

# The Flame

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## Understanding the Gift of Tongues

by Deacon Eddie Ensley

One of the happiest discoveries in my life has been an ancient form of prayer that offers a foretaste of heaven, a way of opening up so God can fill us with boundless joy. Great theologians like St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Augustine prayed this way. Great spiritual leaders like St. Francis prayed this way. Countless numbers of Christians prayed this way in the first sixteen centuries of the history of the Church. After having been put aside for 400 years this prayer form is experiencing a resurgence of interest through the charismatic renewal movement.

It is a way of prayer found in the Catholic tradition called “jubilation” (*jubilatio* in Latin), which modern-day charismatics called “singing in tongues.” In an article on jubilation in *Commonweal* (January 11, 2012), Joseph A. Komonchak asserts that this kind of wordless praise has deep roots: “The verb *jubilo* and the noun *jubilatio* occur often in the Latin Psalms ... Augustine would point out that the word referred to a vocal expression used to express a joy or happiness too immense or too deep for words.” Komonchak quotes from Augustine’s *Commentary on the Psalms*:

“What I am about to say you already know. One who is whooping does not speak words. Whooping is a certain sound of joy without words ... the sound of a mind poured forth in joy, expressing an affection, as far as possible ... he bursts forth into a sound of exultation without words.”

As part of my discovery of the Catholic Church, I read the early Church Fathers and Mothers and the original lives of the saints, especially St. Francis. The description of thousands of people praying in jubilation and the genuinely felt emotion in their worship was far richer than what I had seen at modern day charismatic Masses and prayer groups. When people prayed this way miracles and healing broke out.

There are hundreds of references to jubilation through the centuries. Augustine describes a Mass he celebrated in his home church in Hippo when two people were healed of palsy:

“The exultation continued, and the wordless praise to God was shouted so loud that my ears could scarcely stand the din. But, of course, the main point was, in the hearts of this clamoring crowd, there burned that faith in Christ for which the martyr Stephen shed his blood.”

Thomas of Celano describes a scene of jubilation at the canonization of St. Francis:

“People danced in the streets... Then there was raised a clamor among the many people praising God: the earth resounded with their mighty voices, the air was filled with their jublations, and the ground was moistened with their tears. New songs were sung, and the servants of God jubilated in melody of the Spirit. Sweet sounding organs were heard there, and spiritual hymns were sung with well-modulated voices.

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Dear Readers of the Flame,

**I experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit when I was 19 years old.** It was an event that changed me and the course of my life. Prayer became a dialogue of love. The words of scripture leapt off the page. I sought out friendships with people who were on fire with the Lord. I wanted to serve others and proclaim the name of Jesus Christ.

**Baptism in the Spirit came to me while attending a Life in the Spirit Retreat.** On my way back to Ohio State after the retreat, I visited a couple who were interested in the charismatic renewal but had not yet jumped in. Of course, they asked me about the retreat. **The first phrase that poured off my tongue was simply this: *It's true!***

The weekend had been filled with joy. People had experienced healing. The praise was exuberant. The love among the retreatants was palpable. Yet, the words that burst forth from my tongue that described my experience was: *It's true!*

Not too long after baptism in the Spirit I would read these words from the gospel of John:

*But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin, and righteousness, and condemnation...But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. (John 16:7-8, 13a)*

**The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of truth. He convinces the soul of truth. And, as Jesus said, "...you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free."** (John 8:32)

My experience of baptism in the Holy Spirit convinced me of the truth of our faith. I did not come to believe anything really new. **However, I was gripped by how real those things that I believed really were.** This reality moved me to embrace a different mindset. Years later someone gave me this quote by an Orthodox Patriarch Ignatius IV of Antioch (1920-2012). Though I quoted this Patriarch before, he bears repeating.

Without the Holy Spirit, God is distant. Christ remains in the past. The gospel is a dead letter. The Church is just an organization, authority a domination, mission is propaganda, worship a ceremonial and the Christian way of life, a servitude.

But in Him, the cosmos is uplifted and groans in giving birth to the kingdom, the Risen Christ is here, the gospel throbs with life, the Church is a communion of the Trinity, authority is a liberating service, mission a Pentecost, the liturgy is both memorial and anticipation and human life is deified.

**The Holy Spirit convinces us of the truth of our faith.**

**And we need this conviction in our day.** Much of our current culture has pushed God out of public discussion. Without God, the modern ethos is without an anchor. Morality has become the product of those who control the media. Religious truth is simply reduced to a group opinion.

**It is here that the Holy Spirit assists us.** Thank God for grace-filled moments when the Spirit lifts us above the thick atmosphere that often clouds our minds. In these moments of consolation, the truth of our faith becomes clear to us. We know that what we know is true. However, just as Peter, James and John had to come

down the Mount of Transfiguration, so we too leave our peak experiences and embrace the tasks of daily life. And again, down in the valleys of life, what seems to be true can become muddled.

**This is why we need to incorporate into our daily lives spiritual practices that continually feed the soul and renew the mind.** The Holy Spirit uses these simple practices to keep us convinced of the truth of our faith. There are two special books that the Holy Spirit uses to highlight the truth of our faith: the Bible and The Catechism of the Catholic Church.

**The Bible is the basis for the revealed truth of our Catholic faith.** And though there are passages that are difficult to interpret, reading Sacred Scripture can become the basis of a dialogue with the Lord that feeds our soul and deepens our relationship with Him.

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church is the authoritative synthesis of Catholic teaching that has been handed on to us from Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture.** There are four parts to the CCC. Part one focuses on what we believe and takes as its outline the Nicene and Apostles Creeds. The second part focuses on the Seven Sacraments. Part three illuminates the moral life of a Christian and follows the Ten Commandments. The final part focuses on prayer. Part of this section looks at the Our Father in depth.

**Daily reading of these sacred sources renews our mind and strengthens our convictions regarding the truth of our faith.**

When St. Paul writes about the *lawless one* in 2 Thessalonians 2, he teaches that this one will deceive those who *have not accepted the love of the truth so that they may be saved.* (2 Thessalonians 2:10) The Holy Spirit is the source of this *the love of the truth.* **When I pray for people who need God in their lives I pray that they come to know the truth of His love as well as the love of His truth.**

In times of confusion, let us cling to Jesus Christ and the faith of our Church. **May the Holy Spirit not only give us a love for the truth, but also the boldness to live and proclaim it without shame.**

In Christ,

**Fr. Bob Franco**

PS: I hope to see you at the Barbara Heil day of renewal on March 25. Also, need a spiritual boost? Our Lady of the Angels is sponsoring a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Friday and Saturday, April 21-22. Details for these events and a charismatic Mass are inside this edition of the Flame.

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# Catholic Renewal Ministries Traveling Charismatic Mass

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023**

**Praise & Worship**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Liturgy begins at**

**7:30 p.m.**



**Contact:**  
**Fr. Bob Franco**  
**440-327-2201**  
**or**  
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**Fr. Joe Brankatelli**  
**Celebrant**

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**a Social after Mass.**

**Invite a Friend to the Joining**  
**of Heaven and Earth!**



**Healing Prayer teams will**  
**be available after Mass**  
**for individual prayer.**



# Catholic Renewal Ministries Events



## WANTED - GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Catholic Renewal Ministries is looking for a few new members for the General Service Committee. We meet once a month, usually the third Monday of the month, to discuss plans and events for the Renewal. Members are encouraged to provide ideas for the growth of the Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese, and to provide help as needed. Current committees are: Conference, Prayer Groups, Healing, Hispanic, Program, Music and Word Gifts.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ken Posavad at 440.319.9646 or [kposa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kposa@sbcglobal.net)

**The Holy Family Healing Prayer Group in Stow** offers **Healing Prayer** the 2nd weekend of every month after the Saturday 5 PM and Sunday 9 AM Masses. We meet for prayer in the small chapel in the back of Holy Family Church, 3179 Kent Rd., Stow. All are invited for healing prayer. We are available for private and home bound prayer, inner, emotional, spiritual and Unbound healing by appointment. Call the Healing Prayer Group, 330-686-0017 to leave a message and schedule a session.

**Holy Family Healing Prayer Group** in Stow is conducting nine-week **Healing Prayer Classes** beginning in March thru April. Classes are held weekly on Mondays, 10-12 noon and 6:30-8:30 p.m., are in conformity with the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church and are free. We meet in the chapel in the back of the church at Holy Family Parish at 3179 Kent Rd, Stow. We are passionate about intercessory prayer – come join us - experience the healing power of Jesus and witness his healings. Contact Mary for more information: 330-687-8843.

**The Holy Spirit Prayer Group** of St. Mary Church hosts an in person **Healing Prayer Service** on the first Sunday of each month, except in July and September of this year. For those months the service will be held on the second Sundays. The service will be held in the chapel from 12:30-1:30 pm.

Our prayer teams will be available to pray for the healings of your body, body and spirit. Fr. Larry will, depending on his availability, offer an anointing for those seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or weak with aging.

We encourage you to submit your prayer requests to [healingprayers@stmaryhudson.cc](mailto:healingprayers@stmaryhudson.cc). St. Mary Church is located at 340 N. Main St., Hudson 44236, Tel: 330-653-8118.

**The Living Word Healing Prayer Ministry** at St. Ambrose Parish in Brunswick offers a monthly **Healing Prayer** event which takes place in the Church after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on the third Saturday of every month. Healing prayer ministers are available to offer prayer for spiritual, emotional, or physical healing. Please join us so that the Spirit of God can touch you with healing love!

MAGNIFICAT OF STARK COUNTY, a ministry to Catholic women, invites you to a **Breakfast on Saturday, March 11**, at Walsh University Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio. Please join us for a special time of fellowship and sharing. Emily Whiting of Wadsworth will be our guest speaker.

Cost: \$25 Mail-in/\$26 Online. Visit [magnificatstark.weebly.com](http://magnificatstark.weebly.com) for more information about our speaker and to make your reservation. For information about reservations or meal requirements, call Sally Kohring at 330-484-1623. Reservations cannot be accepted after February 25th.

Open seating. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. There will be an optional Mass at 8:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University.

Many of you experienced the Spirit-filled ministry of **Barbara Heil** at this summer's CRM Annual Charismatic Conference. We are thrilled to welcome her back on **Saturday, March 25th** for a **Day of Teaching and Healing Prayer** with the theme, "Re vive: Time for More!". The program will run from 9 am to 4 pm, (doors opening at 8:30 am), and will be held in the Aula meeting room at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave. Wickliffe 44092. The Aula is the front building of the seminary and has parking nearby.

Registration for the day is \$30 and lunch is included. To register use the

form printed in this Flame or use PayPal at our website: [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org). Registrations must be completed online or postmarked by March 13th to meet our deadlines. Please register early, since there is limited seating, and due to lunch, we will not be able to accommodate walk-ins.

Barbara's joy, passion and enthusiasm for the Lord and His people are electrifying. Mark your calendar and plan on spending the day with us as Barbara draws us deeper into the heart of our Heavenly Father.

**Sing and Praise God with Joy!** Catholic Renewal Ministries' **Traveling Charismatic Mass** for April will be held at St. Clare Parish on **Friday, April 21st, at 7:00 PM**. Fr. Joe Brankatelli will be the Mass celebrant. The church is located at 5659 Mayfield Rd in Lyndhurst 44124. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445.

## SAVE THE DATE!

All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 40th Annual Conference** to be held on **Saturday July 22, 2023** at St. Albert the Great Parish Reception Hall, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is "Come, Be Filled with His Holy Spirit". Guest speakers will be Sr. Marie Fidelis from the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Community, Dan DeMatte who is the cohost of EWTN's radio's Encounter program, and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese. Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening. Visit the CRM website: [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org), for more information as it comes available.

Please save the date and get the word out to your friends and family. Come, experience the healing power and gifts of the Holy Spirit!

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CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES PRESENTS:

# Come, Be Filled with His HOLY SPIRIT

## EVENT DATE

**Saturday  
July 22, 2023**

Doors Open 7:45am, Close 9pm

St. Albert the Great Reception Hall  
6667 Wallings Rd, North Royalton, OH 44133

**\$35** Registration  
plus Lunch & Dinner options for purchase

## EVENT ACTIVITIES

- Praise & Worship
- Morning Prayer
- Dynamic Teaching
- Saturday Vigil at 4pm
- Healing Prayer

Conference begins at 8:30am  
with Praise & Worship  
by Matt Fafrak

## EVENT SPEAKERS



### DAN DEMATTE

is a Catholic speaker, retreat leader, and youth minister who founded and serves as executive director of the Damascus Catholic Mission Campus. He received a master's degree in theology from Pontifical College Josephinum in 2015. From

2005 to 2011, DeMatte founded and was the program director of Jesus Jams, a monthly event for high school students. He also served as a DRE and youth minister for 10 years at the parish level. He has appeared on EWTN, *The Today Show*, *Larry King Live*, and *The View*. He is the cohost of EWTN radio's *Encounter*. DeMatte's book *Holiness Revolution* is part of Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic program.



### SISTER MARIE FIDELIS

was 16 when she had an encounter with God. On a youth retreat, Jesus in the Eucharist spoke to her heart: "I am the truth that you are looking for." She studied Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University of

Stuebenville, where she was immersed in Catholic culture. When she was 20 years old she began asking God what He would have her do with her life. In response to Matthew's scripture "*The Rich and the Kingdom of God*", she "sold all that she had" and decided to follow Jesus. She entered the Franciscan Community, Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, and has had great joy and fulfillment in living as a Bride of Christ!



### REV. ROBERT FRANCO

has been active in the Charismatic Renewal since he was 19 and states that his vocation flowed from it. He has been the Bishop's Liaison

for the Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese since 1992. He served on the Fraternity of Priests Board of Directors as member, chairman, and editor of the Fraternity's Newsletter, *The Visitation*. He is currently the pastor of St. Peter Parish in North Ridgeville.



Check website [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org) for registration details

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## Understanding the Gift of Tongues

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There a very sweet odor was breathed, and a most joyous melody that stirred the emotions resounded there.”

There are also vivid descriptions of St. Teresa spontaneously singing, dancing and jubilating, as well as depictions of St. Thomas Aquinas urging people to pray this way. One letter from Abbot Haimon in the thirteenth century describes the early volunteers who were building the Cathedral of Chartres singing and praying in this manner.

Jubilation is a means of uniting with God’s own song, yodeling back and forth tenderly to the one who loves us most. Jubilation often leads to the tender silences of contemplative adoration. It is a treasure that once enlivened the whole Church. It can become that again.

Jubilation came with Pentecost, equipping God’s people with a great tool of prayer that leads to immense joy. Jubilation can be God’s means of healing and tuning into the wonder of the heartbeat of heaven. That gift is avail-

able to all who ask in faith. You can find out more about the gift of jubilation by getting in touch with a charismatic prayer group in your area, or by taking a Life in the Spirit seminar. Finally, ask the Holy Spirit to give you this gift, so that you might worship with renewed joy. As John XXIII prayed at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council, “Renew your wonders in our time, as though by a new Pentecost.”

*Deacon Eddie Ensley is a Native American Catholic Deacon and is a mission member of the Alleluia Covenant Community in Georgia. Deacon Eddie based this article on a chapter in his soon to be released book, Pause in Wonder, Learning to Delight in God and His World. He has authored many books and conducted parish missions and retreats throughout the country. For more information see: [www.parishmission.net](http://www.parishmission.net)*

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# Re·vive: Time for more!

*A Day of Teaching and Healing Prayer  
with Barbara Heil*

**TALKS/BIO:**

Personal testimony  
Chosen by God  
Empowered by God  
Surrendered Disciples



Barbara formed *From His Heart* in 2014 with a desire to see this generation encounter the deep love of our Heavenly Father. She has spent the last few years traveling the U.S. and the world over conducting worship seminars, retreats, and conferences, leading missions trips, offering prayer and counseling, and seeing thousands healed and set free inside and out, equipping lives for the Glory of God!

**DETAILS:**

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2023  
9am - 4pm (Doors open 8:30am)

AT

The Center for Pastoral Leadership

*Aula meeting room,  
located in front building of the seminary  
28700 Euclid Ave. Wickliffe 44092*

\$30 includes lunch

**CONTACT:**

For more information, please contact CRM at  
440-944-9445 or [crmleveland@gmail.com](mailto:crmleveland@gmail.com)



## Catholic Renewal Ministries & Our Lady of Angels Prayer Group Life in the Spirit Seminar – Raise up Jesus!

**When?** Friday & Saturday, April 21 & 22, 2023  
- 7 to 9:30 pm Friday and 9am to 4pm Saturday

**Where?** Our Lady of Angels Parish  
3644 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, OH 44111 (Primary Building - behind Linus Hall)

**Cost?** \$25 Includes lunch

Are you hungering for more? Do you know there is always more that the Holy Spirit wants to give you? If you desire more for your life, come and celebrate the Holy Spirit. We want to help you welcome Him more deeply into your lives! Each of four sessions will draw you ever deeper into the life in the Spirit. Experience the Holy Spirit's presence as His gifts are activated in your life.

"Christ's entire mission is summed up in this: to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, to free us from the slavery of death and to open heaven to us." Pope Benedict XVI

For more information, please phone Tom Jansen at 440-539-0318

Registrations must be completed online or postmarked by April 13<sup>th</sup> to meet our deadlines. Look for Paypal registration at <https://www.crmweb.org>

### RE·VIVE MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

*Put name and \$30 fee for each person registering.*

*Registrations must be completed online or postmarked by March 13<sup>th</sup> to meet our deadlines.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND INFORMATION AND CHECK TO:**

CRM c/o Marge Zampino  
2747 Vincent Drive  
Seven Hills, OH 44131

### MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Select 1) Honey-Baked: Roasted Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Ham Classic \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Tomato & Cheddar \_\_\_\_\_

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