

Young Hearts on Fire for Christ

The praise and worship for the Holy Spirit echoed throughout the beautiful Index Mountain of Washington State. The rain, which seemed to fall during the whole month of January, turned into beautiful snowflakes for the first day of the Youth Spirit Retreat. It was truly a blessing to witness the young adults come closer to God within such a short period of time.

The workshops, which were sponsored by KSC for young adults, were held from Jan. 26 to Jan 29, 2006. The seminar was designed as an evangelistic tool for young adults: a formation experience and an introduction to a life lived in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Fourteen took part in the retreat.

On the first night, many were reluctant about opening up and sharing things about themselves with anybody. But one night altered everything - after one night, they were able to embrace and acknowledge what was truly in their hearts. The participants in the workshops of the New Life in the Holy Spirit Seminar were overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The most exciting feature of the retreat was the hope and success of young adults to see the full, unbridled truth, goodness, and beauty of the Catholic faith in a way that had never been visible to them before. It elevated them to a new level of understanding, leading them through life-changing conversions.

Daniel from Galiano Island, Canada expressed his experience from the workshop:

“...During confession and during prayer meetings with the prayer team I entered with an open mind. I opened myself up to whatever this program had to offer and now I realize that faith never disappears. God has been waiting for me.”

The seminar offered the liturgy, confession, 7 series of faith workshops with small group discussions after each talk, and small prayer meetings with adult prayers teams. The special programs were offered during the seminar since the seminar was geared towards training youth leaders. The explanation talks and testimonials were conducted by the youth participants after the formal seminar was done.



The young adults, ranging from 21 to 27 years old, came from all over North America stretching down the West Coast. With the majority of the participants attending colleges, the participants were eager and excited to become actively involved with campus missionary networking when they returned to their individual schools.

The seminar was led by Fr. Andrew Sung-do Lee,

Deacon Joseph Chang J. Lee (the chairman of KSC) and four other adult volunteers. Surely, those who were privileged to attend the Youth Leader Training Retreat are now ready to light a fire and share the faith with others. They are encouraged to share their enthusiasm and new-found knowledge with their family, friends, and neighbors, and to continue their commitment in more formal Catholic evangelization outreach programs.



Chairman's Corner

On publishing the KSC News

I adore our savior, Jesus Christ who brings the new life through the Holy Spirit. I praise Jesus Christ who offers every one the fullness of life and holiness.

Hello, everyone! I'm so delighted that I meet you through this publication. This is our first issue of the KSC News in English. It is our attempt to reach our Charismatic families who are not able to read Korean edition of the KSC News. English edition is published every other month beginning February 2006. Korean edition is published in the odd months.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide teaching and news which help to foster Catholic Charismatic Renewal throughout the Korean Church in the U.S. and Canada.

Our focus for this year is the Life in the Spirit Seminar for Young Adults and Youth Group Members in the Communities. We will continue to offer the training workshops in English for the 1.5 and 2nd generations LSS Team Leaders.

As the initiative of the Campus Ministry which has been one of our long time intentions, the first Renewal seminar was held for the college students in Boston last year. We are planning to develop the network connecting the major campuses in the States and Canada. We ask each of your prayers and the student leaders to help out.

Upcoming February, 2007 will be the 40th anniversary of the Catholic charismatic renewal. KSC is participating in the planning committee joining with other committees with NSC.

I wish everyone to rejoice in God's grace and love with the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.

Deacon Joseph Chang J. Lee, Chairman of KSC

Youth in the Spirit Retreat



Youth Testimony

The cup of water I've been thirsting for

I was worried about my faith becoming weak. I was worried, because I've always been disappointed in Catholic church's youth activities. Yeah, we did summer and winter camps, had Halloween dances, fund raising, etc., but I've always been disappointed about our lack of spiritual activities, lack of spiritual support from each other.

I thought I could develop my faith by being more active in church. However, as time went by, I lost meaning in the things that I was doing at church. Gradually, I felt my faith getting weaker, and I once again felt empty inside.

When I heard about this youth life in spirit seminar here in Seattle, I thought that this was the cup of water I've been thirsting for. Through my experience here, I feel that I've regained my faith and the closeness with Jesus that I so missed. I really am grateful to have the opportunity to meet all of you guys, and I am grateful for the vision of Deacon Hal-ah-beo-ji, for this task in front of me to lead others into Holy Spirit. I believe this is an opportunity that I have been waiting for.

I ask all of you guys to pray for me so that I may become a torch of light, of Jesus to lead others to him when I go back home to Calgary.

Testimony by Y. J Lee

Gods love is unconditional and by his grace allows free gift. By believing in God we are guaranteed an eternal life with Him. God is always close to us where we can reach Him. God does not punish you when you sin. He cares about you, loves you and wants you to be truly happy. His always waiting for us to open the door and step in, but He does not force us to have a personal relationship with Him. It's our free will.

Testimony by Estelle Hong

It is the Holy Spirit that Inspires

By Bishop Robert Carlson

The following is an edited transcription of the homily given by Most Reverend Robert Carlson, Bishop of Saginaw, MI. The homily was given at the 2005 NSC National Leaders Conference in Chicago.

It is the Holy Spirit that inspires the spreading of the Gospel and also the correct meaning of the message of Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that guides the Church so that we will continue the same truth which the apostles themselves heard from Jesus. In the beautiful encyclical of our Holy Father John Paul II, *Dominum et Vivificantem: On the Holy Spirit*, he spoke particularly about this role to inspire the truth and to keep us faithful; that it is the work of the Holy Spirit. As followers of the Holy Spirit, we can only love the truth, for the Spirit gives it to us, and we can only embrace the teachings of the Church. Like Jesus, who at the Jordan River was filled with the Holy Spirit, through Baptism and Confirmation, we too have been bathed in the Holy Spirit. All we need, I believe, is a little more fire, a little more fire.

Remember what happened when the heavens opened and God the Father said "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased." When the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus, what did Jesus do? He went right out into the desert to engage the devil. Every trick of the devil, which was known at that time, was shared with Him, and He beat the devil. Then He came back out of the desert like a zephyr and Jesus was ready to take on anybody. He went right to the synagogue and said what? "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." And He began to upset people left and right.

Are you filled with fire? Do you know the truth? Do you embrace the teachings of the Church? If you're filled with fire, get out in the desert and find out what it means to only depend on Jesus Christ. Then get back here because there's a lot of work to do. You, my brothers and sisters, are called to be the missionaries, the apostles, and the witnesses. For the Holy Spirit is first sent as a gift for Jesus from the Father. Now in His new mission, the Holy Spirit comes to lead the Church of our day, in order to complete the work of Jesus, His son.

Let me share with you what the late John Paul II said in *Redemptor Hominis* (21): "In the church, as the community of the People of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit's working, each member has "his own special gift," as St. Paul teaches (in 1st Corinthians). Although this "gift is a personal vocation and a form of participation in the Church's saving work, it also serves

others, builds the Church and the fraternal communities in the various spheres of human life on earth."

We heard a lot about those kinds of vocations, those calls: *prophets* who were called to upbuild, to encourage and to console; *apostles*, whether apostles like Paul himself or the *missionaries* of the early church; or the *evangelists* who passed on what they received by the apostles; or those who are *pastors* and *teachers*, who care for particular communities. The Holy Spirit today, perhaps not using the same titles as we find in *Lumen Gentium*, Chapter 4, is also

anointing and blessing and inviting and giving us those responsibilities especially for our local communities. But we find so many Christians who stand around and say "I really don't want to offend anybody" and "What will they think?" and "God knows I can't stop and knock on their door and invite them to go to church even though they're going to hell, because what would they think of me? Why, they might think I'm just a little too... churchy." So I'll let them just go their way while I go off to my prayer meeting and my

parish and wonder why the pews are empty. It is because I'm not doing what the Spirit is inviting me to do."

So when you go home, you knock on every door in your neighborhood, you invite them to go to church with you next Sunday, to your prayer meeting, even invite to take them out to breakfast afterwards. It will be the greatest experience they've ever had. You'll lose a couple of bucks,... but you might just help them save their souls.

I can't tell you how many times people have come up to me and said:

"You know, we just don't get the people at the prayer meeting that we used to."

I said, "What do you do about it?"

"Well, nothing."

I said, "Do you pray that more people would come?"

"Well, no."

I said, "Do you invite more people to come?"

"Well, no."

I said, "Do you talk about your prayer meeting?"

"No," she said, "I don't because, you know, we don't know what people think about Charismatics."

I said, "What do you think about them?"

"Well I think it's one of the greatest things ever."

And I said, "And you're keeping your light under a bushel basket."



Mark your calendars

Worldwide

Azusastreet Centennial; April 25-29, 2006 in Los Angeles, CA. For more information contact info@azusastreet100.net or on the web at <http://www.azusastreet100.net>

A Pilgrimage to Italy and Pentecost Vigil with Pope Benedict XVI; NSC; May 27-June 5, 2006. For Information and Reservations, Contact Walter Matthews, National Service Committee, P.O. Box 628, Locust Grove, VA 22508-0628 Telephone 540-972-0225 Email chariscenter@nsc-chariscenter.org

ICCRS Events for Pentecost 2006; June 3-11 in Rome, Italy. For more information contact kscnews@kscusa.org

Steubenville Conference for 2006: For more information contact <http://www.franciscanconferences.com>

2006 National Leaders Conference; NSC, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Nov. 10-12, 2006

In Korean Catholic Community
Life in the Spirit Seminar; South East KCCR; March 12-15 2006. For more information contact Hee-sook Ahn at (704)839-9336

Charismatic Devotion to Mother Mary Seminar, KSC and Tacoma Church, July 13 – 16, 2006. For more information contact Julia Lee at (253)223-8775

CCR Conference; North East KCCR; July 15 – 16, 2006. For more information contact Theresa Lee at (201)947-4717

KSC chairman Deacon Joseph Lee attended National Leaders' Gathering held in New Orleans, LA on Jan 6-8, 2006.

Here are some reminders of the Gathering (summary):

We are celebrating the National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Americas on Friday, Feb. 24, 2006.

We have agreed to foster the Life in the Spirit Seminars during the Life in the Spirit Seminars during the year.

We continue to work on the agreed projects of last year:

- 2007 (joint) National Conference: June 22-24, 2007 at Secaucus, NJ
- Interlinked Web Sites
- The formation of a national Youth Committee after efforts by each stream to form their own particular Youth Committee by the end of 2006.

We have agreed to meet again: Monday through Wednesday, January 15-17, 2007 in Miami, FL

- Committee members of the each stream national committee
- Two leaders of the each stream national youth and young adult committee

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Living, Proclaiming and nurturing baptism in the Holy Spirit

KSC Vision

KSC is called to serve the Church in the Korean Catholic community in the U.S. and Canada in its primary mission of evangelization by assisting it to recognize that baptism in the Spirit is key to normative Christianity. We do this by living, proclaiming and nurturing baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The K.S.C. is the principal organization on the national level that represents and coordinates Korean Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the U.S. and Canada. It was set up in 1992, endorsed by The Korean Priests Association of North America, in conformity with the Catholic principles of N.S.C, I.C.C.R.S and N.C.C.B.

It consists of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and executive members. The Communications Office publishes a bi-monthly newsletter to approximately 1,500 Korean churches or individuals. It also operates a web site to provide information: <http://kscusa.org>. The administrative office serves the K.S.C. by providing the administration necessary to implement decisions.

Mission Statement

To evangelize through the power of the Holy Spirit it seeks to foster charismatic renewal in the Korean Catholic community on the national level through networking in interconnection with the nine regional Korean CCR associations and two Korean CCR centers, participating actively in the evangelizing mission of the Catholic Church in cooperation with The Committee of Five.

- To establish and maintain good relations and cooperation with N.S.C. and the regional associations and the centers for Korean Catholic communities.
- To issue guidelines, sponsor conferences and seminars or offer leadership training; provide information for prayer meetings and regional associations; translate, write, and publish books; compose and publish music; develop programs.
- To support ministry to teenagers and young adults and support ministry to intercultural families.