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*... woe to me if I do
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9:16*

**Y hay de mí si no
predicara el
Evangelio!**

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Year of Saint Paul by Fr. Richard Lock, National Service Committee. First in a series of Reflections on the Life of Saint Paul for the Jubilee Year of St. Paul.

On June 28, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI visited the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall to celebrate First Vespers for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. During his homily Pope Benedict announced, "We shall be dedicating a special Jubilee Year to the Apostle Paul from 28 June 2008 to 29 June 2009, on the occasion of the biennial of his birth . . ."

When I think of St. Paul I think of the numerous aspects of his life and ministry that have echoed throughout the history of the Church. The name of St. Paul brings about thoughts of conversion, zeal, missionary travels, teaching, writing and martyrdom. He has had and continues to have a powerful influence on the Church and in particular on those of us involved in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

The Conversion of St. Paul is very personal to all of us whose lives have been changed by the "Baptism in the Holy Spirit." Many of us experienced some sort of conversion. For some it was a dramatic experience like St. Paul on the road to Damascus that awakened a dormant faith and dramatically turned lives around. For others it was a deepening of Faith with new insight and experiences of God's active presence in their lives in the person of the Holy Spirit.

Our conversion united us in a special way with St. Paul. We found ourselves hungering for the Word of God and very often we turned to God's Word as written by St. Paul. His words instruct, inspire and encourage us to grow, mature and live our faith with a continued spirit of renewal and a desire for increased zeal.

St Paul was entrusted with the task of writing about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These writings help us to see that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit given to the Church at Pentecost are still present in the Church today. We read of Paul's journeys and teachings and realize that these gifts were not limited to a particular people in a particular place at a particular time. Paul proclaimed these gifts of the Holy Spirit wherever he went. And he proclaimed them for all time. How we rejoice at realizing how gifted and blessed we are when we claim the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

This year of St. Paul is an opportunity for us to reflect on the gifts that have been poured out on us. If we have begun to take them for granted we have this time to rediscover and reclaim them. We can study anew the life and writings of this great Apostle, Missionary, Writer and Martyr. This Jubilee Year of St. Paul can be a year of renewal for us if we take advantage of it and enter into the spirit of this Jubilee.

During the Year of St. Paul the National Service Committee is producing a series of reflections that will examine the various aspects of the life and ministry of St. Paul. These are intended to help us as we celebrate this Jubilee year of St. Paul. Hopefully they will be a means to help all of us to enter more deeply into the gift of St. Paul and continue to grow in the Life in the Spirit.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 9th Healing Teams workshop, 9:00—12 Noon, CCCR Chapel
- 14th Hazme Volar, 8:00 p.m. Programa Carismático en CTSA, Canal 15
- 16th Evening of Renewal & Revival, 7: - 9:30, St. Jude's Religious Education Center
- 18th Fanning the Flame, 8:00 p.m., charismatic Program on CTSA Channel 15
- 23rd Fall Prayer Group Training, 9 am - 4:00 pm, CCCR Upper Room
- 30th Noche de Renovación — Asamblea Carismática, CCCR, 7—9 p.m., Fr. Will Combs

Sept.



- 6 Women of the Cross Retreat, CCCR Upper Room, 9 am to 4 pm

October

- 3-5 The Church of the City Conference: CCCR co-sponsors with TransformSA an Ecumenical conference. See Fr. Bob's article. Mark your calendars
- 12-18 Pilgrimage to Mexico, \$475. Reserve your seat now, See article within
- 25 "Concierto con Jesus" con Pablo Castro, 6—10:00 p.m., Salon de St. Henry's

Mar 2009—Mark your calendars

- 7—8 March, Regional Charismatic Conference—mark your calendars

	Most Rev. Thomas J. Flanagan Liaison for CCCR		Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD Associate Liaison		Rosbel Hernandez Director
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From The Staff

In praying and planning for this coming year, the Lord has been putting on my heart that this can be a “breakthrough year” for charismatic renewal in our archdiocese, if we prepare well for the year. We have two special gifts and opportunities for sharing in God’s graces of renewal in the Holy Spirit:

1) Jubilee Year of St. Paul: Pope Benedict has declared June 28, 2008 to June 29, 2009 a Jubilee Year of St. Paul, since Paul was born approximately 2000 years ago. The theme for our conference on March 6-7, 2009 at St. Mary Magdalen Church (and hall) will be about St. Paul and the Holy Spirit. We will be including articles about St. Paul in this newsletter during the year.

2) “The Church of the City” Conference (October 3-5, 2008): The Catholic Center for Charismatic Renewal is co-sponsoring with TransformSA an ecumenical conference at Alamo City Christian Fellowship (6500 IH 35 between Rittiman and Eisenhower roads). We will be sending brochures to you about this conference. One of the two key speakers will be Charles Whitehead from England who is the former president of the International Council of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Rome. He worked closely with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. Fr. Bob Hogan, will also be speaking at the conference. A large Catholic turnout at this conference will send a powerful message to all the Christian groups in San Antonio. United prayer can break down many barriers and lead to powerful graces for the transformation of our city.

I believe these two events are graced opportunities for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, but we must prepare well for them. On Saturday, August 23, from 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm. we will have our fall prayer group training day at the Charismatic Center. We would like to have representatives from all the prayer groups to attend. Everyone is welcome. Fr. Bob and the Service Committee will be talking about three major areas:

- 1) The Year of St. Paul: We will give you ideas for your prayer groups about the Year of St. Paul.
- 2) The October Conference: I (Fr. Bob) will talk about the Catholic approach to Ecumenism (unity of Christians).
- 3) The Power of Holy Spirit-Led Intercessory Prayer: Intercessory prayer can open the doors for a great year of grace, but we cannot take it for granted. We need strong intercessory prayer so that priests, and groups in our archdiocese, will understand better the grace of charismatic renewal. We need intercessory prayer for the work of Christian unity, so that hurts, misunderstandings, and our hardness of heart can be overcome. We need to intercede together for our families, churches, and city. We will be giving prayer cards for the Year of St. Paul (English and Spanish) so that all members of our prayer groups can use them to intercede daily for the October

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**Evening of Renewal & Revival Family Event
(F.U.E.L for The Journey) Fire Unto Every Life**

Sat. Aug. 16th 7 - 9:30 pm (Fellowship Follows)

Speakers: Lloyd & Nancy Greenhaw,
(Internationally renowned Evangelists)

Topic: “Zeal For The Gold” (Pressing on to the Prize of the High Calling) (Psalm 69:9 Phil 3:13-14)

Music by Ramón & Angélica

Location: St. Jude’s Religious Education Bldg
111 S. San Augustine, San Antonio, 78237
(West Commerce & General Mc Mullen) **Park Behind bldg**

Lively event with Praise, Worship, Witness and Growth Teaching - Giving your best to God

Adult, teen, & children’s teachings (each separately).

Handicap Access and Security Provided

Noche de Renovación - Asamblea Carismática

Sábado, Agosto 30, 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Predicador: Padre Will Combs

**Tema: Edificación del Cuerpo
(La Unidad de Cristianos)**

Donde: Centro de la Renovación Carismática (CCCR), 1707 S. Flores)

Padre Will es un sacerdote ungido en una manera muy especial por el Espíritu Santo para predicar, alabar Y glorificar al Señor. Vengan con fe expectante a recibir una nueva unción de Dios.

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CTSA TV, Cable Ch 15, Charismatic Programs:

Be sure to tune in to **Fanning the Flame on CTSA (Channel 15) every 3rd Monday of the month from 8 to 9 pm.** August will be a great program. Hosts, *Michael and Erica Rodriguez* invited **Jesus and Evelyn Ramos**, hosts from **Hazme Volar (live program every 2nd Thursday of the month)**, to be their guests on **August 18th**. Jesus and Evelyn are lay evangelists and are leaders of Jesus, **Palabra de Vida** Spanish prayer group at the CCCR every Tuesday night from 7- 9 pm. Be a witness to how they surrender themselves unto the hands and feet of God.

Hazme Volar (en vivo), Canal 15 del CTSA (por cable) Segundo jueves del mes a las 8 p.m. Hagan sus llamadas al numero en la pantalla del TV. Anfitriones: Jesús y Evelyn Ramos.

Originalmente de Puerto Rico y ahora de San Antonio, Jesús y Evelyn tienen formación en toda fase de la renovación carismática y además son músicos y cantantes al nivel profesional. Jesús tiene maestría en Santa Escritura y es profesor de La Palabra. Sintonicen al programa, que es en vivo, a las 8:00 p.m. cada segunda jueves del mes y hagan sus llamadas a ellos. Gracias, Jesús y Evelyn! Llamen al CCCR, 226-7545, si tienes preguntas o comentarios.

Prayer Groups at CCCR

Mondays 7:00 pm to Noon	Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
<u>Flame of Love (bilingual)</u> Prayer Group Leader: Isabel Martin Info. 645-9380, Chapel	“Upper Room” Praise, 9:30; Mass at 10:30 CCCR Chapel—Mass & Anointing of the sick 2nd Tuesday of the month
Tuesday 7-9pm, Chapel (Bilingue) Jesus, La Palabra de Vida Group Info Jesus & Evelyn, 487-0432	Miercoles, 7:00 p.m. Tree of Life Prayer Group Capilla/Chapel del CCCR Leader: Eleanor, 432-1604
Monday: CCCR Upper Room First Wed. Walk with the Spirit Richard Lucio 434-4004	Healing Mass Every Friday 12 noon Mass CCCR Chapel Laura Montoya 237-9827
Sala Alta (Capilla del CCCR) Jueves 9:30am	Mountains of Praise Friday 7-9PM, CCCR Chapel

Visión de el Movimiento Católico Carismático

Renovando la gracia de Pentecostés en la vida y misión de la iglesia

MISIÓN: Agitar hasta en llama la gracia de Pentecostés dentro y más allá de la iglesia, extender a lo ancho y profundizar el entendimiento que el bautismo en el Espíritu Santo es una herencia Cristiana de todos, y fortalecer la renovación Carismática Católica.

Vision of the Catholic Charismatic Movement

Renewing The Grace of Pentecost In the Life and Mission of The Church.

MISSION: To stir into flame the grace of Pentecost within and beyond the church, to broaden and deepen the understanding that baptism in the Holy Spirit is the Christian inheritance of all, and to strengthen the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

KEYS TO CCCR

We are in the process of accounting for all keys given to the different ministries. Please bring the key to the office and re-sign for it and get a security briefing. If you no longer are involved in at least a monthly service where you must open the CCCR or rooms at the CCCR, you must return the key. Please come by or call us. Don't be surprised if your key will not work.

TOOLS FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The main mission of the Church is Evangelization, bringing people into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. The Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church explain it well and the Bishops have reiterated it in different documents. Charismatic Renewal is a gift the Lord gave us to help renew the grace of Pentecost in the life and mission of the Church. That means a genuine conversion to Christ so we can put the charisms into practice and thereby bring others to the Lord.

The National Service Committee has printed five leaflets that helps prayer groups keep the focus in what we are supposed to be about in the charismatic renewal. The following are available in the bookstore and sell for 60 cents each: **1) Charismatic Prayer Meetings:** what they are, how they operate, and what is expected; **2) The Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Explains in detail what they are, bible references, and use in prayer groups; **3) Prayer Ministry:** Spiritual growth leads into serving others; how to minister to others. **4) Understanding and Exercising the Gift of Prophecy;** and **5) Living Baptized in the Spirit:** "The life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me. I still live my human life, but it is a life of faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Cal 2:20).

The gifts (charisms) of the Holy Spirit are given to the Church for the common good. We must exercise them not only for personal growth but for the furtherance of the Gospel, proclaimed in power and truth so that others may come to a personal relationship with the Risen Lord and they then would continue to evangelize their families, friends and beyond. Come to the bookstore and buy them or write us. Ros Hernandez (226-7545)

Kids Say The Godliest Things

It was my Dad's Birthday and my kids signed a card with a big lion and 3 lion cubs on it. My dad started reading the card saying, "You are the King....." Just then our 6 ½ year old, Michael, cuts in and said, "I didn't write that part. There is only one King." Feeding our little ones with the TRUTH, will always come back with smiles and proclaim His Glory.

Our sons, Michael 6 ½ yrs. old and Abram 4 yrs. old, were talking about their classmates. Michael James said this of a little girl, "She would tap my shoulder and say, 'I'm going to tell on you.' But I wasn't doing anything. I told him that sometimes kids might say things to try to mess with him because they think that's funny. He said, "Yeah, kind of like she wanted to scare me." Then Abram interjected with, "But Michael, you don't have to be afraid, because God will protect you. Right, Mom?" I smiled because I had just told Abram the same thing when he didn't want to enter a dark hallway. I love it!



CATHOLIC CENTER FOR CHARISMATIC RENEWAL FALL PRAYER GROUP TRAINING—PREPARING FOR A BREAKTHROUGH YEAR

"For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint" (Habakkuk 2:3).
Let us prepare for a breakthrough year for Charismatic Renewal.

Saturday, August 23, 2008 at CCCR from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Speaker: Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD and Service Team.

Topics:

- 1) Holy Spirit Graces for the Year of St. Paul: Graces for our archdiocese, your prayer group, and our parishes.
- 2) Catholic Approach to Ecumenism (unity of Christians) and the October 3-5 Ecumenical Conference Co-sponsored by the Charismatic Center.
- 3) The Power of Holy Spirit-Led Intercessory Prayer: Getting more earnest, consistent/persevering, expectant.

Let us become prepared to receive the special graces of :

- 1) The Church's Year of St. Paul (Our March 6-7, 2009 conference will focus on St. Paul, who wrote the most about the charismatic gifts);
- 2) The ecumenical conference we are co-sponsoring in October;
- 3) Our special focus this year to grow in interceding for Holy Spirit-led cooperation between the Charismatic Renewal and our priests and parishes, other evangelizing efforts (A.C.T.S, Evangelization Office, Pilgrim Center of Hope, Cursillo, etc), and a full understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in the whole life of the Church.

Música Cristiana en la Librería del CCCR

Los siguientes son artistas de música y evangelistas locales que están dispuestos a servir a los grupos de oración en Español y están aprobados para ministrar en la arquidiócesis. Ellos tienen sus CDs en la librería del Centro Carismático. Comprando sus CDs ayudan al Centro y a estos artistas que dan de su tiempo, carismas y tesoro. Llámenles al número indicado si necesitan ministerio de música o predicadores.

Jesús & Evelyn Ramos, Tienen su Ministerio de Música Cristiana "Jesús, Palabra de Vida," y tienen 5 CDs En Español: "Evelyn en Concierto: Sáname Padre," "Alabanza de Meditación," "Amarte Solo a Ti, Señor," "Señor, Tu que Conoces mi Vida," "Dale un Cambio a tu Vida (Cantos de Avivamiento)," y "El Bálsamo de tus Heridas." Pueden llamarles al (210) 437-3345

Pedro Gáma, "Voces Consagradas al Señor." Pedro Gáma tiene muchos CDs y esta dispuesto a visitar los grupos que le llamen al (210) 823-7712. Además de cantante, Pedro da su testimonio, pláticas y comentarios tocantes a sus canciones.

, Ministerio de Música. Sergio tiene muchos CDs y también esta dispuesto a servir al Señor con este carisma que Dios le ha dado. Llamen al (210) 831-1817.

†Healing Masses and Special Services†

CHARISMATIC MASSES & OTHER SERVICES:

Monday: St James, 907 W Theo, Last Mon. at 5:30 P.M.

Second Mon.: St Agnes Healing Mass 6PM & Healing Service after Mass with Deacon Roy Munoz

Second Mon: St. Bonaventure, Worship Service 7pm, info 778-4718

Tuesday: 1st Tues. St. Vincent De Paul's Chapel (4422 W Loop 410) at 7:00 p.m.

1st Tues.: St. Jude (130 S. San Agustin) 7:00 p.m.

Tues.: CCCR Chapel (1707 S. Flores), 10:30 am. Salt, water, oil & religious articles blessed

Last Tues: St. Cecilia (125 W. Whittier), at 7:00 p.m.

Every 3rd Wed., **Holy Family** 152 Florencia, 7:00 p.m.

3rd Wed. St. Lawrence (236 E. Petaluma) At 7:00 p.m.

Last Wed., San Juan de los Lagos (3231 El Paso St.) at 7:00P.M.

Last Thurs: St. Phillip of Jesus (131 Bank) 6:00 pm Children Healing Mass

Third Thurs: St. Phillip of Jesus (131 Bank) 6:00pm

Last Thurs: **St Mary Magdalen** (1710 Clower) at 7pm

Fridays: St. Agnes (814 Ruiz by San Jacinto) Healing Mass Every first Friday, 7:00 P.M, with Fr. Einer Ochoa. Exposition 8am-6:50pm

1st Fri. **St. Dominic's** (5915 Ingram Rd.) 7pm to 4am

1st Sat. of the month, **St. Agnes** 9AM devotion to Our Lady with the four mysteries of the Rosary&Mass at 10am

Sun., HEALING SERVICE Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, (5700 Blanco Rd) 2-4 p.m.

YEAR OF ST. PAUL PILGRIMAGE

Chariscenter USA will sponsor a "Year of St. Paul Pilgrimage" March 9 – 20, 2009, partnering with Franciscan University of Steubenville, under the spiritual direction of Bishop Sam Jacobs and Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, newest member of the NSC.

The pilgrimage will visit Athens, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Delphi, Corinth, Mykonos, Patmos and more. Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul. There will be great graces to be received on the Pilgrimage. Base cost is \$3,299, if deposit is paid by 11/29/08. Call Ros Hernandez, 226-7545 for more information.

From the Archdiocesan Service Committee

May The Peace Of The Lord Be With You!

It was good to have Fr. Bob with us at the service committee meeting. We worked on upcoming events and prepared for the Saturday, August 23 end of summer workshop "Preparing for a Breakthrough Year" based on the Jubilee Year of St. Paul. Please make every effort to attend. Another event to put on your calendar is the "Transform San Antonio" ecumenical conference on October 3rd- 5th; **which we will co-sponsor.**

We are planning a **workshop** for the new **Healing Guidelines** sent by the ICCRS through the **National Service Committee.** It is tentatively set for November 8, the normal monthly healing team workshop Pedro & Nelda Palacios and Josie present. More details next month.

Our thanks to all who attended the Evening of Renewal & Revival – Family Event on Saturday July 19th. It was an enlightening evening with the inspiration of Dan Duet as he spoke on "Freedom! A Price Already Paid". Those who attended received many blessings.

In August the Evening of Renewal & Revival is at St. Jude's Parish. We welcome our guest speakers, Lloyd & Nancy Greenhaw, founders of G.R.A.C.E. Ministries. Theme is "Zeal For The Gold" (Pressing on to the Prize of the high calling). Come to an inspiring evening, for the whole family. There will be Youth and Children's Ministry.

The Spanish Night of Renewal continues to grow so don't miss the last Saturday of the month gathering.

I remind you that the NSC will host a National Leaders' Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on November 14th – 16th we are exploring the possibility of a charter bus so please call the Center @226-7545 ASAP if you would like to go.

Brothers and sisters, thank you for your prayers & financial support. Your generosity is a blessing to the Charismatic Renewal in the Archdiocese. As charismatics we give to the whole church but only charismatics give to Charismatic Renewal. May God Bless You! Your Brother In Christ, Jerry Syring, Chairman

ARCHDIOCESE HEALING MINISTRY WORKSHOP

SAT. AUG. 9, 2008 9 a.m.- 12 Noon, CCCR CHAPEL

SPIRITUAL BLOCKS TO HEALING (Part 2)

"Praise The Lord, my Soul, and do not forget how kind He is. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases." (Ps 103: 2, 3)

Pedro & Nelda Palacios (English)

And/or Josie Gonzalez, Irene Garza and Team (Spanish)

210-680-3255 OR 210-924-9976

EVERYBODY WELCOMED. ALL HEALING MINISTERS SHOULD ATTEND THESE WORKSHOPS.

TALLER PARA EQUIPOS DE MINISTERIO DE SANACIÓN

SÁBADO, 9 de AGOSTO 9a.m.-12:00 CCCR Capilla del CCCR

Bloques Espirituales A la Sanacion (2a Parte)

"Gloria a Dios, mi Alma, y no olvides que bueno es el Señor. El perdona todos mis pecados y sana todas mis enfermedades" (Salmo 103:2,3)

Josie Gonzáles y Su Equipo (Español) Pedro Y Nelda Palacios (Ingles)

TODOS BIENVENIDOS. Miembros del ministerio deben atender estos talleres.

CONSERVE MONEY & ENERGY

Please help us conserve energy (electricity) while you are at the CCCR. If you do not know how to set the thermostat, please don't start pushing all the buttons. The different rooms are pre-programmed at certain temperatures. When you reserve the room, please call Zulema so she can program the thermostat. If you must change the thermostat use only the up and down arrows but remember that when you leave, you must change the temperature so that the unit quits running.

WOMEN OF THE CROSS ANNUAL RETREAT

Sept. 6, 9:a.m.—4:00 p.m.

CCCR Upper Room, 1707 S. Flores

San Antonio, TX

Theme: "Let us confidently approach the Throne of Grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help" (Heb. 4:15)

Talks on: God's Grace and Devine Mercy; Mary, Mother of Mercy; a Healing Service; and Witnesses to God's Love and Healing
Come with expectant faith to rekindle the fire of the Spirit, renew your rrelationship with the Lord, receive the graces God has for you and strengthen your faith.

Retreat and Lunch are free of Cost

Love Offering Accepted

PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE

Contact Rebecca Rocha, 210-566-1570 &/or Cathy Shafer, 210-681-4571

Peregrinacion — Pilgrimage to México

Siete días (Seven day pilgrimage) (6 nights), \$475, fechas (dates) 12-18 Octubre. We will visit (visitaremos): Zacatecas: Santo Niño de Atocha and San Juan de los Lagos; México City: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (OLG), San Miguel de los Milagros; and Monterrey: Basílica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. CCCR sponsored pilgrimage to Marian sites and St. Michael.

Must reserve your seat by August 31 with a \$100 deposit per person. There is room for 52 people on the bus, including the Chaplain. We must have at least 40 people. Hay lugar para 52 personas, pero se requieren cuando menos 40. Llame pronto y haga su reservación con \$100 antes del 31 de agosto.

Call Santa, CCCR, 226-7545