

The Flame

May/June 2026

Encouraging Use of the Charisms by Laity

By Bishop Peter Smith

A year ago, I was at a meeting of Catholic charismatic and Pentecostal leaders, almost all laity. I was asked to lead everyone in a closing prayer. I invited everyone to pray in their own language or in the Spirit. I then began praying spontaneously and out loud. I was very surprised to discover that I was just about the only one doing so. As I later reflected on this, it made me realize how much we may need to recover use of the charisms.

In the Vatican II document, *Lumen Gentium* (The Dogmatic Constitution of the Church), we read:

It is not only through the sacraments and the ministry of the Church that the Holy Spirit makes holy the people of God, leads and enriches them with his virtues, allotting his gifts 'according as he will,' (I Corinthians 12:11). He also distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank. By these gifts he makes them fit, equipped and ready to undertake various tasks and offices for the renewal and building up of the Church. As it is written, the manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone for the common good. Whether these charisms be very remarkable or more simple and widely diffused, they ought to be received with thanksgiving and consolation since they are fitting and useful for the needs of the Church (12).

“Charisms are a gift for the building up of the Body of Christ”

Cardinal Suenens, one of the four moderators of Vatican II, insisted that the Church today needs the charisms more than ever before and that they are for all Christians, not simply the spiritually elite. The ordinary Christian life is a life lived supernaturally, and we need those supernatural gifts or charisms to do so.

Athletes practice and work out regularly, as do performers, and many other people. They do so to keep their skills sharp and so that their gifts and abilities do not atrophy. If we don't do this regularly with the charisms that we may have, we will get rusty in our ability to use the charisms given to us. This can happen for many reasons.

We would rather receive than give, especially when we are in times of desolation or calm. Saint Teresa of Avila is probably the foremost proponent of prayer in Catholicism. She notes that, in times of great consolation, praying is like going outside and standing in the rain. God's grace pours over and into us. It's very easy. However, at other times we must work diligently and do

our part, as receiving God's grace is like lowering a bucket into a well and then having to pull the bucket up to get a drink of water. This is when we can get discouraged and then stop praying as we ought. This is also true for us using charisms. When it's hard work and we must put in much effort, we can become discouraged and slack in using the gifts given to us.

Another challenge is that we lose sight of the bigger picture and just focus on ourselves. We no longer see that the little we contribute is still important.

Mother Teresa once said that what she was doing was just a drop in the bucket but that if she was not faithful and did not do it, the bucket would be less full. As the prayer of St. Francis reminds us, it is in giving that we receive. Charisms are a gift for the building up of the body of Christ. It may be hard work and sacrifice for us, but we should give generously, as Jesus did for us.

We have many opportunities to use the charisms given us. First would be our personal prayer and worship. We can pray in the Spirit, seek wisdom, understanding, and knowledge, discern the Spirit and what God is doing, and listen for God's specific direction and insight for ourselves. Another place is in prayer meetings, days of renewal, retreats, and other more public events. We can bring our gifts forward appropriately and within the order of the event. A further area is in our ministry and interaction with others. Using charisms is incredibly helpful in pastoral and evangelistic situations.

One last suggestion: Find someone or some people who are experienced and good examples of using charisms effectively and appropriately. Speak with them and seek their insight, guidance, and direction. Be open to what wisdom they share with you and apply it to yourself.

Charisms are a gift from the Lord for His Body. They are also blessings for ourselves. Freely we have received, freely we should give, for the glory of God and the building up of his Body of believers.

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Dear Readers of The Flame,

Just what is this renewal that many of us have been caught up in? Some religious people not involved in the charismatic renewal are inclined to think of this renewal as a movement that caters to the dysfunctional and emotionally unstable. (As an aside, I believe the earthly ministry of Jesus attracted these people too.) Other people in the Church welcome the renewal but want to domesticate it or relegate it to the church basement on a weeknight. Was this God's plan when the charisms of the Spirit burst forth at the Ark and the Dove Retreat House in February of 1967?

A little over two years earlier, in November of 1964, St. Paul VI solemnly promulgated the Second Vatican Council document entitled *Lumen Gentium*. Part of paragraph 12 reads:

It is not only through the sacraments and the ministries of the Church that the Holy Spirit sanctifies and leads the people of God and enriches it with virtues, but, "allotting his gifts to everyone according as He wills," (I Corinthians 12:11b) He distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank. By these gifts He makes them fit and ready to undertake the various tasks and offices which contribute toward the renewal and building up of the Church, according to the words of the Apostle: "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone for profit". (I Corinthians 12:7) These charisms, whether they be the more outstanding or the more simple and widely diffused, are to be received with thanksgiving and consolation for they are perfectly suited to and useful for the needs of the Church. Extraordinary gifts are not to be sought after, nor are the fruits of apostolic labor to be presumptuously expected from their use; but judgment as to their genuineness and proper use belongs to those who are appointed leaders in the Church, to whose special competence it belongs, not indeed to extinguish the Spirit, but to test all things and hold fast to that which is good. (see I Thesalonians 5:21) (LG 12¶2)

It would seem that the reappearance of the charisms of the Spirit in the lives of ordinary people was a confirmation of the Vatican Council's teaching.

For going on 60 years, Catholics and Christians from other traditions have been experiencing these charisms of the Spirit in a widespread manner. These gifts have built up the Church by renewing people in the pew and strengthening evangelization efforts by clergy and laity alike.

His Eminence Raniero Cantalamessa OFM Cap., preacher to the Papal Household from 1980 to 2024, describes the workings of the Spirit this way:

In his infinite wisdom God established two ways for the sanctification of the Church, like two different directions where the same Spirit blows. There is, so to say, the Spirit that comes from on high and who works through the pope, the bishops, the priests, and who intervenes in the teaching of the Church, in the hierarchy, in those in authority, and especially in the sacraments. There is, then, the opposite direction, from the bottom, as it were, where the Holy Spirit blows from the basis or single cells of the body that form the Church. This is the wind that blows where it wills (see John 3:8); it is the Spirit who apportions his gifts individually, as he wills (see I Cor 12:11).

The entire Church, a living organism, irrigated and animated by the Holy Spirit, is these two channels taken as a whole, or the result of the two directions of grace. The sacraments are the gifts given to all for the profit of the individuals; the charisms are the gifts given to the individuals for the profit of all. (*Mary, Mirror of the Church*, page 181; The Liturgical Press, Collegeville MN, 1992)

We need the Holy Spirit's work from both directions. The Holy Spirit's works "from below", giving gifts to individual members. St. Peter puts it this way:

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

These gifts equip the Church for evangelization through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Without these gifts and the breath of the Spirit blowing in this way, the Church can become stagnant. Rituals can become empty. Practicing the faith can become a box to be checked off on a "to do" list.

Without the Spirit's work from above through the hierarchy and the sacraments, the Church risks fragmenting. Who will set the direction? Who will authenticate a person's gifts? We may "know partially and we prophesy partially" (see I Corinthians 13:9), but how can we come to clarity of doctrine? The Church without the Spirit's work from above will disintegrate.

We need the Spirit's work from both directions. Without the Spirit's work from above, the Church will blow up. Without the Spirit's work from below, the Church will dry up. We need both the hierarchical and charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we can be that Church described by St. Paul that "builds itself up in love" (see Ephesians 4:16) "to the extent of the full stature of Christ." (see Ephesians 4:13)

There are times that we charismatics get a bit rusty with our gifts. "Use it or lose it" is an axiom that is true for both natural and spiritual gifts. Just as muscles atrophy when they are not exercised, so spiritual gifts weaken when they are not used. As St. Paul exhorted St. Timothy, we need to "stir into flame the gift of God." (2 Timothy 1:6)

I want to encourage you to use your gifts. Pray in the Spirit. Seek God's word in every situation and then proclaim it. Pray for the sick with expectancy. When gifts are used, they grow stronger.

I also encourage you to come to the upcoming CRM events in the next few months. We will pray that the gifts of the Spirit will come upon us in a fresh way at the Pentecost Mass. We will pray for healing and God's blessings at St. Hilary Parish in Fairlawn (near Akron) on Friday evening, June 19 and our annual conference will be on Saturday, July 26 at St. Albert the Great Parish in North Royalton. Information about these events is in this issue of the Flame.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco



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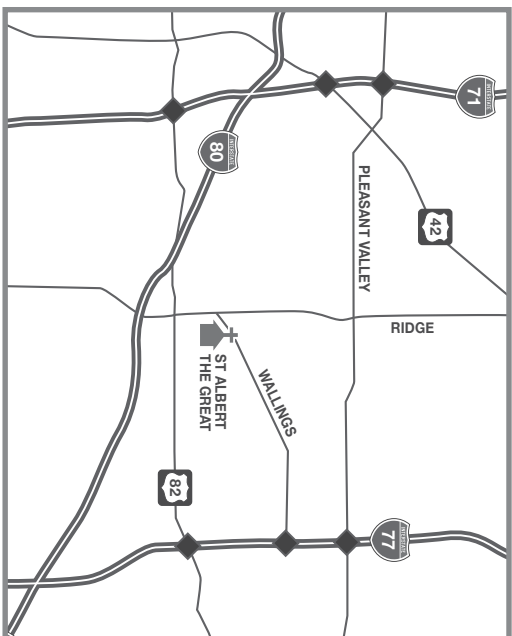
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Saturday

July 25, 2026

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Conference begins at 8:30am

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Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland

EVENT SPEAKERS



REV. JOHN GORDON is a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark with 37 years of ministry experience, including roles in various parishes, as a high school chaplain, and as formation director at Franciscan University of Steubenville. He currently serves as the Secretary of Evangelization, overseeing the Office for Evangelization and coordinating the Charismatic Renewal and Cursillo movement in the Archdiocese. Fr. John is also on the Board of *Penitencost Today USA* / NSC and the Steering Committee for the Association of Diocesan Liaisons, and is a member of the People of Hope, a Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community.



DR. MONICA RICHARDS is a full-time missionary with Damascus, a licensed Doctor of Clinical Psychology, and a mother of five. She excels at addressing deep issues, building trust, and facilitating healing. With a passion for presenting the Gospel of freedom and dignity, she engages audiences in a direct and entertaining way. Alongside her husband, Aaron, they have over 30 years of combined experience in ministry and have been leaders with Catholic Youth Summer Camp and Damascus since 2001.



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 and St. Julie Billiart parishes in North Ridgeville.

CONFERENCE PRAYER

Dear Father, We, your children, humbly, but with great confidence in your boundless mercy and love, ask you to bless this conference. Pour out your Spirit on our speakers, music ministry, and all who serve here in any capacity. Holy Spirit, please help them to be good channels of your love and truth.

Dear Lord, your heart's desire is that we be renewed in the power of your Holy Spirit. Without you, we can do nothing. In you, we can do all that you command. In you alone, can we love and meet the needs of our broken world.

Dear Mother, you who responded to the angel's message by joyfully letting your life be turned upside down, please pray for us to imitate your love, trust, and docility.

Merciful Father, may we too open our hearts wide to your mighty Gift, to the empowerment and the mission that you have for each of us. Make us the servants and lovers we were meant to be! In this dark world, make us your light!

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

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Prayer Group Information

SS. Cosmas and Damian Charismatic Prayer Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church gathering area under the Holy Spirit Dove. Come and experience vibrant praise and worship, intercessory and healing prayer, and scripture sharing. To contact us, or be on the prayer group email list, call 330-310-2595 or email dennycarleton@sbcglobal.net. We play music highlights, prophecies, and teachings from the prayer group on <https://arkandoasis.net/>. Also, please call in advance to verify that the prayer group will be meeting.

The **Community of Praise Prayer Group** meets at St. Paul Catholic Church, 241 South Main St., North Canton, OH 44720. Our meetings are held on the **second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**. We meet inside the Main Church in the area of the "old Sanctuary". Parking is behind the Church, and there is an elevator to the upper level where the Main Church is located.

Dates for the up-coming meetings are: May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12 November 9, and December 14, 2026.

For more information contact Don and Rosemary Pfiffner at 330-499-9371 or email: pfiffner67@gmail.com.

The **Living Word Healing Prayer Ministry** at St. Ambrose Parish in Brunswick meets face to face on the **first and third Tuesdays of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in our Chapel.

We allow the Winds of the Spirit to flow over us as we praise the Lord through music, sharing, and group reflection. We allow time for God to open our hearts and minds as we listen to His Word both through Scripture and Word of Knowledge. Every meeting ends with healing prayer as we ask Jesus to come to us in a special way to heal our brokenness and touch us with His Love. All are invited to join us as we praise and worship the Living God!

Our Lady of Angels Prayer Group meets EVERY Tuesday evening from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the Primary Building of Our Lady of Angels Parish School (behind Linus Hall) 3644 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, 44111. Praise and Worship is our main focus allowing the Holy Spirit to speak after a time of quiet, moving in the Word gifts and sharing Holy Scripture. A teaching or sharing follows. Everyone then shares their prayer intentions, lifting our needs or the needs of others to our Loving God. After each

meeting, we enjoy time of refreshment and fellowship. A healing team is always available for personal prayer as well. Phone Tom Stamper 216-536-6495 for more information.

The **Bukas Loob sa Diyos (BLD)** or in English - **Open in Spirit to God (OSG)**, is a Filipino Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community. While the majority of BLD members are from the Philippines, it also includes other brothers and sisters of many nationalities and heritage backgrounds. We meet every **Thursday, at 7:00 pm** at the Mary Queen of Peace Chapel, 4423 Pearl Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109. We hold weekly praise and worship service in-person. Also, on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., we celebrate a mass followed by a healing service.

We are a communion of families and a community of persons called together as one people through the moment of encounter and a process of renewal to a relationship of faith, hope, and love with God. We conduct marriage encounter programs, solo person encounters, single encounters, family encounters and life in the spirit seminars. For more information, please contact Rudy and Fe Fontilla at (440) 403-5719 or email: rudyfontilla1975@yahoo.com.

The **Families in Christ Jesus** small household-based groups meet in private homes on Thursday evenings (contact Susan Federico for

details: cell 216-312-3978, email: smfederico78@gmail.com). All of the households meet together on the **first Thursday of the month** at St. John of the Cross Church at 7:45 pm. Below is the speaker schedule for the first Thursday of the month gatherings for May-July, 2026.

May 7- Father Thomas Kowatch - Parochial Vicar, Ss. Robert and William Parish and St John of the Cross

June- Fr Dave Woost – from Divine Word Parish

July- Fr David Merzweiler – from St Francis Desales Parish (Tentative)

The **Holy Spirit Prayer Group** of St. Mary Church in Hudson is a Charismatic Holy Spirit led prayer group that meets the **first and third Saturdays** of each month year around. We meet **from 10am to 11:30 am** in the Chapel. The main focus of our meeting is to praise and worship the living God. We ask the Holy Spirit to minister to us and take us to the heart of the Father. We not only offer praise and worship but also periods of silent prayer to seek and hear God's words and His messages to us. We share words of God, share stories, and offer intercessory prayers for hurting and suffering brothers and sisters.

Our prayer group offers a Healing Prayer Service also on the 1st Sunday of each month from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. For further information, please contact us at HealingPrayers@stmaryhudson.cc or call Robert Rodriguez at 440-804-6358.

WANTED - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The Catholic Renewal Ministries Service Committee is looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve as ushers and greeters at the various events during the year including Charismatic Masses (usually on Friday nights), Healing Services, special events, and the annual Conference. You would not be required to serve at every GSC event during the year, but would be called upon to serve as an usher or greeter for various events at your convenience. Prayer groups please ask and encourage your members if they would help out in this ministry of service. If you are willing to usher or greet, please send your name, e-mail address, and/or phone number and what prayer group you are associated with. Even if you are not currently attending a prayer group, please consider helping out with ushering or greeting. Thank you!

Carolee and Rich Zentkovich | 440-221-8169 | cjzentkovich@gmail.com
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CRM and Prayer Group Events

FIRST SUNDAYS

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group of St. Mary Church hosts an in-person **Healing Prayer Service** on the **first Sunday** of each month. The service will be held in the chapel from **12:30-1:30 pm**. We encourage you to submit your prayer requests to healingprayers@stmaryhudson.cc. St. Mary Church is located at 340 N. Main St., Hudson 44236, Tel: 330-653-8118.

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

SECOND WEEKEND OF THE MONTH

On the SECOND WEEKEND OF THE MONTH, **Holy Family Healing Prayer Ministry** (Stow) offers Healing Prayer after all masses (**Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:30 AM masses**) and after **Tuesday and Friday 8:00 AM daily masses**. Prayer teams will meet you in the back of the church. If you are unable to attend one of the masses, we offer homebound private prayer. Private prayer for physical, inner healing and Unbound can be scheduled by calling 330-686-0017. Jesus is Alive! Come experience His healing power.

MONDAYS

MONDAYS, SEPT 15TH - MAY 18TH, Holy Family Healing Prayer Ministry. When someone approached Jesus for healing, He only asked, "What do you want Me to do for you" (Mk 10:51)? If He can calm the sea and make a path, He can heal you. You are His beloved child with a plan just for you! Learn more about your Identity as a child of God, praying for Healing and Inner Healing, Prophecy and developing an Intimate Relationship with God. Classes for the 2025-2026 year are starting! *No charge/no free will offering.* Join us **Mondays, Sept 15th - May 18th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM or 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Holy Family Catholic Church, 3179 Kent Rd., Stow, 330-687-8843.**

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS

See **Holy Family Healing Prayer Group (Stow)** under SECOND WEEKEND OF THE MONTH.

THIRD SATURDAYS

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!

MAY 15-16 LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Holy Family Parish in Stow is hosting **The Gift, Life in the Spirit Seminar on Friday May 15th, 6 - 9 pm, and Saturday May 16th, 9 am - 3:30 pm**. The seminar will be presented by Dr Jaci Phillips-Sabol & Faith on Fire! Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Holy Family Church is located at 3179 Kent Rd, Stow.

There is no charge for the seminar; please register at HFHealingPrayerStow@gmail.com. For more information, please call 330-687-8843.

MAY 24 PENTECOST MASS

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a charismatic Pentecost Mass Celebration, Sunday, May 24th, at St. Julie Billiard Church, 5500 Lear Nagel Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. The celebration will start at 2:00 p.m. with praise and worship. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. After Mass, there will be an opportunity for individual prayer for healing, and there will also be fellowship time. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. All are invited to celebrate Pentecost as a community and join in as we pray, in power, for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

JUNE 19 TRAVELING MASS

Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Charismatic Healing Mass for June will be held at St. Hilary Parish on Friday, June 19th, 7:00 pm. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00, and the liturgy will start at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after

Mass for individual prayer. The Church is located at 2750 West Market St. in Fairlawn 44333. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. All are Welcome. Come, Sing and Praise God with Joy!

CRM CONFERENCE IN JULY

All are invited to attend Catholic Renewal Ministries' 43rd Annual Charismatic Conference to be held on Saturday July 25, 2026, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is *"Be Renewed in the Power of the Holy Spirit"*. Guest speakers will be Dr. Monica Richards, a missionary with Damascus in Columbus, who has developed, from her work with the John Paul II Healing Center, a passion for presenting the Gospel of freedom and dignity in an engaging and entertaining way; Fr. John Gordon, a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, a dynamic preacher and evangelist, who is the Coordinator of the Office of Evangelization for his diocese and is also a council member of Pentecost Today USA; and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese and pastor of St. Peter and St. Julie Billiard Parishes in North Ridgeville. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Faftrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening.

Visit the CRM website: crmweb.org or call 440-944-9445 for more information. Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 15th, is \$40, and at the door \$50. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Presented by Dr. Jacqueline Phillips-Sabol & Faith On Fire! Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Six Sessions:

- 1. The Fathers Loving Plan
- 2. The Joy Of The Gospel
- 3. The Gift Of The Spirit
- 4. Unwrapping God's Gift
- 5. Encountering the Holy Spirit
- 6. Living In The Spirit

May 15: 6:00-9:00pm
Lower Church Hall

May 16: 9:00a-3:30pm
Szabo Parish Center

Holy Family Church
3179 Kent Rd, Stow

No Charge

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CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES PRESENTS

Pentecost Mass Celebration



WHEN: Sunday, May 24th 2026
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Friday, June 19th 2026

St. Hilary Parish

Fr. Bob Franco Celebrant

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Liturgy begins at 7:30 p.m.

St. Hilary Parish

2750 West Market St.
Fairlawn, OH 44333

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