



Healing the Whole Person Event Report Pembroke Pines, FL April 16-18, 2015

After an 18 month hiatus, we were back in beautiful South Florida at St. Edward Catholic Church in Pembroke Pines. From beginning to end, this trip was exhilarating! It seemed the Lord had a theme for the weekend, which was to “unfold new things”.

Latin hospitality is a staple of our visits to South Florida, and the Toledo’s and Sosa’s made sure our team was well cared for. We are always humbled by the extraordinary efforts our hosts make, and we were certainly pampered!

We launched the weekend by spending time with the prayer ministry teams, sharing with them the importance of facilitating prayer within the structure of “I AM”. “I” stands for Inspiration, the posture of seeking and praying for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, both for the minister and the recipient. “A” stands for Abiding, the posture of staying in communion with the Lord, in the moment. “M” stands for movements, the movement of the Lord, the movement of the recipient’s heart, and movement of one’s own heart. By praying for and with each other, the team was well prepared for ministry!



During the conference we provided multiple opportunities for people to receive prayer, and what a gift it was. One person stated, “The prayer team helped me connect to the Lord as I faced my shortcomings, even though I was fearful.” Another stated that God revealed much to them during the ministry session, and that He tied it all together in their heart as they went to confession. It is so beautiful to continually see people engage the

Sacraments with new fervor and appreciation when prayer ministry is also available. A comment we often see is, *“Best confession of my life!”*

Among the many comments we received, here are just a few...

“I experienced the gifts of the Holy Spirit taking down my shame of being shy...”

On what was most beneficial- *“Understanding the root of our struggle in this life is separation from the Trinity.”*

"I feel a weight lifting- pain and strongholds peeling as scales off a fish!"

"I attended two events, and have experienced physical healing... as well as healing of... deep sadness and bitterness. Confession really helped me in my healing this time."

With nearly 200 attendees, the St. Edward's support team was busy, too, making sure that everything was done to the highest standard. As seems to be more the norm than exception, there were attendees from all over the country, including Portland, Houston, Atlanta and Boston, to name a few. Besides Bob's teachings, Bart assumed a greater role in stirring the Spirit and exhorting the attendees to embrace the love that God the Father has for them. Many were touched by his witness of encountering the Father's love, and how it continues to transform his life. Bart and Margaret both led breakout sessions on Saturday, allowing attendees to move to a deeper and more intimate encounter with the Lord.



Saturday ended with a crescendo movement of the Holy Spirit, completely unscripted, and deeply powerful. Reconstructing the human sculpture of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Adam and Eve (who were played by participants) were placed outside the embrace of the Trinity, and within the strongholds that impede communion with God. As Adam and Eve were freed from the strongholds, they rejoined the embrace of the Trinity. Without any prompting, attendees began to stand up and walk forward to join the embrace of Adam, Eve and the Trinity. Within a matter of minutes, almost every attendee found their way forward, into the embrace, which took on the shape of a 'living cross'. It was obvious that people were deeply impacted, and several reported that they received healing from God during that time.

The conference ended when we joined the parish for its Saturday vigil mass. The movement of God that had been so evident during the previous days remained, with the Eucharist providing a perfect conclusion for the weekend.

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Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry. We are blessed by each of you.

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