

The FLAME

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*The Role of the Holy Spirit
From Guarantor to Co-Operator*
By Fr. John Marcucci

Pneumatology, the study of the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church, took on a new dynamism with the coming of the Second Vatican Council.

Previous to the insights of the bishops at the Council, the Holy Spirit was seen in the subdued role of “guarantor” in safeguarding the truths of the Catholic Faith. The Council Fathers changed this perspective by presenting the Holy Spirit as a reciprocal “co-operator” with Christ in the action of the Church for the salvation of all believers.

Those who have studied the mind of the Council Fathers are aware of this shift in pneumatology with the opening discussion of the first document entitled The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium). The original schema had placed the paragraph on the “People of God” in the third chapter under the title of the Laity. Early on in the debating that took place on the Council floor, Cardinal Leo Suenens, Primate of Belgium, delivered a very important address on the central role of charism in the life of the Church. The heart of his biblically-based speech presented the Holy Spirit as bequeathing charism to both the hierarchy and to the laity in a co-operating manner of mutuality.

Inspired by the perception of Cardinal Suenens whose episcopal motto was in spiritu sancto the Coordinating Commission of the Council removed the paragraph on the “People of God” from the third chapter of the schema and brought it forth as a new and separate SECOND chapter in itself. Thus this second chapter was a lead into the third chapter on the hierarchy and the fourth on the laity. This striking change affected the entire understanding of the Church since now both the hierarchy and laity were considered with charisms given to each by the same Holy Spirit. The Council Fathers were now asked to see the role of the Holy Spirit not simply as a “guarantor” of what Christ had completed in the Church, but as a “co-operator” with Christ in the life of the Church bringing salvation to all people.

This Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, approved at the Vatican Council, begins with the first chapter entitled “The Mystery of the Church” manifested in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The second chapter with its emphasis on “The People of God” refers to the total community of the Church. Paragraph 17, the final paragraph of chapter two, reveals the cooperative effort of Christ and the Holy Spirit when it ends with these words: “...that the whole world

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is the refrain of the Quaker hymn, attributed to Robert Lowry, ***How Can I Keep From Singing:***

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I believe these words contain what it means to have a contemplative heart. Our world seems to be an increasingly stormy place. There are a variety of geopolitical situations on earth that can lead us to be both fearful and discouraged. The media seems to feed divisiveness and hate. The Church is still wrestling with the sexual abuse scandal. Most of us have family members who have abandoned the faith. And there are genuine weather systems that devastate parts of our world. Life on earth can be stormy.

Can we have an inmost calm amid all these tensions in life? I believe we can. The key is learning to pray.

My spiritual director recently gave me a book by Fr. Jean Lefrance entitled Give Peace to My Soul. The subtitle describes what the book is about: *Discover St. Elizabeth of the Trinity's Secret of Prayer*. At the time of this writing, I cannot give a full book review. However, the portion of the book I have read synthesizes St. Elizabeth of the Trinity's spirituality. Similar to St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Elizabeth was a Carmelite nun from France who died in 1906 at the age of 26. She was beatified by St. John Paul II in 1984 and canonized by Pope Francis in 2016.

The key to St. Elizabeth's teachings about prayer is found in her name. At the age of 11 she was given a profound awareness of the Holy Trinity dwelling within her inmost self. What St. Elizabeth experienced was simply what Jesus promises:

I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth...you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you...If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. (parts of John 14:16-17, 23 Revised Standard Version)

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Each baptized Christian is the home of God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit. However, so few of us deeply connect with the Living God abiding in us.

How can we do that? One of the key elements is silence. Of the many and good ways to pray, being silent before the Lord is perhaps the hardest to master. Daily I pray the Liturgy of the Hours (which I am obliged to do accepting Holy Orders), the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. I also read Sacred Scripture around 20 minutes a day. By these prayers I praise God, intercede for the world and feed my soul in many ways. However, silence connects me to the Father who speaks only one Word from all eternity, and immerses me in love between the Father and the Son: the Holy Spirit.

I find it hard to be silent before the Lord. My mind seems to fill up with the details and loose ends that make up my life as a pastor. One by one I lay them aside, sometimes writing them on paper. (Once it's on paper it stays out of my mind easier.) Then I simply try to be with the Lord. Amid the cacophony of this world, the Lord is the Rock I want to cling to. He is, as St. John reminds us, Love. (I John 4:16)

I have sometimes experienced this God-filled silence during charismatic prayer times. I have been at prayer meetings and conferences where loud praise and singing in tongues suddenly yields to a profound corporate silence. This silence is sometimes punctuated by a word of prophecy or revelation. However, sometimes there is simply a wonderful sense of God-filled silence.

As we approach the holiday season, let us make time for silent prayer. Amid the very real stresses of planet earth and the busyness of our lives, we want to abide in Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word made Flesh, who shows us the Father and gives us the Holy Spirit. In this way, God will be made evident by the growing inmost calm, also known as peace, we display as we go about our daily duties.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco

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SUNDAY			
Sacred Heart Chapel (Spanish), Lorain SS. Cosmas and Damian, Twinsburg	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Argentina Ferreira Denny Carleton	440-654-2230 330-310-2595
MONDAY			
Gesu, University Heights Men of Praise, Wickliffe Hoban Hall, Center for Pastoral Leadership	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Pete Ciccotti Fritz Nagel	216-932-0198 440-336-3772
TUESDAY			
Our Lady of Angels Cleveland	7:30 p.m.	Don and Linda Lawrence	740-424-4707
St. Hilary Fairlawn	7:00 p.m.	James McGuire Mary Kaye Jeanmaire	330-612-5969 330-666-6526
Fire of the Spirit, Independence St. Michael Parish	7:30 p.m. 1 st Tuesday	Donna Rechner	440-725-7053
Ministry of Praise, Brunswick St. Ambrose, Church Chapel	7:00 p.m.	Cathy Clapper	330-338-9696
St. Peter Prayer Group North Ridgeville	7:00 p.m. 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday	Cheryl Koberna	440-327-2201, ext 119 Church number
WEDNESDAY			
St. Vincent de Paul, Elyria	7:30 p.m.	Rick Morsher	440-277-6199
Sacred Heart Oberlin	7:30 p.m. 1 st Wednesday	Sue Palmieri Eric Carpenter	440-774-1191 440-775-2546
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Wadsworth Andes Room, Church Basement	7:00 p.m. 3 rd Wednesday	Jeff Flaherty	330-336-3049 Church number
St. Martin of Tours Valley City	7:00 p.m. 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday	Rose Austin	330-483-3435
Women's Prayer Group Highland Heights	7:30 p.m.	Beverly Olsin	
THURSDAY			
Families in Christ Jesus, Euclid St. William School	8:00 p.m. 1 st Thursday	Arch & Marlyn Tunnell	440-442-7538
Bukas Loob Sa Diyos (BLD), Cleveland Covenant Community Mary, Queen of Peace Church Healing Mass	7:30 p.m. 1 st Thursday	Lulu & Angelito Gregorio	440-759-9657
St. Michael, Cleveland	7:00 p.m.	Ricardo Perez	216-466-2584
FRIDAY			
La Sagrada Familia Cleveland	7:00 p.m.	Epi Torres	216-459-0420
St. John Bosco Community of Believers Parma Heights	1:30 - 3:00 p.m. 2 nd and 4 th Friday	Valerie Ubienski	216-642-1120
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Wooster	7:30 p.m.	Joyce Conley	330-264-7904
Community of Risen Lord (CRL) Adoration Chapel SS. Cosmas & Damian, Twinsburg	6:15 p.m. Rosary 6:45 p.m. Praise & Worship 2 nd Saturday	Sujith Perera	330-957-3147
St. Mary, Hudson Church Chapel	9:50 a.m. 1 st & 3 rd Saturday, after 9 a.m. morning mass	Ryeo Kim	234-380-1457
HOME-BASED CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES			
St. Anthony Community St. Pio Community		Bonnie Bobrowski Gayle Carroll	440-543-8491 440-428-4648
INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUPS			
Sacred Heart, Wadsworth 1077 Eastern Rd.	9:00 a.m. Alternates Th & F	Shannon Shrock	
HEALING MINISTRY / Contact by phone or email with prayer needs			
CRM Healing Ministry Holy Spirit Prayer Center	prayer@holyspiritprayercenter.org	Marge Zampino Denise Calabrese	216-990-0919 440-720-1817
Peter's Shadow	PetersShadowHeals@gmail.com	Mike Ragon Mary Beth Garvin	234-206-0263

Catholic Renewal Ministries Events

The Community of the Risen Lord invites you to a **Healing Service** and **Four Steps Retreat** at SS. Cosmas & Damian Church, 10419 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg 44087. The Healing Service will be on **Friday, November 1st**, starting at 7:00 pm. While the Retreat will be on Saturday, November 2nd, from 1 pm to 8 pm and **Sunday, November 3rd**, from 9 am to 5:30 pm. Both events will be conducted by Bro. Jagath Nanayakkara from the Community of the Risen Lord, Sri Lanka. The retreat will conclude with Mass with Fr. Michael Stalla as Celebrant.

These are free events and food & beverages will be provided. For more information, please contact Sujith at 330-957-3147, Priyanthi at 330-212-8485, or Bob at 513-479-4517.

The Holy Spirit Prayer Center and the Living Word Ministry of Praise Prayer Group will host a **Healing Mass & Service** on **Saturday, November 23rd, at 6:30 pm** at St. Ambrose Catholic Parish. Fr. Bob Stec will be the mass celebrant. There will be Eucharistic Adoration following the Healing Mass and Denise Calabrese will lead the praise and worship time and healing prayer service. During these days when we are feeling a sense of brokenness and facing challenges in our lives, let us come together for God's Healing Grace.

This is a Free Event! Visit <http://www.StAmbrose.us> or holyspiritprayercenter.org for more details.

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to a **Breakfast, Saturday, December 7, 2019**, at Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. Father Michael Denk will be the guest speaker. Cost: \$20 Mail-in / \$21 Online — Go to magnificatstark.weebly.com to print out a Reservation Form or to pay online. Make checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" and send with a completed Reservation Form to Vicki Vasto, 8735 Glenarden Circle NW, Massillon, OH 44646. Reservations cannot be accepted after November 30th.

Open seating. Doors open at 8:30 am with Breakfast at 9:00 am. There will be an optional Mass at 8:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University. For further information call Joan Spieth at 330-933-8778.

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a **Healing Mass** at Holy Family Church, 7367 York Rd., Parma, 44130, on **Friday, December 13th**. Praise and Worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the liturgy will start at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend or family member. This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.

Save the Date!

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host an **Unbound, Freedom in Christ Conference** on **Friday and Saturday, March 6 & 7, 2020**. Neal and Janet Lozano will be "live, in-person" presenting the conference sessions. As founders of the Heart of the Father Ministries, Neal and his wife Janet, travel both nationally and internationally, bringing the message of Unbound through training seminars and conferences.

Unbound is a gentle method of healing prayer based on the 5 Keys of healing and deliverance: Repentance and Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessings. Plan now to come and experience the tenderness of God's love and healing grace through the sessions and personal prayer. The Unbound program is a well-respected healing model that has proven results.

Registration details are still being worked out and will be provided in the January/February Flame. For more information, call the CRM phone number, 440-944-9445, or Marge Zampino, 216-990-0919.

Catholic Renewal Ministries / CD Order Form: *Arise and Be Healed, July 12 & 13, 2019*

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–Julianne from Michigan

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SAVE THE DATE!
Friday & Saturday, March 6 & 7, 2020

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may become the People of God, the Body of the Lord, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit...” All three presented as one and the same—uniting the role of Christ and the Holy Spirit under the title People of God!

Pope Saint John XXIII set the standard for the Second Vatican Council when he set as its guiding principal the Italian word *aggiornamento* (“bringing up to date”) for the future work of the Council Fathers. Right from its outset in the debates and discussions on the document *Lumen Gentium* the Fathers continuously referred to the vision of the Pope as they challenged each other in the creation of chapter two of the document. Almost as an irony in itself, the Holy Spirit was inspiring the Fathers in their discussion about the role of the Holy Spirit, who was guiding them in their discussion. For them Pentecost was not simply an originating event in the Book

of Acts, or just a Solemnity on the Liturgical Calendar; but it was an opening of their hearts to receive the message of the Holy Spirit whose cooperative effort with Christ would give all believers a share in the life of the Church. We have seen a dramatic shift in the role of the Holy Spirit in the daily life of the laity. “Lay Ecclesial Ministry” has become a byword in the everyday life of a Catholic Parish Family in a way that would have made the Fathers at the Vatican Council very proud. No doubt they laid a solid foundation for *aggiornamento* in the Church of the twenty-first century!

Fr. John Marcucci is a retired priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, who remains in active ministry as a substitute to celebrate liturgy whenever needed.

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Healing Mass & Service



*"Our Lord Jesus Christ,
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