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Greetings!

For many of us, we are still floating from the grace that was overwhelming pour out on us in Tampa ... Alleluia! We have said a number of times since the Conference that God showed up BIG time! Thank you, Lord! He kept telling us in prayer to come with expectant faith, and we know He does not disappoint!

Since this just happens to be the Jubilee Year of Hope, Romans 5:5 confirms ... "hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us."

This emphasizes God's faithfulness and the enduring nature of His love and promises. So why should we be surprised? God is good, all the time!

Click on the link [video collage](#) to relive some of those special moments Cathy Behrens has created for us to enjoy.



Needless to say, we are grateful to all who were able to attend. It truly would not have been the same without you!

We look forward to being together once again for an anointed visitation in New Orleans in October 7-10, 2027.

In His Love,
Donna Ross, Coordinator
Central Service Team



18th International Magnificat Leaders' Conference in the Jubilee Year of Hope

By Elise Botch, CST Newsletter Editor

You can imagine, putting on an International Conference is a huge undertaking, and it is fitting to say the task began with 'hope and a prayer!' No coincidence, a 'God-incidence' that the Conference was going to occur in 2025, the Jubilee Year of Hope declared by Pope Francis.

As the Central Service Team's (CST) vision began to unfold through much prayer and anticipation, they heard the Holy Spirit proclaim, "Rise & Walk" (it became the theme), a command Jesus gave to those he healed, a call for those who have a life-changing encounter with Christ to go forth and witness. It is the mission of the Magnificat Ministry, to be like Mary, a pilgrim of hope who gives witness to the presence of Christ among us.

Pilgrims of Mary journeyed from all corners of North America & Europe to convene in Tampa, FL on July 10-13th, to experience and be transformed in a new life, born and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The hotel staff at the Grand Hyatt, Tampa Bay outdid themselves in hospitality in welcoming us. We were honored to have Marilyn Quirk, our Founding Coordinator, attending the Conference with us. It was a joyous reunion for our Spiritual Advisor, Bishop David Toups who served as a priest in the Diocese of St. Petersburg for 25 years. Tampa is also the home of one of our beloved speakers, Sr. Briege McKenna. Bishop Gregory Parkes, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, celebrated Mass on Friday morning and encouraged us to pursue holiness and be open to the Holy Spirit's power to transform our lives.

Throughout the Conference 12 energetic, lively, spirited, zealous and animated speakers took to the stage with powerful and inspirational messages that fanned the flame of the Holy Spirit within us. *'I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it was already blazing.'* Luke 12:49 Our guest speaker, Floredenis Brown at the Saturday night Meal, expressed her story with such unwavering faith, holy boldness and conviction, for she knows her God who keeps his promises. She had the crowd standing on their feet in 'praise and exultation.'

We want to thank the members of the CST, Michelle Seghers, our conference event planner, and the CST office staff, for their prayerful obedience, humility, and vision guided by the Holy Spirit and their labor of love as they toiled in Mary's garden for this year's international conference. We

also want to thank 'Living Praise Worship Team' as they ushered us into the presence of the Holy Spirit with praise and worship throughout the weekend.

The 18th Magnificat Leaders' Conference led us to our home in the Holy Trinity, letting go of our self-reliance, we took on our authority as beloved daughters and sons of our God Most High, forgiven, healed, delivered and empowered! The Holy Spirit shone the radiant splendor of the glory of the Lord upon us and as it's blaze continues to glow within us, we are commissioned to "Rise and Walk."

All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Cor.3:18

If you would like to read more about the conference from St. Petersburg's Diocesan newspaper, click here -[The Gulf Coast Catholic](#)

'Bishop Parkes Celebrates Mass in Tampa for International Conference'
Fort Myers Chapter, FL, Newsletter, click here-[Share the Joy, Rise and Walk](#)



L to R: Floredenis Brown, Guest Speaker, Pat Higginbotham, Asst. Coordinator, Donna Ross, Coordinator, Marilyn Quirk, Founding Coordinator, Bishop David Toups, CST Spiritual Advisor, Angela Rizzo, Asst. Coordinator, Jackie France, Historian, Sharla Prejean, Treasurer not pictured - Mary Wilson, Secretary

CONFERENCE RECORDINGS

RISE and WALK

Magnificat.
18th International
Leaders' Conference

July 10-13, 2025

Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay
2900 Bayport Drive
Tampa FL 33607



Register early!

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Speakers



Fr. Michael Voithofer Thursday's Opening Session "Face to Face with Jesus"



Maria Vadia "Rise Up, Dry Bones"



Dr. Carol Razza "Prayer Meeting"



Alicia Hartle "Exercising Your Gifts"



Janice Charbonnet
"Walking in Your Anointing"



Sr. Briege McKenna "Rise and Walk"



Speaker Forum

Eucharist



Bishop Parkes celebrating Mass
on Friday morning



Bishop Toups Homily on



Fr. Connor Penn's Homily on Thursday



Fr. Erick Villa's Homily on Saturday



Eucharistic Prayer



The elevation of Jesus



Prayers of the Faithful



Marilyn Quirk bringing up the Prayer Petitions



Sara Ford & Kim Rodriguez-Torres
bringing up the gifts

Fr. Erick Villa, Bishop Toups,
Deacon Mitch Rennix



Bishop Parkes with concelebrants



Bishop Toups



Bishop Toups in reflection



Deacon Bill Betancourt, Bishop Toups,
Fr. Jaime Garcia



Bishop Toups processing at the end of
Mass with Deacon Mitch Rennix

Central Service Team



Coordinator Donna Ross at the podium with CST members



CST members Pat Higginbotham and Jackie France

Bishop Toups



Eucharist



Bishop Toups



Bishop Toups with some Raffle Winners



Dr. Carol Razza and Bishop Toups



Bishop Toups and Judy Zelden



Bishop Toups, CST- Sharla Prejean, Jackie France, Pat Higginbotham, Donna Ross, Angela Rizzo

Regions



Region 1



Region 2



Region 3



Region 4



Region 5



Region 6



Region 7



Region 8



Region 9



Region 10



Region 11

Saturday Night Meal



Donna Ross, Coordinator



Head table Saturday night





Praying over Floredenis Brown, speaker



Floredenis Brown sharing her testimony

Other Scheduled Events



Praying for the clergy



Janice Charbonnet -
Our home is in the Trinity



Praying the Rosary
lead by Noreen Fortier



Living Praise Worship Team



Worship and Praise

HEADS UP!

"My son, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials. Be sincere of heart and steadfast, undisturbed in time of adversity." Sirach 2:1-2

"Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8

To those who have just experienced the anointed grace of a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit at the Magnificat Rise and Walk Conference in Tampa, know that it is typical to suffer attacks from the evil one after such a grace is lavished upon the faithful. It just goes with the territory of discipleship.

So, what do we do?



"Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings." 1 Peter 5:9

How do we resist?

Our Lady's 5 stones: **Holy Eucharist** (of course weekly but daily if possible; **personal and communal prayer** (daily Rosary, devotions; prayer meetings); **fasting** (weekly); **confession** (monthly); **Holy Scripture** (daily with meditation and contemplation).

A true commitment to Christ generates a battle, against the world and the evil one and within ourselves. Our Lady gives us the weapons. It is our duty to use them and thus be well equipped soldiers on the battlefield of life.

Siempre Adelante!

Read these Holy Scriptures for further encouragement: Sirach Chapter 2; Hebrews 10:19-10:39; all of Chapters 11 12 and 13; All of 1 Peter

"Then the peace of God will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!"
Philippians 4:7

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