

Strengthening Charismatic Prayer Groups in the Archdiocese of San Antonio Self-Assessment Survey

The Vision of the Charismatic Renewal: To renew the grace of Pentecost in the life and mission of the Church. It is an evangelistic renewal movement seeking to restore the experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit and the use of the charismatic gifts to the heart of Catholic Christian life. A prayer group is evangelistic if the members have zeal for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and bring others into a personal relationship with Jesus and are taking concrete steps to reach out to others

Reasons for Charismatic Prayer Group Self-Assessment

1. **Help the Service Committee** ascertain the needs of local prayer groups and *how best to assist* them to strengthen and maintain strong and vibrant Prayer Groups.
2. **Help Prayer Groups** to assess their strengths and weaknesses and *to seek ways* to become stronger and more vibrant.

NOTE: Please read all questions before answering.

Prayer Group in General

1. What is the name of your Prayer Group? Who leads the prayer meeting?

2. How long has your prayer group existed? Please specify.

3. What is the vision of your prayer group? (Explain)
 - A. What do you consider the charism of your prayer group to be? (Explain)

 - B. What is the most outstanding gift experienced in your prayer group? (Explain)

4. Do you consider your prayer group to be a vibrant charismatic prayer group?
What are some specific examples that make you say this? (Explain)

5. How would you rate the leadership of your prayer group? (Explain)
Describe the leadership of your group:

- 6: Do they have core meetings regularly? What happens at the core meetings? (Explain)
7. Does your prayer group have an intercessory ministry that prays for the success of your prayer meetings? If Yes (Explain).
8. Does your prayer group have an outreach in the parish or involved in parish activities? (Explain)
9. How often do you provide a Life in the Spirit Seminar?
 A. What format do you use? The Seven Weeks Format. _____ The One Day Format. _____
 Other _____
- B. How many people attended each of the last two/three seminars your group sponsored?
- C. How many began to participate in your group because of the seminar?
9. How many people in your group? _____
 Has there been a lot of turnover in the membership of your group? If Yes, where are those people now? (Explain)
10. How often do you meet? Do you meet regularly outside of your prayer meeting? (Explain)

Prayer Meeting and Charisms

1. How would you rate your praise and worship? (Explain)
- a. Do you have a music ministry? What Type? Live or Recorded. (Explain)
- b. Can you give me an idea of the kinds of songs you sing?
- c. Who leads the praise and worship?
2. Can you give me an idea of the typical flow of your meeting? (Explain)
3. What Charismatic gifts are operative in your prayer meeting? (Give Details)
- a. What do you believe that the Lord has been saying to your group through the prophecies and word gifts given? (Explain)
- b. What other gifts are regularly exercised in your meetings?
3. How frequently are teachings given in your prayer meetings?

- a. What kind of teachings? (Explain)
 - b. Who gives these teachings?
4. Does your prayer group pray regularly for personal needs and petitions of your prayer group members? How is this done?
- a. Do you have a specific prayer ministry for healing? If so, please describe.

Growth/Change

1. If your prayer group is small or not “strong and vibrant,” could your group benefit by merging with a stronger local prayer group for a while?
 - a. If no, what would make doing this difficult? (Explain)
 - b. What would make this an attractive option? (Explain)
2. Are there things that you feel are lacking in your group? If yes, please (Explain).
3. Does your prayer group offer resources (books, tapes, training, etc.) to enhance or facilitate the growth of its members?
 - a. What resources would be most helpful to your group at this time? (Explain)
4. Does your prayer group connect in with other prayer groups or with diocesan sponsored charismatic renewal events? If yes, what kinds? If no, why not? (Explain)
 - a. Or with regional or national events? If yes, which ones? If no, why not?
5. Does your prayer group have stewardship collections? If Yes are you aware of the diocesan guidelines for stewardship collections? (Explain)
 - a. Does your prayer group tithe to the Charismatic Center out of your stewardship collection periodically? (Explain)

Note: We would ask you to prepare your responses on another sheet of paper if necessary.

Please Print Answers Clearly.