

*In this letter: "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand" - retreat in Järfälla wanted to break chains and equip all baptized to spread the Kingdom of God, F Kilian McDonnell (1921-2025) a pioneer in ecumenism and the dialogue Catholic-Pentecostal has passed away, Lillemor Hallin's books in new editions, support CHARIS [\[this letter in Swedish\]](#)*

**"The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand" - retreat in Järfälla wanted to break chains and equip all the baptized to spread the Kingdom of God.**

[Holy Trinity Parish in Järfälla](#) has a lively activity with many volunteers, children's activities in the spirit of don Bosco, teaching about life in the Holy Spirit, a liturgy characterized by uplifting praise and many young people who are renewed in their spiritual life. Every Wednesday evening, deacon Pancho Chin A Loi gathers people from all over Stockholm for charismatic prayer.



Young people in the parish with Deacon Pancho and Terry Quinn



On October 3-5, the parish hosted a charismatic retreat with foreign guests invited by Bishop Anders Arborelius: Deacon Larry Oney and wife Andi from the USA, evangelist Terry Quinn from Ireland. Larry Oney is a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and serves in [Divine Mercy parish](#). He and Andi have a strong proclamation about Kingdom of God and that God has a plan and purpose for everyone. Andy and Larry also run the mission [Hope and Purpose Ministries](#) with the aim to participate in the New Evangelization

through preaching, teaching, leading retreats, conducting parish missions, and fostering the baptism of the Holy Spirit using excellent media initiatives thereby offering hope and purpose to all individuals through encouragement and knowledge sharing.

Terry Quinn has an amazing ability to preach and bring the gospel to life. His mission is to ignite the fire of the Holy Spirit in Europe and to re-evangelize the world. He is a member of the [CHARIS Ireland National Service of Communion](#).

**Larry Oney** talked about what the kingdom of God is. It is not Heaven, but it is God's administration of the Kingdom here on earth. The believers represent the Kingdom.

*The kingdom of God has come* – through the Incarnation, through the "Yes" of the Mother of God Mary, to give birth to the Savior.

*The kingdom of God is in our midst and it is growing all the time* – through the "Yes" of all believers to represent the kingdom of God and to take on the authority they have in Christ to let it break forth with ever greater power.

*The kingdom of God will come* – at Jesus' second return in glory. The time for this no one knows, only the Father in heaven.

We live in the time between the first coming of the kingdom of God and its completion at Jesus' return in glory. It is the time of the Holy Spirit. The presence of Christians on earth represents the Kingdom of God. God wants us to expand the kingdom increasingly. For that, we need the power of the Holy Spirit. We need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:5) and grow in practicing the gifts of the Spirit.

**Andi Oney** spoke about the baptism in the Spirit and the spiritual gifts. She also spoke of the Mother of God as the first person to receive the full life of the Spirit, demonstrating with Bible references how all the spiritual gifts were present in Mary's life.

**Terry Quinn** encouraged us to have an expectant faith. Jesus came to transform us, not just so that we would go to Mass and then passively await our transport to Heaven after death. Jesus' plan for believers is that they should all participate in his priestly, prophetic, and healing mission. All baptized people are responsible for evangelism by proclamation, explanation, and demonstration (preaching, teaching, practically demonstrating through intercession, healing, breaking spiritual chains). Terry emphasized that the Mass is not the goal of our faith. The Mass is the sum of our faith, the highlight, the peak of the mountain where we refuel, draw strength to live our faith. It is necessary that we go down from the mountain, that is where evangelization will take place, and the kingdom of God will spread.



On Saturday evening a service was held where the spiritual gifts were in use: Praise, prayer for healing and several testimonies from people who were healed, prophetic words, prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A mission to go out into the world and pass on what we have

received. An important theme was to break chains. Symbolically, we had to cut off the chains that hold us spiritually captive. Larry Oney explained that it is a prophetic sign we proclaim.

[\[Video recordings from the conference can be found here\]](#)

## F Kilian McDonnell (1921-2025), a pioneer in ecumenism and the Catholic-Pentecostal dialogue has passed away



F. Kilian McDonnell, who was just about to celebrate his 104th birthday, [has on Sept. 8, 2025 gone home to the Lord](#). He was a pioneer in contemporary ecumenism and helped to build bridges of unity and reconciliation both among fellow Catholics and between Catholics and other denominations and movements in the body of Christ.

In the field of Charismatic Renewal, we know him as one of the key theologians who, together with [Cardinal Suenens](#), compiled [the Malines Papers](#) which presented to the wider Church the legitimacy and ecumenical significance of the Charismatic Renewal, facilitating the introduction of the importance of the baptism of the Holy Spirit to the Christian faithful.

F. Kilian had many friends within the Pentecostal movement and was a co-founder of the international dialogue between Pentecostals and Catholics that was established within what is now [the Dicastery for the Promotion of Christian Unity](#) within the Vatican. His colleague on the Pentecostal side was Reverend [David du Plessis](#), who was an observer for the Pentecostal movement during the Second Vatican Council. [David du Plessis was also a committed ecumenist](#) and was not afraid to approach the Catholics despite criticism from his own. F. Kilian and Pastor David together have had an outstanding impact on [the development of the dialogue we have today between Catholics and today's Pentecostals and neo-Costal movements](#).



Private audience with Pope Paul VI with the members of the first phase of the International Dialogue Catholic-Pentecost, May 26, 1976. Among the participants are Pastor David du Plessis (left of the Pope) and F. Kilian McDonnell OSB (far right).

Dr. David Cole, Deputy Secretary of the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue, [writes on CHARIS International's Facebook page](#):

*"Fr. Kilian patiently and lovingly facilitated thoughtful and respectful conversations and relationships with Pentecostals. As a theologian who understood the*



*Charismatic Renewal, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the Pentecostal movement, Fr. Kilian actually knew Pentecostals better than they understood themselves! But through his kindness, his humility, and his winsome, whimsical personality, Fr. Kilian modeled how to not just talk about unity, but more importantly, how to live it out.*

***A new generation of Pentecostals and Catholics are pursuing common ground and spiritual ecumenism together today because of a great pioneer in the faith, the theologian, historian, ecumenist, and mentor, Fr. Kilian McDonnell.***

*On a personal level, I was most privileged to engage with Fr. Kilian in several sessions of Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue in the 1990s, and I truly consider him a key ecumenical mentor in my life."*

F. Kilian McDonnell co-authored with George Montague the book [Christian Initiation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit – Evidence from the First Eight Centuries](#) (The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1991). It describes how the spiritual graces were practiced in the early church and in the early centuries. A summary of that book can be found in the publication Fanning the Flame (Swedish translation, [Blås liv i Nådegåvan](#) can be ordered via [CHARIS Nordic's e-shop](#)).

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