

Chairman's Corner: Written by Vince Maldonado

Let us Rejoice and be glad as the Catholic Charismatic Renewal welcomes our new Bishop. John Gerard Noonan, 59; a native of Limerick, Ireland, was the only child of John Noonan and Margaret Purcell.

Pope Benedict XVI announced the appointment of the Most Reverend John Noonan as bishop of the Diocese of Orlando effective October 23, 2010. Noonan's official installation Mass as leader of the diocese will be Dec. 16 at 2:00pm.



Bishop Noonan was ordained to the episcopacy on August 24, 2005 at the Cathedral of St. Mary, Miami and had served as auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Miami since that time. He was ordained to the priesthood on September 23, 1983 for the Archdiocese of Miami and has served in the roles of parochial vicar, youth ministry chaplain, supervising principal, director of priestly life and ministry and rector/president of St. John Vianney College Seminary.

“Vatican II calls Bishops to be fathers and pastors to the people. I pray that with God’s help I will be able to be a good father and pastor as Bishop of the Diocese of Orlando,” said Bishop Noonan. “I ask that my brother priests and all of God’s people pray for me as I begin my new ministry among you.” We look forward to meeting Bishop Noonan and working with him in the future. Continue to hold him and all his endeavors in your prayers.

Praise Jesus. Wow, what a conference we had. Comments are still coming in about the many gifts, graces and blessings received from those who attended. We had a record attendance and your surveys indicated you were very pleased with each of the speakers. In fact many asked to have Sister Marilyn Minter return.

So by popular demand we have asked Sister Marilyn to return next year and she has graciously accepted our invitation. Next year’s line-up of speakers will also include Father Bill Halbing and Ralph Martin. It’s going to be another good one. Please keep us in your prayers as we begin to discern the theme for next year.

Of Course there was some constructive criticism on the surveys and we are addressing those issues. One in particular is that we have out grown the Sheraton Hotel. The staff and executives at the hotel have been great to work with; this has been our home for four years. We are seeking other hotels with larger facilities and the ability to accommodate over one thousand people at any given time for meals. We are also praying about doing a young adult track. Our rates at the Sheraton are hard to duplicate but there are some possibilities. It may be a bit more next year at the hotel once we are able to find what we are looking for. So start saving and look for Conference updates and highlights about the next Conference on the website:

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