

## **“Life in The Spirit” (LIS) Seminars**

This is usually a seven-session series designed to foster a renewed commitment to the Lord allowing participants to experience a fuller life in the Spirit. During this series, usually on week five, the participants renew their Baptismal vows and the community prays with them for the baptism in the Spirit – the gift of the Holy Spirit active in their lives. For many, this may begin the experience of a new life with Jesus. The following weeks focus on growing in the Spirit.

## **Charismatic Prayer Meetings**

This is the setting where the individual and community really grow in the life of the Holy Spirit.

This gathering meets to praise and worship God, to proclaim and listen to the word in scripture, to share prophecy, teachings, and testimonies and to care for the needs of the community both small and large through prayer and petition.



**Come Holy Spirit!  
Come by means of the powerful  
intercession of the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary,  
your well beloved Spouse!**



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## What is the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) movement?

The CCR movement is an ongoing action of the Holy Spirit in our lives to bring us into a closer relationship with Jesus. It is both a search for personal holiness and a means to share our talents and gifts (charisms) with others in order to build up the body of Christ (the Church). The movement nourishes both individual and community spiritual growth. God speaks to us and heals us through the gifts of others and He uses us to speak and heal others through our gifts.

When filled with the Holy Spirit, many notice a true love for Jesus and a strong desire to learn more about Him, and to do his will by serving others. In other words, they want to share Jesus with everyone.

### History

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement began in 1967 at Duquesne University with a handful of students and university theology professors that gathered for a weekend retreat and prayed for the power of the Holy Spirit to come down as at Pentecost. This phenomenal religious experience continued to spread, so that, as of today, the CCR exists in over 238 countries in the world, having touched over 100 million Catholics.

## Papal Endorsements

Many believe that this Charismatic Renewal is a direct result of **Pope John XXIII** prayer at Vatican II *“O Holy Spirit... pour forth the fullness of your gifts... Renew your wonders in this day as by a new Pentecost.”*

**Pope Paul VI:** “Nothing is more necessary to this more and more secularized world than the witness of the ‘spiritual renewal’ that we see the Holy Spirit evoking....How then could this ‘spiritual renewal’ not be a ‘chance’ for the Church and for the world? And how, in this case, could one not take all the means to insure that it remains so?”

**Pope John Paul II:** “I am convinced that this movement is a very important component of the entire renewal of the Church...Remain in an attitude of constant and grateful availability of every gift that the Spirit wishes to pour into your hearts... This was my own spiritual initiation, so I can understand all these Charisms. They are all part of the richness of the Lord. I am convinced this movement is a sign of His action.”

**Pope Benedict XVI** urges those responsible for the ecclesiastical ministry – from parish priests to bishops – not to let the Renewal pass them by but to welcome it fully.

## Gifts, Charisms, “Baptism in the Spirit”

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord are received at the sacrament of Baptism, strengthened in Confirmation and given to sustain the moral life of Christians.

The spiritual gifts mentioned in 1Cor 12:1-11 include the expression of wisdom, the expression of knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues, and interpretation of tongues. These gifts are also referred to as charisms. A charism is “a grace freely given by God to build up the church,” as opposed to the graces given to sanctify the individual. Charisms may include any authentic manifestation of the Spirit. In reality, the Holy Spirit is the gift. The rest are descriptors of the Spirit’s activity.

Baptism in the Spirit is the experience of **receiving God’s gift – the Holy Spirit**, and allowing Him to move fully in our life. It is an outpouring of the Spirit - a deeper experience of God. It is a willingness to receive the Holy Spirit and whatever gifts He chooses to give.

This is not a sacrament or a substitute for the sacraments.