



THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

SEMINAR TOOLKIT

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INTRODUCTION

Pope Francis stated, “Speaking of dispensers of grace, I ask each and all of you that as part of the current of grace of Charismatic Renewal, you organize seminars of Life in the Spirit in our parishes and seminaries, schools, and neighborhoods, to share **Baptism in the Spirit**.” “It is catechesis. It is catechesis that produces, by the work of the Holy Spirit, the personal encounter with Jesus who changes our life.”

Pope Francis at the Third Worldwide Priests’ Retreat in Rome,
June, 2016.

What is a Life in the Spirit Seminar?

Simply put: It is a spiritual process of seven sessions, one building upon another. It includes presentations, praise and worship music, prayer, small group discussions, and a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit.

This Life in the Spirit Seminar Toolkit is for those parishes eager to bring this seminar to their parish. It includes basic format, suggestions, resources, and a Charismatic Renewal Service Committee representative to support you along the way. Suggestions for small groups or conference style gatherings are included here.

Be assured in faith, all participants and parish leaders will be engaged and will encounter the Love of God and His desire for a personal relationship.

GOALS OF THE *LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR*

What are the goals of the seminar?

- 1. God offers us a deeply personal and communal covenant with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We seek to help participants in the seminar to establish, re-establish or deepen an individual relationship with God through Jesus, the Christ.**
- 2. Our Baptism has freed us from sin and brought us to new life through water and the Holy Spirit. We seek to help participants yield to the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. God is active in the lives of believers.**
- 3. As believers we are called to membership in a faith community, and to a life of service using the gifts, fruits and charisms offered through the Holy Spirit.**
- 4. New life means a life of discipleship and growth into Christ Jesus. As Christians, we need effective means of growth, such as small faith-sharing groups, prayer, study, sacraments, and the reading of Scripture.¹**

¹ Therese Boucher, The New Life in the Spirit Seminars Team Manual
Catholic Edition 2000, Servant Publications. Pages 12-13.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR SESSIONS

This is a typical format for large or small groups.

Prayer

Songs of Praise

Talk on a Session Theme: either live speaker, DVD, or video:

- 1. God's Love*
- 2. Salvation*
- 3. New Life*
- 4. Receiving God's Gifts*
- 5. Encountering the Holy Spirit (laying on of hands)*
- 6. Growth/Transformation*

Small group discussions/quiet time/ or hospitality after each theme.

Closing prayer and song

Reconciliation (offered for one-day or weekend.)

Mass (offered for one-day or weekend.)

