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CWIA Prayer Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, September 24, 2016

9:00 am – Noon Cost: \$15 - Buffet Breakfast

We'll be celebrating our 41st Anniversary with Cake!

HOLIDAY INN - Carlyle

2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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Due to Thanksgiving, our next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, November 19, 2016.

We're planning to tour the beginning of our Catholic roots in Southern Maryland in April 2017. Details to follow.

Intercessory Prayer Meetings: Mondays, 10:30am at 5917 Bond Court, Alexandria, Virginia, 22315

For prayer, e-mail our Prayer Chain at fraven1@verizon.net.



Note from Stella: *Because so many of you are writing or e-mailing me, sending me Masses and prayers, I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. Know that I too was praying and offering my pains for your kindness. I know I could not have recuperated so quickly without your help. I love you so!*

The 2016 Annual CWIA Catholic Charismatic Conference was amazing! Here are a few highlights for those unable to attend. To hear more, order the recordings from RonArts & Associates (ronart.assoc@cox.net or 703.362.5373).

Father Neil Buchlein opened the conference by asking the Holy Spirit to come into our minds and hearts, to open, to free us. Participants came from all over - MD, DC, VA, PA, MA, NH, NJ, NY, WV, Mexico, Columbia and Venezuela, South America. Most of us had difficulty getting there? Why? Because someone, who Father refers to as "StinkyFeet", didn't want us there. But it's great to be stubborn when StinkyFeet is talking to us.

Conference theme: "The Spirit and the Bride say 'Come'" (Rev. 22:17). The word "come" is in 179 chapters, 419 verses, and is mentioned 434 times in the New Testament, so it must be important. Ask the Lord to be present. Stop, tune out that busy, frantic world, be silent, and listen. Before receiving the Eucharist, quiet our mind. Say "Come Jesus into my being and transform me. I give you permission." God doesn't owe you and I anything, but He's given us everything! So let us thank Him and praise Him! Don't take the Sacraments for granted. The greatest healing comes not from healing services, but in the sacrament of reconciliation. But...most confessionals are empty. Father admonished us to pray for our priests - without them there'd be no sacraments. Also, after you've been to confession, ask your priest if he goes to confession.

Father David Verghase remarked that love is passionate, reckless, scary, exhilarating. That's why we gather on retreat - to experience a fresh anointing of God. Love for God can grow lukewarm, even among those who attend daily Mass. Praying can become a habit, and that is very dangerous. A bride and groom gaze at one another lovingly. God wants the same thing, and calls us to a deep profound love with Him and our neighbor, by falling in love with Jesus Christ. Prayer strikes the match, increases our knowledge of God and gives us the desire to thirst more. He knows the many responsibilities and tasks we're entrusted with, but nothing surpasses our relationship with the Lord, our number one priority. We must set aside time for prayer, even 10 minutes here and there. Give God your time, and He will tremendously bless all the areas of your life. Stop the distractions, re-center our lives, and rekindle that fascination. God wants this flame to leap up within us. God cares so much, He wants to be involved in smallest details of our lives. Turn off the TV, put down the phone. Allow God to form you, lead you, guide you where He wants you to go, and through you many people will experience Jesus Christ.

Father Neil remarked that all prayer should start with praise, and then evolve into acknowledging and confessing our weaknesses. We need no "cotton candy" theology.



Fasten your seatbelts. We are in the last chapter of the last book, we just don't know how many pages there are left. Don't think we've got plenty of time. NO, the time is NOW! Hell is real! Just because we go to church on Sundays and give money, we think we're okay, but are actually on the highway to hell. That is a trick of the devil. We can't play games. Get serious with your faith. One day it's going to explode - WHAM! It'll be so quick and many asking why? You weren't praying enough, into too much else -

electronics, etc. God waits in the confessional to be the greatest garbage man on earth. The beauty of it is there's no dump. He takes it and it's gone! Your rosary is not to just look at. Pick it up and pray. If the Blessed Mother said it, why don't we do it? StinkyFeet is trying to convince you confession and rosaries are a waste of time. Come before the Lord and acknowledge your weakness, fear, doubts, that your life is a complete mess, that you're so far off the interstate it's sad...you're not even on the road...you're lucky it's even a path. The Blessed Mother is giving us wakeup calls – so WAKEUP! We were also encouraged to read Father Joseph Esper's latest book.

Bishop Tamayo stated how much the support from Stella and CWIA has blessed Barranquilla, Columbia. They call her "Dr. Stella". There's much progress in the village and the people. He prays we come to a full realization that we are a temple of the Holy Spirit which enables us to work for God's glory. Let us continue God's mission of love through the sacraments, commandments, and works of mercy. Reverence the 7 Sacraments, especially Baptism which gives us the dignity of being sons of God, temples of the Holy Spirit, and brothers/sisters of Jesus. Families should celebrate the date of their baptism. Sacraments are great blessings, like the Anointing of the Sick that is not only for the dying. The 14 works of mercy, 7 spiritual and 7 corporal, will become an unfathomable source of blessings in our lives. Do them with love and joy, turning them into a hymn of praise that we give back to the Father.

Walter Matthews mentioned the National Service Committee's quarterly publication with the first year subscription free! (www.nsc-chariscenter.org), and reiterated the importance of celebrating our baptism date by going to Mass or saying a special prayer. The Lord wants to be intimate with us, to share his body and blood with us in the Eucharist. He wants us to yearn for him, like the bride and bridegroom in the Song of Songs, through invitation, encounter, and mercy. We were chosen in Christ before the world was made. Before anything existed, God knew us, conceived of us, thought of each one of us by name. He uniquely, formed us, called us. Our God is a patient father who waits for us in the confessional with his heart in hand to welcome and forgive us. Each day say "Lord, I want to encounter you today". Stir up a thirst for living water, that God would pour his Holy Spirit upon us in new ways. The Lord is saying "I'm coming soon!" The writer of Revelation adds "Amen. Come Lord Jesus."

Monsignor Brady, CWIA Spiritual Director, reminded us of Father Neil's overview of the state of our world, moral decadence. More wars are going on right now than at any point in the history of the world. A front page Washintgon Post article references after-school satan clubs this year in our area. Monsignor also expounded on the church document released in May entitled Congregation For the Doctrine of Faith, Doctrine on Charisms. (There is a link at cwiaholyspirit.org). This document clears up confusion about charismatic renewal and the church. Read it and ask your priest and bishop to read it. Be patient with them though. Also – it's okay to ask your priest to come to a charismatic event, like the CWIA prayer breakfasts.

CWIA President Stella Davis stated "Amen! What a battle we're in! But we have the victory in Jesus Christ!" With that victory we should stomp on every problem, trial, tribulation, sickness in our bodies and in our families. The only way to overcome what's ahead of us is to come to God as a child. All the teachings and prophecies this weekend echo that God wants us to trust Him like a child, like Mary. When Joseph and Mary were called to go to Egypt, she didn't think about it; she jumped on that donkey and away they went, not knowing what was ahead of them, but trusting like a little child. In order to move the mountains in front of us we must come and believe like little children. I strongly affirm the existence of hell. In 1917 the Lady of Fatima appeared to 3 children and showed them a great scene, a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, raised into the air by the flames from within. There was striking and groaning of pain and despair that horrified the children. Our Lady told them, "You have seen hell, where the souls of the poor sinners go." We should take seriously this message! Priests need to talk about hell every Sunday Mass, and call people up to be healed and delivered. How else are they going to be set free if they don't get the word from the pulpit? God keeps telling me that time is short. **He's telling me now to RUN.** We need our eyes opened in the spiritual realm. We don't want watered down religion any more. Let us pray our priests into boldness of the Spirit. Many of our loved ones are lost. We need to identify the ancestral spirit, come against it, and cut the root so that it will not go through the blood line. We can no longer live on milk, we need meat. We need to know who the Holy Spirit is - the power that Jesus gave his disciples and passed on to our children. Our people are hurting and they don't know where to go. Yes there is hell, but there's also heaven! Rev. 7 tells us "As the 7 seals were broken, one of the elders asked...those in white robes...they have come out of great tribulation and washed their robes, made white in blood of the lamb...never again hungry or thirsty." How wonderful it will be if Jesus finds us working in the fields. There's no time to waste. Enthroned Jesus' and His mothers' sacred heart in your home so all can see they're the head of your household. Some of you are afraid to talk to your children about the Lord, and this is wrong. Let them know you love Jesus and without Him you would be nothing but with Him you are everything. Let them see that and let Jesus do the rest of the work.

You are invited to our **prayer breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 9a.m.** at the **HOLIDAY INN - CARLYLE** at **2460 EISENHOWER AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314**. See www.cwiaholyspirit.org or call Patti 703.971.3633. Price-\$15, includes Buffet Breakfast.

September 24th Guest Speaker: "MAN OF FAITH" Our guest speaker has been through an epic journey in life and experienced a powerful life changing conversion. His serving God as number one in his life with faith and courage is nothing short of a miracle. Although he grew up in a Catholic family, he never had a personal relationship with Jesus. As a young man he went through hardships, including depression and a bipolar diagnosis, which pulled him away from God. He was a prodigal son - rebellious and prideful - and searched for the truth for years. Only the prayers of his parents, grandmothers and others helped bring about his conversion after which the Lord poured many abundant graces into his life. He began to have a healthy fear of the Lord, and desired to be closer to Him and to need God in all things. God gave him a true and unshakeable faith in Jesus. In 2010, he married and the journey he walked alone for so long is now forever shared in Christ with his beloved wife. He enjoys a great community of faith-filled friends, a closer relationship with his father, a great job with the Catholic Church, a new house and many other blessings and miracles. He is almost off all medicines, and is no longer bipolar. He and his wife now live out their faith in Christ. Come and hear the rest of his story!