

WHAT DOES CCRO AND RCCH DO?

**(The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office)
(Renovación Carismática Católica Hispana)**

SPONSOR EVENTS:

- A One-Day Winter Teaching Conference
- A Regional Summer Weekend Conference with parallel English and Spanish Tracks
- Days of Renewal, Retreats, and Speaker Events in English and in Spanish
- All-City Pentecost Charismatic Mass
- A Pre-Pentecost Hispanic Celebration
- Informational meetings, Seminars, and Prayer Group Leadership Formation

PUBLISH / PROVIDE:

- A Monthly Newsletter
- "Bishops Speak to the Renewal" booklet
- Resources for Life in the Spirit Seminars
- Access to a wide assortment of books to provide growth in the spiritual life

WE ALSO:

- Assist callers with questions, resources
- Provide a communication network between area Prayer Groups
- Maintain communication with the Archdiocese
- Communicate with National and International Renewal Services



**For more information about
CCRO/RCCH or to find out
about upcoming Life in the
Spirit Seminars, Healing
Masses, Praise and Worship
Events, or Charismatic Prayer
Meetings, contact:**

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**WHAT IS IT ALL
ABOUT?**

**CATHOLIC
CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL**



**FINDING NEW LIFE
IN THE SPIRIT**

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WHAT DO WE MEAN BY CHARISMATIC RENEWAL?

Charismatic Renewal is the ongoing action of the Holy Spirit in our lives to bring us into a closer relationship with Jesus.

Life in the Spirit involves allowing Jesus Christ to be the Lord of our lives and surrendering more fully to the power of the Holy Spirit. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit enables us to yield to the gifts already initiated in us through our Baptism and Confirmation.

In a clear and deliberate act of surrender, we invite the Holy Spirit to work in and through us. This transforming and powerful activity of the Holy Spirit is what we mean when we speak about "Renewal".

This new life prompts more frequent use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially for the aid of others and the building of God's kingdom. The gift of the Spirit fills our whole life and changes us so that we begin to know and experience God's love and the abundant life Jesus spoke of...*"I came that they might have life and have it to the full"* (John 10:10)

HISTORY

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement began in 1967 at Duquesne University with a handful of students and university theology professors who gathered together for a weekend retreat and prayed to experience the power of the Holy Spirit just as the apostles did at the first Pentecost. This phenomenal religious experience continued to spread so that, as of today, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal exists in over 240 countries in the world, having touched over 150 million Catholics.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

There are several major gift-lists in the Bible. The most well known are found in Isaiah, First Corinthians, Romans, and Ephesians but the gifts of the Spirit are limitless. The spiritual gifts referred to as "charisms" mentioned in 1 Cor. 12:1-11 include the expression of wisdom, the expression of knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues, and interpretation of tongues.

A charism is a "a grace freely given by God to build up the Church" as opposed to the graces given to sanctify the individual. Charisms may include any authentic manifestation of the Spirit. In reality, the Holy Spirit IS the gift. The rest are descriptors of the Spirit's activity.

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the outpouring of the Spirit—a deeper experience of God. Often referred to as a "personal Pentecost", this personal experience of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit brings alive the graces of our Baptism in new ways. The Holy Spirit not only sets on fire all that we have already received, but comes again in power to equip us with his gifts for service and mission. It is not a sacrament or a substitute for the sacraments.

BENEFITS OF RECEIVING THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

When filled with the Holy Spirit, many notice a real change in their faith life. They have a true love for Jesus, a strong desire to learn more about Him do His will by serving others. In other words they want to share Jesus with everyone. Other common effects include a desire for deeper prayer, Scripture becomes alive, a greater appreciation of the Mass and the sacraments.

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY?

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal is recognized as a valid movement within the Church and a genuine gift of the Lord which impacts the entire Body of Christ. Many believe it was the direct answer to Pope John XXIII's prayer at Vatican II: "...Renew your wonders in this our day as by a new Pentecost."

"I desire that the spirituality of Pentecost be spread in the Church as a renewed thirst of prayer, holiness, communion and proclamation . . . Receive with gratitude and obedience the charisms that the Spirit does not cease to offer!"

(Pope John Paul II—Pentecost Vigil, 2004)

"Baptism in the Spirit is not a human invention, it is a divine invention. It is a renewal of baptism and of the whole of Christian life, of all the sacraments. For me, it was also a renewal of my religious profession, of my confirmation, and of my priestly ordination. The whole spiritual organism is revived as when wind blows on a flame. It is the grace of a new Pentecost!"

(Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household—September, 2003)

"What we learn in the New Testament on charisms, which appeared as visible signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit, is not a historical event of the past, but a reality ever alive. It is the same divine Spirit, soul of the Church, that acts in every age and those mysterious and effective interventions of the Spirit are manifest in our time in a providential way."

(Pope Benedict XVI—October 31, 2008)