

Laity Engaging Laity (LEL) Reflection

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LEL Mission

“To help laity impact the culture by developing their faith more deeply and living it as strong witnesses in every area of their lives”

October 10, 2015

Year of the Holy Spirit

“Manifestation Charisms: The Power to “Say”

- Recap of the Holy Spirit Year, Aug - Oct (see 2015 Summary Handout)
- Spiritual Reflection (see “Journaling Questions”)
 - Defined the “Say” charisms (Prophecy, Message in Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues) - (Oct Spiritual Reflection Slides)
 - Reflection was on desire and surrender so as to receive the three “Say” charism, journaled with two questions related to the reflection and then shared in groups of three (see Journaling Questions)
 - Foundational for receiving the charisms is a desire for what Jesus is offering us, and surrendering our lives in prayer
 - Mary helps us to surrender, to grow deeper in love
- Manifestation Charisms Q&A
 - Discussed difference between Abiding and Manifestation Charisms: Abiding are with us always, Manifestation are given to use when needed as God wants to use us in a specific situation to help others
 - Concerning “desire” for Charisms: We need to be open at any time to whatever gift God wants to give us for another, we need the desire to be God’s instrument
- Manifestation Charisms: Power to Say (1 Cor 12:7-11) (see “Power to Say” slides)
 - Using the charisms from the Holy Spirit is very Catholic (CCC 2003), though some feel uncomfortable with being open to the Spirit moving in them
 - Fr Cantalamessa says that the Sacraments are the “established outlets” of grace, while charisms are a “surprise” outlet of grace
 - The Holy Spirit can use us in any of the Manifestation Charisms at any time
 - The Manifestation Charisms are an inspiration (means “breathed into”) in us from the Holy Spirit
 - Prophecy:
 - Usually an inspiration for the needs of the present not the future
 - A gift for instruction, encouragement and consolation (1 Cor 14:3)
 - Tongues: The Church does not have an official definition of the gift of tongues, but acknowledges its validity, there are three understandings of tongues
 - For Evangelization: like the Apostles at Pentecost, people hear in their language
 - For Prophecy: usually manifested in an assembly where someone understands the interpretation (it is not a “translation”) - 1 Cor 14:26
 - For Prayer: this is not actually a Manifestation Charism, but a gift of non-rational prayer that comes from the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 14:14) - a person prays in a language he does not know, the Holy Spirit prays through us since we “do not know how to pray as we ought” (Rom 8:28)
- Small Group Reflections: (see Journaling Questions handout)
 - Prayed with Is 43:1-7, 10-11
 - Journaled then discussed in small groups

- Handouts/Reflections/Slides: (see LEL website, link is at top of page)
 - LEL Reflection - Manifestation Charisms: The Power to “Say” - Oct 15
 - LEL Agenda - Oct 15
 - 2015 Summary, Aug -Oct
 - Manifestation Charism Prayers
 - Oct Spiritual Reflection Slides
 - Power to Know Slides
 - Journaling Questions - Oct 15
 - Feedback Sheet - Oct 15