

February 2020- ACCR Sign of the Times

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ACCR APOSTOLATE VISION

To see the restoration of all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as a normal part of Catholic Church life, and lead people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and develop the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all believers.

ACCR APOSTOLATE MISSION STATEMENT

ACCR seeks to serve the Catholic Church by being one of the agents and instruments of the Holy Spirit working for the ongoing renewal and growth of the Church today.

We seek to participate with the Holy Spirit in the renewal of the Church by:

- Working to lead all people to a close, personal and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord of all aspects of their lives.
- Fostering the Baptism (or Release) of the Holy Spirit, received in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as a means of deepening the work of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church and in the lives of individuals.
- Encouraging the use of the charismatic gifts as an accepted and regular part of life in the Catholic Church.
- Encouraging people to participate fully in the life of their parish.

A Message from Anil, ACCR Chairperson

Ps 133:4. How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity. NIV

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Grace mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

What a wonderful start to the New Year. It was good to see so many of the different realities of the CCR come together to worship our Lord. The fellowship that followed was great too. It was a great spirit that was at work that day.

At our last Service Group meeting I was discerned off as the chairperson of the service group and Deidre Broome was discerned on. Thank you all for your prayers and support over the 9 years. It has been a blessing to be the chairperson. There have been many challenges and many difficult decisions to be made but at the end of the day it was well worth it. I will still be part of the service group until I am discerned off. Please keep Deidre in your prayers as she undertakes this new role.

This year happens to be a significant year with the launch of Charis and there are many events planned,

some of which I spoke about at the opening Mass. Please read the newsletter for more details.

With Deidre taking over the role of chair there is a need for people to fill some of the roles she has been doing. At this stage we need someone to do the secretarial work and the same person or another to do the newsletter. If you have these skills and would like to serve the CCR please get in touch with Deidre. This will be the last time I will be writing to you. From next month Deidre will be writing to you.

If you would like to start a discipleship school in your parish please contact Mike Lobo.

Once again thank you for all your efforts in spreading the kingdom.
Continue to keep the renewal and the programmes in your prayers.

God bless,
Anil.

Calendar these CCR dates (for more information see below or in later newsletters)

March 21 or 28	Fr John Rea for a healing outreach.
May 9th	Jean-luc, Charis Moderator visits Auckland. Date to be confirmed.
May 30th:	Saturday: Pentecost Vigil event
June 20th	Dr Mary Healy- Chair of the Doctrinal Commission of CHARIS speaking in Wellington.
19th - 26th JULY:	The first international Charis Youth training course in Rome.

Thankyou.

February 1st Opening mass and shared lunch.

Thank you to all who took part. Special thanks to the music ministry team from KPF and to all who helped in various ways with the mass and the hospitality..

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Oscar and Miriam Alvez Batucan who received papal medals and the titles of Knight and Dame of the Order of St. Sylvester Pope and Martyr for their service to the Filipino Community and the Church. Oscar and Miriam Alvez Batucan have been long time leaders of the Voice of God prayer group at St Benedicts.

Events coming up Note: Some dates etc still to be confirmed.

Healing Rally with Fr John Rea, tentative date, Saturday March 21st or 28th at Sacred

Heart Church, Ponsonby. Praise and worship, teaching and prayer ministry.

30th April -Sunday 3rd May: Charis Launch in Sydney, Australia, with the International Moderator Jean-Luc Moens and Shayne Bennett, the Oceania Coordinator.
Thursday 30th April - Sunday 3rd May.

May 9th? Jean-Luc, Charis moderator visits Auckland. Tentative date for Auckland is Saturday Jean-Luc Moens who is the moderator, ie leader, of the international CHARIS team appointed to lead CHARIS for the first 3 years. He is from Belgium and has been involved in Catholic Charismatic Renewal for 45 years.

May 30th: Saturday: Pentecost Vigil event for all Currents of Grace.

JUNE 20th: Dr Mary Healey the Charis Doctrinal Commission Theologian and chair will be doing a seminar day and an afternoon healing Rally in **Wellington** the 20th of June. <https://www.shms.edu/content/dr-mary-healy>

19th - 26th JULY: The first international Charis Youth training course in Rome. The cost is \$US700 plus airfares, spending money etc. Our Youth Ministry in NZ is gaining real traction and it would be good to continue the momentum and invest in our future Charis NZ leaders. **See flyer attached.**

Thank you from Diana, National Chairperson: **Thank you** for all your prayerful support for the very successful Youth Leaders' Summit and Charis Priest Retreat. Costs were covered for both after generous donations-thank you!.

Invitations to you all

KPF Community assembly: The KPF team who provided the music group for our opening mass on Feb 1st invite you all to join them for their quarterly Community assembly on February 15th at Good Shepherd Parish, Balmoral, Mary McKillop hall (Big hall at the left side of the Church). Starts at 1pm. Their small groups meet fortnightly but every 3 months they gather together for a community gathering.

Episcopal Ordination of the most Reverend Michael Gielen DD on Saturday 7 March at 11.00am at Vodafone Event Centre in Manukau City. Everyone is invited. Fr Michael has given teachings at a couple of our Life in the Spirit seminars. His father Deacon Henk Gielen has been a Hamilton diocese representative on the National Service team for many years.

Teens Seminar: Divine Retreat Centre New Zealand (DRCNZ) is organizing a Teen Seminar: Jonah and the Whale on 29th February 2020 from 10a.m. to 2.00p.m. at St John Vianney Church Hall, 317 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough, Auckland 1042. Free event. All teens and young adults welcome. **See flyer attached.**

Contact: Arthy M:0223193621

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News from the prayer groups

The Living Water prayer group: We are going to use the Caritas Lenten reflection programme at our meetings during Lent. The caritas theme for Lent 2020 is “Renewed by the Spirit.” **We are inviting parishioners to join us for the 6 weeks. You can download this programme from** the Caritas website <https://caritas.org.nz/resources> or purchase as a hardcopy booklet from Caritas for around \$2 each. Translations are also available to order in Te Reo Māori, Samoan, and Tongan.

Orewa prayer group:

Brian Hines has prepared a talk on ‘Why we come to prayer group’, with information about the history of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Brian is happy for others to make use of his notes which will be send out with this newsletter.

Reading Material:

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/story.php?id=73433> The Pope’s message for Lent 2020

www.charis.international to look up information about CHARIS, training opportunities, magazines etc.

ACCR Prayer intentions

Service group

NSC executive team

New members for Service Group

Unity in the Spirit for all the Renewal groups in Auckland

Prayer group leaders and prayer group initiatives

For all members of the renewal who are sick

Youth initiatives including follow up to the Young Catholic Leaders Summit Dec 6-8

Priests retreat

Conversion of ISIS leaders and members

Persecuted Christians

The Replenish Healing Centre. For the new Host, helpers and financial support. Many of the guests are struggling financially. The centre near Christchurch is run by Catholic Charismatics!

<https://givealittle.co.nz/org/replenish-respite-and-healing-trust>

Regular events

Prayer groups: See website for meeting places and times.

<http://www.catholiccharismatic.org.nz>

HSI Schools of Discipleship

Please contact Mike Lobo mlobo@titan.co.nz for info re Schools of Discipleship.

Healing Ministry:

After the 7.30pm Mass every 3rd Thursday (except December and January) at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield. Enquiries Contact Ramiz 027 201 0302.

Note: Lilian Iskander and her Good Shepherd Group volunteer for **NZ prayerline** every Monday 7:30pm-9:00pm praying for callers from all around NZ. The number to call for prayer is 0800 50 80 80.

Home Group Bible Study at Schnapper Rock, Northshore: contact Ramiz 027 201 0302

Dove Catholic Fellowship for women: Monthly meetings (include prayer ministry and fellowship)

West Auckland Dove: 1st Tuesdays at 7.30pm at **St Michael and all Angels Anglican Church** - 425 Great North Road, Henderson. Contact Jane 0211178977 or Teresa 838 9969

North Shore Dove: Usually 3rd Wednesdays, 7.30pm. **Venue: St. Thomas More Church, 366 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629.** All warmly invited.
For more information contact Sylvia Hartley - 09 443 7477 email: aldonsylvia@gmail.com

South Auckland Dove: last Tuesdays, **7. 30pm at St Anne's Parish Hall**, 126 Russell Rd, Manurewa. Contact Grace Rowland 09 577 3479 or 027 624 3842

Joshua Fellowship: a Catholic men's fellowship. 7.30pm – 9.30pm every last Wednesday at St Josephs Centre, Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. **Contact:** Russell at **022 034 5678** or www.joshua.org.nz