

## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT OF NIGERIA (CCRMN)

**HISTORY:** The Catholic Charismatic Renewal is an answer to the prayers of Pope Paul XXIII during the Vatican II council who prayed that let the windows be opened for a new Pentecost as of old. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal is the latest of these expression of baptism in the Spirit of Gifts and Charismatic gifts.

The renewal of this experience of baptism of the spirit began in the Catholic Church in February 1967 when a group of students on retreat in Duquesne University, Pennsylvania, USA began praying for a fresh outpouring of Pentecost. Many of them had profound “Baptism in the Spirit” experiences and they shared these experiences with others in prayers. They had a renewed commitment to prayer and a personal relationship with message of Jesus, a yearning for more knowledge in their Catholic Faith and to the gospel call to bring the message of Jesus to others, and the use of gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit. This followed a wildfire movement of the Spirit so profound like a grain of mustard seed, it has spread all over the world with a membership of about 115 million Catholics. It was birthed by the Holy Spirit and its growth has been powered by the Holy Spirit.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Nigeria (CCRN) is a lay organization which started in Nigeria in 1967. Within her 50 years of existence. She has spread to virtually all the parishes in the nine Archdioceses, forty-four Dioceses, and two Vicariates of the Nigerian Church. Charismatic Spirituality centers on Life in the Spirit transforms members inside out and dispose them to the searching sword of the word of God, the truth that sets free, and to the anointing of the spirit. This spirituality revolves around ones faithful response to the Holy Spirit, and His Gifts, fruits and Offices by commitment to Jesus and the Catholic Church. It is not a pious society but a movement of the Holy Spirit.

**Meetings:** Bible Study every Sunday after 10:15am Mass at the school field, and on Thursdays 6:30pm at the school hall for Prayer Meetings.