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### ACCPGN 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.



**“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” – Isaiah 9:6**

Greetings from Deidre, ACCPGN service group chairperson.

Advent is a time of preparing for the birth of our King. As part of your preparation you might like to check out the following talks by Bishop Barron.

**An Advent Challenge.** 13 min, Reflect on what has the highest value in your life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1f0JM9pzbmM>

**Is Jesus the king of your life?** 15 min <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tICxaSQFJGo>

The service group, Engelbert Dsouza, Anil Baptist, Anne Changaiya, Fr Rory and myself, wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

We are very pleased to welcome Anne Changaiya to the service group. Anne has helped us run the recent Life in the Spirit Seminar and brings great skills and enthusiasm to the team. Here is a little introduction to her.

My name is Anne Changaiya. I was born and raised in the beautiful island of Fiji. I am of Indian, Fijian, Japanese and Tongan origin. I attended St Anne's Primary School and St Joseph's Secondary School in Fiji. I have four sisters and three brothers. I enjoy singing, reading, hiking, playing the guitar, spending time with family and friends and getting lost in nature. I also enjoy assisting in our parish with Sacramental Classes for Holy Communion and Confirmation for our children. Life is quite simple for me, God first in everything and anything.

Our first Life in the Spirit seminar using zoom went very well and those who attended the live day for baptism in the Holy Spirit had a blessed time. Thank you to all my helpers.

On November 26<sup>th</sup> we had a joyous Christmas celebration with close to 60 people. Special thanks to Engelbert, Debra, Nathan, Anil, Jennifer, Anne and Noelia for all they did to make it a special evening. And thank you to all those who helped on the night.

**We hope to see many of you at the Current of Grace NZ Conference on March 24-26.** Registrations are open now. See the flyer attached. The goal for the Conference is to empower people to activate the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Encourage your younger friends and relatives to attend, maybe sponsor them.

If you want to share transport contact [Mike Lobo at quilon1913@gmail.com](mailto:quilon1913@gmail.com) or 021 280 9285. You can indicate on the registration form if you are intending to fly and would like a travel co-ordinator to get in touch re transfers to and from the airport.

A special thanks to our prayer group leaders, and to each of you, for what you have done to support our activities, and to serve God and his people this year.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year, and a time of refreshment. Please continue to keep all members of the Renewal in your prayers.

Deidre

**Events coming up**  
**Please Calendar these events**

<b>March 24-26, 2023</b>	<b>Current of Grace 2023 National Conference</b> <b>"Receive Holy Spirit Power"</b> El Rancho Waikanae Keynote Speakers: Cardinal John Dew, Fr John Rea, Mary Healy (live from USA), Robert Falzon Register at <a href="http://charisnz.com">charisnz.com</a>
<b>See Flyer</b>	

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## News from some Prayer groups.

**Most groups will be taking a break over Christmas and New Year, some longer than others, so check with leaders for 2023 starting dates (our website has contact details).**

**Orewa:** We finished our Healing the Family Tree Seminar with a Mass to offer our charts to God. It has gone well with approximately 25 participants. We have had some good sharing and positive responses.

We are happy to share our HFT programme with other groups.

On Dec 7th we will have our final meeting for the year with Christmas carols and festive supper. We will recommence our meetings on Wed Jan 25th.

**Jesus the Good Shepherd, Takapuna.** We celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> with a mass and dinner. Our Growth Camp at Hunua was joy-filled. A time of fun, fellowship, refreshment and anointing. On Dec 17<sup>th</sup> we will go carol singing outside the homes of some of our housebound or elderly parishioners. We recommence on Wed Jan 18<sup>th</sup> with Adoration.

**The Living Water Prayer group:** We have had a Christmas celebration and finished our talks on prayer. We will reflect on the Sunday readings for Advent. After a break we will recommence on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## An update on CharisNZ? (Helen's full report is attached for those who are interested).

CHARIS is a network of leaders of Prayer groups, Communities, Ministries etc, who support each other in the mission to share the gift of baptism in the Holy Spirit with the whole Church as requested by Pope Francis.

On Nov 18-20 representatives from various charismatic entities met in Hamilton for their annual national meeting. The meeting included zoom time with Shayne Bennett, our Continental rep on Charis.

Over the last 2 years CharisNZ chairperson Helen Smithson has been meeting with various leaders and groups encouraging them to build relationships with one another. She has also been seeking people to coordinate various commissions. Helen has also been meeting with a team to organise the coming Current of Grace Conference.

In May 2022 Prophetic Intercessors representing each diocese met via zoom for the first time and have been meeting monthly since then to pray specifically for the needs of CHARIS and our nation.

**Current of Grace Auckland** have gathered for Pentecost masses in 2021 and 2022. Coordinator Mike Lobo.

**Current of Grace Hamilton** have held 2 gatherings. "Moving Forward Together" in Rotorua May 29 2021 and "Light the Fire Again" on July 28 2022. Coordinator Helen Smithson.

**Current of Grace Palmerston North** came together for the first time in September 2022. KPF, Joshua and Dove Hawkes Bay organised this event, supported by El Shaddai from Auckland. Coordinator Rhea Villocido from KPF.

**Current of Grace Wellington** gathered to "REKINDLE" - Fan the Flame, at the beginning of October 2022. Praise and Worship lead by KPF and Lamb of God. Coordinator Susilo from ICPE.

**Dunedin** is planning for a Current of Grace meeting on 11 February 2023.

## Reading material for those interested in whats happening in CCR around the world.

**1.The CHARIS Prayer Groups Commission:** held a zoom meeting for all national prayer group coordinators on November 13 and 14, 2022. I have attached a summary of this meeting.

## 2.EU-CHARIS-Info-letter No 6 Report European Service - how to share baptism in the Spirit

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/guidelines/FMfcgzGqRZjdZmZhkwFDvRGrDISVltZ?compose=cSRfBbqnhDnpcrgBqxwXBFIGWxDWHHFqRDKhjQRXmvntZsNWTzvvxDRxrsxvjcJQSRvPmTTOsszbRSLTzRJtkfdSpDvbRbWvQWmKgBjOZzdRxvLdcVmtztNPRbkPvcqlPjbBPzNkKtvOjLVDqqKVCgBCTggrpg>

If you don't have time to read the full info-letter check out the 2 testimonies below which are taken from it.

**Testimony on New Life in the Spirit seminar** by Gaetano Larizza - Comunità Gesù Risorto (Risen Jesus Community) The community run 12 sessions in a parish and follow up if they can with formation of a new prayer group. <https://www.kcv-net.nl/assets/files/9-bieb/Gaetano-Larizza-Baptism-in-the-Spirit-in-parishes-Italy-CHARIS-Europe-25-september-2022.pdf>

**A testimony from Marcella Reni re prison ministry**, an Italian mother and grandmother who cares for inmates and the victims of the crimes committed by those inmates. Her prison fellowship group share with prisoners the entire Gospel of Mark followed by a Life in the Spirit seminar that ends with the prayer for baptism in the Spirit. About 60% of the participants actually surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ <https://www.kcv-net.nl/assets/files/9-bieb/Testimony-of-Marcella-Reni-RnS-Prison-Fellowship-Italy-CHARIS-Europe-2022.pdf>

**3.Melbourne CCR Oct - Dec newsletter** reports on Stirring up the Gifts Conference and other related articles. <https://GOOD NEWS 2022 NOV FINAL DIGITAL.pdf>

## Opportunities for 2023

- 1. Integral Formation Program organised by Charis international.** This program began April 2022 but you can join in now as teachings are on video. Register soon and take advantage of this great opportunity at <https://cutt.ly/nBBvPQe> For more information about topics etc, visit: <https://www.charis.international/en/integral-formation-program/>

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- ❖ 44 lectures on video, you can access at a time to suit you. In 5 languages En, Fr, It, Es, Pt.
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The PFI will culminate in a presential event in Rome from 2 to 4 November 2023.

## 2. You might like to google these

**Bible in a year** podcast begins again with Fr. Mike Schmitz on January 1, 2023.

**Catechism in a year** begins with Fr. Mike Schmitz on January 1, 2023.

## May he Rest in Peace

Please pray for Peter Baker who passed away on Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, just after the last newsletter was sent out. Peter and Sheila Baker were leaders of a prayer group that met for over 30 years first at Glenfield, and then at St Joseph's Centre until the Covid pandemic pushed them into recess.

Peter and Sheila were caretakers/managers of St Josephs Centre in Takapuna from 1994 until 2014. Through this position they were involved in many of the activities of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Sheila still runs the St Joseph's Centre Gift shop selling books and a wide variety of Catholic items.

### **ACCR Prayer intentions**

**CharisNZ** Current of Grace Conference March 24-26

Our priests and bishops, especially older ones who continue to serve us.

For new people to pick up leadership responsibilities in the prayer groups and service group.

Service group, their families and initiatives

Charis NZ executive team and Conference team.

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

Persecuted Christians

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

**Prayer groups:** See website for meeting places and times.

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

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for women: North Shore :** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 7.30pm. **Venue: St. Thomas More Church, 366 Wairau Road, Glenfield.** Contact Sylvia 09 443 7477

**Joshua Fellowship:** a Catholic men's fellowship. 7.30pm every last Wednesday at St Joseph's Centre, Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. **Contact: Russell at 022 034 5678** or [www.joshua.org.nz](http://www.joshua.org.nz)