



# Full Commitment and Deep Devotion to Lord

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Korean Charismatic Renewal Youth Leader Seminar Workshop at Baltimore

KSC started to promote greater understanding of the Charismatic Renewal Movement as a center for Charismatic young adults in the North West. There were three workshops held in January, March, and May, 2006 at Index Mountain, Washington. KSC continues to promote the Charismatic Renewal Movement as a center for Charismatic young adults in the North East.

The 4<sup>th</sup> workshop was held at Baltimore, MD on August, 25, 26, and 27, 2006. Thirty seven young adults from Baltimore, Washington D.C, New York, California, and Calgary in Canada attended the workshop.

The workshop was led by Deacon Joseph Lee, Julia Lee, three volunteers including Juliana Jeon from CUNAE and Francis Soonho Ahn.

Deacon Joseph Lee understands the Korean parents' concern around English spoken youth's identity and spiritual growth in the Korean Catholic community. KSC provides young leaders opportunities to discover and develop their charisms through various activities in the workshop. Youth members attend workshops to learn about their individual spiritual gifts, and participate in team development sessions to learn ministry skills and develop leadership ability.

And then the trained young leaders are reaching out to the other young adults who can grow together in faith, hope and love. The young adults strive to grow in holiness and encourage each other in their individual situations - in our families, our schools and workplaces, our communities and cities, and our world.

One of participant witnessed that he has grown to become an important part of the Korean-Catholic community over the past years through the workshops, and he is still striving to find new and better ways to reach out to the other young adults

and offer their services. His passion to serve and to offer their share of knowledge and experiences with other young brothers and sisters in Christ is growing more at each workshop.

One other participant witnessed that she could feel freedom from the sins during the workshop through the Holy Spirit's work.

Julia Lee who has been coordinating and planning the workshops from the beginning said that it's blessing to witness how young adults have grown a closer intimacy with God, the Trinity, and Mary.

The next workshop(5<sup>th</sup>) is scheduled to be held on October, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**Chairman's Corner**

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## Let's pray for 3C mission Community, Campus, Company

The 4<sup>th</sup> Korean Charismatic Youth Leaders Workshop was held at the education center in Baltimore, MD on August, 2006.

There were already three successful workshop sessions held in the North Western Region in the first semester of year 2006 and there will be additional training sessions to be held in the Eastern Region in the second semester of year 2006.

The mission of the program is to train the young leaders who can learn the Holy Spirit working in a new way to empower them in the Christian lives and in their service to other young generation – in our families, our schools and workplaces, our communities and cities, and our world.

In the spring of 2007, we will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the US. KSC is actively involved in the celebration planning committee. KSC who has been serving 15 years of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Korean communities has suggested that the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean Catholic Charismatic Renewal Rally to be held at Washington DC.

Let's give praise, thanks, honor, and love to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour and please keep this event in your prayers.

Deacon Joseph Chang J. Lee, Chairman of KSC

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**Youth in the Spirit Retreat**

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## Augustine J. Hwang ordained permanent deacon

James Hwang was ordained to the permanent diaconate at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross of Boston on Sept. 9. Deacon Hwang was the first Korean deacon to be ordained in the archdiocese. He said he felt prepared for his ordination because of his formation at St. John's. Deacon Hwang added that he is looking forward to serving God's people. "It is a wonderful experience to participate in the ministry of the Church," he said.

Deacon Dr. Hwang is one of the KSC Standing Committee Members and KSC Consultant on Campus Ministry.

## Msgr. Augustine C. Park retired Mass on Sept. 17

The mass in celebration of Msgr. Park's retirement was held at St. Andrew Kim Church in New Jersey. On December 31, 2005 Monsignor Park retired after a remarkable priestly ministry of 45 years. He was ordained in 1961.

It should be obvious that Rev. Msgr. Park is the forefather of our Korean Catholic Community in America. He is the founding father of KSC. In 1992 KSC was established and he served as the first chairman of KSC.

However, many do not know that he is largely responsible for the development of ministry for the second generation of Korean American Catholics.

Monsignor recognized early on that the youth of our community were vital in keeping the church alive. Monsignor Park started the Life in the Spirit Seminar for Young Adults.

His vision and forward thinking afforded us the foundation for Young Adults ministry that we have today.

## Youth Testimony

*The following is transcriptions of the testimonies given by the participants of the Life in the Spirit Seminars Young Leaders' Workshop IV. The workshop, sponsored by KSC for the Youth Ministry Team, was held from August 25th to the 27th, 2006 at Baltimore, MD.*

### How could He have felt?

By Andy Kim, Baltimore

One cloudy November afternoon, I was watching NYPD Blue on TV. (It's a police drama). It was a rerun. And it so happened that one of the main characters "Andy Sipowitz", who is a cop probably lieutenant or something, sees his wife get shot after a murder trial, and she ends up dying from the gunshot wound. They have a son, and the son is told that his mommy is "visiting" a friend.

Well, by the end of the show. Andy is standing over his son's bed. And he's just watching his son sleeping. And it reminded me of when I would get sick, in middle school/elementary school, and my father would wake up, and then after giving me medication, he would sit by my bed and watch over me as I tried to fall asleep. He would be so tired, and he would probably have to wake up in a few hours to go to work, but despite that, he would still stay up to watch over me. And it made me think about how must have felt watching me. Because I know my face probably showed expressions of helplessness and pain. And it made me think of how he must have felt.

Because I know how I feel when I am watching someone that I love very much struggling and writhing in pain because of a stomachache or because they're sick, and they seem so fragile and I feel so helpless because I can do nothing. And I know that I wish I could take away their pain, to make it all go away. Even take it on as my own, in order to let them be free of it...

And I thought to myself, this must be how my father felt. As he watched me. And then, that led me to think of Christ. I thought of Christ today. Not in prayer, not in reading the bible, but just randomly, He crossed my mind.

And I thought of Mary and how much pain she must have felt when she was watching her son being walked along the stations of the cross;

and she watched her son being crucified, nailed down... and she watched her son die on that cross. And it seems evident to me because I have seen her face (in pictures), I can imagine her pain, I can imagine how she might have felt. But then I thought about God.

And God... the greatest being, the most Almighty, and how could He have felt? Because He is everything and everything comes into being by Him and through Him. And He had to watch His only Son from heaven above, and He could do nothing.

It's funny because my own father, Andy Sipowitz, and mother Mary...are all human beings, and each of them can only do as much as they can do. And taking away another's pain is not something that they are capable of doing. So, even though they had to watch their loved ones suffer... it was almost a sense of relief knowing that they could not do anything more.

But what about God? He knew that He was the mightiest of mighties and there is nothing, not a single thing, that he can NOT do. And He had to watch and just look upon His son in all of his torment, and He could not act, even being well aware that He COULD DO SOMETHING!... How much our Father suffered for us... not only Christ... but our Father in Heaven above. How much He loves us, that He suffered this much WILLINGLY... for us.

He enlightened me on just HOW MUCH HE loved US... and How much HE suffered. Not through Christ alone, but HE suffered, seated at His throne. What a wonderful God.



# Happy the people chosen by God Korean church built on the martyrs' blood

By Dn. Joseph Chang J. Lee

**K**orean people became the Christians before the foreign missionaries ever touched Korean soil in the period of the Chosun Dynasty that closed the nation's gate against Western World.

In the winter of 1783, about a dozen Korean scholars were gathering to have a seminar of study of Christian Chinese books from Peking, China. They started to read and discuss Christianity; soon one of the scholars; Lee Byug led them; they practiced and prayed every day in the morning and the evening worship to God.

In 1783-1784, one of the young scholars; Lee Seung-hoon, son of the King's New year Delegate to Chinese Emperor, could join the delegation member. Lee Byug collected some money, gave to Lee Seung-hoon, and asked him to visit the missionary and to get some Christian documents.

In 1784 spring, he had been baptized Peter by the missionary Fr. Louis de Grammont, and asked to be 'rock of the Korean church.' Peter Lee returned Seoul. Lee Byug had been baptized 'John the Baptist.' Lee Byug recognized his mission, John the Baptist Lee in turn baptized fellow scholars, and by the fall of 1784, a Christian community was formed and held weekly services that the Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Seoul now stands.

**K**orean church formed and led by lay leaders without the Missioners or Clergy. In fact, when the first missionary, Chinese Fr. James Chou, arrived in Korea in 1794, he discovered over 4,000 baptized Christians - in spite of persecution.

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Freedom of Christian faith was not obtained until 1882, and by that time over 10,000 Christians had met a martyr's death.

The 103 martyrs canonized by Pope John Paul in 1984, represent only those men, women, and children who met their death during the period Korea was served by French missionaries.

Now Korean Church is processing the 124 martyrs to canonize in during the period before French missionaries came in Korea.

We might wonder how people could pursue a faith when so many of them were being persecuted. We only look to Jesus' promised to find the answer. 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be my witnesses in

Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes, even the ends the earth.' Happy the people chosen by God!

Yes, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ led his people in the Korean history.

Alleluia!  
Amen!



***"You will be a good servant  
of Christ Jesus"***

*Timothy I. 4.6*

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