



JOHN PAUL II HEALING CENTER

*Transformation in the Heart of the Church*

## Healing the Whole Person Event Report Shoreline, WA Aug. 21-23, 2015

It had been a long day, making our way from the Big Bend of Florida to Puget Sound in Seattle, Washington. We departed Tallahassee early on what would be another sultry, hot Southern day, but the afternoon air outside the SeaTac airport was, in a word, cool. The first trip for the JP II Healing Center team west of the Rockies certainly promised to be an adventure, and it would not disappoint.

The Tallahassee team would eventually consist of Bob, Bart, Margaret, Ken, Kim and Judy Bailey, with members arriving across several days. They added their ranks to Sr. Miriam James Heidland co-teaching, SOLT sisters from Seattle, and other JP II team members. With the Tuesday travel day done, Fr. David Mulholland, along with Candace Ochoa, led a foray for some of the team members to the base of Mt. Rainier on Wednesday. We celebrated mass atop a bench along the trail on our way to summit Mt. Dege. Mt. Rainier formed a spectacular backdrop for mass and the entire day.



On Thursday, Bob conducted a day of reflection for about 35 priests from the Archdiocese of Seattle (and nearby areas). It was an amazing day, with Bob sharing some of the ministry's core material, and encouraging the priests in their identity in Christ and the centrality of healing in their personal lives and priestly ministry. By the end of the day, there were some inquiries about when we might return to do a week-long retreat for priests. One priest commented, "If you do a retreat here, we'll have over 100 priests from all over the western US!"

Friday marked the start of the *Healing the Whole Person* conference. Heather Khym, a nearby resident of Vancouver, BC, joined us to provide worship music. Fr. David saw to every detail as host at St. Mark in Shoreline, WA. Nothing had been overlooked. Everything from sound to setup to recreation to hospitality was outstanding. The entire team felt welcomed, comfortable, and perhaps a bit pampered by our hosts. Veronica Olson directly coordinated all the logistics for the event with other staff and volunteers, among whom were more than a couple of her family members.



Over the next several days, over 220 people from Seattle and the surrounding areas rested in the anointing of the event (including three of the seminarians who have been to Tallahassee for the Seminarian program, and several priests who have also ventured to Tallahassee). Besides the talks and journaling, participants had the opportunity to attend several breakouts (lead by Bart, Ken and Margaret), and partake of the Sacraments as they pressed into the deep places of their hearts. It was an amazing event. There was a great receptivity to the movement of the Holy Spirit, and we are thankful for all of you who regularly pray and intercede for us. Your prayers are vital for the mission of transforming the heart of the Church and helping people come into deep and lasting freedom with Christ.

The sanctuary at St. Mark Catholic Church is beautiful. In front of the altar, inscribed on the tile floor, are the words "Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus". Fr. David, during his homily, re-enacted a human sculpture of the Holy Trinity- Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He spoke of the healing, wholeness and unending communion in the Trinity. The entire mass was a crescendo finish to the conference, and one that we will all long remember.



We received many positive and encouraging comments from attendees:

*"The Lord blessed me in a most intimate and precious way!"*

*"This has been a missing link in my journey of faith."*

*"Very different from other 'healing' workshops I have attended. I love how grounded it is in the Catholic faith."*

*"This has been a great, absolute life changing event for me."*

*"The prayer experience I had in the breakout session was powerful!"*

*"Amazing to understand that the root (wounds/wholeness) rules the fruit (action/sin)."*

*"This was beautiful, life-giving, peaceful."*

*"This conference is REAL LIFE and honest. You have changed my life."*

*"I had a real encounter with the Lord."*

*"Please come back 4 times every year!"*

*"There is a GIANT need for this kind of support and help among college student."*

*"I came to see and believe that I am a beloved of God the Father."*

*"I am overwhelmed at what the Lord wants to do for His beloved children. I am on my knees that this conference has come to the Northwest."*

*"I've been touched in the deepest core of my being."*

*"I was moved by the re-enactment of the woman caught in adultery. I felt my guilt and shame diminish and experience love I had never felt."*

*"I've been to so many conferences, but never experienced one like this!"*

*"A liberating and moving experience."*

We were blessed by so many gracious people. Our hosts, Fr. David, Candace, Veronica, the St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery, the Ulrichs, the Freese family for underwriting support, and all those who answered the call to support the ministry as benefactors and intercessors. We are greatly appreciative of all the love and support for this ministry!

May God bless each and every one of you!

JPII Healing Center Team