

# The Vision of Charismatic Renewal

(The hopeful Christian dream we visualize.)

## Vision of the *National Service Team*

(We visualize:) The renewing grace of Pentecost in the life and mission of our Church.

## Vision of *Fruit of the Spirit Prayer Group* of Stephenson, Mi.

We visualize an active, Full Gospel Catholic Church, fully and deliberately open to the Holy Spirit, with all His ordinary and charismatic gifts, not only in theory and potential, but embraced in the minds and hearts and actions of the hierarchy, clergy, and all God's people.

### Commentary:

- Charismatic renewal simply means the renewal of the use of charisms in God's Church.
- We believe God's purpose for the Charismatic Renewal, in the parish and worldwide, is to be a small example of an important portion of His Divine vision for the whole Church.
- There is a close relationship between authentic praise and charisms.
- Our vision must fit into the vision of the Holy Catholic Church.
- By full Gospel, we mean a fullness of everything the apostolic oral and written Gospel calls for; fullness of apostolic authority, fullness of apostolic teaching, fullness of sacrament, fullness of unity, fullness of holiness, fullness of catholicity, and fullness of charisms.

## *Basic Callings of Fruit of the Spirit Prayer Group*

### 1. We are called as a prayer group to have an active part in bringing about the above stated vision:

- We have a worldwide part and a local part to play
- Intercession for the Renewal, accompanied by freeing praise.
- Voluntary obedience to the Holy Spirit working through charismatic leadership.
- Love, loyalty and obedience to the Magisterium of the Holy Catholic Church.
- We bring the Renewal into our families, Church and society.
- Teach our own children to use the gifts.

### 2. We are called to lead people to a personal relationship with Jesus alive:

- Prayer, good example, seed planting, witness, teaching, serving, catechizing, evangelizing, etc.
- Help members and visitors grow in love and awe of Jesus.

### 3. We are called to lead people to the baptism in the Holy Spirit:

- Frequent *Life in the Spirit Seminars*.
- Use of charismatic gifts beyond the prayer meeting.

### 5. We are called to serve God's people in need:

- As a prayer group, we are called primarily but not exclusively to serve spiritual needs.
- Maintain a regularly scheduled prayer meeting, open and welcoming to all.
- Praying with, for, and over people with health needs, personal and family needs, etc.
- Be actively concerned about the needs of the prayer group, and share our own needs.
- Serve generously in parish ministries without dominating.
- Encourage, correct, guide and admonish as the Holy Spirit may lead.
- Love those who disagree with the Renewal.