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In this issue: *'Crossing the Jordan.'* was the theme of the national conference of the German Catholic Charismatic Renewal, for which about 1400 people gathered in the vicinity of the city of Fulda from June 2nd to 5th, 2011. A report from Dagmar Ludwig.

A special guest was *Patti Gallagher Mansfield** who captivated the audience with her report about the action of the Holy Spirit during a retreat weekend in February 1967 when she together with about 20 other students of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, received a 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit'. This Duquesne weekend is considered the moment of birth of the Charismatic Renewal within the Catholic Church.

Veni Creator Spiritus from Fulda

Patti not only gave witness of what she had experienced but called forth those attending the conference to reach out for more of the Holy Spirit; she did so not only with her own words but also with the ancient hymn 'Veni Creator Spiritus' (which as students they had prayed at this memorable weekend and has accompanied Patti ever since). This hymn was written by Rabanus Maurus in the 9th century – in Fulda, where the conference was held, as Patti emphasised.

God proved it once again: he is faithful to his word, to his promise that he will give an abundant measure of his Spirit to those who ask him. One example was Saturday night after *Helmut Hanusch* had spoken about the power of the Holy Spirit and his gifts especially the gift of tongues when many of those present personally received prayer for a new infilling of the Holy Spirit. (Deacon Helmut Hanusch is the 'speaker' of the Charismatic Renewal in Germany. Speaker means here something like 'chairperson'.)

Bishop

A special encouragement to the Charismatic Renewal as a whole were the clear words of the local bishop Heinz-Josef Algermissen who came to celebrate Friday's Eucharist. The bishop emphasised the significance of the Holy Spirit for the church. And he asked the participants: 'Make a contribution so that the power of the Spirit can become alive in our parishes.' 'You are only few. But heaven is always just a small amount. We need you!'

Leadership team

The theme of 'Crossing the Jordan' unfolded in various talks – what it means for each one personally but for the German renewal as a whole. Also explained was the

U ovom izdanju: *'Prelazeći Jordan'* je bila tema nacionalne konferencije njemačke Katoličke Karizmatске Obnove na kojoj se okupilo oko 1400 ljudi u blizini grada Fulda od 2. do 5. lipnja 2011. Izvještava Dagmar Ludwig.

Poseban gost je bila *Patti Gallagher Mansfield** koja je osvojila publiku svojim izvješćem o djelovanju Duha Svetoga tijekom vikenda obnove u siječnju 1967. kada je ona, zajedno s 20 drugih studenata sa Sveučilišta Duquesne u Pittsburghu u Pensilvaniji, primila 'Krštenje u Duhu Svetom'. Taj tjedan u Duquesneu se smatra kao trenutak rođenja Karizmatске Obnove u Katoličkoj Crkvi.

Veni Creator Spiritus iz Fulde

Patti ne samo da je svjedočila o svome iskustvu nego je i pozvala sve nazočne na konferenciji da se pokrenu i dosegnu mnogo više Duha Svetoga; nije to učinila samo svojim riječima nego i moleći himan 'Veni Creator Spiritus' (koji su kao studenti molili u tome tjednu i od tada ga Patti stalno moli). Patti je naglasila da je ovaj himan napisao Rabanus Maurus u 9. stoljeću – u Fuldi, gdje se konferencija i održava.

Bog je ponovno dokazao: da je On vjeran svojoj riječi, svome obećanju da će obilato dati svoga Duha onima koji ga traže. Primjer toga je bila subota uveče nakon govora *Helmuta Hanuscha* o snazi Duha Svetoga i njegovim darovima posebice daru govora u jezicima kada su mnogi od nazočnih osobno primili molitvu za novo ispunjenje Duhom Svetim. (Đakon Helmut Hanusch je 'govornik' Karizmatске Obnove u Njemačkoj. Govornik ovdje ima značenje nešto kao 'predsjedatelj'.)

Biskup

Posebno ohrabrenje Karizmatскоj Obnovi kao cjelini su bile jasne riječi lokalnog biskupa Heinz-Josefa Algermissena koji je došao na Euharistijsko slavlje u petak. Biskup je naglasio važnost Duha Svetoga za crkvu. Zamolio je učesnike: 'Pridonosite tako da snaga Duha može oživjeti u našim župama.' 'Vas je samo nekoliko. Ali kvasac se stavlja uvijek u malim količinama. Mi vas trebamo!'

Tim vodstva

Tema 'Prelazeći Jordan' je razvijena u raznim govorima – što to znači za svakoga osobno ali i za njemačku Obnovu kao cjelinu. Također je bilo pojašnjeno dvostruko značenje tima vodstva njemačke Obnove koja osjeća da su nadolazeće godine za 'preuzimanje obećane zemlje': formacija vodstva i evangelizacija kroz seminar novog

double emphasis the leadership team of the German renewal is sensing the coming years in order to 'take possession of the promised land': formation of leaders and evangelisation through the new 'Life in the power of the Holy Spirit' seminar.

'Be strong and courageous, I will go before you'. In his closing input, *Christof Hemberger* encouraged each one to keep going. He pointed out that the land beyond the river Jordan is a land of possession (Jos 1:15): 'God is leading us into something that already belongs to us'.

Christof called back to mind a prophetic word that had been given regarding the German national conferences which indicated that there should be three times three meetings. In accordance with the saying 'ready, steady, go', the first 3 conferences had the focus of getting ready. This year's event was the last of three aimed at being prepared and in place, and now the renewal is waiting for the signal 'go' with the exciting question: 'Where is God sending us?' Christof echoed the longing Patti had mentioned from the beginnings of the renewal 'I want to see a miracle' – we want to see miracles in the lives of individuals which will have an effect into our church and our society.

*More on Patti and the Duquesne weekend:
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'Života u snazi Svetog Duha'.

'Budi snažan i hrabar, ja ću ići pred tobom'. U svojoj završnoj riječi *Christof Hemberger* je ohrabrio svakoga da se drži u pokretu. Istaknuo je da zemlja na drugoj strani rijeke Jordana je zemlja koja nam pripada. (Jš 1:15): 'Bog nas vodi ka nečemu što nam već pripada'.

Christof je podsjetio na riječ proroštva koju su dobili u svezi njemačke nacionalne konferencije koja je uputila da treba da bude tri sastanka po tri puta. U skladu s 'priprema, pozor, sad', prve tri konferencije su se usredotočile na pripremu spremnosti. Događaj ove godine je bio posljednji od tri ciljana na biti pripravan i na mjestu, a sada obnova čeka na signal 'sad' uzbuđeno se pitajući: 'Gdje nas Bog šalje?' Christof je odjekivao čežnju koju je Patti spomenula na početku obnove 'Želim vidjeti čudo' i mi želimo vidjeti čuda u životima pojedinaca koji će imati učinka u našoj crkvi i u našem društvu.

*Više o Patti i vikendu u Duquesnu:
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