



Our 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 Savior and develop the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all believers.

Mission Statement – ACCPGN 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.

Chairpersons message

John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Our prayers and thoughts go out to all those who have been impacted by Cyclone Gabriel and the previous flooding in Auckland. We realise the impact for some has been huge and will be ongoing for a long time. Likewise, we pray for the people of Turkey and Syria.

Last week I saw an interview online with Dr Joseph Pearce, a Catholic theologian and author who used to be a Neo-Nazi. **He said the Saints were influential in his conversion, and if we want to convert the world we need to be Saints. He also said that on three occasions, people who he thought were his enemies acted in love for him, and these people influenced his journey to Catholicism.**

On February 11th, 25 leaders from prayer groups belonging to ACCPGN met for a retreat at the friary in Hillsborough. In his homily Fr Rory asked us 'what does it mean to make Jesus Lord of our lives?' In the gospel of the day Jesus had compassion on the people and from 7 loaves and a few small fish fed about 4000 people, with 7 baskets of leftovers. We are called to be like Jesus, to have compassion for all people, even our enemies, to love them and help them meet their needs.

The leader's retreat was a good opportunity to fellowship and share ideas. We reflected on the meaning of our vision and mission statements and how we can put them into action this year. One point that arose was our need to operate more in the gifts/charisms of the Holy Spirit.

Fortunately for us the goal for the CharisNZ Conference, March 24-26th is to empower people in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All the talks are geared to this purpose. See the flyer attached. Register now on <https://charisnz.com/events/> Registrations close March 8th. Encourage your younger friends and relatives to attend, maybe sponsor them. If you want to share transport to conference, contact Mike Lobo at quilon1913@gmail.com or 021 280 9285. One van has been filled, if there are sufficient people another one could be organised. If you are flying to Wellington, you can get a bus from the airport to the railway station and then a train to Waikanae.

Lent begins this week. We are called to pray, fast and give alms. This is a call to grow in our relationship with God, to grow more like Jesus and to share with others in need. <https://catholicexchange.com/the-goal-of-lent/> is a good article. Below are a few short videos associated with Lent.

Fr Schmitz: How to prepare for Lent. 8 mins https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_qDG51cl9gY

Bishop Barron 3 Habits to Get the Most Out of Lent. 15 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezZxL5xoEq8> and Loving an enemy this Lent. 23 mins <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REtfXHQbx3k> 23 mins

**Please keep each other in prayer.
God bless you all,
Deidre.**



Integral Formation Program by Charis International:

You can still register. Contact Deidre if interested re possible ACCPGN subsidy. Enrolment for the entire Integral Formation Program is \$100.00. For more information, please visit: <https://www.charis.international/en/integral-formation-program/> ❖ **44 lectures on video so you can access at a time to suit you. In 5 languages En, Fr, It, Es, Pt.**

- ❖ High profile international speakers
- ❖ Downloadable PDF resources
- ❖ Access on tablet, cell phone, PCs
- ❖ Participation fee by Credit Card or Paypal

Called, Transformed and Sent: A weekend course in Rome, November 2-4th 2023.

Open to all. Special discounted price for those doing the Integral Formation Program
https://formation.charis.international/courses/called-transformed-sent?fbclid=IwAR2bP32PG-rJbnBQ_F1-LfTkOSbivsITpr5LPtnl5pH-AKpxzxyVCUDns20a

Testimonies from JGSPG

- Ben, a well-known pianist had a fall, fractured his hand and hurt his leg. After 6 months, he has improved a lot and is working again.
- Two-year-old Michael, has been treated with chemo and is now healing well in the name of Jesus.

Congratulations to Diana Ingle

Congratulations to Diana Ingle, our previous CharisNZ chairperson. Diana has been appointed Ministry Representative on our Asia/Oceania CHARIS Continental Service of Communion. Diana is currently the International CEO of Christian Renewal Association Inc, an ecumenical ministry (previously the ministry of the Rev Dennis and Rita Bennett USA). Diana travels internationally training trainers in evangelism, renouncing the works of darkness, empowerment in the Holy Spirit and charisms, inner healing, and deliverance.

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Prayer requests: Please pray for all leaders of CCR groups. Pray especially for the people associated with the CCR in Benin, Africa. Many CCR leaders were killed or injured in a bus accident there on Jan 29th.

Prayer Group News: Spring of Grace prayer group are presenting the Alpha course in 3 language for adults & youth members of the Auckland Chinese community.

Calendar these events

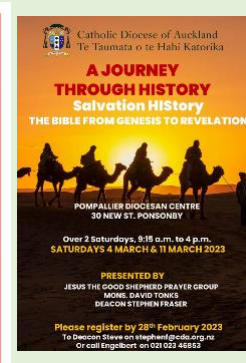
4th and 11th March - A journey through history from Genesis to Revelation.

24-26 March - CharisNZ Conference Everyone is welcome.

19-26 – March - Lenten retreat organised by DRC. Speaker- Fr Edattu, UK DRC centre . See Flyer

28th May - Pentecost 2023, and bring all your prayer group and family.

28-30 July - COG AK will host the National Service Committee AGM.



Details for time, venue and register are on poster **Get an overview of the bible** **Details for times venue are on the poster**

CHARIS WORLDWIDE INTERCESSORS CONFERENCE

Venue: Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast

Dates: 2 to 5 May, 2023

- 🕯️ First worldwide gathering of intercessors
 - 🕯️ Anointed teachings, powerful testimonies and much more.
- More info and registration <https://vision2000plus.org/CHARIS>

