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At the Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent, the first reading was about the Ten Commandments and the Gospel was the cleansing of the Temple. While the two readings don't seem to have a direct connection they allow us a unique perspective for reflection.

"Zeal for my Father's House consumes me." A closer dive into Jesus' anger allows us to see what was taking place in the Temple in His day was the creation of a tourist trap. In Deuteronomy or the Second Law, the people of Israel were allowed to sell their offerings (doves, sheep, etc.) that they would normally bring with them on their pilgrimages to the Temple for money back home. They would bring the money with them (it was much easier to bring a pocket full

of money rather than drive a herd of sheep to Jerusalem). When they got to Jerusalem and went to the Temple to offer their sacrifice, they were at the mercy of the people selling the animals for sacrifice. The place they did the transactions was in the outer court of the Temple known as the court of the Gentiles who feared God and wanted to pray to the God of Israel. Jesus' anger was first toward the breaking of the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal". He was also angry that this marketplace was preventing the Gentiles from having access to worship and prayer. "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace (for stealing), it is to be a house of prayer."

This of course provokes the question, "By what authority do you do this?" Jesus responds with the statement, "Destroy this Temple and I will raise it on the third day. The Temple represented the fulfillment of all the covenants and Jesus was the fulfillment of all the law.

He now merges together the reality that as the Temple, He is the fulfillment of the covenant and the law. WOW! Now we can see how He fulfills the covenant with us. "I will write My law upon their hearts!! Jesus feeds us Himself and has poured His spirit upon us. Therefore, we are temples of the Holy Spirit. When we receive His Sacraments in docility and faith, Jesus will come into the Temple and clean it up. "Zeal for my Father's house consumes me." Lent is a time to be docile and faith filled and let Jesus have access to the fullness of our Temple that we may truly become houses of prayer for the praise of our Father's Glory!



Prayerfully Yours,
Fr. Norbert

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Message from Fr. Eliseo:

*This is my greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Arkansas:
Beloved, I thank God for my ministry among you for more than 7 years.
It was for me a wonderful experience and a great joy. My ministry in Arkansas
was so blessed that I could easily write my first book, The Adoration Pleasing to God.
I want to let you know that I am very happy to be back home after more than 7 years in Arkansas.
Since my arrival many signs are confirming that it was time for me to go back home.
In the rectory, my apartment is just 20 feet from the Basilica where we have the grave of
Saint Mary Magdalene and her relics. When exercising the ministry here, I can feel her presence,
helping people to meet Jesus personally and to change their lives.
Every morning, I am very happy to open the Basilica so that people can come for their devotions.*

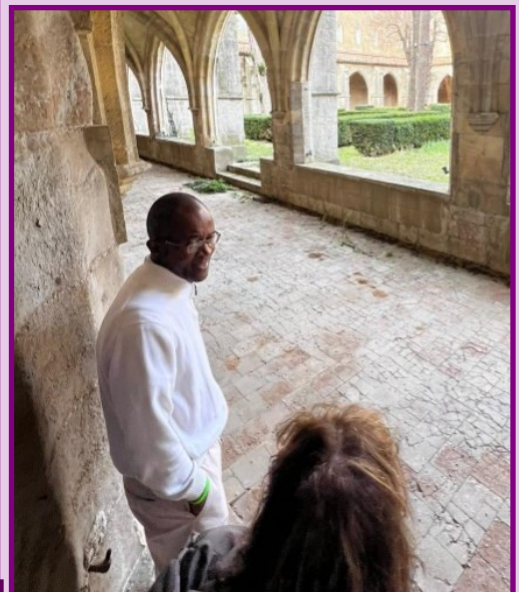
*All of you are in my daily prayers!
May the Lord continue to bless all of you!
Father Eliseo*



10 km from St Maxim is the path to the “holy cave”. We enjoyed a hike with Fr. Eliseo, Jacques, his friend and tour guide.



Our hosts, Bridgette and Philippe and their cousin, Elena, and Jacques opened their home to us.



Mary Magdelene and St. Maxim-Basilica

by Linda Williams

Jim and I were blessed to travel in France and visit Fr. Eliseo. Many of you have met him at the annual conference, or at St John the Baptist in Hot Springs, where he was associate pastor. He is now associate pastor at St Maxim-Basilica of Mary Madeleine in Sainte Baume, France. The Basilica of Saint-Maximin-la Sainte-Baume (in St. Maximan), with its beautiful Gothic architecture, and a very special sanctuary, was built upon the spot where it is believed Mary Magdalene's remains were found in 1279.

Fr. Eliseo gave us a guided tour of the Basilica of Mary Madeleine and time to pray before the relics. This was a very holy time, drenched in God's graces. The basilica was under renovation at the time of our visit.



During this Lenten Season, there is no better time to take a look at St Mary Magdalene and her life of penance. Saint Gregory the Great, identified Mary Magdalene with the woman who washed Jesus's feet with perfume in Simon the Pharisee's house. (Luke 7:36-50) She never forgot what the Lord did for her and remained His faithful follower to the Cross and to the grave. She is also known as Mary of Bethany, the sister of Lazarus and Martha. Jesus had expelled seven demons afflicting her (Mark 16:9; Luke 8:2). She was among the women who accompanied Jesus and served him during his earthly ministry (Luke 8:2-3). She was at the foot of the cross (Matthew 27:56; Mark 15:40; John 19:23). She was there when Jesus' body was placed in the tomb (Mark 15:47; Matthew 27:61). She is the first recorded eyewitness to the Risen Christ (Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:10). Jesus rewarded Mary Magdalene's perseverance in faithfulness by granting her the unexpected grace of being the first to whom He appeared after his resurrection from the dead. Saint Thomas Aquinas called her, *apostolorum apostola*, apostle to the apostles.

The story does not end here. I hope to share a bit of the history and French tradition while sharing this wonderful experience through pictures.

Tradition states that following St. James (son of Zebedee and Mary of Salome) execution, Lazarus and Martha were thrown into prison. Mary Magdalene, having wanted to visit them, was made prisoner as well along with other members Christian community (Bethany).

The Jews, being afraid to execute the prisoners because of the crowds, put them in a boat without sail or rudder, and a great ship towed them offshore and abandoned them in the open sea. Others in the boat included Mary Jacobe, mother of James and the sister of the Virgin Mary, Mary Salome, mother of the apostles James and John, Maximin, one of the seventy two disciples of Christ, Cedonius, the blind man who was miraculously healed by Jesus, Marcelle, Martha's servant, and Sara, maid of the two Marys. Singing and praying they found themselves landing on the southern shores of Saintes Maries de la Mer. The trip had been made at a miraculous speed. After landing in what is today the town of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer (named after her), she traveled through Provence evangelizing the region

The skull of Mary Magdalene is in the crypt at the basilica behind the iron grate. In the front is her alabaster sarcophagus. The sarcophagus on the left is that of Maximin and on the right Cedonius (the blind man Jesus healed in Siloam).



Skin of St. Mary Magdalene "Touch me not"



There is a smooth spot on the forehead of her skull where it is believed she was touched by Christ as He told her not to cling to Him, because He had not yet ascended to the Father. The touched skin remained luminous and did not disintegrate from her skull for hundreds of years. *Noli me tangere*, meaning "touch me not" is the Latin version of words spoken, according to John, by Jesus to Mary Magdalene when she recognized him after his Resurrection

John 20:17

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me,
for I have not yet ascended to the Father;
but go to my brothers and say to them,
'I am ascending to my Father and your Father,
to my God and your God.'



On the fluted support are bone fragments belonging to Martha and Lazarus.



Basilica chapel and sacristy

From left to right:

St. Maximin first bishop of Aix

St. Cedonius, blind man whom Jesus healed

Small reliquary with relics of St. Mary Magdalene

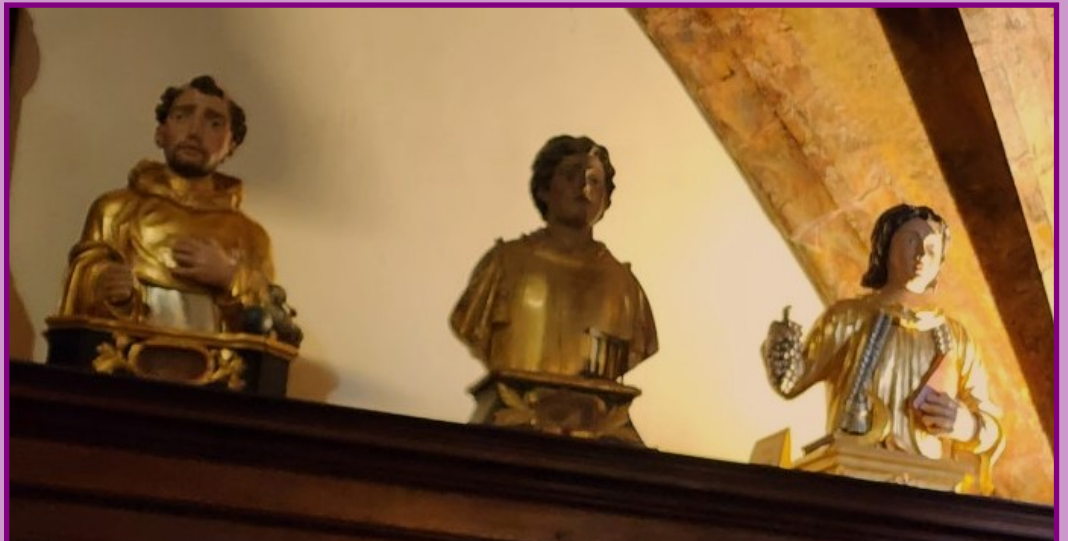
St. Vincent of Zaragoza, protector of winegrowers

St. Laurent martyr on the grill

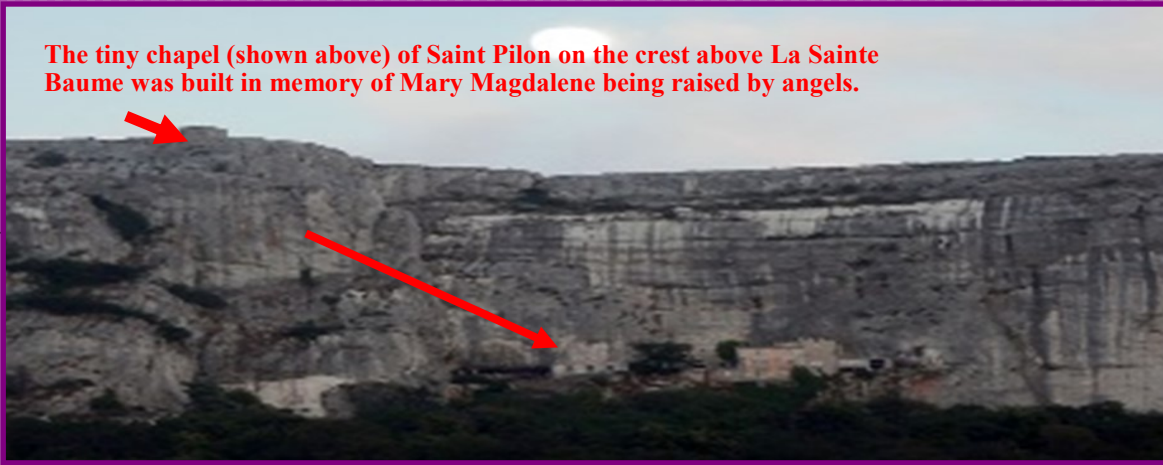
St. Dominic founder of the
Dominicans



In the enlarged photo of St. Cedonius the skull is visible. The bones of St. Cedonius were hidden in the sacristy during the French revolution and found again in 2014 by Father Florian, the supervisor of Fr. Eliseo's community.



The tiny chapel (shown above) of Saint Pilon on the crest above La Sainte Baume was built in memory of Mary Magdalene being raised by angels.



La SainteBaume

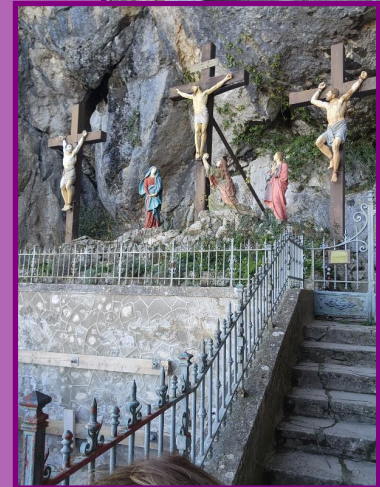
In southern France, in Massif-de-la-Sainte-Baume is a mountain ridge. Its summit is 3700 feet high. Its treasure is La Sainte-Baume, the “holy cave” of Saint Mary Magdalene. This grotto and the house of the Dominican Order are chiseled into the rock-face. On the crest (to the left) is Chapel St. Pilon, built in memory of Saint Mary Magdalene. From this highpoint is a view of the Mediterranean Sea. The cave can be accessed by a forty-five-minute hike up to the mountainside. The pilgrimage path has been around since the fourteenth century. Around this time French kings started to make the trip to honor Magdalene and entrusted the site to the Dominican Order.



150 steps representing the 150 Aves of the Rosary



Statues partially destroyed during WWII



Mary Magdalene’s brother, Lazarus, became bishop of Marseille, her sister Martha went on to Tarascan. Mary Magdalene and Maximin traveled on foot to Aix. There was an oratory where she and Maximin prayed which was called Saint-Sauveur. This is believed to be the birthplace of Christianity in Provence. This is where Jesus Christ called Mary Magdalene to contemplation in solitude. There, she desired nothing more than being reunited with her Lord. Maximin became the first bishop of Aix and Mary Magdalene retreated to a mountain cave of La Sainte Baume (47 AD) where she remained alone for the last thirty years of her life in contemplation, prayer and penance. She is said to have been lifted up by the angels seven times each day at the canonical hours and fed heavenly nourishment.

“When the time of Mary Magdalene’s death arrived, she was carried by angels to the oratory of Maximin, where she received viaticum. She died in Maximin’s arms and her body was laid in an alabaster sarcophagus in an oratory he constructed in the Gallo Roman town of Villa Latta or Tégulata, which after Maximin’s death became St. Maximin.

Maximin, Cedonius and Marcelle are buried at St. Maximin. Mary Jacobe, Mary Salome and Sara are buried in the parish church in Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer. Martha is buried in St. Martha’s Church in Tarascon and the skull of Lazarus is in a reliquary at Cathedral of Saint Mary Major in Marseille.” <http://www.magdalenepublishing.org/about/>

During the French Revolution (1793) a fire was deliberately started in the cave causing great destruction. From 1814 onward La Sainte-Baume was little by little rebuilt from its ashes until, in 1859, Fr. Henri-Dominique Lacordaire, OP re-installed the Dominican Order which had been faithful keepers of her relics and guides to pilgrims.

This is in the chapel in the “holy cave” where Mary Magdalene’s relic is preserved. The Rock of Penitence where Mary prayed is behind the altar in La Sainte-Baume

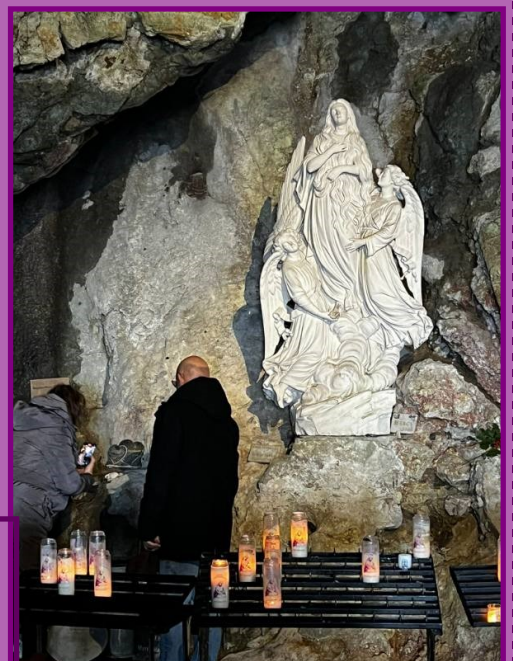


St. Mary Magdalene reclined on this rock



The reliquary holding the tibia of St. Mary Magdalene. It is believed that the body of St. Anne accompanied by St. Joseph of Arimethia were also on this boat.

Statue of St. Mary Magdalene being lifted up by the angels



A few miles away, in St. Maximin, her burial was never forgotten. The alabaster tomb where her body was discovered is reminiscent of the alabaster jar in which she poured the perfume over the feet of the Savior. In the crypt behind a grill her skull, only taken out during the feast day week (July 22nd) to be present in the Church during Masses and carried in procession through the streets of St. Maximin after her feast day Mass.

To end our wonderful trip, we shared a meal at the Hostellerie-De-La-Sainte-Baume.



Painting in the Chapel



Relief outside the chapel doors.

The Litany of St. Mary Magdalen

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Lord, have mercy on us,
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us,
Christ, graciously hear us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us.
St. Mary Magdalen,
Pray for us.
Sister of Martha and Lazarus, etc.
Thou who didst enter the Pharisee's house to anoint
the feet of Jesus,
Who didst wash His feet with thy tears,
Who didst dry them with thy hair,
Who didst cover them with kisses,
Who wast vindicated by Jesus before the proud Phar-
isee,
Who from Jesus received the pardon of thy sins,
Who before darkness wast restored to light,
Mirror of penance,
Disciple of Our Lord,
Wounded with the love of Christ,
Most dear to the Heart of Jesus,
Constant woman,
Last at the Cross of Jesus, first at His tomb,
Thou who wast the first to see Jesus risen,
Whose forehead was sanctified by the touch of thy risen Master,
Apostle of apostles,
Who didst choose the "better part,"
Who lived for many years in solitude being miraculously fed,
Who wast visited by Angels seven times a day,
Sweet advocate of sinners,
Spouse of the King of Glory,

V. Saint Mary Magdalen, earnestly intercede for us with thy Divine Master,
R. That we may share thy happiness in Heaven.

Let Us Pray.

May the glorious merits of blessed Mary Magdalen, we beseech Thee, O Lord,
make our offerings acceptable to Thee, for Thine only-begotten Son vouchsafed
graciously to accept the humble service she rendered. We ask this through Him
Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, God forever and ever. R. Amen.

May the prayers of blessed Mary Magdalen help us, O Lord, for it was in answer to them
that Thou didst call her brother Lazarus, four days after death, back from the grave to life,
Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Unity in Trinity,
world without end. R. Amen.



Preparing for Pentecost



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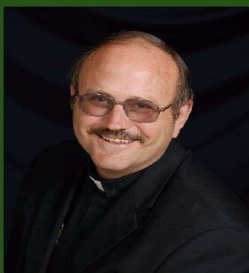
Fr. Michael Voithofer

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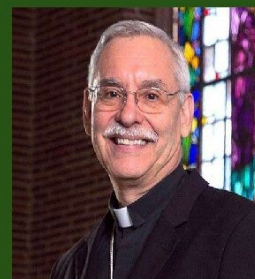
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Conference Speakers



Father Michael Voithofer grew up in the small rural town of Carmichaels in southwestern, Pennsylvania. He is the oldest of three boys and he is forever grateful to his wonderful parents Michael and Denise who provided him and his brothers with the Catholic faith.

During his high school years, Father Michael experienced a very serious leg injury that led him to ask deeper and more difficult questions about his faith and the existence of God. While enduring and recovering from nine different leg surgeries, Fr. Michael found it very difficult to pray. During this time, while his parents were praying the holy rosary at his hospital bedside, he had a powerful experience of the Blessed Mother's personal love for him. For Fr. Michael, this spiritual experience of the Blessed Mother's love was the beginning of his formation for living out the priesthood. God wants to activate our baptismal priesthood through worship!

When Fr. Michael began his study of Architectural Engineering in college at Penn State University, He had a life changing experience through an encounter with Holy Spirit at a charismatic prayer group. It was through this New Life in the Holy Spirit that Fr. Michael continued to grow in his love for Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and the Holy Rosary. This personal encounter with Holy Spirit strengthened his calling to the priesthood. It was through being prayed over and resting in the Holy Spirit that Fr. Michael became more and more aware of how important it is for the whole Church to receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit— learning to host, carry, and release the Presence of God into everyday life!

Fr. Michael was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ on June 5, 2010. He loves being a priest and he loves to share the gift of Adoration, the Holy Rosary, and devotion to the Presence of the Holy Spirit.

About eight years ago, during prayer, Fr. Michael sensed a call to begin a non-profit ministry called Ablaze House of Prayer which is dedicated to building up and strengthening the culture of Pentecost within the Church by introducing people to this New Life in the Holy Spirit. Fr. Michael works as a priest to promote and foster Eucharistic Adoration and it is his dream that every soul become a house of prayer for all God's people. God is raising worshipers to burn before His Holy Throne day and night, night and day!

Father Michael is the spiritual director and founder of the Ablaze House of Prayer. He directs and preaches at many personal and private retreats for people of all ages. To learn more about the ministry of Ablaze, how to support the mission of Ablaze House of Prayer please visit www.ablazeworship.org.



Maria Vadia
Evangelist and
Founder

Born in Havana, Maria Vadia was 10 years old when she and her family fled to Miami to escape the Communist regime in her native country. She attended Catholic schools and was a Sunday Catholic with no personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Later married to a wealthy man, she was gripped with materialism; yet in the midst of everything that the world had to offer, she felt an emptiness deep within her heart.

Maria's life was radically changed when she was baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1987. She consecrated her life to Jesus and to the preaching of the Gospel. In spite of great adversity, the Lord has been with her like a mighty warrior (Jeremiah 20: 11).

Active in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Archdiocese of Miami, Maria has spoken at many conferences and has traveled extensively around the world in over 30 nations, carrying a message of faith, salvation and healing. She is Founder of the 'Jesus is Lord' Chapter of Magnificat in Miami, a ministry to Catholic women, and is connected with Glory House of Miami, a safe haven for human traffic victims.

As Founder of The Glory of God Foundation, Maria is committed to making Jesus known to the nations by the preaching of the Gospel in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. This foundation is currently helping the Pygmies of Uganda to construct homes suitable for human living. It is Maria's desire to see the Catholic Church restored to the beauty of the Bride of Christ with miracles, signs, and wonders. She and her team have been helping God's people enter into deeper worship and experience the Glory of God. Together with Fr. Tom di Lorenzo, she also sponsors two main events annually: The School of the Holy Spirit and Days of Glory conference.

Maria has authored ten books: "There's Power in Your Tongue", "Pressing on in The Spirit", "An Arrow in His Hand", "Healing is for You", "Break Open Your Wells", "Miracles in the Glory", "Victory in the Eye Gate", "No More Orphans", "Jesus Man of War!" and "Created to be a Champion".



The Diocese of Little Rock,
The Minister For Religious and
Youth and Campus Ministry Office
are hosting a



Women's Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat

Woman's Religious Orders with Representation
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Holy Fire Ministries

Arkansas Catholic Charismatic Renewal

****Name Change****

For a period of time, we have been prayerfully considering a name change. This is based on a word we believe came from the Holy Spirit and is to reflect our mission. At the same time we are holding on to the name under which we are granted ministry authority from the diocese. When you see the name, Holy Fire Ministries, know that we are the Arkansas Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Both names will be used as we move forward.

The ACCR Newsletter is published quarterly in email format only. Please share this newsletter with family and friends. The next newsletter will be published after June 1, 2024. The deadline for articles and information for the next newsletter will be May 20, 2024. Please contact accnewsletter@gmail.com to send articles & photos. All articles & photos will be reviewed before publication. Your prayers for this endeavor are greatly appreciated.

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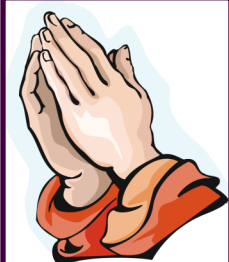
Mission Statement

The mission of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Arkansas is to share in and support the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the Church, that is, to stir into flame the grace of Pentecost. We strive to do this by:

- Coming together in prayer groups to celebrate and experience the Father's love, grace, and mercy as it comes to us in the person of Jesus Christ and by gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Leading others to the release of the Spirit in their lives.
- Identifying, fostering, and using the particular charisms each has received.
- Serving one another, families, community, Church, and the world.
- Evangelizing, sharing the Good News by word and example.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUPS IN ARKANSAS

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Prayer Group	Heart of Jesus	Fort Smith	Phylis Weisenfels	479-783-0971
Prayer Group	Our Lady Queen of Peace	St. Edwards Church Texarkana	Sophie & Max Richardson	870-772-1115
Prayer Group	Children of God	Hot Springs	Christy Miller	501-318-9242
Prayer Group	Holy Souls Prayer Group	Little Rock	Susej Thompson	501-772-2512
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Prayer Group	Our God Reigns	North Little Rock	Jerri Miller	501-835-6044
Prayer Group	The Friends of Jesus	Pine Bluff	Jim & Joanne Rinchuso	870-879-3555
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Prayer Group	Praise and Worship	Russellville	Marion Hotz	479-967-4296
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Do you feel called to form a Charismatic Prayer Group in your area of the state of Arkansas? Please contact the Renewal. We will be available to provide you with materials and training to help your group.

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