

Sisters and Brothers, let us give the Lord glory and honor!

10/22/2023

Covenant Life

- Our next Prayer Meeting Gathering is **TODAY** at 3pm. Safe Environment Training will be held at 2:30pm and after the Gathering in the school library.
- We are hosting a **Life in the Spirit Seminar**, and it is not too late to catch up and participate. Register here: [LINK](#). After today we plan to start a signup list for a future seminar.
- We will hold our annual **All Saints Party** on Tuesday, October 31st from 6:30-8:30 in the MSM gym. All ages are welcome to join as we celebrate our saints with a fun filled evening as a direct alternative to our culture's Halloween celebration of death. We need volunteers. More details attached.
- [GodsDelight.org](#) content: [Jubilee](#); Prayer Meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), & [teachings](#).
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online [here](#) or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, TX 75222.

Reflection

Tracy Rosaschi, Laurie, and I are enjoying the privilege of participating in the Pentecost Today USA national charismatic leaders conference in Kansas City. The last such conference was in 2019 when we hosted in Dallas. Covid interrupted the conferences for a couple of years and then last year the organization supported the US Charis conference. For those of you who are not familiar with Pentecost Today USA, this is the new name for the National Service Committee of the Charismatic Renewal in the United States. They changed their name and priorities to better align with Pope Francis' creation of Charis and the priorities he gave to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

To learn more about Charis, visit their website at:

<https://www.charis.international/en/>

To learn more about Pentecost Today USA, visit their website at:

<https://www.pentecosttodayusa.org/>

As you learn about these organizations you will better understand what the Holy Father is asking of the Renewal...namely:

- To bring the baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church,

- To build unity in the Body of Christ, and
- To serve the poor

Our Community has a long-standing tradition of bringing the baptism of the Holy Spirit to as many as possible through our Life in the Spirit seminars. We have also been active in building unity in the Body of Christ welcoming members from all faiths and supporting Matteo's ministry and many other ecumenical ministries. We have also helped many members and others through our own 'St. Vincent de Paul' effort to help those in need.

One of the reasons for me to use this letter to remind you of these efforts is that the Pentecost Today USA organization announced at the conference yesterday a **nine-year novena** to prepare for the 2000th anniversary of Pentecost that will be celebrated in 2033. The novena will start on May 19th 2024 (Pentecost 2024), and initiate nine years of specific initiatives to build momentum for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The initiative is explained in detail in the latest issue of their publication that was passed out at the conference and will soon be posted at this link:

<https://www.pentecosttodayusa.org/magazine/>. The novena is divided into three parts. The first three years, part one, is a focus on the current Charismatic Renewal and building it up for evangelization. The focus of the second part, second three years, will be upon the Church passing on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and bringing about Christian Unity. The last three years, part three, will focus on outreach to the whole world. Each year will have a more specific focus.

We do not have to wait for the formal start of the novena to start praying for this New Pentecost to come. Let us together start praying for this New Pentecost to fall upon our families, our Community, our churches, our country, and our world...and may this new outpouring of the Holy Spirit begin with me.

God Bless,
David