

This is *Your* year to make a Life in the Spirit Seminar !

A Life in the Spirit Seminar (LISS) is an invitation to tap into the real and accessible power of the Holy Spirit, a power capable of touching and enhancing every aspect of your life.

We have learned about and know the Holy Spirit, but often do not respond to the power of the Holy Spirit active in us. The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the Blessed Trinity, given to us by Jesus as our Advocate to carry out His work. We receive the Holy Spirit through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. However, as we grow in our spiritual life, we need to become more aware of His presence and reignite the flame within us. “For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God bestowed when my hands were laid on you” says St. Paul in his second Epistle to Timothy.

Through what is called Baptism in the Holy Spirit we open ourselves to a personal conversion, and experience more fully the power that the Holy Spirit is waiting to release in us. A Life in the Spirit Seminar is a catalyst for this very purpose !

In the Fall 2010 Charismatic Renewal National Conference, Fr. Rainier Cantalamessa, the preacher to the Papal Household, spoke about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, in which he expressed the importance of the Renewal, keeping alive the great treasure at baptism in the Spirit. He shared in his personal testimony that he came to America in 1977 and received baptism in the Spirit at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. He personally experienced resistance from within to receive. Although he surrendered to the Spirit and likened this to giving God the reins of his life. He admitted that at times he wanted to “take the reins back.” He had seen his spiritual father as Francis, having taken vows in the Franciscan order: however, through baptism in the Spirit he came to know his Father through the Lordship of Jesus. Many in Milan spoke of his transformation, “We sent to America Saul and he came back Paul.” The key to surrender is acceptance and obedience to the will of God. (Pentecost Today Jan, Feb, March 2011)

A Life in the Spirit Seminar is designed to help us yield to the action and empowerment of the Holy Spirit in our lives, just as the Spirit empowered the early Church on the day of Pentecost. Many who have attended a Life in the Spirit Seminar have experienced God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in ways like never before! It is not unusual for people to fall more deeply in love with God, the Mass, the Eucharist, and Scripture and grow in their prayer life, and to receive various charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit just as our Blessed Mother and the apostles did in the upper room. These gifts enrich our lives and the lives of our families, the Church, and our community.

The seven talks given during a LISS are designed to lead attendees through the message of salvation to understand their inner desire for the release of the power of the Holy Spirit, allowing them to yield their lives to a life of joy and peace using His many gifts. The format is simple, informal, and presented with balanced Catholic teaching based upon Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Church documents, personal testimony and prayer. Opportunities are given in each session for discussion of how the topic may relate to each person's life.

The Mustard Seed Community, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, of the Diocese of Covington is sponsoring a Life in the Spirit Seminar this year between Easter and Pentecost. Plan to join us for seven evenings to learn more about how the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit can change your life for eternity. It has for millions and millions of Catholics, including priests, religious, and laity who are living a Spirit-filled, Spirit-empowered life today.

The seminar will be held at St Joseph Heights in Park Hills, Ky. on seven consecutive Tuesdays beginning on April 26 and concluding on June 7 from 7:15 to 9:00 pm. The seminar is presented at no charge.

Please contact Mark Linnemann at 859-991-3860 for further information or to register.