

## **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”***

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November 21, 2015

### **Year of the Holy Spirit**

#### **“Manifestation Charisms: The Power to “Do”**

- Recap of the Holy Spirit Year, Jul - Nov (see 2015 Summary Handout)
- Spiritual Reflection
  - Defined the “Do” charisms - (Faith, Healing, Miracles) - (See Spiritual Reflection Slides)
  - Reflection was focused on docility so as to open ourselves to the three “Do” charisms
  - Need to grow in trust, docility and expectancy to be an instrument of Jesus through the charisms
    - We are like a faucet through which flows the living water of grace in the charisms
    - We do not control the flow of grace in any way, we are merely a channel for the grace if we are open to it
  - Journalled with two questions related to docility (see Journaling Questions)
- Manifestation Charisms: Power to Do (1 Cor 12:7-11) (see “Power to Do” slides)
  - These three charisms overlap more than the other Manifestation Charisms, they often work together (e.g., healing and miracles) - they are Gifts of Action
  - Any proclamation requires confirmation, the evidence of works that only God could do (Aquinas)
  - Charisms operate through inspiration: an immediate awareness or sense that God wants to speak or act, it empowers a person to act according to God’s will
  - Charismatic Faith is different from doctrinal faith (believing what God has revealed and what the Church teaches) and the virtue of faith (habitual belief and trust in God) - it is an inspiration given for the moment to act so that God’s power is released in the situation
  - Healing: A manifestation of God’s power that restores physical, psychological and/or spiritual health
    - Supernaturally ministers health to the sick - can be instantaneous or over time
    - Healing accompanies the proclamation of God’s word and opens people to accept the Gospel
  - Miracles: God’s intervention in a situation where the result is beyond human power and outside natural law
  - What is needed on our part?
    - Prayer to deepen relationship with God and learn to recognize his voice
    - Humility to recognize it is not my power, but God’s power working through me
    - Expectant Faith to expect God to act out of love
- Small Group Reflections: (see Small Group Reflection handout)
  - Do we really believe that God will work through us in powerful and miraculous ways?
  - It can be hard to believe this in our hearts and to fully open (trusting, docile, expectant)
  - A good prayer life is essential for the grace of the charisms to work through us
- Handouts/Reflections/Slides: (see LEL website, link is at top of page)
  - LEL Reflection - Manifestation Charisms: The Power to “Do” - Nov 15
  - LEL Agenda - Nov 15
  - 2015 Summary, Jul - Nov
  - Nov Spiritual Reflection Slides
  - Power to Do Slides
  - Spiritual Reflection Journaling Questions
  - Small Group Reflection
  - Feedback Sheet - Nov 15