

Nation-page of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Sweden

Inhabitants: 9.000.000
Roman-catholics: 145.000
Roman Catholic parishes: 41
Religion freedom since 1951. Full religious freedom since 1976
Nationalities of Catholics: about 100. Less than 20% Swedes
Involved in CCR since 1971: about 1.000
Actively involved now: 100
Prayer groups: 10

National Service Committee:

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Newsletter: "Nyhetsbrev" (4 - 12 pages, twice a year).

History:

CCR started with a prayer group in Täby north of Stockholm in 1973. In Stockholm there was an English speaking international prayer group from about 1975. In the Cathedral parish in Stockholm there is a group since 1977.

In 1981 and 1983 there was Nordic meetings – in Norway – which led to an organisation of the work on a Nordic level. In 1984 started the National Service Committee of Sweden (called AKKS) and from that moment many national conferences and courses have been arranged, Catholic or Ecumenical in collaboration with Protestant Charismatics. Many people have taken part in these arrangements and got their spiritual life revitalized, but few are active in prayer-groups within the Renewal. Mainly this depends upon that Catholics in our country are spread over vast areas. Therefore many individual Catholics are members of Protestant prayer groups.

Other details:

- Good contact with the Bishop who supports the Renewal, as well as some priests.
- Very good Ecumenical relations. Every year a Charismatic conference, mostly in collaboration with Protestants, as well as Alpha courses, Life in the Spirit seminars and other common work.
- A certain collaboration started with other Catholic movements in Sweden. The last two years we (eight movements) celebrated Pentecost together.
- Every year courses in prayer for healing which are very appreciated and have many participants from different churches.

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