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"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me."  
Psalm 28

THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD IN HIM MY HEART TRUSTS

"we are called...to give everyone the opportunity to come into contact with Jesus,  
to freely know and love Him." Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Peace be with you.

We are beginning to experience warmer weather and a thought comes to my mind. Are we warming up to our Savior Jesus? St. Paul says "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Philippians 2:12. In my mind we need to spend each day as if it is our last day and make it count. It is not that we can earn our salvation, but rather it is a grace that we receive from our Lord. Therefore, we must "fight the good fight of the faith," 1 Timothy 6:12 and win the race which is to be with our Lord and Savior for eternity.

Registrations for our upcoming conference on September 20–22, 2024 are tepid. I know that you are all busy, but we have a major legal responsibility to fill our room block of four hundred rooms at the hotel for the conference over the weekend. Along with that we need you to register for the conference. Our fees have not increased in years despite the increasing rise in expenses. Those of you who have attended our conference over the years know that we always strive to make sure that the conference is the best that you have ever experienced, which is supported by past comments from our attendees. I ask you please to register for the conference at [orlandocharismatic.com](http://orlandocharismatic.com), and you can also make your hotel reservation on the same site. If you are unable to register for the conference via computer, you may mail in your registration with the attached form and call the hotel to register at (407) 313-4300. Please make sure to indicate you are attending the Catholic Charismatic Renewal conference.

We have a very gifted speakers including Father Ignatius Okoroji, a very spiritual and animated man, Sister Marilyn Minter who is on fire for the Lord and is a very energetic woman, Deacon Ralph Pollo a new speaker, who is the Chairman of the Pentecost Today, you will be pleasantly surprised by his energy and his command of the word of God. We also have Nelson Ruiz Bautista, our MC and Natalia Gil, who will be leading the youth track both of which are young firebrands for Jesus.

Let us come out and make this a great conference experience. I look forward to meeting and seeing you this time around.

Sincerely,

Your brother in Christ ,

Vincent Maldonado  
Administrator Operations  
Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Orlando.

# POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE EVANGELIZATION - HOLY SPIRIT

Pope at audience: Let us start anew from the Holy Spirit!

At his weekly general audience, Pope Francis says that a Church which does not invoke the Holy Spirit “closes in on itself in sterile and exhausting debates” .

By Joseph Tulloch

At his weekly general audience this Wednesday, Pope Francis continued with his series of catecheses on the “passion for evangelising”, stressing the centrality of the Holy Spirit to evangelism.

The Holy Father’s catechesis took the form of a meditation on a single line from the Gospel of Matthew: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19).

The Spirit as “engine of evangelisation”

The Pope began by reflecting on the first word of the passage, “Go”.

When Jesus says this to his disciples – and also to us – he is “not just communicating a word”, the Pope said, but also “communicating the Holy Spirit at the same time.” This, he explained, is because “it is only thanks to Him, thanks to the Spirit, that one can receive Christ’s mission and carry it out” – the Spirit is thus “the engine of evangelisation.”

And what is this task of evangelisation, which the Spirit empowers us to perform? Pope Francis stressed that we are called “not to indoctrinate, not to make proselytes, but to make disciples, that is, to give everyone the opportunity to come into contact with Jesus, to freely know and love Him.”

The Spirit in the early Church

The Pope then turned to consider the role of the Holy Spirit in the first years of the Church, as narrated in the Acts of the Apostles. The protagonist of this book of the Bible, he said, is “not Peter, Paul, Stephen, or Philip, but the Holy Spirit.”

He went on to describe the role played by the Spirit in resolving a famous dispute in the early Church. Christians at the time, the Pope noted, were divided between those who wanted pagan converts to the faith to follow Jewish law, and those who did not.

“How to resolve the dilemma?”, Pope Francis asked. “They might have sought a good compromise between tradition and innovation: some rules are observed, others are left out. Yet the Apostles do not follow this human wisdom, searching for a diplomatic compromise, but adapted to the work of the Spirit.”

“Together, without being divided, despite having different sensitivities and opinions, they listened to the Spirit.”

Calling on the Holy Spirit

Pope Francis brought his catechesis to an end by calling on the Church to invoke the Spirit.

He warned that “as Church, we can have well-defined times and spaces, well-organised communities, institutes and movements, but without the Spirit, everything remains soulless.”

If the Church does not pray to and invoke the Spirit, he continued, it “closes in on itself, in sterile and exhausting debates, in wearisome polarisations, while the flame of mission is extinguished.”

“Dear brothers and sisters,” he concluded, “let us start, and start anew, as Church, from the Holy Spirit ... I leave you with this question: do I pray to the Spirit? Do I let myself be guided by Him?”

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INVITES YOU TO

**DAY OF  
PRAISE AND  
WORSHIP**

Luke 3:16

John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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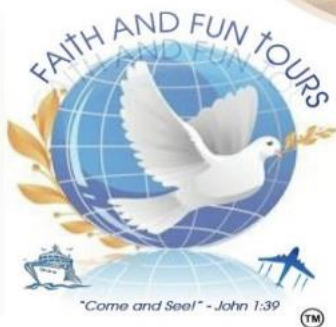
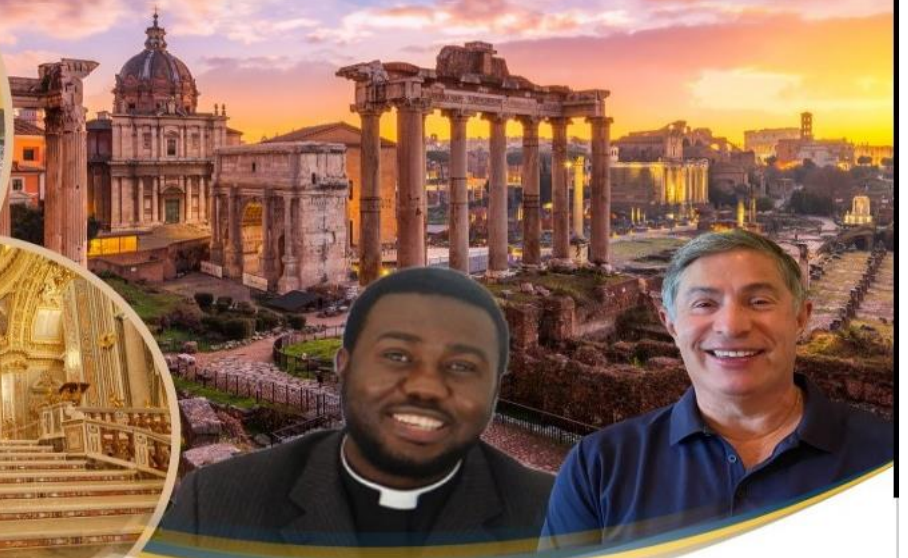
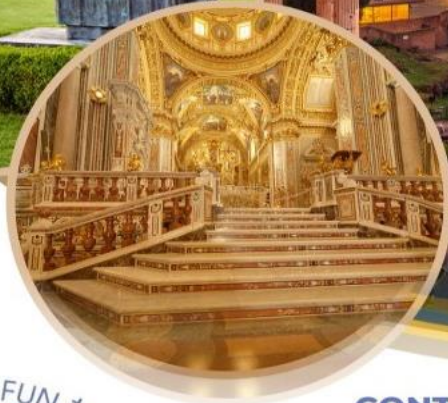
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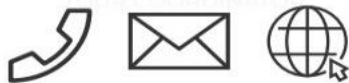
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WITH FR. IGNATIUS OKOROJI SDV AND  
VINCE MALDONADO



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*PSALM 28:7A*



**September 20-22, 2024**

**Hilton Orlando**

**[OrlandoCharismatic.com](http://OrlandoCharismatic.com)**

**Speakers**

**Father Ignatius Okoroji, SDV**

**Sister Marilyn Minter**

**Deacon Ralph Poyo**

**Nelson Bautista Ruiz , Youth Track**



## 2024 CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



### Father Ignatius Mary Okoroji, SDV

Is an ordained priest in the Congregation of the Society of Divine Vocations and is currently the Retreat Director of his religious community in New Jersey. He has earned a master's degree in Theology and Ministry of the Word, and a master's degree in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis on leadership in diversity and conflict resolution.

Fr. Ignatius is the Founder of *Communitas Mater Domini (CMD)* and is the Author of one of his best selling books, *God's Foot Is On The World: Millennium Reign Of Christ The King Begins...*

He holds Healing Masses every month and there have been testimonies of healings and conversions. Testimonies have been shared of reconciled marriages and children born to childless couples.

Father Ignatius has a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Immaculate Conception and in everything gives all credit to God.

### BIO SISTER MARILYN MARIE MINTER, CSSF

Sister Marilyn Marie Minter has been a member of the Felician Community for 49 years. Sister Marilyn received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Felician College. She holds a Masters Degree in Church Music and Liturgy from the ensselaer Program at St. Joseph College in Indiana, and she is a certified spiritual director. Sister Marilyn traveled throughout the country, conducting Parish Missions and College retreats, and attending youth and young adult gatherings.

For more than a decade, Sister Marilyn responded to an inner call of evangelization with and among the poor that led her to various mission immersion experiences in Africa, Mexico, Kamchatka in Russia, and Haiti. After the earthquake in Haiti on 01/12/2010, the Felician Sisters responded to the cries and needs of the people by sending Sisters to Port-au-Prince; Sister Marilyn was one of these Sisters.

Responding to the needs of God's poorest people, the Felician Sisters opened a new mission in Jacmel, Haiti, in October of 2012.

<https://felician.edu/news/sister-marilyn-minter-interviewed-on-radiofelician-for-ifg/>



### DEACON RALPH POYO

The Lord moved Ralph and his young family to Raleigh, NC. Where he took on the youth ministry position at Our Lady of Lourdes. Seven years later, he became the Director of Faith Formation at St. Luke the Evangelist in North Raleigh, the position he held until his recent move to Steubenville, Ohio. At St. Luke's, Ralph was responsible for all catechetical programs within the parish, including RCIA, sacramental prep, and private pastoral counseling. In his six years there, Ralph led the building of two (middle and high school) youth ministry programs. In addition, Ralph eliminated the CCD religious education program and established an "all generations" catechetical program, manned by a 200-person crew of volunteers from the parish. With this new format, he was able to continue ministering to the same number of children and youth, and expand his outreach to about 240 adults – the heads of all of the participating households – each month. The program was so successful after its first year, that Ralph needed to establish five additional adult education classes to respond to the hunger generated by the parish-wide awakening of faith. <https://nem.training/>



### Nelson Bautista Ruiz

Nelson Ruiz was the coordinator for the youth in the CCR Hispanic community for many years and continues to lead the prayer group in Blessed Sacrament. In all of these years of ministry he has helped lead many young souls to Christ!



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