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TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

In the European conference of Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) in Warsaw, last October, the official representative of the Vatican Msgr. Miguel Delgado Galindo, presented the main points of what Pope Francis said about charismatic renewal in the last two years.

Presenting the nowadays teaching of the Catholic Church on charismatic renewal, Msgr. Delgado started to say that Charismatic Renewal is 'a Pentecostal grace for the whole Church' and 'a current of grace,' with an 'inseparable link between CCR and the Second Ecumenical Vatican Council'. 'Three years of Conciliar works (1962-1965) were lived under the sign of the Holy Spirit.' 'The Second Vatican Council contributed greatly to the rediscovering of the role of the Holy Spirit in theology, and for the whole Church. One of the most evident traits of the Conciliar documents consists in the important role exercised by the Holy Spirit in the distribution of charisms for the structure and for the life of the Church. After the Council there was a great flourishing of ecclesial realities having as a base an original charism aroused by the Holy Spirit.' Mgr. M. Delgado, under-secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, continued with a presentation of the teaching of Pope Francis to CCR in four talks during 2014 and 2015. He presented the key messages of Pope Francis' in ten points:

Key messages of Pope Francis to CCR

- 1st – The conversion to Jesus' love changes a Christian's life and makes of him/her a witness of God's love.
- 2nd – Share with everybody in the Church the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- 3rd – Evangelizing using the Word of God, that announces that Jesus is alive, lives within us, and loves us.
- 4th – The evangelization the Pope and the Church expects from the multiple expressions of CCR is the witness of spiritual ecumenism you are called

to live with members of other Churches and ecclesial communities who believe Jesus to be Lord and Saviour of humanity.

5th – Getting close to poor and needy people to touch their body which is the wounded body of Christ.

6th – The search for unity in CCR, stems from the unity in the Trinity, and reaches us through the Holy Spirit.

7th – Authority in the church has always to be at the service of brothers and sisters.

8th – Avoid the danger of excessive organization, as it might become a danger to the unity of the body.

9th – Knowing the Malines' documents. They constitute an excellent guide for CCR.

10th – Establish bonds of trust and collaboration with the bishops of the places where the various expressions of CCR are operating.

'If the experience of baptism in the Holy Spirit – of effusion of the Holy Spirit – has helped your faith, in Jesus Christ Lord and Savior, to born again; if through that experience you have recognized Him as the only God of your life, persevere in this faith and give witness to it.'

Pope Francis likes to celebrate with the worldwide CCR in 2017 in Rome her [50th anniversary](#).

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The [full English text](#) of the speech of Msgr. Miguel Delgado Galindo

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