I send greetings to you all and hope that you have been enjoying the lovely colors and brisk weather that Autumn brings. To those of you who have had to endure violent weather or disturbing circumstances recently, I pray that the Lord’s comforting presence brings you solace, healing and strength during this holy season of Advent and Christmas.

Your ACTheals leadership team under the direction of Jim DeMar and Al Nyland worked diligently to present an outstanding International Conference at the Marriott Hotel in Schaumburg, Illinois (Chicago) on September 21-24. The theme of Building Healing Communities in Christ brought much comfort and appreciation during these troubling times.

Scripture confirms that “from Him the whole body, joined together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” So did our presenters Karl Lehman, MD, Pastor Charlotte Lehman, Fr. Bob Sears, Rev. Shirley Brummell, Chris and Jen Coursey along with workshop presenters George Guschwan, Anne Behneman, Stephen Wise, Dan Bove, Dr. Mary J. Chakkalackal, Doug Schoeninger and David and Gloria Tipton align to “do the work” of putting together a powerful, Spirit filled weekend that uplifted us with promises to bring professional and personal growth for all. We also welcomed Mike Festa, a Chicago favorite, to lead us in song and praise.

Plans are on for our next conference, October 18-21, 2018 in Baltimore, MD, at the Maritime Conference Center. The theme will be, “Healing from Trauma.” and our two invited speakers are Reverend Nigel Mumford and Father Richard MacAlear. Please join us.

If you are missing the special experience of ACT’ prayer together, you may want to join in ACT’ leadership prayer online on the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00 to 9:00 pm Eastern/ 5:00 to 6:00 pm Pacific. We are looking for someone to lead such a prayer gathering during the day as well. Let me know!

I hope you have been thinking about implementing the 2017 ACTHeals call to “Enter into the Mission Field - Doing as He Tells Us.” Stay tuned for the latest developments at actheals.org as we are launching a new prayer request option on our home page. If you would like to serve as a prayer minister for this work, please let me know. Each of us has a call from God or we would not be in ACTHeals in the first place. Let us each continue discerning, on a daily basis, the meaning of life’s events as they unfold. Let us continue listening for God’s voice and seeking His Will in all circumstances.

Along with St. Paul “I pray that he will bestow on you gifts in keeping with the riches of his glory. May he strengthen you inwardly through the working of His Spirit. May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, and may charity be the root and foundation of your life. Thus you will be able to grasp fully, with all the holy ones, the breadth, length, height and depth of Christ’s love, and experience this love which surpasses all knowledge, so that you may attain to the fullness of God himself. To him whose power, now at work in us, can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine—to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end. Amen” (Eph, 3:16-21)

Nancy Morgan, President, ACTHeals

Nancy Morgan
ACTheals President
“For the Lord, the past does not exist; the future does not exist. Everything is an eternal present…even now I can pray for the happy death of my great-grandfather.” St. Padre Pio

November is indeed a special month in which the Catholic Church recognizes the Holy Souls. This is in memory of deceased members of ACTHeals, and those in our world who met their end either through violence, sickness, or national disasters. No doubt these deceased did once share a space among us on earth, but now though forgotten remain desperate for our charitable attention. Subject to God’s Mercy and Justice, death could be the beginning of purgation before admission into the Divine Presence. As we remain connected in life and in death, there is more reason to remember the condition of those who have passed on, and to make every effort to relieve them for passage into eternal happiness. Charity for the souls through Mass offerings, praying the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and acts of sacrifice is met with utmost appreciation, as documented by several saints. Among these works of charity, it is the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Passion – at Mass, that relieves them immensely. This was emphasized by the Early Fathers from Tertullian to Origen of Alexandria, great saints such as St Gertrude, St Theresa of Avila, St Theresa of Lisieux and even St. Padre Pio, whom the souls frequented to request Masses. Their gratitude for passage to eternal happiness is demonstrated by relief for our earthly petitions through their prayers for us. They are totally dependent on our charity as they are unable to help themselves. Additionally, with so many family members having passed on and undoubtedly still leaving their impact on us, surely it is through ongoing charity for them and sacrificial outreach that we in turn can experience the fullness of peace and satisfaction.

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Gift of Fortitude (Strength), Isaiah 11: 2-3

by Denise Dolff M.A.

The Gift of Fortitude, often translated as ‘strength”, and understood as determination and/or perseverance, is the second of the three Inspirational or Transformation Gifts of the Holy Spirit as found in Isaiah 11. **It is the gift which inspires and strengthens baptized believers to be obedient to God’s will, even if God is leading in a direction different than our own. Its grace is the ability to face difficult tasks, to persevere and to follow-through to completion** (Consider the widow and the unjust judge Luke 18:1-8). By it, the soul is not only strengthened against natural fear (consider the call of Jeremiah who thought he was too young to be a prophet Jeremiah 1: 4-8), but also supported to the end in the performance of duty (You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved Matthew 10:22).

Fortitude strengthens us to pursue our journey to God joyfully, imparting courage to risk, to face failure and even death. Jesus, of course, gives us the perfect example of fortitude during his travail in the garden, and throughout his entire passion and death. We can also read examples of fortitude in action in the lives of many saints, especially the martyrs.

St. Paul encourages us to stand strong in this gift in 1 Corinthians 15:58, **“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”** He reminds us of the power and strength inherent in this gift in Phillipians 4:13: “I can do everything through him who gives me strength,” (and some translations say – “I can face all situations, face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me”). Additionally, St. Paul speaks of the fruit of fortitude in 2 Timothy 4: 6-7 when he says “For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

Fortitude increases our willingness and ability to trust God, never quitting. This is echoed in Luke 21:19: “By standing firm you will gain life” and again in Hebrews 10:36: “You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised”.

How do we cultivate this gift? The practise of discipline, penance, and/or fasting opens us physically, mentally and spiritually to the work of the Holy Spirit within us, and enables us to integrate the gift of fortitude more fully into our beings. As we each continue our individual journey to the Lord, the gift of fortitude is given as a spiritual aid to remain faithful to our call. It is a gift we should desire to pursue.

Prayer: Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude uphold my soul in time of troubles and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome and separated from You, my God and greatest Good. Amen. (taken from a Novena to the Holy Spirit).
The Holy Spirit in Clinical Practice

by Douglas Schoeninger, PhD

Following is an excerpt from an article written for The Journal of Christian Healing (JCH) by Charles Zeiders. I was impressed by the spiritual strength and positive citizen identity demonstrated by the woman in focus here, as she weathered physical assault by plain clothed police and subsequent court proceedings.

In my view, as the forensic psychological evaluator, Charles Zeiders is witness to the work of the Holy Spirit sustaining the women’s dignity and integrity.

The Case of the Citizen who Sued the Police

The case that follows involves alleged police misconduct that led to trauma in a citizen who was suing for damages to her herself and her daughter.

Zeiders: An attorney called me and asked me to do a forensic psychological evaluation on behalf of a woman and her daughter. He was known for advancing the cause of people who were abused by the police. He offered me the facts of the case: Late at night, in a poor section of the city, a Black Muslim mother suffered assault from plain clothes police. She had left her children briefly in a locked car outside her home; she had stopped there on a holiday night. She needed items for her children while enroute to a relative’s house. Through a window she saw men trying to get into the vehicle where her children slept. The men were dressed like neighborhood punks; hoodies, etc. She called out to them. They did not identify themselves. Fearing for her children, she left her house and confronted the hooded men. She had every reason to believe they threatened her children. The men beat her and repeatedly stung her with a Taser. From the locked SUV the woman’s awake 14 year old daughter looked on in horror. Only when she was subdued did the men identify themselves as plain clothes police. They charged the injured woman with crimes. They removed her parental rights. But the courageous mother fought back. In multiple court proceedings, she was declared not guilty, and she regained full custody of her children.

She entered treatment with Metropolitan Counseling Professionals with a primary diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Cecilia’s symptomatology included flashbacks and nightmares about the incident with the police.

The plaintiff, Mrs. Tallis, lost her suit for damages. But she made it very clear to me that she filed the suit motivated by a sense of citizenship—not out of being an “oppressed” minority, either African American, or Muslim, or female. To her the issue from beginning to end involved her inalienable rights as an American citizen.

JCH: To what extent do you believe that scapegoating and Islamophobia played a role in the mistreatment of the woman in your report?

of Muslim civil rights in the US has suffered in recent years.

After 9/11, …there was a violent back-lash against some American Muslims…some Americans who merely looked Muslim have been victims of various forms of discrimination…In reaction to the war on terror, increased domestic surveillance, and the Patriot Act, many American Muslim individuals also began to view their own government as discriminatory. American Muslim individuals…[and groups]…protest and…[seek to]…change what they see as violations of their rights to privacy, due process, and habeas corpus. In so doing, one might argue, these persons show just how much they have become part of an old American tradition—fighting for individual rights in the face of the state’s encroaching power…p. 268.

The Council hopes that American law enforcement will be able to arrest the national mind’s infection of racism and anti-Muslim rhetoric.

**JCH:** Mrs. Tallis and her daughter were African American and Muslim, and the police who traumatized them were male. She appears to have come at the undercover police forcefully to protect her children. Do you believe they misunderstood her intentions and reacted out of fear?

**Zeiders:** Quite possibly. A lioness protecting her cubs could frighten anyone. Stamper (2016) asserts that

A scared cop overcompensates, which means he or she is likely to come across as loud, abrasive, arrogant. I mean—a bully. And that leads to an inescapable conclusion: scared cops are a danger—to themselves, and to the people they’ve been hired to protect and serve…p. 77.

**JCH:** The female archetype activated in your patient. Motivated to protect her children, she expressed aggression toward undercover male police wearing hoodies. In the event that a female officer was present, would it have made a difference in the outcomes?

**Zeiders:** Unquestionably. A female officer would have entered the situation with the psychic expression of the female archetype. This would have caused her to intuitively grasp where Mrs. Tallis was coming from. Stamper (2016) finds that female police officers are superior to males both administratively and on the “front lines.” He writes

…women supervisors, managers, and executives tend to do a better job, overall, than their male counterparts. They are more community-oriented, more inclusive, more inclined to identify and work to solve “personnel” problems, more likely to meet deadlines and produce a superior work product. They are more likely to confront bigotry, excessive force, corruption, and male officers’ inattention, apathy, or worse in the face of violence against women…p. 225.

**JCH:** Had a female officer been present, the police might have done things very differently…You noted that though Mrs. Tallis, the plaintiff, lost her case against law enforcement, she was not personally defeated or psychologically radicalized.

**Zeiders:** Despite losing her legal case Mrs. Tallis won an existential spiritual point. Understanding this point emphasizes one’s understanding of why her mental health is likely to improve despite the undesired outcome in court. Radicalization was never part of her process because she was grounded in her political identity at an essential level of her psyche. She disagrees with the police and the courts. They were wrong. They trespassed against her. Despite losing and realizing that justice was absent, she retained a sense of victory. She knows that the police and the courts came to a wrong conclusion.

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FEEDBACK FROM ATTENDEES ABOUT THE SEPTEMBER 2017 ACTHEALS CONFERENCE

Jim DeMar

“awakened me to other possibilities of healing…”

“Being with ACTHeals, I felt reconnected to the community of ACT I lost in the past 3-4 years. By God’s grace, I was able to go beyond all the hurts and come to love Jesus more in the community He founded. With the workshop presented, I was encouraged by the out-pouring of love and appreciation from those attended. To know that Our Lord came through powerfully is my greatest reward.”

“an opportunity to consult with colleagues about clients.”

“Encouraging”

“Eucharistic Adoration availability was great. Talked to many who were people of deep faith and wisdom”

“Gained skills to help integrate spiritual/professional growth.”

“Good setting. Hotel grounds with mini lake and gazebo and many birds were conducive to a restful atmosphere. MC led the conference very well --with humor and song. Groups were fairly helpful. Hotel staff were great, especially the servers in the morning. Breakfast was excellent.”
“good.. clear basic presentations, not too “heady” or academic.”

“Great info and learning…”

“Helped remind me of my past walks with the Lord.”

“I always feel so much closer to God after being with my ACTHeals family! It gives me renewed energy to be better.”

“It always fills me and I feel a sense of restoration.”

“It was no one element that gifted me so much as the whole. I received relational joy which is such a gift to me. Breaking through with people to let the love within me show has been a trial but I got the breakthrough at this conference. In my heart ….pure joy!”

“Overall very informative and practical in application. The Life in the Spirit was exceptional.”

“Refreshing. Motivating… with info to improve relationships using proven tools.”

“Spiritually uplifting.”

“ACT members were compassionate”

“The content and fellowship was very enriching.”

“The opportunity to connect is always a winner. CEU’s helped in the professional area. I can think of at least one person with whom I will directly use the material learned at the conference.”

“Very insightful. God was definitely speaking to me.”

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Dr. Karl and Pastor Charlotte Lehman, Chris and Jen Coursey and other Healthcare Professionals will share their journeys in medicine, psychology, spiritual growth and healing. Go to www.ACTheals.org for details. You won’t want to miss this event!!!

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Prophetic Word Gifts

My Children,
Give Me your hearts,
minds and souls.
Remain open to Me
and you will be My
powerful instruments.
There is healing for
My people, but also
for you. Tap into My
reservoir, there is much
that is available and
waiting to be utilized.
Renee Lavitt

I will place a fire within
your soul and this fire
will not be quenched.
The piercing of your
spirit is for my glory—
welcome it. Do not
fear My touch and
the intimacy of My
presence for I Am a
God of transformation,
of renewal and
reunion. I long for
union with each of
you! Come and step
into the fire of My love
and dance with Me!
Sheilamarie Racicot

Awake! Rise and shine for Me with My
loving gaze that flows from My Presence.
You are called, chosen and set apart to
be My witnesses of My healing love and
holiness. Do not doubt your ability to
shine for Me. I have and will call you forth
each day. Each morning I present you with
new opportunities to shine for Me, to love
all you meet. Bring Me into this lonely
hurting world.

Be not discouraged at what you see and
hear. Pray! Pray with the fervor of My
love. Bring My Loving Presence to each
individual soul that is filled with the fear
and hopelessness that comes from not
knowing Me and what I have planned.
Each of you are My precious child! I love
you. I LOVE you! I really do!
Antoinette McDermott

Savior of the world you have called Me.
My cross has held your sufferings, your
wants, your desires. The truth of My cross
is an everlasting truth, for through My
cross the chains of this world are broken.

Enter into the mystery and fullness of My
death and resurrection, and move with Me
from glory to glory. Do not fear the battle
for I have won the war. In My cross lies
your renewal—the gift of My Love!
Sheilamarie Racicot

Great is the need for discipline and
perseverance. Do not grow weary. I am with
you and uphold you in My everlasting arms.
Lean into Me and draw strength from My
Presence. Remain vigilant and alert! The one
who seeks to destroy your soul draws strength
from the chaos and turmoil of these present
days, but My Victory is at hand. Stay strong
in Me, and do not be afraid. The gates of hell
will not prevail against you.
Denise Dolff

Beloved,
As I gaze on you, do you understand what I
see? I see My Servant striving to please Me
and to serve My people. I see your heart full
of My compassion, mercy and love – a Heart
synchronized with the beating of Mine.

Know that We are pleased. No effort to
serve and obey has gone unnoticed. No tears,
no sacrifice, unrecorded in the heavenlies.
Only come to Me when the shadows of fear,
exhaustion and discouragement overwhelm
you. It is in Trinitarian Intimacy that your
healing will occur.

But come you must. Time is short! I need you
strong and available for this Kingdom work.
I am your Healer, your Deliverer, your very
Lover. COME!
Ann Arcieri

Love Me! LOVE Me!! Love Me as much as I love you. I plead with you with the Voice of a foolish Lover, and yet I say
again, LOVE ME – not with words but with heart and soul and mind and strength. Love Me as I love you. I can and I do
promise you the world, but only if you truly LOVE ME.
Denise Dolff
I will once again hover over the water. Have I not walked with My people since the beginning of time? You look around you and see the chaos and destruction in your midst and tremble. I say to you: LOOK TO ME!! I AM in your midst. I AM your Deliverer and I AM about the renewal of My People!

**Sheilamarie Racicot**

I AM the Holy One of God. I AM your healer. Many are afraid to approach Me because they don’t trust that I will heal them. Lack of trust is not of Me. I desire that you approach Me and desire that you come close! Be not unbelieving but believe!! I AM the Lord of Lords!

I AM your God! Nothing is impossible for me! Be not afraid to approach Me for I AM the lover of your soul.

**Anne Behneman**

I love you with an eternal love!

**Leah Mitiguy**

PROPHETIC UTTERANCE IN TONGUES by

**Linda Mitchell**

Are you truly dependent on Me? Do you put your love for Me before everything else? Am I number One in your life?

Come to Me! Place your hands in Mine. Look at Me and My Loving gaze!

Listen to My words.

*I send you forth.* My anointing is upon you.

Go into the highways and byways. Find those who know Me not. As you look at them speak honestly and lovingly and tell them of the glory of My Kingdom. You will be a *transformer* of My life and love. Keep focused on Me. Let Me be your ultimate source of the work I have commissioned you to do. BE ME to all!

**Antoinette McDermott**

My Children,

(Abba says)

In the night watches I AM with you. In your daydreams I AM present. I alone know the secrets of your heart and who/what you hold close.

Will you trust Me completely? What is it you are afraid to risk? Do you doubt My love for you? Do you harbor grief, shame, condemnation that you are afraid to reveal to Me?

(Jesus says)

O My Beloved One!!

Remember to look at My Face, My Eyes, My Wounds! Do not forget the price I paid for your very soul! For intimacy with YOU!

(Abba says)

I AM your Creator! The One who placed the stars in the sky also made YOU– the JOY and desire of Heart.

**MY heart-cry to you is this:** *LET ME IN MORE DEEPLY!*

Come into Your Father’s Embrace and rest with Me! For I am Your Abba and My Heart is Yours.

**Ann Arcieri**

My People, ACTheals,

I desire obedience, not sacrifice. A humble obedient heart I will not despise. Come humbly before Me. Surrender your own willfulness, your plans, your schedules, your desire to do things in your own way, at the time of your own choosing. I am not your wish-fulfiller but your wish fulfillment! Recognize the difference so that I may transform you, imbuing within you Light and Life, invigorating you, strengthening you, leading you forward as My army of wounded healers, transforming the sick and melancholy of this world, changing the lives of those who seek Me, changing the face of healthcare as you know it today. I say again: obedience, not sacrifice.

**Denise Dolff**

**INTERPRETATION**

The Lord says:

I AM is shaking!

I AM is shaking everything!

Everything that is not of Me!

Everything that does not bow at the Name of Jesus.

Stand firm! Stand firm!!

And then STAND.

**Gloria Tipton**
This conference in Chicago was another captivating one. There was a wide selection of seminars and workshops. My only concern was that there was insufficient time and energy to attend all of them. This explains why this report only focuses on some of the seminars.

The speakers I heard, were unique in that they emitted a special caring and personal charm with what they were each dedicated to accomplish in their careers. Definitely the selection of speakers was an inspired action as anyone could note it through their delivery, response to questions and their mastery of the material.

I purchased the book on the Immanuel Approach and am still absorbed in it. Dr. Karl Lehman was certainly one who will be missed if he is not at another conference. Dr. Mary Chackalackal gave a truly moving personal story which delved right to our core. It was only meant for those who were called within themselves to select this seminar and hear it. Our dear Father Bob Sears, S.J., Pastor Charlotte Lehman, and Rev Shirley Brummell, were inspirational. It is through community that we each move ahead and who better than these speakers to call for Christian unity, as it is through connectedness that we share our concerns and bridge the gap of divisions. The emphasis continued with Rev. Chris M. Coursey and Jen Coursey with their expertise in teaching relational brain skills to restore hope, healing, joy, and maturity in our youth and adult communities, including the institution of marriage.

In summation, it was a Holy Spirit inspired conference as it was capped with my attendance at the Healing Mass with Fr. Ubald, excellent music and a quiet comfort at the Life in the Spirit Seminar by George Guschwan, MDiv., LCSW and Anne Benehaman, LCSW and a soaking attention to the prophetic words at the conference. It was indeed a right decision to be present for this uplifting experience.

Alphiene Anthraper,
Editor, InterACT

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Michelle Quick  New York City. New York Region
I swept you away so long ago;  
I tried to move on – to forget.  
Acting like nothing had happened,  
ignoring the regret.  

Feelings of anguish would surface,  
which was hard to understand.  
I would shrug and smile, chalk it off to life,  
just something to withstand.  

I didn’t know that it was you,  
opening my eyes to see,  
that you wanted to be remembered  
as a special part of me.  

The sadness grew and followed me,  
no matter how far I tried to run.  
There was nowhere else to go,  
my life had become undone.  

Finally reaching out for help,  
I learned the reason for my strife.  
I hadn’t mourned for what was swept  
so quickly from my life.  

I didn’t know that it was you,  
opening my eyes to see,  
but now you are remembered ~  
and a forever part of me.

About this poem:

I attended a Life in the Spirit seminar several years ago at my local parish and one of the speakers was Leslie Brunolli, who was a leader of Rachel’s Hope After-Abortion Healing retreats (and an ACTHeals member). As she shared her story, my tears flowed. I had been struggling spiritually and it was as if God was speaking to me through her. I attended a retreat shortly thereafter, which inspired the poem.
A Hidden Life of Love

By Elizabeth Pringle

I am fascinated by how God makes his move on our lives. For me, it began with a thing of beauty on a dark day. I was dying. I was 35, living in a room in someone’s house, and the kidney disease that had ravaged my body for 12 years was, finally, tolling the bell. I had only a few weeks left. The lady of the house gave me the prettiest little card I had ever seen. I was appreciative of the keepsake and although the words meant nothing to me they were somehow comforting, so I read them often. It turned out to be a prayer to St. Anne to present me to her daughter, Mary! The whole conversion story is in my book, Radical Love: In and Out of His Church. Suffice to say that the prayer led me to a Catholic priest, an ancient Carmelite to see if he could help me. He did. On one beautiful sunny day, in his gloomy 11th Century monastery, I met God the Father, Mary the Mother of Jesus and Satan in one full swoop, having never heard of any of them! The root of the sickness was an African curse from my days in Sierra Leone, which was put to flight, and with gratitude, I went on my way. It was to be seven years later that I encountered Jesus, in Houston, Texas, dying again and for the same reason.

I found another Carmelite but this one had no bell, book or candle! He was 6’6” of Holy Spirit power and full of love for Mary. On meeting, he remarked that my nose was green which meant I was dying and my body was already starting to corrupt. Oh, no! I had already told him about the previous priest, with whom he had conferred and confirmed my story. He said I was fortunate to have another invitation from the Lord since I had turned down the first opportunity to join his Church. But here’s the point. He didn’t talk about the Church, he talked about Jesus. The more he talked the more I knew I had met my match. I was undone. I had to find this Jesus and so it has been ever since, almost 36 years. Having promised that from that point, my life was to consist only of work, study, and prayer, I got my deliverance and this time it stuck. No more pyelonephritis. However, it cost me everything: family, friends, country, and every personal whim and desire. It was a life for a life, you might say, but it meant much more than that. It was a life to save many lives, and better even than that, precious souls.

These Carmelites were exorcists which pointed to the call Jesus had on my life. The American priest taught me everything he could on a daily basis for seven long, hard years. Three months after our meeting he sent me to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to help a friend going through a painful divorce. In her anguish, she had opened herself up to invasion by Satan by calling on ‘anyone out there’ to come to her. That was my first deliverance and my first conversion. The next, within two months of that, was a beautiful Jewish girl I met in Houston who serves the Lord in Israel now. What a privilege! Having experienced WWII as a child I have great love in my heart for the Jews and for Israel. Of all the pilgrimages I have made, there is none to touch the Holy Land, the home of my heart. I love the Middle East and hate the ongoing scourge. May God stop it soon.

Throughout the years I have served as prayer partner and Charismatic Prayer Group leader with my spiritual father, the Carmelite priest. It was a trying time. That reluctant bride was happy to serve the Church but not so much the Lord of the Church. The priests were not enamored of the gifts of the Holy Spirit manifest in the parish but they loved the confessions that came out of my ministry so they let me be. I later served at the Catholic Charismatic Center for a while, doing Theophostic ministry with Fr. Ed Wade, CC. We also co-hosted a program for a year on Radio Maria and gave a weekend retreat for our wonderful military wives. A book with the Bishop’s imprimatur and DVD were prepared to teach children to pray the rosary. Formed by the Catholic
Charismatic Renewal these helped convert a beautiful little Vietnamese family to the Lord. They have come all the way through discipleship into Kingdom living and that is pure joy! For ten years, along with Suzanne Young, I ran a group based on Matthew 24, which embraced the prophetic, yes, but the main purpose was to prepare our hearts and minds for Kingdom living.

Throughout, I ministered in many ways, by email, phone, face to face, alone and in groups with the gold thread of Mary drawing together her lost children. I believe it is her desire to minister to those horribly used in childhood, and restore them to her Son. She has brought to me fourth generation satanic witches to receive the mystery of healing and deliverance prayer. May God bless them. They belong to God, you know, they are his and there is no end to his love and mercy on them. These poor souls stand no chance at life, taken over as they are from the womb and even before. Only the truth and unconditional love will set them free, and they know it! They do not trust Christians because, so often, we are not faithful to our Master as they are to theirs! That’s a salutary note, selah! These dark ones test us and they test us and they test us and if they catch us in a lie it is over. Evil expects righteousness from the people of God and will accept nothing less. They are hard task masters in every way! Some souls were saved, for sure, which is so amazing, and others got a long way down the road to salvation. We have to trust the Lord for the rest.

It is no surprise to me that I have lived a hidden life. It was the desire of my heart when Jesus told me I was to be an Evangelist. I balked at that and said I preferred to live in the shadows with Mother Mary. After all, she called me in the first place! It seems we both won. I got what I wanted and Jesus got his hidden evangelist but little did I know what I was asking. No one in this world suffers as does that Lady, - Mary! I wanted to share her heart. I wanted to live the hidden years of the rosary with her, and her Son, and Joseph for as long as he was there. I wanted to know what we don’t know. I wanted to know the real Jesus, what he was like growing up, how they interacted as a family in a world torn apart by religious factions and Roman occupation. I wanted to know what kind of life he had up to the age of thirty, prior to his public ministry. Was he quietly performing miracles all along? Did they live in some strange supernatural zone? Who was this mysterious Jesus? Who better to ask than his Mother?

In Jesus, I live and breathe and have my being. I want that for the whole world, every community, every city, every country, every tiny child, every ancient. Let the first-century church explode on the world scene and let every hungry heart find him through our truth, our love, and our unutterable joy! He set us free! We were captives, prisoners, hostages to every passing wind! Now we are anchored in him, solid, purposeful, resilient and mature. We have survived the storms and taken to heart the words of our leader, Savior, and God, Jesus Christ when he said to his beloved Father in heaven: “I am in them, and you are in me. May they be completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and that you have loved them as you loved me.” (John 17:23).

Deceased Members

Jean D. Teschner 10/28/1932 - 10/4/2016 Michigan Region. Known as Sr. Jean even though she was no longer a nun.

Father Joseph Kane OMI 5/12/1929 - 9/17/2017 Canadian Region.

Joseph S. Franchina 1932 – 9/18/17, spouse of Regional Coordinator Francesca Franchina. Ohio Valley Region.


Rita Marie Maloney Versace 4/23 - 8/18/17 ACTHeals Past President from 1990. The highlight of her presidency was a group trip to the Vatican in 1991, where she was able to briefly tell Pope John Paul about ACT.

Esther Salazar a member since 2001, passed away 4/12/17. San Diego Region.


Dwight “Jack” J. Swanson from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. 12/13/39 – 5/27/17. His widow, Karen, was also a member since 2005.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen
EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear ACTHeals Members and friends,

Welcome to InterAct Fall 2017

I hope that you would enjoy this issue, share the message of ACTHeals and extend an invitation to anyone seeking Christ-centered healing connections.

This issue is only possible because of the assistance of many in my team.

For those of you who will submit something of interest for our readers, please note that the deadline for the next issue is February 15, 2018.

A photo and a short description of yourself should be included with your submission.

Peace,

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