



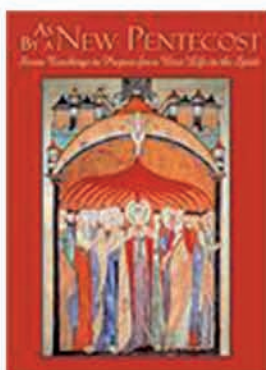
HARRISBURG DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

## A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS SUMMER 2014

### *An Antidote for Dwindling Prayer Groups: "As By a New Pentecost" Life in the Spirit Seminar*

by Fr. Frank Karwacki, Harrisburg Diocesan Liaison for Charismatic Renewal

When the powerful experience of the Charismatic Renewal spread from Duquesne University to Notre Dame University, Ralph Martin wrote the outlines for the first Life in the Spirit Seminar as a tool for sharing with others what he and others experienced in the release of the power of the Holy Spirit which is often called the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit", not to be confused with the sacrament of baptism which can be received only once.



Renewal Ministries founded by Ralph Martin has produced a DVD series "As By a New Pentecost". (Currently, \$30 for the set.) It has seven Life in the Spirit presentations with many of the early leaders of the Charismatic Renewal as speakers, namely: Patti Gallagher Mansfield, Ralph Martin, Dave Mangan, Sr. Ann Shields and Peter Herbeck.

To present this powerful instrument for the New Evangelization, all the prayer group needs is a TV and a DVD player. You will find on "Renewal Ministries" web page [www.renewalministries.net](http://www.renewalministries.net) downloads for the opening prayers and hymns for each session, a speakers' biography sheet, a poster, a beautiful invitation sheet to invite others to attend or to use as a bulletin announcement, and a resource list. **These supplements are all free downloads** so all one needs to do is step out in faith and order the DVD from the web page and allow the Holy Spirit to work. Prayer groups who do not give the Life in the Spirit Seminars eventually dwindle in numbers and die. Now the Lord has given us this wonderful gift with most of the work done for us by Renewal Ministries.

There can be little or no excuse for not offering this. You simply need the permission of your pastor. We have prayer groups in our diocese who are finding success with this model for the LISS. For example, St. Francis Xavier Parish began offering it on April 27<sup>th</sup> following the last mass on Sunday and included lunch. Kathy Reid has produced a lot of supplemental material for it. For suggestions e-mail her at [kathyreid57@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyreid57@hotmail.com) or phone her at 717-677-7466. I began offering it at my parish on May 28, 2014 on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

A Word I received at the May Service Team meeting had to do with a "huge wave of the Spirit that is coming" and we need to be ready to "jump in". Are you ready? Charisms are like spiritual muscles and can become weak if not exercised. Use them and encourage others to do the same. Not attending a prayer group? I encourage you to find one. All prayer group times & locations can be found at: [www.aliveinthepirit.net](http://www.aliveinthepirit.net). Already in a group? Pray as Jabez did to "enlarge your territory" and use this wonderful evangelization tool "As By a New Pentecost" to call more to the fullness of the Spirit.

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**"Jabez** cried out to the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from the evil one.' And God granted his request". (1Chronicles 4:9-10)

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#### **HISPANIC DAY OF RENEWAL** – A Personal Invitation from Fr. Rodrigo Arrazola...

Have you ever been to a Retreat before? Have you ever heard God's voice? Whether you answer yes or no, this will be a great opportunity to open your heart to our Lord. The **VIII Hispanic Charismatic Renewal Retreat** will be held on **Saturday, November 27, 2014 from 8 AM to 7 PM** at the Cardinal Keeler Ctr., 4800 Union Deposit Road. Harrisburg, PA 17105-3657. **Fr. Dario Betancourt will be our speaker.** The Theme will be:

#### **"Healing and Transformation by the Action of the Holy Spirit,"**

We invite all people in our Diocese to participate in this Retreat where we will be worshipping our Lord and we will be venerating our Mother Mary. This Retreat will conclude with the Mass. (Registration details are pending.)

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# *Father Ariel Hernandez - Day of Renewal September 20, 2014*

## *Keynote: Mary says "Do Whatever He Tells You"*



Father Ariel Hernandez is a dynamic, spirit-filled young priest who will share his love of Jesus in the Eucharist with us. He has been a Keynote speaker at Catholic Charismatic Conferences in New Jersey and Pennsylvania! Father Ariel became pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in August 2013. Father has been a priest for the Camden Diocese for ten years. He was born and raised in Argentina. After completing his studies at Jesus the Good Shepherd Seminary in

Argentina, he was called by Our Lady Queen of Peace to the priesthood in the United States. This call was confirmed by Bishop DiMarzio who ordained Father Ariel on the Feast of Our Lady Help of All Christians in 2003. He is the former pastor of The Parish of the Holy Cross in the Bridgeton area where he was also challenged with the merger of several churches into one parish. Other New Jersey assignments included: administrator of Immaculate Conception, Saint Teresa of Avila, and Saint Michael, Cedarville. He also served as the parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Vineland and Saint Bridget, Glassboro. He was the Associate Vicar of the Spanish Apostolate in the Camden Diocese and works tirelessly to bring union and healing to the American and Spanish cultures. He is very active in the healing ministry and he celebrates a Healing Mass every First Saturday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The Healing Mass has grown over the years to bring people from the tri-state area and many have experienced physical and spiritual healings. He is devoted to Our Blessed Mother under many titles. Father Ariel received a special gift from the Blessed Virgin under the title of Our Lady of Schoenstatt and he is the custodian of a pilgrim miraculous image of her from Argentina. He celebrates a Mass in her honor on the 18th of the every month and he communicates her message of love to all.

### **Schoenstatt Healing Mass**

(18<sup>th</sup> of each month)

6:30 Rosary - 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass at:  
Saint Michael's Church  
504 West Avenue  
Minotola, NJ 08341

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### **SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY OF RENEWAL**

In Addition to Father Ariel's Keynote Address, the Day of Renewal will have Special times of Praise & Worship by "Life in the Spirit" Music Ministry & include Word Gifts shared by our gifted leaders throughout the Diocese, A Newcomer Session, Lunch with Time for Veneration of the Icon, Prayer Team Ministry & Unbound Ministry. Afternoon Eucharistic Adoration and a special time of Healing Ministry by Father Ariel who will then concelebrate Sunday Liturgy & lead Special Prayers of dedication before the dismissal at 5:30 PM.

### **OUR LADY OF SCHOENSTATT**



#### **"Miracle" PILGRIM ICON**

A beautiful picture of Mary and her child, Jesus, is honored in all Schoenstatt shrines throughout the world. It is a copy of an original painting done by the Italian artist Crosio towards the end of the nineteenth century. Although the original title of this picture was "Refugium Peccatorum" (Refuge of Sinners), it is now known as the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt. The picture was put up in the shrine at Schoenstatt in Germany in 1915. In this picture of grace, Mary is revealed as the Thrice Admirable Mother. She is the Mother of God, the Mother of the Redeemer, and also our Mother. Mary's deep love unites her to her divine child, and urges her to lead all who come to her to Him. "The heart is the innermost center of the spiritual life of a person." (Pope Paul VI). The human heart is the most precious of all the gifts which Mary wishes to give her son. Mary draws us to give our hearts to Him.

Mary is also honored as queen. According to the will of the Eternal Father, Mary bore the anguish and death of the cross in loyal love together with her Son. Now she shares in his kingly glory and power in a unique way. At the throne of God, she sees to the building up of his kingdom in our world.

As victress, Mary stands in the forefront of all the battles of God which must be fought in this world. She leads us to Christ and through Him in the Holy Spirit into the heart of the Eternal Father for the glory of the Triune God.





## *Rev. Francis J. Karwacki*

### *Danville Retreat August 22 – 24, 2014*

Rev. Francis J. Karwacki, M.Ed., M.Div. - "Father Frank" is the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal for the Diocese of Harrisburg. Born Oct. 7, 1944 in Danville, Father graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in 1963. In 1967 and in 1971, he earned a B.S. in Education and a Master's Degree respectively from Bloomsburg State College. He taught Biology and Science at Mount Carmel Area High School from 1967-1978. After graduating from Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA in 1983 with a Master's Degree in Divinity, he was ordained on April 9, 1983 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg. Fr. Frank has been Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Mt. Carmel, PA since 2005. He was Chaplain to Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill

from 1986 to 1990. He is the Founder of FFCAAD (Family and Friends Concerned About the Abuse of Drugs) which is a support group designed to increase community awareness of the problems of drug abuse. He is a published book author and has published in national religious and pastoral magazines.

Father has a special interest in Pope John XXIII that began in 1958 when then Cardinal Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli became pope. Karwacki, who was in eighth grade at the time, began clipping images and articles.

"Nobody told me to do this," said Karwacki. "I kept track of him all these years." I later heard the call to be a priest after several years of teaching. "One day I woke up and He (God) was saying, 'You spend all your free time working for Me, why not go full time?'"



When he enrolled in Blessed John XXIII National Seminary, near Boston, he realized his attraction to Pope John XXIII had come full circle. "I think maybe he was looking out for me," said Karwacki. In 2000, Karwacki again crossed paths with Pope John XXIII when he had the opportunity to attend his beatification. In this step in the sainthood process, the grantee is given the title "blessed" for performing at least one miracle. Pope John XXIII's mummified body was exhumed from the crypts beneath St. Peter's Basilica and placed on permanent display in a glass coffin near Michelangelo's Pietà. "I thought, wow, I'm lucky, I get to see him," said Karwacki. At the beatification, Karwacki snapped a photo of John Paul II, which he later added to his collection. Karwacki and his staff erected a

display with photos of both popes at the left of the main altar in his parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. It was displayed through the evening of the canonization.



*Villa Sacred Heart*

#### **"DANVILLE RETREAT"**

Father has been doing yearly retreats in the Harrisburg Diocese for a number of years now. The Danville Retreat Center is a quiet place for individuals or groups, within a serene setting of natural beauty away from daily distractions. This year's theme **"A Reflection on Biblical Prayers"** invites us to "Come and explore how the Spirit inspired the prophets and apostles to pray, and to reflect on the early church gathered for prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit". Join Father for a special weekend from August 22-24. Bring your bibles and explore praying through the ages.

Information and registration for events can be found at: [www.aliveinthepirit.net](http://www.aliveinthepirit.net)



**The SECRET OF FATIMA:** Two years before her death in Feb 2005 at the age of 97, when Sister Lucia was asked: "What effect did the vision of July 13, 1914 have on your life before it was written down and presented to the Church?", she replied: "I felt safe under the protection of Our Lady, who would watch carefully over the Church and the Pope," and she adds a new detail to her account of the famous prophetic vision: "During the vision, Our Lady, shining bright, held a heart in her left hand, and in her right, a Rosary." What does the heart in Our Lady's hand mean? "It is a symbol of love that protects and saves. It is the Mother who sees her children suffering and suffers with them, even with those who do not love her. For she wants to save them all and not to lose any of those the Lord has entrusted to her. Her Heart is a safe refuge. The devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is the means of salvation for these difficult times in the Church and in the world. (The then) Cardinal Ratzinger's reflection at the end of his comment on the third part of the 'secret' is very relevant: "My Immaculate Heart will triumph." What does this mean? The heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The fiat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Savior into the world-because, thanks to her 'Yes', God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually; he has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God. But since God Himself took a human heart and has thus steered man's freedom towards what is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time, this is the final word: "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have overcome the world". Jn. 16:33 is well founded. The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.





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## REGISTER TODAY FOR THESE UPCOMING DIOCESAN CHARISMATIC GATHERINGS

**CHARISMATIC RETREAT DANVILLE – AUGUST 22-24**

**REV. FRANK KARWACKI**

**"A REFLECTION ON BIBLICAL PRAYERS"**

**DAY OF RENEWAL – SEPTEMBER 20\***

**FATHER ARIEL HERNANDEZ**

**"MARY SAYS 'DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU' "**

**\*REGISTER EARLY - SPACE IS LIMITED!**

**VIII HISPANIC DAY OF RENEWAL – NOVEMBER 27**

**FATHER DARIO BETANCOURT**

**"HEALING & TRANSFORMATION**

**BY THE ACTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"**

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### *Charismatic Happenings*

THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE has an e-newsletter.



you can read by going to <http://www.nsc-chariscenter.org/enewsletter.asp>. Read about what the NSC is planning for the Jubilee Year of the Charismatic Renewal in 2017. Or go to: [www.nsc-chariscenter.org](http://www.nsc-chariscenter.org) for more information or to register for the upcoming Leaders and Ministers conference to be held at the Pittsburgh Convention Ctr in November.

**MONTHLY HEALING MASS:** St Theresa Church, New Cumberland on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM except Holydays or Vigils. For info call Mary Ann at 717-564-7709. NOTE: Kathleen McCarthy will be with us on Oct. 7.

**26TH ANNUAL CAMDEN DIOCESAN CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE** will be held October 10-12, 2014 in Wildwood NJ. This year's theme is "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" Acts 2:4 Early registrations (609)522-5010 Email: [support@camdencharismatic.org](mailto:support@camdencharismatic.org) Information: [www.camdencharismatic.org](http://www.camdencharismatic.org).

**MALVERN BENEDICTA LEADERSHIP RETREAT** July 31-August 1 Johnette Benkovic, Patti Mansfield and others will address "Fundamentals of the Interior Life: Growing in God, Action and Holy Leadership". Go to: [www.womenofgrace.com](http://www.womenofgrace.com) for further information.

**CHARISMATIC WEBSITE:** [www.aliveinthepirit.net](http://www.aliveinthepirit.net) is available to post your prayer group's special events and charismatic happenings that others might be interested in as well. You can also find additional registration forms that can be printed, prayer group times and locations and other available ministries in the diocese. Any information to be posted should be sent to: [renewcentralpa@aol.com](mailto:renewcentralpa@aol.com). Please include a contact phone number with your submission.



*Welcome!* Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer D.D., J.C.L.

11th Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg

Installed March 19, 2014

"from His fullness, grace upon grace."

