

July & August, 2013

Dear Readers of the Flame,

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peppers and a couple of eggplants. However, it keeps my hands in the earth. I weed, water, fertilize, prune and wait, in patience, for the harvest. There is an old adage,
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cal labors of gardening and the patient waiting for the harvest keeps one rooted in the realities of life on every level.

Jesus often used farm based images as the basis of his parables (i.e. Matthew 13 contains the parables of the sower and the seed, the weeds and the wheat and the mustard seed). As we ponder these teachings, we understand the lessons they contain about life in general and the spiritual life in particular.

As I tend my garden I realize that I need to continually weed it. And so it is with our lives. If we do not periodically examine our manner of life and confess our sins, our lives can quickly be overrun by personal sin or simply extraneous activities that sap the time and energy we have for pursuing Christ and the true fruit of the Holy Spirit. Or worse still, our lives can become so out of order that we either accept the weeds (sins) as the normal or despair of ever really rooting them out of our lives. We need to

of *Roundup*) and apply this medicine on a regular basis.

Of course our spiritual lives also need to be watered and fertilized. If we do not pray, read, celebrate the sacraments and have some relationships rooted in which we experience genuine Christian community, our life in Christ will wither.

Finally, when our lives bear the fruit of the Spirit, we must realize that it will be picked. The love, joy, peace and patience grown in us by the Lord are so that we can bless other people. We cannot hang onto our neat and orderly lives. The fruit of the Spirit is not meant to be polished and photographed. It is meant to be given away and eaten up! Sometimes we may even feel that we are †

ceive and it is in dying that we are born to eternal
(Prayer of St. Francis)

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me



All of this is done by the Holy Spirit, the Lord and *giver of Life* . Let us pray to ever be open to the movements of the Holy Spirit. It is interesting to note that when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, the gospel of Mark records that, *drove* 0
1:12). So it often is at the beginning of our walk with the Lord. The movements of the Holy Spirit are strong.

As we grow in the Lord, his movements become gentler. We do not always experience these strong movements. † 0 0 0

As we tend the garden of our hearts, let us be open to the movements of the Holy Spirit. If we are *driven* , let us be driven by the Lord. If we are *led by the Spirit* , let us follow that lead with faith, eagerness and joy. We want

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco

PS: With the charismatic conference on the horizon, I am looking forward to seeing you at Magnificat High School later this month. May the Spirit of the Lord be upon us so that we may grow His fruit and follow His lead!

2013 Conference Prayer

O God, we rejoice in humble gratitude for Your Spirit which has been poured out upon us!

We joyfully anticipate all that You will

Anoint us anew, that we may bring your healing love to the brokenhearted, and the good news of freedom to those held captive by darkness and fear!

Anoint us again, O God, that we may announce a year of favor from the Lord, and become a people that gives joy, comfort and gladness to those who mourn, and who suffer a listless spirit.

Prepare our hearts that we may more deeply let Your Spirit be Upon Us, so that we can bring your love to a broken world!

We ask You to inspire, bless, and protect all speakers, workers, attendees, and those who provide the site of the 2013 Charismatic Conference.

We pray all this in the holy name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to

Luke 4:18-19 (Isaiah 61:1-3)

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome

for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us

this great land will always be one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Renewal Ministries Events

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Conference Distilled Prophetic Word:

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To The Fire and Power
of My Holy Spirit.

Blaze Forth With My Love

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Make His Praise Glorious! Catholic Renewal Ministries | **Traveling Charismatic Mass** for June will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Wadsworth on **Friday, June 28th, at 7:00 p.m.** Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. The church is located at 272 Broad St. in Wadsworth, 44281. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or the CRM office at 440-944-9445.



FREE OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL!

Light of the World Prayer Group Ministries presents their Annual Outdoor **PRAISE IN THE VALLEY Music Festival** at St. Martin of Tours, 1800 Station Road, Valley City, OH 44280 on **Saturday, August 31, 2013** (Labor Day weekend) starting at 6 p.m. (following 5 p.m. Mass) It will be held rain or shine. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Parish Food Bank and a lawn chair or blanket. Hot dogs and refreshments will be available. Enjoy worship songs by numerous area musicians. All ages are welcome. Event will move indoors in case of rain. Plenty of paved parking and restrooms available.

The **31st Cleveland Charismatic Conference** sponsored by Catholic Renewal Ministries will be held **July 19th and 20th, 2013** at Magnificat High School in Rocky River. **Guest speakers will be Fr. Bill Halbing and Ralph Martin and local speakers Michele TePas Harrison and Jason Solomon.**

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www.crmweb.org. Advance registration through July 9th is \$30, and at the door \$35. Ages 13-19 Free!!

St. Peter Parish will be having a **Healing Mass** with Fr. William Kiel on **Tuesday, August 6th, at 7:00 p.m.** Fr. Kiel is from the Diocese of Greensburg in Pennsylvania. St. Peter Church is located at **35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039**. For more information, **please contact Fr. Bob Franco at 440-327-2201. All are welcome.**

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July 19th & 20th 2013

Magnificat High School

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WITH PREREGISTRATION

(BY JULY 9TH) ONLY!

\$6 Meal includes:

Choice of Sandwich

Roast Beef ~ Ham ~ Turkey

Chips, Cookie & Beverage

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Registration Fee Includes
Both Friday & Saturday

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serve. Studying the Catechism, papal encyclicals, the documents of Vatican II, and other teachings of the Church forms our conscience and helps us make choices consistent with our real nature. Prayer rooted in our personal relationship with Jesus empowers us and keeps our spiritual growth rooted in our humanity rather than letting it become theoretical, formalistic, or self centered. It is not the idea of staying near the means of grace that transforms us. We must actually make choices and decisions that allow this to happen. Choosing to live a life of Christian simplicity in the use of our time and our money allows us stay near the means of grace.

Another way of cooperating with our own transformation is to embrace our vocation. The process of transformation and the life of holiness is lived within the context of our real way of life. One of the difficulties that lay people face is that most of the writings on holiness come from a monastic point of view. This results for some in a skewed vision of how they should be living if they want to be holy. Spiritual growth for a young mother may revolve more around learning how to pray while caring for a sick baby than how to escape. We must actually make choices and decisions that allow this to happen. Choosing to live a life of Christian simplicity in the use of our time and our money allows us stay near the means of grace. **ate with the Holy Spirit in the work of transformation is to fully embrace the gifts and challenges that come from our particular vocations.**

If becoming more like Jesus is the goal of transformation and the definition of holiness, then working to overcome the obstacles that block us is part of our role in our own restoration. These obstacles are often described in various ways. One way is to talk of the influence of the world, the flesh and the devil. Another is to divide the obstacles into four categories: sins, bondages, wounds and demons. A third talks about pride, vanity and sensuality. Our damaged wills cannot overcome these obstacles by ourselves. Seeking help through spiritual direction, the sacrament of reconciliation, counseling, and prayer ministry and then working hard to implement changes in habits of thought, speech and action are essential if we are to be transformed. We cannot usually change ourselves in many of these areas but we can make choices and decisions that allow this to happen. Choosing to live a life of Christian simplicity in the use of our time and our money allows us stay near the means of grace and the gifts available in the body of Christ.

A friend of mine who is Jewish was talking to me about the Day of Atonement. He mentioned that God would forgive anything but he would not do it if someone was holding a grudge. The parable of the unforgiving servant makes the same point. A big part of the work of transformation in many lives is for them to do the hard work of forgiving people who have hurt or wronged them. In some way, unforgiveness blocks grace and hinders the work of transformation. We cannot always be reconciled but we can and must forgive. We also may need to forgive ourselves for the problems our younger self has caused and is still causing us. Self acceptance is a beginning point for spiritual growth. By accepting ourselves as we are we take responsibility to move forward from this point. Choosing to forgive our self and others is an essential part of our quest to be transformed and become more like Jesus.

Finally, I want to mention our need to embrace any crosses that are part of the context of our life. Difficult things happen to good people and part of the work of transformation is to make the best of these situations. My grandfather lost his leg in a train accident when he was in his twenties. He became a man with one leg, but he did not allow himself to be a one legged man. He embraced his cross and went on about living a very ordinary life. We do not know a world without suffering, sin and death until we cross the river and enter the New Jerusalem. These sufferings sometimes come in our own lives and sometimes in the lives of others with whom we relate. With a sacrificial docility to the Holy Spirit we can embrace these difficulties, whether traumatic or simply frustrating, as part of our path to holiness.

We have a wonderful God who is in the process of transforming us through the power of the Holy Spirit to be what he created us to be in the first place. We are fearfully and wonderfully made in DNA and our own fingerprints. All creation is groaning and moaning waiting for us to be all we & operate with the process.

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