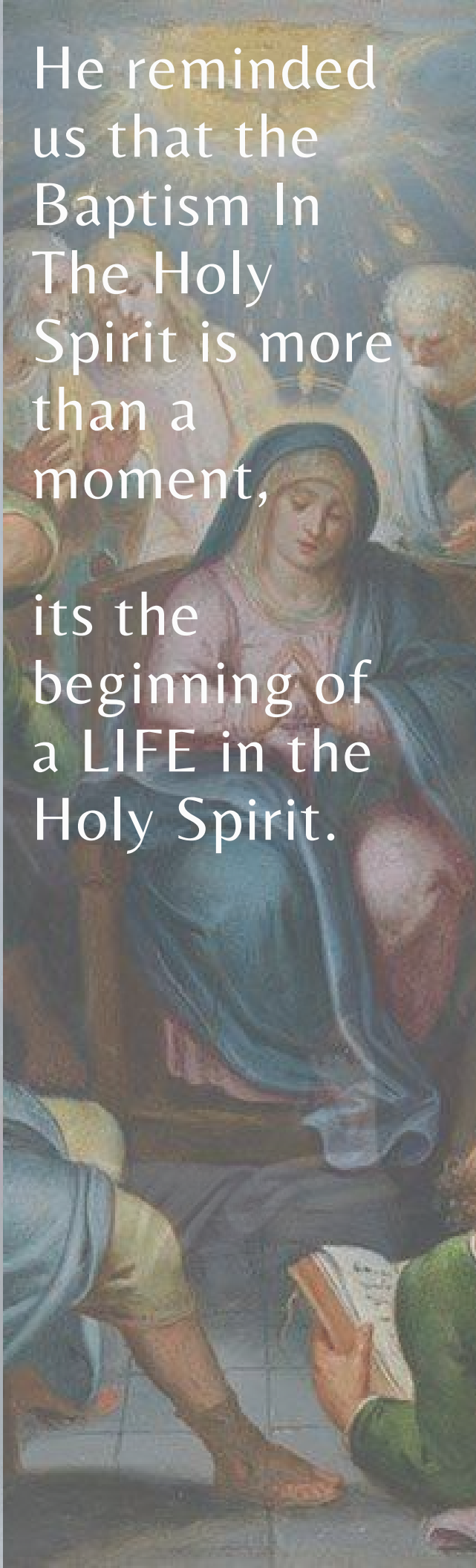
In closing, let me put some icing on our Pentecost Prayer Meeting Cake. About a week after our prayer meeting, the Holy Father Pope Leo spoke to the Charismatic Renewal. After quoting words of encouragement to the Renewal by Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis, Pope Leo spoke of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit: that “leads to a clear awareness of God’s love ... allowing you to taste the sweetness of Christ... for you too life has changed since that moment.” He then spoke of the power of praise, the word of God, communion (Christian unity), and charity. He ended, “Dear Friends, I thank you for your commitment and encourage you to continue your mission”. (Address of Pope Leo XIV To Members of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Audience Hall, Saturday, 30 May 2026)

So, let’s allow the Holy Spirit to reign in our heart as we say, “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and renew the face of the earth”.

Dave & Judy Touhill

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ADDRESS OF POPE LEO XIV TO MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Audience Hall

Saturday, 30 May 2026

**In the name of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
Peace be with you!**

Your Eminence, Your Excellencies,
Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and
welcome! Buenos Dias!

***I am pleased to have my first meeting with
the Catholic Charismatic Renewal,*** and to
greet all of you present, as well as the
communities, groups and schools of prayer and
of evangelization that you represent. God has
indeed blessed your communities with so many
gifts, including spiritual vitality. I also greet the
leaders of the national and international
Services of Communion of the Catholic
Charismatic Renewal International Service
(CHARIS), who have organized this gathering.
For the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the years
following the Second Vatican Council were a
time of great expansion and growth, and of
integration into the life of the Church, as well as
for consolidating your structures of service.
My venerable Predecessors recognized this
development as a great gift to the Church.
Indeed, Saint Paul VI affirmed that nothing is
more necessary for such an increasingly
secularized world than the witness of this
spiritual renewal, which the Holy Spirit is
inspiring in the most diverse regions and
communities (Cf. Address to the Third
International Congress of the Catholic
Charismatic Renewal, Pentecost, 19 May 1975).

In emphasizing your characteristic focus on
evangelization, Saint John Paul II said: "It is the
Spirit himself who impels you to bear witness." He
likewise remarked: "How can anyone who has
tasted the goodness of Christ remain silent and
inactive?... Christ is our Savior... How can we fail to
evangelize? Continue to communicate this zeal
for the Gospel to those around you!" (Address to
the Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic
Communities, 7 December 1991).

For his part, Benedict XVI referred to the specific
contribution you make to the Church. He said:
"One of the positive elements and aspects of the
Community of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal
is precisely their emphasis on the charisms or
gifts of the Holy Spirit and their merit lies in
having recalled their topicality in the Church"
(Address to the 13th International Conference of
the Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Covenant
Communities and Fellowship, 31 October 2008).
Like Cardinal Suenens in the early days of the
movement, Pope Francis frequently spoke of you
as a "flood of grace," which is "for the whole
Church, not just for some" (Prayer Vigil on the
Occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic
Charismatic Renewal, 3 June 2017). In summary,
he outlined your path as "evangelization, spiritual
ecumenism, caring for the poor and needy, and
welcoming the marginalized," and added, "all of it
is based on worship! The foundation of the
renewal is worshipping God!" (Address at the 37th
National Convocation of the Renewal in the Holy
Spirit, 1 June 2014).



I, too, wish to foster the relationship of mutual respect, closeness and support between the See of Peter and the great family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. In this regard, I would like to reflect on the following key aspects of your spiritual experience: baptism in the Spirit; prayer of praise; the word of God; communion; and charity.

First baptism in the Spirit. Your shared journey of faith has its source in the personal experience of the Holy Spirit, which has enabled the grace of Baptism to become effective within each of you, leading you to a clear awareness of God's love. This is the first powerful experience of grace that Saint Augustine himself had after his conversion and which he described in these heartfelt words: "O Christ Jesus, 'my helper and redeemer'; suddenly it had become sweet to me to be without the sweets of folly. What I once feared to lose was now a delight to dismiss. You turned them out and entered to take their place, pleasanter than any pleasure" (Confessions, IX, 1, 1).

The Holy Spirit has likewise allowed you to taste the sweetness of Christ. For you, too, life has changed since that moment. God ceased to be a mere idea and became the real and ultimate expression of fatherhood. His Spirit has brought inner reconciliation, peace and freedom from worldly attachments and the oppression of sin. He has also made possible a new outlook characterized by openness and hope towards others and the future, in the certainty that nothing can ever separate us from the love of Christ (cf. Rom 8:38-39). From this experience of the Holy Spirit comes the inner desire to be witnesses and heralds of his love, bringing his consolation to people oppressed by a sense of emptiness and loneliness.

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS LIKEWISE ALLOWED YOU TO TASTE THE SWEETNESS OF CHRIST.

Prayer of praise. It was precisely from this captivating experience of the Holy Spirit that a new life of prayer began, taking the form of a new capacity for spontaneous and sincere dialogue with God, and a new openness to praise, worship and offering thanksgiving to him. Worship and praise, which are so characteristic of your gatherings, are essential aspects of Christian prayer, and you have helped them to be rediscovered and brought them back to the forefront in recent years.

Communion. The Holy Spirit is the wellspring of communion. In various documents, Pope Leo XIII encouraged Catholics to pray a novena to the Holy Spirit each year between the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, especially for the intention of Christian unity. You clearly appreciate the significance of this invitation, for you have seen that unity in the Church is the fruit of the Spirit, because, as Saint Augustine affirms, the Holy Spirit "is a certain unutterable communion of the Father and the Son" (De Trinitate, V, 11, 12). It is the Spirit who creates harmony among the various charisms and components of the Charismatic Renewal, as well as with our brothers and sisters of other Christian denominations.

And finally, charity. Saint Augustine wrote that the Holy Spirit “who is himself love, has been given to man and inflames him to the love of God and neighbor. For man can have no love for God unless he be given it from God” (De Trinitate, XV, 17, 31). This is what you, too, have experienced. The renewed presence of the Spirit has awakened in you a new capacity to love, inspired by divine charity itself. This love is directed toward God and toward your brothers and sisters, and inspires closeness and compassion, especially for those who are suffering. Many works of charity for those in need, both in spirit and in body, have sprung from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. I invite you, then, to keep alive this love for the poor, which reveals the true face of God.

Dear friends, I thank you for your commitment and encourage you to continue your mission. Put yourselves at the service of the dioceses and parishes, offering your experience and methods of evangelization. Faithfully follow the guidance of your priests; and, in your communal discernment, listen to the voices of wise people, even if they do not belong to your groups. Cultivate harmony and cooperation among the communities to which you belong, taking care never to give way to the desire for self-promotion, or the pursuit of power or personal prestige.

May the Holy Spirit always be a light and a source of strength on your personal and communal journey, and may the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, protect you. And now, with these heartfelt sentiments, I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing. Thank you.

“DEAR FRIENDS, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR MISSION.”



You can read this and other papal encyclicals at

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2026/may/documents/20260530-carismatici.html>

A close-up photograph of a yellow and black butterfly perched on a yellow flower. The butterfly's wings are spread, showing intricate patterns of yellow, black, and orange. The flower has bright yellow petals and a green center. In the background, there are more yellow flowers and green foliage, all slightly out of focus. The overall lighting is soft and natural, suggesting an outdoor setting.

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THE REASON FOR
EVERYTHING

WAS THAT
HE LOVED US

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IGNITE

YOUTH MINISTRY

Year In Review

It has been another wonderful year for our youth outreach, filled with memorable retreats, small groups, formation opportunities, and social events. We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated Ignite leaders for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. A special thank you goes to our head team, Ray Molnar and Julie Quense, whose leadership and dedication went above and beyond in serving our youth.



This year also marked the launch of our PoH Youth Initiative. Our community youth team spent months praying, planning, and preparing for this new chapter. Since then, we have hosted several meaningful gatherings, including a prayer and discussion evening and

a backyard Lord's Day celebration. We are excited to see how God continues to work through these efforts as we build community and deepen our faith together. Please continue to pray for our youth and team as we plan for the year ahead. We know the Lord is at work!

IMMEDIATE NEED

- Kathy Garcia
- Eric Garcia
- Paul Major
- Mabel DeMarais

SERIOUS & ONGOING

- Mary Ann Bastiaansen
- Eleanor Benson
- Clara Bickel
- Judy Bonnesen
- Peggy Camiolo
- Jackie Donnelley
- Margaret Fierro
- Ginny Gallic
- Shannon Hardy
- Lynn Hull
- Stevie McGill
- Joseph McMullen
- Gary Montemurno
- Danielle Neri
- Dan O'Mullan

Please visit our website peopleofhope.net/prayerintentions to see our complete list of our prayer intentions and to add to our list.

PRAYER PETITION HIGHLIGHT

PETROS

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your continued blessing on the development of the Petros Young Adult Community in New Brunswick. May all their efforts to grow as a faithful Christian community be led and inspired by Your Holy Spirit. Bless the Brotherhood of Hope and the People of Hope as we support their journey toward You.

“Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and petitions full of gratitude.”

PHIL. 4:6

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANCHOR DISTRICT SUMMER SOCIAL

Friday, June 19th
7 to 9 pm
John & Mary Quense home,
9 Mary Street
Details to emailed to the district

MARY MOTHER OF HOPE MASS AND SUMMER SOCIAL

Thursday, July 9th
7 to 9 pm
Koinonia Academy

SUMMER WOMEN'S NIGHT

Wednesday, July 15th
7 pm
Koinona Academy

ANCHOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Thursday, July 23rd
Details to follow

LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, June 28th
2:30 to 4:30 pm
Koinonia Academy

LIGHTHOUSE FAITH FORUM

Friday, July 24th
Details to follow

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