In Memoriam
Fr “Jack” Soulsby S.M.
13.10.1931 ~ 22.4.2019

All of the CCR community mourned their loss, and all of heaven rejoiced when Fr. Jack Soulsby was “promoted to Glory” on the 22nd of April this year, just four days short of the Golden Anniversary of his priesthood.

I was thinking to myself, “How does one write about Fr. Jack”? I asked people to send me articles - Jan Heath sent me a copy of the eulogy she gave at his funeral. Others shared in person their accounts of the “Powerful Healing Minister,” the “Forceful, Insistent Personality,” “The Wacky Sense of Humour,” “The In-Your-Face Evangelist,” “The Lover of the Holy Spirit.” All these things were, in a nutshell, Fr. Phillip John Soulsby. These snippets reflected his personality, but what of his work?

I was uncertain how to do justice to such a well-travelled, much loved disciple. So I did what any good editor does – I “Googled” him! And I found a website that does more to tell of Fr. Jack’s ministry than anything I could ever say.....it was his blogspot. I have copied it here for you, read it and you will see what I mean – a great man of God has gone to his eternal reward!!

Well Done Good and Faithful Servant!

FR. “JACK” SOULSBY S.M

Spiritual Renewal:
Fr Jack has been working full time in spiritual renewal and evangelization in both Catholic and Ecumenical circles since 1980 and has ministered in 98 nations in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific.

He has toured PNG with a Pentecostal pastor,
- Preached at open air crusades in Nigeria and Ghana...........................................
- Taken groups of Australians to large ecumenical renewal conferences in USA.
- Led pilgrimages to Europe, the Holy Land.
- Embarked on an "Aids safari" in Uganda.
- Held healing services for lepers in Sudan.

Ministered to:
- Mozambican refugees in Malawi.
- Liberian refugees in Sierra Leone.
- Sudanese war victims in Kenya.
- Genocide victims in Rwanda.

Trained Evangelists in a Number of Nations:
Introduced and encouraged renewal in nations such as Namibia, Botswana, Ethiopia, Uganda, Marshall Islands, The Philippines, Malaysia, Pakistan, Belarus, and East Timor.

Several Groups:
- Have been initiated in Australia to conduct praise and worship...........................................
- Run Life in the Spirit Seminars..................
- Help Ugandan orphans..........................
- Redeem Sudanese slaves and much more.

Ministries Available from Fr Jack Included:
-RETREATS
-CONFERENCE INPUT...........................
-LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS
-GIFT CLINICS.................................
-SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION & CRUSADES

Fr Jack was a native of Cornwall U.K. who resided in Brisbane, Australia. He was a former Civil Engineer and a member of the Society of Mary.

From the President

IF NOT FOR FR JACK....

In April this year, Fr Jack Soulsby entered into his much deserved Eternal Reward. We will miss this exuberant, larger than life, volcanic man of God. My first experience of Fr Jack was being lifted off my feet in a huge Fr Jack bear hug at Mauritius airport in 2000 when he and Jan Heath arrived to minister to our Living Waters Prayer Group. If not for Fr Jack, I would not have learnt about THINKING BIG and our Living Waters Prayer Group in Mauritius would not have run the 2 rallies with almost 1,000 participants at each of the rallies...this was huge for such a small island nation. This was in addition to the presentation of a series of talks at high schools and retreats. Our family had been planning to move from Mauritius to Brisbane and I had been looking forward to quietly participating in an established prayer group in Brisbane as I thought that surely there were many charismatic prayer groups in Brisbane. In typical Fr Jack fashion, he informed us that there was no charismatic prayer group in the parish that we were moving to and the Holy Spirit was telling us to start one. So if not for Fr Jack, my family and I would not have established the AGAPE Prayer Group in Jindalee when we moved to Brisbane in 2001. If not for Fr Jack, I would have retired from ministry work in 2001 instead of being elected President of CCR Brisbane in 2018. If not for Fr Jack, I would not have witnessed a gifted exhorter moving others (including myself) out of their comfort zones. Fr Jack, enjoy your reward now good and faithful Servant.....your legacy will live on through the lives of all of us whom you have “coaxed to step out of the boat and into deeper waters”

Audrey Chan-Seow

Reflection by

Qld. Youth Representative

My name is Kathrina, and late last year I had the privilege of gathering in Sydney and praying with other youth representatives from around Australia. The aim was simple - take one youth leader representing the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) from each state and territory so together we could pray and discern the Lord's will towards the youth of Australia. We represented communities such as the Emmanuel Community (Brisbane), Disciples of Jesus, the Immaculata Community, Community of the Risen Lord and Catholic Charismatic prayer groups. We were joined by Matt Humphreys (CCR National Youth Coordinator) and Ann Brereton (CCR National Chairperson. On the Saturday night, we were joined by different charismatic groups from around Sydney to further pray together.

We spent a significant amount of time getting to know each other, being unified in fellowship as we began to understand each other's stories and the communities that we came from. More significantly, we prayed together. Each person brought their own unique strength and perspective to this time. Recently as we have continued to share, I have been struck by the intimacy of prayer and how connected I feel to this group of 10 individuals.

Some of the significant sharings, and senses that came out of this time were based on the unity that was created by our being there together. By the end of the 2 days together, it felt like we had been praying together for years! Another sense was that of a fire being lit and spreading like wildfire to the different states and territories that we represented. There was also a Word based on the Lord “doing a new thing.”

I felt really uplifted by this gathering, and in the 3 months since, I have seen confirmations regarding the words and prophecies that were shared during this time. I have also felt so blessed to know that I have brothers and sisters from around this nation united in the same pursuit as myself - proclaiming Jesus into our world and into the lives of our peers. As we go forward, in a united pursuit, I have every confidence in the promise of the “new thing” that the Lord is doing among us, through the Catholic Charismatic Communities, Catholic Charismatic Prayer Groups and the places we represent in this wider Church.

Kathrina Paine
Queensland Youth Representative
Before Jesus ascended to heaven He enjoined His disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they had received the Holy Spirit (Lk.24:49). This injunction is very important and it is key to the understanding of the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of every Christian. What does this mean in the life of every Charismatic? In Ephesians 6:12, St. Paul remarked: “We fight not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, rulers of darkness of this world and against spiritual forces in the high places”. Again in Acts1:18; He said, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses… to the end of the earth”.

The truth is that the Holy Spirit is the principal force for a deep personal relationship with God and the principal agent of mission and evangelization. This has a huge implication in the way we live our everyday life. It has also a far-reaching implication in our ministry as evangelizers in a world that is becoming more increasingly hostile to the Christian faith. How could one preach the gospel without the Holy Spirit in today’s world where anti-Christian sentiments are on the rise? How can we be Charismatics if we are not listening to the Holy Spirit in a world that laughs at us simply because of our beliefs? How can we stand courageously in a world that criticizes us for our moral standards and persecutes us for remaining faithful to the Gospel of Jesus, if we take off without the Holy Spirit? We simply cannot survive nor withstand the attacks of the enemy.

As Charismatics, the Holy Spirit poured out at the Pentecost must be actively part of our life. As an indwelling God in us, the Holy Spirit transforms us into His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16), and strengthens us in our fight against evil and sin. The Holy Spirit, the author of mission, helps us in our mission of bearing witness to Christ, by enabling us to live an authentic Christian life. He does this by guiding us to a clear understanding of the teachings of Jesus.

There is a story, that on the marble pedestal of the statue of St. Ignatius of Loyola located in the Jesuit headquarters in Rome, is one of his famous expressions; words he is supposed to have said to the famous Jesuit missionary, St. Francis Xavier before he left on his far-flung travels to Africa, India and Japan: “Go set the world aflame.” “Ite inflame omnia.” (Fr. James Martin S. J in “Between Heaven and Mirth, (Why Joy, Humor and Laughter are at the Heart of the Spiritual life”). We have been sent on mission and it will be an exercise in futility if we fail to align with the Holy Spirit, the PRINCIPAL AGENT of the mission. To set the world around us on fire through love and righteousness, we have to take to heart the words of St. Paul: “Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit” (Gal. 5:25). May the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control strengthen our mission and our witness. Amen.

Fr. Leonard Uzuegbu.
A Call to Unity

God is calling for a new season of unity within the Renewal that responds to the heart of Jesus Christ for us all to be one in His Spirit. There will be a fresh and powerful anointing when streams of the renewal come together, whether it be for outreach or fellowship. When two or more streams come together, the force of the current will be greater than if you added the forces of the streams separately. This is the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the favour of God in response to His desire for a greater unity among His children.

One Body, many parts - 1 Corinthians 12

Each stream will carry its own strengths into a combined flow, but the streams will still remain separate even though they are flowing as a Current of Grace within the same channel. Just as different colours come together to form the witness of a rainbow, God is calling for different groups to come together to form a great witness to the world. As we come together we will compliment each other without needing to merge into one colour.

Streams - Communities, prayer groups, religious, missionaries, etc.
- While working together as a Current of Grace within the channel the streams will have a new anointing over them and a greater impact.
- After working together, the streams will continue to flow separately, but more powerfully than before they came together.

Channels - The channels are specific areas in which the graces of unity are found.
- Worship - any opportunity to come together as children of God and worship together.
- Outreach - Events, programs and any efforts to evangelize and respond to the mission of the Gospel.
- Formation - Events, programs that encourage a deeper and ongoing spiritual formation.

Testimony

We are asking all Holy Spirit filled movements within the Catholic Church of Australia to respond to this calling by eagerly seeking opportunities of unity. There is a pressure waiting to be released like that at a dam wall, and it is our active and purposeful engagement in acts of unity that will create the channels for this current of grace to flow into.

A key part of responding to this call of unity will be testimony. Those who first come together and feel the anointing of their unity will need to share the fruits that God sowed into them. It is through testimony that others will understand the purpose of unity, and it is through testimony that others will desire and seek out new channels of unity for themselves. The Charismatic Renewal has an opportunity to be an example of this unity for the wider church, and as others see the fruits brought forward by our unity it will then open new doors of unity across the whole church.

Matt Humphries
Representative for Youth Ministry

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.”
John 7:38
**Happy Pentecost**

We pray: “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.”

Have we ever thought of making it more personal by praying –

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart with Your faithfulness and kindle in me the fire of Your love”?  

Are we ready to be filled and on fire with the Holy Spirit? What might that mean for each one of us?  

Fires are not particularly always warm and cozy but alive, active, burning with desire, consuming all in their path.

On Easter Sunday when Jesus came to the Apostles He breathed on them (Jn 20:22) He breathed His love, His life, His Spirit - and through the Holy Spirit they were to forgive sins. That, according to John, was their first mission.

So, on that very point, how do we measure up?  Do we forgive? **Honestly, do we forgive all those who have ever hurt us?** Do we pray a blessing on them every time when we feel the pain again, or react in a certain way that has its roots back there somewhere when someone hurt us or put us down or left us out or just took over and we were left looking silly or worse?

Do we honestly believe that the Holy Spirit took up residence in us when we were baptized? Remember back then when we received the Sacrament of Confirmation – when we were strengthened in the gifts – but also that we were enabled to be more open to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

This is not all past tense. **Right now, at this moment,** the Holy Spirit is filling us with His Presence and so enabling us to go and do what Jesus told us to do.

So back to where we started – are we forgiving and blessing and loving (and continuing to do so every day of our lives) all those who need our blessings and forgiveness?  

If so, then we are being a power for good in our world. We are spreading the Good News of Jesus.

Did you notice that there is some space of time between this account of John at Easter and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? In the meantime the disciples have had the opportunity to come to know Jesus differently, in a more intimate way than previously.

We notice this particularly with the encounter Peter had with Jesus on the beach. There are no accusations from Jesus for the failures through fear and consequent betrayal by Peter – just a gentle persistent call to a deeper intimacy, a deeper love.

So it is with us. Jesus, through His Spirit, continues to gently call us to something better, to greater love. It is then that we are empowered to go and spread the Good News.

This is not always in words but through our actions, our lives, the way we are in our society. People will, and do ask, “What have you got that you can be this kind of person? Whatever it is, I want it too.”

Then we can share all the Good News of Jesus and the power of His Holy Spirit. Then this world will be a better place for all God’s children – that’s you, me and the rest of us.

PRAISE THE LORD!

Sr. Carmel pbvm
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The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let all who hear say, “Come” and let all who are thirsty come, let all who desire take the water of life without price.

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**Anne Marie Gatenby:** Anne Marie is looking forward to meeting all of you in "Women of the Way," sharing our journeys together and being a part of helping you experience Jesus and the power of His Spirit in a deeper way in your lives.

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Blessing Comes Through Unity

Psalm 133:1.3 speaks of the promise of the Blessing that comes through Unity. “For there the Lord has pronounced His blessing, life forever.”

During a time of Praise/Worship at the meeting of State Representatives of Queensland Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) during November 2018, there was a vision given through one of the State Members. This vision was specifically given for CCR in Brisbane.

VISION: A picture of large sandstone blocks, scattered everywhere. These blocks were quite separate from each other. As the vision unfolded, the blocks moved together to form ONE Solid Base. Other blocks then grew on top of the base in rows to form a Solid Pyramid.

MESSAGES GIVEN:

“You have a strength that cannot be shaken”. And “Together, you share the heart of God”.

At the time, this spoke very powerfully to the CCR Brisbane members who were present. We felt that the Lord was reminding us that we have many prayer groups affiliated with CCR Brisbane, all scattered around our Archdiocese. Each prayer group being a place of Communion, each group doing good things by serving the spiritual needs of the Parish, but as a whole through Catholic Charismatic Renewal, often rather separate and distanced from each other. When the wall came together, there was a sense of Unity, Strength, and Power by Serving as ‘ONE in the Power of the Holy Spirit’. CCR Brisbane is divided into 6 Regions - Sunshine Coast, Inner Brisbane, South, South Coast, East and West. By coming together at a Regional Level and as a Body at our Northgate Gatherings, we are empowered and strengthened by our ‘Unity under Blessing’.

At the same time, with the institution of CHARIS at Pentecost, under the vision of Pope Francis, this vision and word could speak of the ‘Unity and Blessing as One Stream of Grace’, as all Realities of Catholic Charismatic Renewal come together, being united by ‘Unity and Grace to serve the Church as the One Body of Christ’.

In the very last edition of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal (ICCRS), Christof Hemberger, former Vice-President states, “What unites us, what connects us is the Holy Spirit. Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and living in the power of the Holy Spirit which results from it, is what we have in common.

But then the difference starts. There are large and small prayer groups, communities of people living together, covenant communities, missionary and mercy ministries, service and initiatives, and many more. They are all different. They vary in their origins. They vary in their expressions. They vary in their traditions. They vary in their vision. And still, they are all part of One Body - and together, they form the CCR. (1Cor:12.20) In these days, we are urged by the initiative of the Holy Father, to move closer together and to express the Unity of our CCR Internationally in CHARIS. We cannot but face the fact. We are different and that is fine. But we do belong together, and together we form ONE BODY. The CCR is not uniform, it is diverse in its expressions. This very fact makes it so special”

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Jenny McCormack
(Qld. State President of Catholic Charismatic Renewal)

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**JUNE**

13  **Our Lady of Fatima Devotion 7pm**  
(If a Saturday, then 6pm)  
St. Paul's Church (Sunnybank PG)  
Woodridge  

26  **Southern Region Mass 6.45pm**  
St Bernard's Church,  
Upper Mt Gravatt

**JULY**

3  **CBD Prayer Meeting 10.45am – 12-15pm**  
(after 10am Mass)  

24  **Southern Region Mass 6.45pm**  
St Bernard’s Church,  
Upper Mt Gravatt

**AUGUST**

7  **CBD Prayer Meeting 10.45am – 12-15pm**  
(after 10am Mass)  
St. Stephen’s Cathedral  
Brisbane City  

13  **Our Lady of Fatima Devotion 7pm**  
(If a Saturday, then 6pm)  
St. Paul’s Church (Sunnybank PG)  
Woodridge  

23-25  **Women of the Way Retreat**  
Watson’s Park Convention Cntr.  
337 Old Gympie Rd.  
Dakabin.

28  **Southern Region Mass 6.45pm**  
St Bernard’s Church,  
Upper Mt Gravatt  

27  **Life in the Spirit Seminar 9am - 5pm**

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**OTHER GROUP MEETINGS**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Prayer Group – Sunnybank  
SPANISH – Every Saturday  
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Gail Creswell, Face to Face Editor

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