



**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 for ACCPGN newsletter Jan-Feb 2023**

***Acts 1: 8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”***

Dr Mary Healy began her talk at the recent Current of Grace Conference with discussion about a spiritual revival that began on February 8<sup>th</sup>, this year, at a university in a small American town called Ashbury. At a normal evening prayer service the students experienced the anointing of the Holy Spirit so they continued praying and praising God through the night and over the next 2 weeks. Word spread and about 20,000 people from across USA and the world came to the small town of about 6000 people to experience the presence of God.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2023/02/asbury-kentucky-university-christian-revival/673176/>

Dr Mary said God is awakening his church and wants us to be rejuvenated in the Holy Spirit, ready to steward and pastor his people.

I encourage you to go to the movie, *Jesus Revolution*, 2023, in theatres at present. The true story of a national spiritual awakening in the late 1960s, early 1970s and its origins within a community of teenage hippies in Southern California. Producer Jon Erwin told the audience at Liberty University that they wanted to tell the story of the last great awakening in America because he believes it's

going to happen again. Movie trailer here.  
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10098448/>

Dr Mary said Jesus began his mission in the power of the Holy Spirit and she told us to continue it in the power of the same Holy Spirit.

Dr Mary Healy's talk and others are available on <https://www.facebook.com/charis.nz/>  
The talks are being added over time.

There are two Conference reports and a recent Alpha report later in this newsletter.

The purpose of the Conference was to encourage us to say Yes to the commission to go out and make disciples. To put the gifts of the Holy Spirit into action. But we need training to use the gifts in a responsible way and in full accord with Catholic faith.

CharisNZ has written guidelines for those involved in prayer ministry and The Doctrinal Commission of ICCRS has published 2 books, **Guidelines on Prayers for Healing** 2007, revised 2017, and **Deliverance Ministry** 2021. The service group are organizing teachings on Sat July 8<sup>th</sup> and Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, to help you all grow in knowledge and confidence when praying for others and activating your gifts.

*We hope to see you all at our Pentecost Celebration, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm, at Christ the King church, Mt Roskill.* A Pentecost Novena prayer is attached. Please pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to be effective witnesses of God's love in our world.

God bless you all and your loved ones.

**Deidre.**



<b>Calendar these events</b>	
13/05	Prayer group leaders and Service group 9.30am Sacred Heart Hall.
28/05	<b>Pentecost 2023 Celebration includes Mass at Christ the King Church, Mt Roskill. All welcome.</b>
08/07	Teaching on Prayer Ministry, 9.30am Sacred Heart Hall.
28-30/07	COG AK will host the National Service Committee AGM
09/09	Teaching on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. More info later

**Pentecost Celebration May 28<sup>th</sup>**

ACCPGN is joining with DRCNZ to celebrate Pentecost. All groups and individuals with a charismatic spirituality are especially welcome.

**Opportunities coming up**

**Called, Transformed and Sent:** A weekend course in Rome Nov 2-4 2023. Is open to all. [https://formation.charis.international/courses/called-transformed-sent?fbclid=IwAR2bP32PG-rJbnBQ\\_F1-LfTkOSbivsiTpr5LPtnI5pH-AKpxzxyVCUDns20a](https://formation.charis.international/courses/called-transformed-sent?fbclid=IwAR2bP32PG-rJbnBQ_F1-LfTkOSbivsiTpr5LPtnI5pH-AKpxzxyVCUDns20a)

**News from the prayer groups**

**Orewa:** Our LSS, The Gift, began on Wed 19th April with about 20 people. Our Parish priest Fr Raphael opened the seminar with prayers and encouragement and joined one of the small groups too. He recommends the prayer group to everyone as "The powerhouse of the parish," from the altar. He is a gift to us.

**Australia/Oceania Charis Conference 'Jesus Heals' in Melbourne**

Begins with Mass 12 pm Friday 14 July and closes with Mass 12pm Sunday 16 July.

**Open Healing rally on Saturday evening 15 July**

Also available at:-

<https://www.ccr.org.au/news-and-events>

**Auckland Chinese Catholic Community** has just run an Alpha for the community. Here is a report from one of the youth leaders from Hearts Alight Youth Group.

This year, since February, our community has been running the Alpha Course for both young people, parents and families. We are nearing the end of this journey and looking back, it is certainly amazing to see the many changes and highlights throughout the past months. I am so in awe of God's work in our community, and of the greatness, love and mercy that He always shows. Everyone has truly fostered a strong fellowship and bond that unites us all, and for many of the young people, we've gladly witnessed the youth opening their hearts and minds to get to know each other better, and to encounter God together. Throughout the week, we all constantly look forward to the next coming Saturday when we can finally see each other again and continue to kindle that fire and love that we've grown and nurtured.

The Alpha Weekend for many of us, was truly the highlight of the course so far, as we were able to experience an abundance of fun, joy, faith, and love, enjoy good food, and praise and worship our God together, all the while encountering the Holy Spirit in prayer. It is this marvellous balance between spirituality, faith and fellowship that I believe makes these weeks so, so engaging and meaningful for us all. Various young people have shared and reflected on these experiences saying that they feel like they are so loved, and that they feel truly part of a family in Christ, and have learnt first-hand what faith means in action.

Looking into the future, we are all very hopeful and excited for our community and our youth group, as we strive to continue to grow closer to God and fuel the passion and fire in our hearts that is set alight by the Holy Spirit. We are so, so grateful for this life-changing experience, and we can't wait to keep praying, living, laughing and loving in the way that God would want His Rising Generation to.

**Charis international updates from Helen Smithson, Charis NZ coordinator.**

I attended the Asia/Oceania Continental Service of Communion Meeting 10-12 March 2023. The main focus of the meeting was to vote on various nominations for CHARIS International General Assembly to be held in Rome 29-31 October 2023. According to the statutes, a General Assembly should occur every 3 years with those elected serving a maximum of 6 years. (This has been extended one year due to Covid)

Shayne emphasised at the Continental elections a directive was received from Rome to have continuity rather than change for this round of elections. However Bro James Shin chose to stand down and Fe M. Barino from the Philippines was elected as the third continental representative along with Cyril John - India and Shayne Bennett Australia, both re-elected.

The CHARIS General Assembly is to be held in Rome 29 - 31 October to vote for members for CHARIS International Service of Communion. The General Assembly is an important part of establishing relationships throughout the CHARIS structure. Diana Ingle, as Asia/Oceania Continental Ministry Representative will attend and I am available to represent us. The Assembly will be followed with Workshops on Commissions on November 1 and "Called, Transformed and Sent" - completing a 2 year CHARIS Integral Formation Program on November 2-4.

Both Josephine Olsen and I are attending the CHARIS Worldwide Intercessors Conference at Ivory Coast on 2-6 May. I am sure it will bring many blessings to our nation as New Zealand is prayed for and in return we pray for others. A month or so ago there were over 40 nations being represented. Please pray for our protection and all travel arrangements as well as the conference itself.



**A suggested Novena prayer to help us start using charisms or deepen the way we are using them. Please pray daily until Pentecost.**  
**(From Jean Christophe Sakiti, Charis leadership course)**

Holy Spirit, You spread your abundant graces on us. Thank you for the marvellous things you are doing in the Church. Formerly you showed great signs and wonders through the Apostles. You continue to accomplish these things in the Church today. You have given me charisms to use for the good of others. Through me, you want to convert many persons. You want to use me to liberate captives, heal the sick. I accept to be a tool for you for the salvation of all persons. Give me charisms and make me grow in exercising them. I welcome them and I thank you for calling me to be a servant in your Church. May your name be glorified forever and ever.

**Hines Report on “Receive Holy Spirit Power”**  
**Current of Grace Conference 24-26 March**  
**2023**

It was evident that a great deal of planning and work went into the construction of this Conference in that everything progressed seamlessly and professionally. Our heartfelt thanks to Helen Smithson for her leadership and all the Charis Team around NZ.

We were most impressed with the amazing music ministry – lead by Wilma and Mike and team comprising musicians from various areas. The stunning and anointed choice of hymns blessed us all so very much.

Charis was well represented by so many groups – all moving in the Holy Spirit and using the manifold spiritual gifts.

There was an atmosphere of real friendship and Christian love – we all felt like brothers and sisters, even with those we had just met for the first time.'

We enjoyed meeting up with so many charismatic friends from all over the country – a special treat and blessing.

The transport organisation was so well done, thanks to Mike Lobo, and Anil and Veronica who organised the minibuses from Auckland and thanks to Anne Marie for handling the finances for the bus.

The talks were excellent. Every speaker addressing the main theme of gathering together as one body and moving in the Holy Spirit, as directed by Pope Francis. We all rejoiced in that we now have a seat at the table in the Vatican, in the Dicastery of the Laity, Life and Family. It has taken 50 years to achieve this recognition, so indeed we feel our life's work has been well worth it. Mary Healy zoomed in from USA with a challenging and inspiring message for us to really take on board the mandate to share what we have been given by God. We enjoyed all the talks, especially Robert Falzon from Australia who heads up Men Alive ministry to draw Catholic men to take up the important role of fatherhood in their families (the Little Church) and then, only then, to work in the Bigger Church as God directs.

The workshops we attended were excellent, both Diana Ingle (Hearing God's Voice personally and collectively) and Susilo Kentjana (Unlocking your gifts). Di impressed with her powerful testimony of how she listens to God's voice and follows His guidance, daily.

I, Barbara had a 'vision' during the Conference to the effect that the Charis leadership team was being uplifted by all of us prayer supporters, tightly bound together with upraised arms, below them. May God continue to keep us interceding for the team and the work assigned to them by God, now and always. Amen. Huge thanks to every brother and sister who lovingly took an active part in the conference. May God bless them.

**Helen Smithson's Report on "Receive Holy Spirit Power" Current of Grace Conference**  
**24-26 March 2023 (Abridged by Deidre)**

There was a great sense of unity as many "streams," ministries, groups and communities of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal came together. There was plenty of opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new connections.

The Conference opened with "The Blessing Aotearoa/New Zealand" led by a wonderful Praise and Worship team. A fitting start to a long-awaited weekend, which had been previously postponed twice over the last two years.

I welcomed all, followed by an opening address by Cardinal John Dew. This was prerecorded as Cardinal John was recovering from very recent surgery. Mons Frank Eggleton then encouraged us all to celebrate as one body within our parishes and across cultures.

Saturday morning Dr Mary Healy via live video link gave a great wake up call, sharing her passion, knowledge and enthusiasm to encourage us all to receive the Holy Spirit and to use all His gifts to fulfil the commission each person receives at Baptism to go and make disciples. The same Holy Spirit is available to us today as on the day of Pentecost.

Robert Falzon from Brisbane Australia, cofounder of MenALIVE, was real and passionate, sharing his journey and encouraging and stimulating all to action. He also led - Gospel Families - one of the four optional workshops on Saturday afternoon.

Diana Ingle led "Hearing God's Voice - Personally and Collectively". Lucienne Hensel led "Your Story for God's Glory" and Susilo Kentjana - "Unlocking Your Gifts".

Father John Rea led a very powerful Saturday afternoon session on Miracles, Signs and Wonders. Jesus is healing today as in the Acts

of the Apostles "you will do greater things when I return to the Father." The Holy Spirit was truly present, touching people's hearts and lives. This continued into the evening session "Let the Fire Fall - An Upper Room Experience"

The wonderful music team led by Wilma and Mike Conroy enabled us to join the choirs of heaven to worship our Lord.

On Sunday, Robert Falzon sent us out with a message to go and do all we were created to be and do. We each have a role in life which we were born for.

It was great to welcome Archbishop Paul Martin to celebrate the final Mass with eight other priests who attended the conference.

**Most of the sessions were recorded and Susilo is adding these to our new YouTube channel.**

**Keep up to date with Charis news and find links to the Conference talks here.**

<https://www.facebook.com/charis.nz/> .

**Cardinal Dew opening address**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LU70M1rgfk>

**Mgsr Frank Eggleton Opening address**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdrQzwUV3HQ>

**Dr Mary Healy Using spiritual**

**gifts** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrS4VxqSLZQ>

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