



JOHN PAUL II HEALING CENTER
Transformation in the Heart of the Church

Healing the Whole Person Event Report Georgetown, TX November 13-15, 2015

Barely two hours into the *Healing the Whole Person* conference in Austin, a young man boldly walked to the front of the room of 500 people. Speaking before the entire group, he said, "When we did the prayer for healing just now, I was healed!" There was almost a Bartimaeus "I was blind and now I see" excitement and wonder on his face. That "look" was enough to trust the movement of God in the moment.

When the invitation came, "If you are desiring physical healing, please stand up", he had done so, hoping to be relieved of a long standing sinus issue that prevented him from breathing through one side of his nose and sinuses. He said, "As I was standing there with my eyes closed, I felt someone put their hands on my face. I could feel them pressing against my face. I opened my eyes but no one was there." My wife said to me, "You can breathe!" He continued, "I realized God had healed my sinuses! I haven't been able to breathe like this (inhaling deeply) in a very long time."

From that moment on, the atmosphere turned nearly electric, as hope, expectation, and confidence in God's healing power created an environment thick with the presence of the Holy Spirit. The local team was prepared, logistically, spiritually and emotionally, creating a 'wave of God's grace' for everyone there. St. Helen's music minister, Russ, provided support that stirred and moved people's hearts toward God.



This conference was a weekend filled with “firsts”. It was the first time that we’ve had an event with nearly 500 people! It was the first conference where we openly and boldly went after physical healing (along with all types of healing)! And, it was the first time a participant has reported in testimony that a saint showed up to minister to them. Here is his story:

The young man stood there, with strains of musical praise filling the air. On one side stood the friends with whom he’d come. A single empty chair on his other side separated him from a half-dozen beautiful sisters from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Nearest to him on that side, the petite sister had her arms raised in worship to God. Yet, he felt utterly and completely alone. The deep feelings of isolation pushed the despair that was brewing within him. He closed his eyes, the desperation and yearning within him.

Then he felt it. Someone must have slipped into the vacant seat beside him. They had placed their arm around his waist. He experienced the comfort of being cared for in a moment of hurt and pain. He opened his eyes to see who this angel of mercy was, and he was taken aback! It was this tiny little Carmelite nun dressed all in brown. He knew her immediately, and was stunned. The little Carmelite nun was St. Therese of Lisieux! She was next to him, one arm around his waist, the other raised in worship. She stayed with him a while that day, suggesting to him that he go to adoration to journal. She sat with him before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, in the chair next to him. God unlocked something deep within his heart that day, speaking truth to places of desolation and isolation within his heart - Freedom - Joy (through a Saint! How often does that happen?).



As a team, we had wondered how we would meet the needs of all the attendees. The Father answered our wonder with a rather emphatic, "I can meet their needs in ways you can't even imagine."

As so often is the case, the weekend seemed to fly by amidst the energy and excitement of God's movement. Thankfully, the many experiences of hearts and faces stay with us. The scriptures tell us that the "Spirit moves where He wills," and it is encouraging to see God moving so powerfully among His people, and in His Church. We leave knowing that God is a good, good Father. He loves each of us intimately and personally. He loves His bride, the Church.

There were, of course, many testimonies, more than we can share in such a small space. But, here are a few that may strengthen and encourage your heart:

- *"It's like all the dead skin is coming off me."*
- *"Powerful! I felt the power of the Holy Spirit from Day 1."*
- *"God embraced me when I chose to let him touch my pain."*
- *"One of the best spiritual growth experiences of my life!"*
- *"I was moved to tell my wife that she is beautiful. I have never done this because of something in my past 40 years ago."*
- *"I felt a grace of calmness, like water putting out smoldering ashes."*

- *"A priest trained in your ministry led me in confession...strongly impacted me."*
- *"I had a physical tremor that has all but gone away."*
- *"During Fr. Charlie's adoration meditation, I felt the love of Jesus pour out like water pouring through a porthole on a ship."*
- *"I received my own healing as I heard a woman witness about God speaking to her that she is beautiful."*
- *"My husband opened up to me about our family situation for the first time in over a year. We both cried together and asked God for help!"*
- *"Incredible. I uncovered some lies that have been controlling me for 30 years."*
- *"God healed me of inadequacy during the weekend, which then brought physical healing of back pain."*
- *"I was able to forgive my father and release the pain of any early childhood experience of abandonment."*
- *"Incredible. A real encounter with Jesus, His love, and the liberating power of the Holy Spirit."*

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May God bless each and every one of you this Advent!

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