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MCCR Vision & Mission

Over the past few months, the Board Members of the MCCR have been prayerfully reflecting on the 'Vision' and 'Mission' of our ministry. After much prayer, several meetings and through the Power of The Holy Spirit, the team developed what you will read below. We very much believe that this 'Vision' clearly describes our goals, values and why the ministry has been chosen by God to serve. Our 'Mission' provides information about what is being done or planned toward realizing our 'Vision':

Our Vision

To provide an environment that encourages a Relationship with the Holy Spirit, using His Gifts for growth in the life of grace in the Diocese of Toledo.

Our Mission

To provide an encounter with the Holy Spirit to the Diocese of Toledo through monthly parish-based Nights of Healing, Life in the Spirit Seminars, the fostering and promoting of Local Prayer Groups, and Praise & Worship experiences rooted in a universal call for a Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

We are so excited about the opportunity that Our Loving Father has put before us! By the Power of The Holy Spirit, we will thrive. **After reading and reflecting on this, please consider and contact us about how we can serve you or how you may be called to be involved in our ministry.** Most importantly, PRAY!!! God Bless You.

From Fr. Jim

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

We have begun the sacred seasons of Lent and Easter, a 90 day journey through the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus that culminates in the great feast of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The first forty days are the Lenten journey with Jesus from his baptism to his passion, death, and burial. Then the fifty days that follow, take us from his resurrection and ascension to Pentecost.

We prepare our own journey with Jesus through the first six weeks by more intense prayer, focused fasting, and almsgiving in order to let go of self and think and act for others. First, we focus on God by prayer and worship, then we focus on others by our fasting and sharing of our time, talent, and treasure with those in need.

These three disciplines are not the ends of Lent in themselves, rather they are means to an end.

The end and focus of Lent is Baptism, both of the catechumens and candidates at the Easter Vigil and our own renewal of our baptismal promises. Lent began in the Church as a way for the whole People of God to join the elect (those who are preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil) during their final six weeks of preparation, a kind of retreat for them. Inspired by the zeal of these folks, we are called and challenged to use the time of Lent to get our hearts ready to renew our own Baptismal promises at Easter.

In our baptism, the Lord Jesus offered us authentic joy, meaning, and purpose to our life, inner freedom and peace, love without end, and a share in his own divine life, all that our hearts desire and long for. We start out with so much going for us, yet all too soon we



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From Fr. Jim (cont. from front page)

get caught up in the snares and enticements of the evil one, just like Adam and Eve did. Therefore we need to renew our promises and resolve.

One of the important observances during Holy Week is the Chrism Mass. There, our Bishop blesses the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism. In a dramatic way the Bishop consecrates the Chrism Oil, adding the balsam oil (a perfume substance) to the olive oil, and then breathing on this mixture he and the priests who are present, pray for the Holy Spirit's presence and power over the Chrism Oil. It is consecrated as the bread and wine are at Mass.

The word "chrism" comes from the same root word as does the word "Christ" the anointed one.

We are anointed with this sacred, consecrated oil to share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, in his ministry of prophetic word based on the Scriptures, and as kings, and queens, not lording it over but as servants leading others to the Lord. To be anointed means we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and literally become sons and daughter of God.

I read with interest Joe Difato's reflections on Baptism and anointing with oil in the Lenten Issue of the *Word Among Us*. He writes about St Paul's comments in 2 Corinthians, "*The one who ...anointed us is God, He has also put His seal upon us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.*" (2 Corinthians 1:21-22.) We receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus received at His baptism in the Jordan River... Jesus was baptized by John and as soon as He came out of the water, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form like a dove. When He later began His public ministry, Jesus

announced, "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me...*" (Luke 4:18).

Jesus was not to be the only one anointed by the Spirit, so He made it possible for us too to be filled with

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the Spirit when we are baptized and given a share in the grace and power and the seal of authority. Joe's reflections continue on what the anointing does for us:

- We are anointed to **KNOW** God personally –as St Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "*Paul prayed that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in a knowledge of Him.*" (1:17)
- We are anointed to **DISCERN God's will**, that is, to distinguish between good spirits and evil

ones, between truth and falsehood. We need this gift in order to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

- And we are anointed to **SERVE**, to continue Jesus' ministry of bringing the good news, freeing the oppressed, healing the sick etc. One of the surest signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit is the desire to serve and care for people.

We have been anointed and sealed with the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and in Confirmation, but it needs to be actualized by our personal YES, that is our personal response of faith to the divine grace. Jesus has anointed us with His Holy Spirit and longs for us to say yes to Him. Let us pray: ***Come Holy Spirit and unbind these wonderful sacraments in our lives so that we can know you better. Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts and fill the hearts of all the faithful.***

Fr Jim Brown



Life in the Spirit
RETREAT WEEKEND

How to give our personal YES?

If you have not given your personal YES - see our enclosed flyer. As a candidate, this retreat can prepare you and empower you with the Holy Spirit's anointing and gifts.

If you previously gave your YES at some other time in your life - Re-confirm your YES, and help us to empower others, by serving on our ministry team.

These retreats have empowered thousands of people in our Diocese to serve the Church in many ways! The Holy Spirit gives His gifts to empower His people and build up the Church.

Coming Events 2025

Sign up for our email news on our website www.mccrholyspirit.org contact form or email us: mccrholyspirit@gmail.com or follow our MCCR Facebook for updates <https://www.facebook.com/MCCR-297908527073164/>

Night of Healing

MAR. 19 | APR 8 | MAY 15 | AUG 11
7:00 pm 4 LOCATIONS

WORSHIP WORD HEALING ADORATION WITNESS RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY **MAR. 19** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Holy Trinity, Assumption Fr. Walter Tuscano
Fr. James Brown
2649 US Highway 20, Swanton, OH 43558

THURSDAY **MAY 15** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

St. Richard - Swanton Fr. Eric Culler
Fr. James Brown
Fr. Kevin Moebius
333 Brookside Dr, Swanton, OH 43558

TUESDAY **APRIL 8** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

St. Joseph - Fort Jennings Fr. Charles Obinwa
Fr. James Brown
Fr. Kevin Moebius
135 N Water St, Fort Jennings, OH 45844

MONDAY **AUG. 11** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

St. Patrick, Providence Fr Francis Mariadas
Fr. James Brown
Fr. Kevin Moebius
14010 S River Rd, Grand Rapids, OH 43522



Life in the Spirit RETREAT WEEKEND

August 8-10, 2025

See the enclosed flyer

REGISTER NOW: [online](#) or mail registration by July 11th



Sat., April 5, Magnificat Breakfast

Our Lady of the Lake Chapter • St. Peter Catholic Church,
430 Main St., Huron, OH. Speaker: **Lori Mihalek**

Starts 9:00AM-12:30PM. Reservation must be received by
MAR. 25 (There is no registration at the door.) For more
information or online registration is \$22, see link: [https://](https://huronmagnificat.weebly.com/next-magnificat-meal.html)

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**The Encounter Conference is in Toledo
July 16-18• Glass City Center, Toledo, OH.**
For more information or order tickets visit
encounterconference.org

Diocese of Toledo Charismatic Prayer Meetings and Contacts

MONDAY: ***Call contacts with questions about prayer groups or living a Charismatic life***

Assumption - Holy Trinity, with Fr. Walter Tuscano
Mass @ 6:15, Prayer Group following at 6:45/7:00 p.m.
Judy Cole (419) 602-0627

Huron, St. Peter's 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Women's Prayer & Scripture Meeting
Diane Dudenhofer (419) 602-0627

Port Clinton 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Joan Nunnery (440) 390-0054

TUESDAY:
Toledo, Epiphany of the Lord, St. Thomas Aquinas chapel 1:30 p.m.
Emmaus Community *Enter in door at top of handicap ramp.*
Cancelled if the same day as a Night of Healing event.
David Bland (419) 322-8282

Ottawa Areawide (SS Peter & Paul in chapel) 7:30 p.m.
Sharon Rump (419) 615-3513

THURSDAY:
Defiance, Beacon of Love 7:00 p.m.
St John (Basement: Sts Mark & Matthew room)
Sandy Diehl (419) 770-0057

Toledo, SS. Peter/Paul 7:00 p.m.
Candy Cordova Hispanic (419) 377-8053

FRIDAY:
Defiance, St. Mary Hispanic 6:00 p.m.
Fela Trevino (419) 784-4508

SATURDAY:
Fremont, St. Jos. Hispanic 7:00 p.m.
Raul Gonzales (419) 332-9252

AREA CONTACTS: *call about living a Charismatic life*
Fremont, Judy Good (419) 366-1025
Lima, St. Gerard, Jerry & Sharon Laurent (419) 331-1763
Norwalk, St. Paul's, Bev Reichert (419) 706-0464



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Maria Stein, Ohio 45860

Are you searching for a deeper commitment to the Lord?

Do you know someone who would be a good candidate for this retreat?

The purpose of this retreat is to make or renew a personal commitment to Jesus Christ through the openness to the Holy Spirit and His gifts. This retreat is an introduction to a life in the power of the Holy Spirit by providing teaching, guidance and prayer. It will provide fuel in igniting the Power of the Holy Spirit that we receive at baptism and confirmation. We also pray that this will assist you to recognize and develop your spiritual gifts.

See the enclosed flyer for more information and registration form. Mail by July 11.