



INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICES

Vatican City, 29th September 2017

Dear brothers and sisters of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal;

Peace, and grace to you, in Jesus Our Lord.

A few days ago, you probably received a letter from our sister and brother; Michelle Moran and Pino Scafuro. They wrote to share with all of us an update on the Holy Father's plan for a One Service organization to serve all aspects of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. As you know the Holy Father wishes to both streamline and advance the services offered to the many expressions of CCR throughout the Church.

Some time ago, he personally asked Pino and Michelle to help him with this task, by creating a model of service which he could then review, adjust and implement.

Michelle as you know is our President emeritus, and Pino is a longtime friend of ICCRS. We love and trust both of them and give thanks to God that He has put two such reliable and trustworthy people on this project. We pray God continues to grant them wisdom and insight in their very important work!

As you saw in their letter, the Holy Father is hoping to implement his vision for a unified service to CCR by Pentecost 2019.

This is not the first time that ICCRS is going through a transition; as you know the first CCR service office started in Ann Arbor, Michigan (USA) in 1972 with the name ICO (International Communication Office); then, after having moved its office to Brussels, Belgium in 1976, in 1978 the organization received an official recognition by the Church as ICCRO (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office). Then the office moved first to Italy in 1981 and then to Vatican City in 1985. Finally, the Church renewed its recognition and statutes to the organization, changing its name from ICCRO to ICCRS (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services) on September 14th 1993. We sense The Lord is moving now, and the winds of Pentecost are blowing in a fresh way again.

To be honest, any change has its own challenges and can be a little unnerving for those of us who are comfortable with the way things are.

We are writing to assure you of a few things:

1. We trust that God is at work in this transition and continue to look toward the future with hope.
2. Our prayers and support are with Pope Francis, Michelle, and Pino as they seek to move this plan forward.
3. Even with these changes, the "essence" of what ICCRS is and what ICCRS does will remain.
4. Perhaps the name, structures, and faces will change, but the service and ministry will not. The work we are doing will continue...and actually improve.
5. We, the ICCRS team will keep you informed of any major developments. I promise you we will "keep our eye on the ball" and be both prudent and faithful in our responsibilities. We will cooperate with the Holy Father and his team in this time of transition.
6. We are still ICCRS and we are still in business. We are not closing shop, slowing down, or going away! We will continue to serve the Renewal and fulfill our mandate right up until the time when we enter into the new United Service project.

There are three things we ask of you:

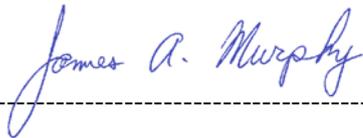
1. Please pray, with a real faith, that God will bring this project to its full fruition. Pray for the Holy Father, Pino, and Michelle that they can move things along, according to the will of God.
2. Please continue to work with, and financially support ICCRS.....we have a lot of work to do between now and Pentecost 2019. We need to stay strong so that we have something significant to bring to this new vision. Stand with us, please. In a way, we need your help and support now, more than ever.
3. Feel free to contact our beloved brother ICCRS Director Oreste Pesare at director@iccrs.org should you have any questions.

I think it was the Gospel singer Bill Gaither who once said “I don’t know what the future holds...but I know who holds the future!”

So do we.

Let us remain in hope, in peace, and in prayer.

Our love and prayers remain with you.



James Murphy
ICCRS President



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