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RENEWAL OR REVIVAL

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What is the difference between "renewal" and "revival", if any? While both the words have similar meanings, they do differ in usage. The dictionary describes these words slightly different from each other. For instance, when we use the word "Renewal" it means to restore something that once was used to a newer state; *"the state of being made new, fresh, or strong again."* However, the use of the word "Revival" means to restore with vigor that what was once used, but has either decayed or died, and now brought to life again; *"the growth of something or an increase in the activity of something after a long period of no growth or activity."*

In a medical situation, the term "revival" is referred to as when someone's heart has stopped beating, and the person is near death. The medical staff uses electronic paddles to shock the patient's heart back to life to "revive" the patient. Another example is when a car won't start due to a weak or dead battery. Battery cables are used from one battery to another to "jump-start" the dead battery giving it new life.

In both instances there is revival and renewal. Is it possible to use both of these words, together, to describe a certain situation? Yes, I believe you can.

Charismatic Prayer Meetings

We refer to our weekly prayer meetings as the Charismatic Renewal. This means that when people come together each week they participate in the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit, as referred to by St Paul's letter to the Corinthians. (1 Cor. 11) These extraordinary gifts were given to all believers when they accepted Jesus as their personal Savior and Messiah, and they received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. These gifts were first given by God on the Day of Pentecost. ***"When the Day of Pentecost came it found them in one place. Suddenly, from up in the sky, there came a noise like a strong, driving wind which was heard all through the house where they were seated. Tongues as of fire appeared, which parted and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold***

proclamation as the Spirit prompted them."
(Acts 2:1-4)

But somewhere between those early days and today, many of those gifts have either "died" or became dormant in most Christian believers. But through the Charismatic Renewal in the late 1960's and early 1970's those gifts of the Holy Spirit have been "revived" and "renewed" and come back to life again in many people. Sadly, there are many others where these gifts still remain dormant. And it is here that what is needed is Charismatic Revival!

Smoldering Coals

I recently received an email from a person in outstate Minnesota. In the email, the person describes the situation of the weekly Charismatic Prayer Meetings in their area. They have all died out and disbanded. And now they are only a few "smoldering coals" remaining.



I answered that they are not alone. For even in the main cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, there are many "smoldering coals" remaining. And for some, the fire has gone out completely.

Can these "smoldering coals" get revived and renewed? For many years I have used the analogy of cold B-B-Q coals on a grill. Try to picture this example.

"When the coals are placed on the grill they are cold and are put into a small pile in the center of the grill. Then lighter fluid is poured on them and they are lit with a match. Immediately a flame is started and as they remain in the pile together they began to become hotter and hotter. As long as they remain in that pile touching each other they remain white hot. But as the coals are separated from one another and spread around the grill, they began to lose their heat and begin cooling down until all the fire within them is gone. And they die out and become cold again. The coals furthest from the center of the flame begin dying out quicker. If they are put back into the center of the pile, they will become hot again and regain their fire."

So it is with us in the Charismatic Renewal. Picture yourselves as one of the BBQ coals. As long as we stay together as **"One Body In Christ"** we will be on fire with the Holy Spirit. Once we withdraw from one another, we will then begin to cool off

and maybe even lose the fire of the Holy Spirit.

When we come together in the weekly prayer meetings, we are rubbing shoulders with the Holy Spirit of God. A little bit of the Holy Spirit rubs off you to me and to one another, just as the Holy Spirit rubs off someone else onto you. If we distance ourselves from the weekly prayer meetings and from coming together as **"One Body In Christ"**, we will surely fade out. And maybe even lose our Holy Spirit fire.

REVIVAL

"The growth of something or an increase in the activity of something after a long period of no growth or activity."

Is the fire of the Holy Spirit burning strongly in you or is beginning to dim or even die out? Are you frequently attending weekly Charismatic Prayer Meetings or have you distant yourself from rubbing shoulders together with one another? Don't let the fire of the Holy Spirit go out. **There is still time for Charismatic Revival!**

St. Paul tells us, **"I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God bestowed when my hands were laid on you. The Spirit God has given us is no cowardly Spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving and wise."**
(2 Timothy 1:6-7)

PRAYER REQUEST

Are you in need of prayer? We would like to include you in our daily prayer. Send in your prayer request and we will add your request to our prayer list.

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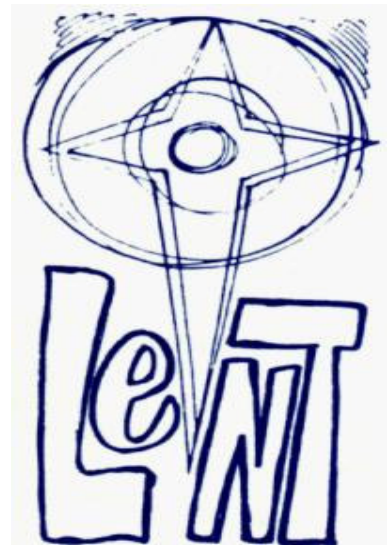
Please also remember to pray for all those in need of your prayers. Also to pray for our ministry that we may bring the Word of God to all people that

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who sent us your spiritual and financial support and your words of encouragement. We will continue to listen to what God is calling us to do, and we ask that you pray for us to accomplish all that God asks of us.

As always, our newsletter and all our events are on a **FREE-WILL DONATION** basis. See the back page for mail in form to make a donation.

MAY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY WITH HIS NEW LIFE!



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CHARISMATIC RENEWAL REVIVAL MEETING

**Thursday --- 7 PM
Mar 31, 2011**

**St Albert's Catholic Church
3216 - East 29 St. Minneapolis**

Everyone is encouraged to attend the monthly gathering of all Charismatic Christians in the Twin Cities Area. This is also a great opportunity to invite others to attend a Charismatic gathering for the first time to "come and see".

If you would like to be a part of this ongoing ministry as a musician, usher, helper of set-up & take down, or with refreshments after the meeting, please call:

Mark at 612-282-9896 or
Vince at 612-243-9411

Join us on the **LAST THURSDAY** of the month as we come together in prayer and praise and ask God to restore and renew us as

"ONE BODY IN CHRIST!"

HEALING CONFERENCE & SEMINAR

**FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2011 &
SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2011**

**St. Albert's Catholic Church
3216 East 29 Street
Minneapolis MN.**



This conference will be a hands on teaching and participating seminar. Our main speaker will be Fr. Matt Linn who has been in the healing ministry for many years and has written many books on healing.

Fr. Matthew Linn, SJ (as a team with Dennis and Sheila Linn) has focused on integrating physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. He is a member of the Association of Christian Therapists and has advanced graduate degrees in sociology, anthropology, spirituality, & theology. Since 1970 he has taught courses & given retreats on healing in every state and in over 60 countries from Alaska to Australia.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

There is **NO CHARGE** to attend this conference and seminar, but it is necessary to pre-register. A lunch will be served and **FREE-WILL OFFERINGS** will be taken during the weekend to cover expenses. Please register as soon as possible. **CALL 612-243-9411**

NOTE: If you can help in any way at this conference or would like to bring refreshments, please call. We appreciate your service.

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