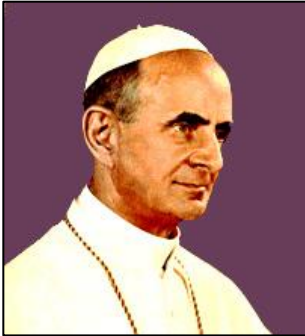


St. Pope John XXIII

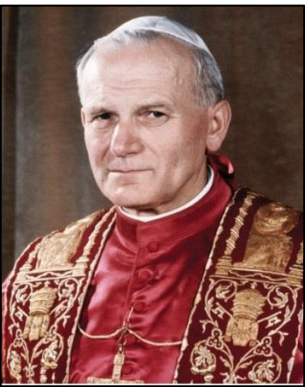
prayed in 1962 for “a new Pentecost”. In preparation for the Second Vatican Council, he prayed for God to, “*Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen.*”



In May 1975, **Pope Paul VI** welcomed 10,000 Catholic charismatics who were attending an International Conference on the Charismatic Renewal in the Church in Rome.

In his address to them, Pope Paul stated, “As we said last October in the presence of some of you, the Church and the world need more than ever that ‘miracle of Pentecost should continue in history’Nothing is more necessary to this increasingly secularized world than the witness of this ‘spiritual renewal’ that we see the Holy Spirit evoking in the most diverse regions and milieu. How then could this spiritual renewal not be good fortune (sometimes translated “a chance”) for the church and for the world?”

After completing his prepared message, Pope Paul gave a spontaneous word of support. “Have we forgotten the Holy Spirit? Certainly not! We want him, we honor him, and we love him. And you with your devotion, your fervor, your wish to live in the Spirit: this should be. It ought to rejuvenate the world, give it back a spirituality, a soul, a religious thought; it ought to reopen the world’s closed lips to prayer and open its mouth to song, to joy, to hymns, and to witnessing. It will be very fortunate for our time and for our brothers that there should be a whole generation – your generation of young people - who shout out to the world the glory and greatness of the God of Pentecost.”



In December 1979, **St. Pope John Paul II** in a private audience with the ICCRO Council said, “I am convinced that this movement is a sign of His action (of the Spirit). The world is much in need of this action of the Holy Spirit, and it needs many instruments for this action. Now I see this movement, this activity everywhere.”

To the Italian National Service Committee in April 1998 - “The Catholic charismatic movement is one of the many fruits of the Second Vatican Council, which, like a new Pentecost, led to an extraordinary flourishing in the Church’s life of groups and movements particularly sensitive to the action of the Spirit. How can we not give *thanks* for the *precious spiritual fruits* that the Renewal has produced in the life of the Church and in the lives of so many people? How many lay faithful - men, women,

young people, adults and elderly - have been able to experience in their own lives the amazing power of the Spirit and his gifts! How many people have rediscovered faith, the joy of prayer, the power and beauty of the Word of God, translating all this into generous service in the Church’s mission! How many lives have been profoundly changed! For all this today, together with you, I wish to praise and thank the Holy Spirit.”



Address of **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI** to Charismatic Covenant Communities October 2008 - “What we learn in the New Testament on charisms, which appeared as visible signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit, *is not a historical event of the past, but a reality ever alive*. It is the same divine Spirit, soul of the Church, that acts in every age and those mysterious and effective interventions of the Spirit are manifest in our time in a providential way. The Movements and New Communities are like an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in contemporary society. We can, therefore, rightly say that one of the positive elements and aspects of the Community of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal is precisely their emphasis on the charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit and their merit lies in having recalled their topicality in the Church.”

May 26, 2012 address to participants in the meeting sponsored by “Renewal in the Holy Spirit” - “Dear friends of Renewal in the Holy Spirit, do not grow weary of turning to Heaven: the world stands in need of prayer. It needs men and women who feel the attraction of Heaven in their life, who make praise to the Lord a new way of life. And may you be joyful Christians! I entrust you all to Mary Most Holy, present in the Upper Room at the event of Pentecost. Persevere with her in prayer, walk guided by the light of the living Holy Spirit, proclaiming the Good News of Christ.”