

Charisms *of the* Holy Spirit Workshop



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Have you ever told yourself: “Maybe I am having a midlife crisis” or “I don’t have a clue about what to do with my life” or “I don’t really like what I do for a living”. Maybe you have asked yourself: “Is liking people a profession?” or “Why does everybody come to me with their problems?” If you recognize any of these statements as your own, welcome to the “vast majority of people’s club” !

Now let’s go deeper: What is God’s purpose for my life? How do I know if my life’s choices truly reflect God’s will in me? Am I an instrument of God’s love for others? What is my specific role in the building of the Body of Christ? If you have asked yourself any of these questions, even if only once!, well...I am sorry to say that the membership in this club is a lot smaller, but you are also welcome!

Now, here is the good news: Regardless of which one of these two categories of people you belong to, the answer to your question, is you are a Christian, has been in you all along! It is called Pentecost! Yes, your very own one! See, it all started at Baptism and became complete at Confirmation: “Confirmation is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost”, the Catechism says (CCC1302). But wait, it gets better! To your Confirmation, the Holy Spirit brought lots of “gifts”. Some are for you to keep, for your own sanctification. But other gifts are to be given away; these are called “Charisms”. They are intended for the up building of the Christian Community, the Body of Christ. Christian communities have been able to recognize these Charisms from the very beginning and their manifestation is mostly documented in the Post-Resurrection books of the Bible, specially Acts and the Letters of Paul.

What about natural talents? These have been given to you by God of course, but they operate in anyone, regardless of their faith or their relationship with God. But natural talents alone are not enough for us to live our God given mission. It is our Charisms that point the way towards our true vocation. Charisms empower us to live our vocation and carry out our unique God given mission in life.

So yes! There are Holy Spirit empowering Charisms in everyone! It is our holy call to find out what they are and put them to work. It is our holy call to discern our call in life and our mission. This is at the heart of our mission as Catholics: “to bringing all people to the full life of Jesus Christ and His Church through the empowering of the Holy Spirit” Our Charisms and Mission Discernment Ministry is the first step towards the extraordinary journey of discovering your Charisms, your mission and call. Let us help you with your big questions. To help you in your journey of self-discovery in the light of the Spirit is our call.

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AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7-9PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 8 - 5PM

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