



NEW LIFE

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SPEAK THE WORD

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As we begin this new year of our Lord, 2014, let us be excited and ready to **"SPEAK THE WORD"** of evangelizing the Gospel truth that **JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**

We have to do more than just hoping and believing in the Bible Gospel writers of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We have to go a step further. We have to put into action those beliefs and be willing to speak out with boldness with the power of the Holy Spirit.

That same Holy Spirit power came to Sts. Peter and John when they were arrested for speaking out about Jesus as the Messiah. When they were told not to continue speaking about Jesus they replied, ***"Whether it is right in the sight of God for us to obey you rather than God, you be the judges. It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard."*** (Acts 4:19-20) Notice that last line. It is impossible for us not to speak of what we have seen and heard! WOW! What a statement! Are you willing to be that bold?

In the Book of Genesis we read about when God created

the world. He did more than just thinking about it. He spoke the word, ***"Let there be light"*** and there was light the first day. (Gen 1:3) God spoke the word and it happened.

I believe that God wants us to change our negative ways of life and become more positive, not only in our thinking, but also in our actions. We have to get rid of thoughts like, "things are never getting any better"; "no one really cares"; "it's never going to happen"; "it's impossible --- it's too far fetched"; it's too costly"; "there is no future in continuing with this group"; etc. These are all negative thoughts and I believe they hold back the power of the Holy Spirit working within you.

We have to have the attitude of what St. Paul says to the Ephesians. ***"My God is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or even imagine!"*** (Eph 2:20)

When things seem far-fetched and impossible, remember what the Angel Gabriel said to our Blessed Mother Mary when she told him it was impossible for her to have a baby because she did not know any man. Gabriel said ***"All things***

are possible with God" (Luke 1:37) Angel Gabriel spoke God's word and it was done.



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Sometimes, we in the Charismatic Renewal are somewhat timid and worried about offending others about our involvement in the Charismatic Renewal, and we tend to "water" it down. There are some who have changed the word Charismatic and refer to it as just a prayer

group or a bible sharing group, thus eliminating the use of the word Charismatic. Then they wouldn't have to explain what Charismatic Renewal means or if it is sanctioned by the Church. While there is nothing wrong with these types of groups, it does limit the gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Church has **always** been Charismatic ever since the first Day of Pentecost. If God did not want us to have the Charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit, then He would not have given them to us in the first place.

I have met many people over the years who are hung up about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. They are good Christian people, both Catholic and Protestant. And the biggest obstacle they have is the "speaking and praising in tongues" gift. I have also met some people who claim to be involved in the Charismatic Renewal who say that this gift isn't necessary. To me, this is just another way of "watering down" the Holy Spirit's power and Charismatic Renewal.

I have also heard of some who attended Life in the Spirit Seminars, but were never encouraged to receive the gift of Charismatic praise of tongues. They just received a prayer of blessing and renewal of their baptismal. It is hard for me to imagine that anyone in the Charismatic Renewal not being able to praise God without the tongues of the Holy Spirit.

I believe once they get beyond this hang up they can go on to other more important gifts of the Holy Spirit that St Paul outlines in 1st Corinthians 12; for instance the gifts of

prophecy, exhorting, healing, teaching, evangelizing.

SPEAK THE WORD

When you are timid and afraid of what others might think listen to what the Psalmist says, "***You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty, Say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust." He will rescue you from the fowler's snare, from the destroying plague.***" (Ps 91:1-4)

This is a word of encouragement. It says if you speak the word, God will do it.

Each time we attend Holy Mass, just before we approach Holy Eucharist, we utter the phrase, "**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed!**" Do you really believe it, or is it just a rote prayer?

SPEAK THE WORD AND GOD WILL DO IT

EVANGELII GAUDIUM **(The Joy Of The Gospel)**

In November 2013, Pope Francis wrote his Apostolic Exhortation to the bishops, clergy, and the lay faithful on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world.

While the document is quite long, a special emphasis is made on the theme "New Evangelization".

In short, this means the New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel.

The focus of the New Evangelization calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize others The New Evangelization invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church.
(US Conference Of Catholic Bishops)

SPIRIT-FILLED EVANGELIZERS

Pope Francis continues his exhortation in Chapter 5 beginning with these words: "*Spirit-filled Evangelizers means evangelizers fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit.*"

<Notice the word "fearlessly">

He goes on to say, "*Some people do not commit themselves to mission because they think that nothing will change and that it is useless to make the effort. They think: 'Why should I deny myself my comforts and pleasures if I won't see any significant result?' This attitude makes it impossible to be a missionary. It is only a malicious excuse for remaining caught up in comfort, laziness, vague dissatisfaction and empty selfishness. It is a self-destructive attitude ...*

The Gospel tells us that when the first disciples went forth to preach, "the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message" (Mk 16:20). The same thing happens today. We are invited to discover this, to experience it. Christ, risen and glorified, is the wellspring of our hope, and he will not deprive us of the help we need to carry out the mission which he has entrusted to us." (Chapter 5, section 275)

Evangelizers

We in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal have been blessed by God's Holy Spirit and have been given a special mission to become God's "Spirit-Filled Evangelizers".

The choice is yours. You can sit back and watch someone else do it, or you can go forward proclaiming "what you have seen and heard" proclaiming **JESUS IS LORD!**

I leave you with the following Prayer that St. Peter said when he was released from prison:

"Enable your servants to speak your word with all boldness, as you stretch forth [your] hand to heal, and signs and wonders are done through the name of your holy servant Jesus." As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:29-31)

This year make a commitment to **SPEAK THE WORD -----**
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

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Prayer Request

If you have a need for prayer, we would like to add your request to our daily prayer list.

Send us your individual prayer request and we will add your request to our daily prayer list. Also please remember to add to your daily prayers all

those who send in a request who are in need of your daily prayers. Send your request to:

**New Life CRM
6253 Penn Avenue South
Richfield MN. 55423**

Please also pray for the New Life Renewal Ministry that we may do all that God asks of us.

NOTICE

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FINANCIALLY and VOLUNTEERING

1) FINANCIALLY:

We receive **NO** funding from any organization and depend on your donations to keep New Life Ministry functioning. We are registered as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt ministry with the federal government and state of Minnesota. All donations we receive are tax exempt listed as a charitable organization.

2) VOLUNTEER:

We are always in need of volunteers to participate in our Days of Renewal, Charismatic Masses, and other events we sponsor.

Please look over the information on the right and consider becoming a partner with New Life Renewal Ministry either with your donations or by becoming a

volunteer or both. You can go to our website

WWW.NEWLIFECRM.ORG

and click "Partner" or you can send your request by mail. Thank you for your support

Ministry Partners



TWIN – CITY AREA WIDE CHARISMATIC PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT

**THURSDAY JAN 30
7:30 pm – 9 pm**

**St Albert The Great
Catholic Church
3200 E 29th Street
Minneapolis**

*Come join together as 'One
Body and One Spirit'
sharing the Charismatic
gifts of the Holy Spirit of
healing, teaching,
exhortation, testimony.
Evangelizing!*

Fellowship & refreshments



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**Twin City Area Wide
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**Thursday, 7:30 PM
JANUARY 30, 2014**

**St. Albert's Catholic Church
3200 East 29 St. Mpls
(Enter 32 Ave side door)**

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**May our God continue to bless you
abundantly with His New Life!**

Thank You

**PEOPLE OF JOY
CHARISMATIC PRAYER
MEETINGS
THURSDAYS 7:30 PM**

**St Albert's Catholic Church
3200 East 29 Street, Mpls MN
(1 Block North of E. Lake St.)**

**Come join with us to proclaim
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**