

## WHAT ABOUT EMOTION?

*"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, endurance . . . "*

Through the Renewal this Joy mentioned so many times in the Psalms becomes a reality.

*"Shout joyfully to God all you on earth; sing praise to the glory of His name." (Ps 66 : 1, 2).*

It is meaningful rather than emotional to experience a joyous freedom in praise and worship.

## WHAT ABOUT THE GIFTS?

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are a natural and expected manifestation of the working of the Holy Spirit who, *"produces all these gifts distributing them to each as He wills."* (1 Cor 2 : 11)

Among the many gifts of the Spirit are the nine Charismatic Gifts of Prophecy, Healing, Miracles, Tongues etc. which are given for the building up of the church.

Emphasis is placed on the need for Spiritual Growth and a life that can be recognized as Christian.

## SERVANT OR SERVED?

All are encouraged to be servants, to 'wash the feet of others' and be active within their Parish. The need for an outreach is also stressed as a necessary part of spiritual growth.

*"For even I, the Messiah, am not here to be served, but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." (Mk 10 : 45)*

## WHAT ARE PRAYER MEETINGS?

These are gatherings where prayer, praise, sharing, teaching and fellowship ("love one another") all combine to encourage the living and witnessing of a fuller, Christian life. They are generally held each week and are open to all.

## HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT IT?

- by attending a prayer meeting. It may be "different" at first but most people come to enjoy the freedom and spiritual growth which ensues.

- there are many good books on the Renewal. Included in them:

"CHRIST AND CHARISM" - Edmund Dearn (Renda Publications);

"CHARISMATIC RENEWAL: a GRACE, a CHALLENGE and a MISSION" – from ICCRS. Available thru CCR Perth.

"A KEY TO THE CHARISMATIC RENEWAL IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH" Msgr Vincent M. Walsh (Abbey Press)

We meet every Wednesday in the Baldivis Parish Centre, from 7pm-9pm.:

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# The Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church

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It is a lay movement in the Church; a Spiritual Renewal built on a personal love for Jesus Christ, and our willingness for the Holy Spirit to live within us, with the power to transform us to *become like* Christ!

*"No one can say Jesus is Lord unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit "* (1 Cor 12 : 3).

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## WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

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To bring people to a personal relationship of love with Jesus Christ by accepting their own individual 'pentecost' - allowing the Holy Spirit to 'come alive' in them.

*"We know that He lives in us by the Spirit that He has given us."* (Jn 3:4)

Although the Holy Spirit is received through Baptism and confirmation, Christians need to come to a personal appreciation of the action and POWER of the Holy Spirit in their everyday life.

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## WHEN DID IT START?

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In the Catholic Church it began in 1967 in the U.S.A., and has since become worldwide. More than 80 million people have been involved in Charismatic Renewal since it began.

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## WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY OF IT?

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Pope John XXIII - "my soul is resting in the hope of a 'new pentecost' in which will be re-established the victory of truth."

Pope Paul VI - "If we really love the Church, the main thing we must do is to foster in it an out-pouring of the Divine Paraclete, the Holy spirit."

Pope John Paul II - (after a meeting with Charismatic Leaders in Rome) – "I am convinced that this movement is a sign of His action. The world needs so much of this action of the Holy Spirit and needs so many instruments of this action . . . so I am convinced that this movement is a very important component of this entire Renewal, this spiritual renewal of the church."

Pope Francis I – (after WYD 2013 in Brazil) "I think that this movement (CCR) does much good for the Church .... I don't think that the Charismatic Renewal merely prevents people from passing over to Pentecostal denominations! No, it is also a service to the Church herself! It renews us."

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## Archbishop Foley – (Perth, 1985)

"It's enriching of the total Church that I look for from people like yourselves. It's not just a personal thing, it's a gift that you must learn to share. "

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## IS IT FOR ALL?

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Yes! Jesus, the Gospels, the Holy Spirit and His charisms are for all.

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## WHAT CAN IT DO FOR ME?

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It helps the individual to experience personal Christian Spiritual growth particularly in the areas of:

LOVE – we 'fall in love' with Jesus, in a deep and personal relationship.

AWARENESS – prayer, scripture, liturgy and tradition become 'alive' with new depths of understanding.

ACCEPTANCE of the Holy Trinity as an *experience*, that is, loving Father, brother Jesus our saviour, and the 'power' of the Holy Spirit.

TRANSFORMATION - *'Through Him, with Him, in Him'* becomes the motif of our life as we *"see Him more clearly, love Him more dearly, walk with Him more nearly, day by day."* (St Augustine)

*"and the life I live now is not my own: Christ is living in me: I still live in my human life, but it is a life of faith in the Son of God. "* (Gal 2 : 20)