



# RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Celebrating  
**35**  
YEARS  
of God's  
Faithfulness

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December  
2015

Proclaiming Jesus through Catholic Renewal and Evangelization



A letter  
from Ralph Martin

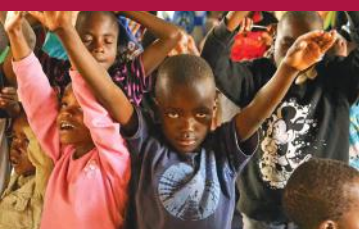
## Faithful Friends,

**As we near the end of 2015, we marvel at all the Lord has done through you and us this past year.**

It was a joy to celebrate our *35th anniversary*—to look back and thank the Lord for all the amazing things He has done in the past. It is also a joy to be "firing on all cylinders" as we look forward to 2016.



This year, we've preached the Word at **69 events** in **24 states and Canadian provinces**, and sent teams to do the same on **47 mission trips** in **27 countries**. We also have had significant opportunities to speak to hundreds of priests, deacons, and religious at their annual convocations, study days, and workshops.



You'll read even more of what is happening in this very newsletter: So many mission trips in so many countries; so many radio and television programs; so many booklets, books, CDs and DVDs; so many people benefitting from our new *As By A New Pentecost* series and encountering the Lord and being baptized in the Spirit all over the world. So many being strengthened in their faith in the midst of a culture full of deception and rebellion, so many encouraged to unite their suffering with the suffering of Christ for reparation for sins, so many stepping out for the first time and sharing one of our booklets with friends and family members. So many young adults—with their numbers growing—being called to conversion and discipleship through our new i.d.9:16 outreach to those in their twenties and thirties.

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## WILL YOU HELP US *save souls?*

*Speak to souls about this great mercy while it is still the time for granting mercy.*

Diary of St. Faustina #635

Now is the time when mercy is being extended to the world. But this time will come to an end and the Lord will return in glory to judge the living and the dead. Souls are perishing. Time is of the essence. Laborers and resources are very limited.

You can help save souls when you include Renewal Ministries in your will. A bequest made to Renewal Ministries will make it possible for us to reach more souls with the Gospel through radio, television, and missionary service.

Please consider making an investment with eternal rewards. For more information or sample language, please contact:

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December is a very important time for Renewal Ministries, as this is the month many of our supporters “catch up” with the financial support they have been intending to give. It also often is the time when many of our supporters ascertain they can and should share their blessings more abundantly than they realized was possible at the beginning of the year.

**Whether you can do a lot or a little, please step up and help as you are able this month. Your contributions will enable us to continue all of Renewal Ministries’ valuable outreaches, and hopefully even to increase them, in the coming year.**

Renewal Ministries is very much aware of the call the Lord has given us to “give a clear sound of the trumpet” in the midst of times with such confusion and hostility to Christ and His Gospel. More doors are opening than ever before. Your support makes it possible to walk through these open doors.



***If the trumpet gives an unclear sound, who will come for battle?***

Gratefully,

*Ralph Martin*



This Fall, Ralph gave six talks to the priests of the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa. Renewal Ministries often serves bishops, priests, deacons, and religious in this way; we count these times among the highlights of each year. Bishop Richard Pates, of the Diocese of Des Moines, is in the foreground of the photo in a green shirt.





## ANNOUNCING NEW WORKSHOPS FOR YOUR PARISH OR EVENT

Renewal Ministries' speaker David Mangan is offering two dynamic workshops that can help transform families and lives: *Come Holy Spirit: Living in the Power of God* and *Keeping Your Kids Catholic: Help and Hope for Catholic Parents*.

### ➔ COME HOLY SPIRIT: LIVING IN THE POWER OF GOD

David was present at the beginning of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in 1967. At the *Come Holy Spirit: Living in the Power of God* workshop, David will help participants receive or be renewed in the baptism in the Holy Spirit and to live in the power of God by His grace.

#### Session topics include:

- *Surprised by the Holy Spirit: The Story of the Beginnings*
- *What Happened Next: How Did the Renewal Grow? What Does the Church Say?*
- *Baptism in the Holy Spirit: Why Not You?*
- *Yielding to Spiritual Gifts: Growing in Gift and Ministry*

*For more information about sponsoring a workshop, write to David Mangan at*

**KYKC Workshop**  
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He also may be contacted at [ddavidmangan@gmail.com](mailto:ddavidmangan@gmail.com), or at (734) 971-2339.

### ➔ KEEPING YOUR KIDS CATHOLIC: HELP AND HOPE FOR CATHOLIC PARENTS

The *Keeping Your Kids Catholic: Help and Hope for Catholic Parents* workshop is a one-day, practical program for parents who are looking for help in raising their kids as Catholic Christians who love God and serve others.

#### In this workshop, parents will learn:

- *Why young people leave the Church and what parents can do to prevent it.*
- *How to build resilient family relationships that support children's growth in faith.*
- *How to introduce children to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the Catholic faith.*
- *How to create a Catholic culture at home that gives kids a Catholic way of thinking and living.*
- *How to pray effectively for kids.*
- *How to receive God's power to help perform parental duties.*

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In addition to his work with Renewal Ministries, David is the author of the book *God Loves You and There's Nothing You Can Do About It* and the co-author of *Life in the Spirit for Your Kids*.

“ We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another. ”

• Blessed Teresa of Calcutta •

**2015**  
**YEAR**  
*... in ...*  
**REVIEW**

As Renewal Ministries' 35th year draws to a close, we cannot help but marvel at God's continued faithfulness. In 2015, we have helped people know the personal love of God in Jesus through speaking at 69 events across 24 states, three provinces, and four countries. We also have conducted 47 mission trips in 27 countries.

We released Ralph Martin's newest booklet, *The Final Confrontation*, this year, and it already has gone into a second printing. We also continued our mission of fostering renewal and evangelization through our weekly television program, *The Choices We Face*; our daily radio programs, *Food for the Journey* and *Fire on the Earth*; and numerous books and electronic media.

*None of this would be possible without your prayers and support. We remember you in our daily prayers. Please enjoy these photo highlights of the past year!*



### *The Choices We Face*

The Choices We Face is the longest-running Catholic television program in the world. Guests in 2015 included Dr. John Wood, Patti Mansfield, Eric Mahl, and Msgr. Charles Pope.



### *Fire on the Earth*

Peter Herbeck's dynamic Fire on the Earth program helps listeners navigate the current landscape of our culture. Fire on the Earth has had about 2,116,746 downloads from our website, RenewalMinistries.net, since 2008. Peter also co-hosts EWTN's Crossing the Goal.



### *Food for the Journey*

Sister Ann Shields, SGL, hosts Food for the Journey five days a week on roughly 80 stations in the United States. Since 2008, listeners have downloaded an average of 140,000 to 150,000 podcasts each month from our website, RenewalMinistries.net. That's more than six million podcasts!



### Renewal Ministries' U.S. Board of Directors

*Pictured from left to right*

**STANDING**

Ralph Martin, Dcn. Larry Oney, Tim Patton, Robert Van Norden, Tom O'Brien, Dcn. Dan Foley, and Fr. David Pivonka.

**SEATED**

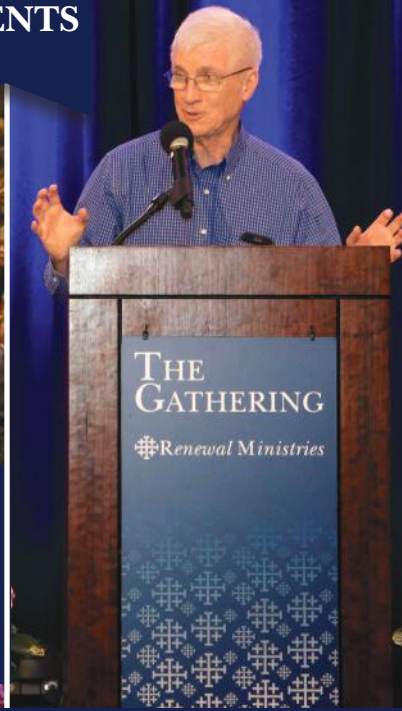
Sharon Doran, Ellen Holian-Mykrantz, Nancy Timmis, and Laurie Manhardt.



## EVENTS



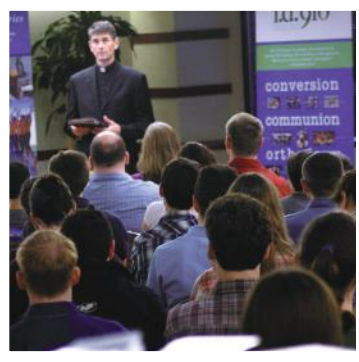
Peter Herbeck addressed crowds of approximately 4,000 people at the **23rd Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto**. Mark your calendars for next year's rally on **March 5, 2016**



## The Gathering

Ralph Martin addressed more than 300 people from Liberia, Canada, and 28 states at this year's annual Gathering, Unshakable Kingdom. Sister Ann Shields, SGL, and Peter Herbeck prayed over attendees.

**Mark your calendar for next year's Gathering April 15-17**



**i.d.9:16**  
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## i.d.9:16 YOUNG ADULTS



i.d.9:16 engages young adults in ministry, helping form them into intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. New chapters continue to form across the country. The guest speaker from each month's Disciples' Night can be accessed around the world via livestream technology.



## PINE HILLS CAMPS

This summer, Pine Hills Boys' Camp united 120 seventh- through ninth-grade youth for a week of intense fun and adventure in a Christ-centered environment.

Pine Hills Girls' Camp celebrated 30 years of helping middle school girls discover a living and personal relationship with God, and grow in confidence as young women by knowing their dignity more deeply. About 165 campers and a staff of 60-plus young women attended this year's week-long camp.







# 2015 MISSION Round-up



The Renewal Ministries' country coordinators at their annual meeting in Michigan. Pictured from left to right:

BACK ROW • Lloyd Greenhaw, Emmanuel Tamakloe, Bohus Zivcak, Dcn. Steve Thomashefski, Peter Thompson, Don Turbitt, Peter Herbeck (*VP and Director of Missions*), Peter Newburn, Dcn. Zoli Kunszabó, Tom Edwards, Butch Murphy, Tibi Majoros, and John Kazanjian.

FRONT ROW • Lucia Thomashefski, Pat Turbitt, and Nancy Greenhaw.

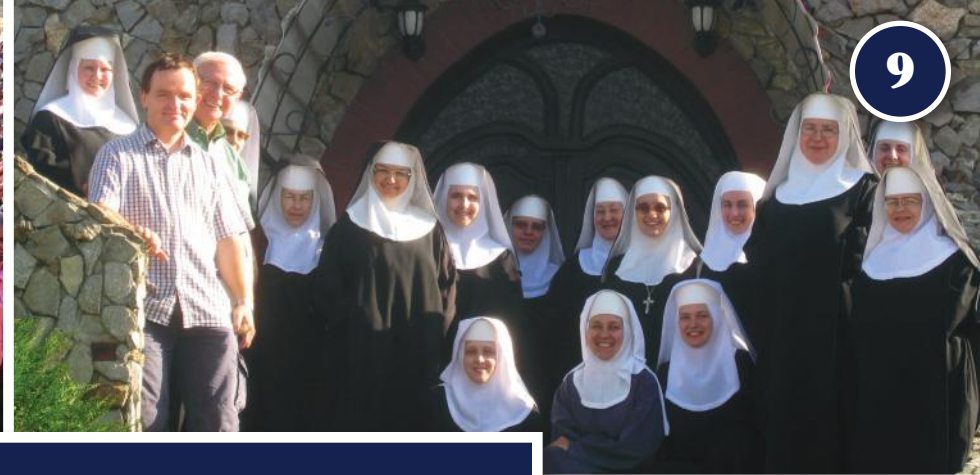
**27**  
COUNTRIES

**47**  
TRIPS





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Kenya

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Zimbabwe

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Uganda

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Mexico

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Romania

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Lithuania & Ukraine



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# On the Road

## December 2015 ENGAGEMENTS

**Ann Arbor, MI**  
**i.d.9:16 Disciples' Night**

*December 3*

Join us via livestream: [id916.com/live](http://id916.com/live)

Contact: [pete@id916.com](mailto:pete@id916.com)

**Donaldson, IN**  
**Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend**  
**Women's Retreat**

*December 4-6*

Sr. Ann Shields, SGL

Contact: Jan Torma

[jtheartpraise@msn.com](mailto:jtheartpraise@msn.com)

**Clinton Township, MI**  
**Divine Mercy Center**

*December 5*

Ralph Martin

Contact: [www.sjdivinemeracy.org](http://www.sjdivinemeracy.org)

**Toronto, ON**  
**Catholic Renewal Ministries**  
**Board Meeting\***

*December 6*

Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck,

Sr. Ann Shields, SGL

## January 2016

**New Orleans, LA**  
**Men's Retreat**

*January 8-9*

Peter Herbeck

**Grand Rapids, MI**  
**Legatus Meeting\***

*January 14, 2016*

Ralph Martin

**Chesapeake, VA**  
**Parish Renewal**  
**St. Stephen Martyr Parish**

*January 22-23*

Ralph Martin

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**Orlando, FL**  
**Legatus National Summit\***

*January 28-30*

Ralph Martin

## Save the Dates

**Toronto, ON Canada**  
**Lift Jesus Higher Rally**

*March 5*

Deacon Larry Oney

**Ypsilanti, MI**  
**The Gathering**

*April 15-17*

Johnnette Benkovic along with

Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck,

and Sr. Ann Shields, SGL

*\* Not open to the public*

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For a complete listing of events  
please visit:

[RenewalMinistries.net/Events](http://RenewalMinistries.net/Events)

## MISSIONS

**Turkmenistan**

*December*

**Kazakhstan**

*December*

**Mexico**

*January 3-9, 2016*

**Zambia & Namibia**

*January 24-February 7*



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## Please Pray...

✚ In Thanksgiving for all those who have helped Renewal Ministries complete a fruitful year of empowering, equipping and strengthening the Church.

✚ That during Advent and Christmas, many who are away from the Church will turn their hearts to the Lord and find their way home.

✚ That those who are suffering for the sake of the Gospel will know Christ's peace and protection.

✚ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty

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