

Seeing so many people from the various realities of Charismatic Renewal in our Diocese has given us great hope for what lies ahead, under the guidance and creativity of the Holy Spirit, and through the new communion Pope Francis hopes to see.

As we looked around the church, and as we looked at the faces in the discussion groups, we had a strong sense that something new was underway.

We were blessed with uplifting and inspiring music from our brothers and sisters from our African Community. We were blessed with three inspiring testimonies.

We were blessed with a rich mix of perspectives in the discussion groups. The ideas, experiences and hopes shared in the discussion groups will greatly help us as a team to understand more about how we can help our Diocese move forward with the three priorities of CHARIS:

1. To help deepen and promote the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit throughout the Church
2. To promote the ecumenical dimension of Catholic Charismatic Renewal and foster the commitment to serving the unity of all Christians
3. To promote service of the poor and social action through Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Feedback on the evaluation forms confirmed that those who joined us on the day particularly appreciated discussions in the groups, the testimonies, singing and praise.

A second launch event is to be held at English Martyrs & SS Peter & Paul, Redhill Road, Stockton on Saturday 13 November 2021 from 11.00am to 2.30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided whilst people eat the lunch they have brought.

The Filipino community have kindly agreed to provide music for our praise and worship. We look forward to another opportunity to see and learn from a new communion of brothers and sisters open to the Holy Spirit.

For more information [email us](#).

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Dialogue & Unity - Interreligious Relations

The theme for Holocaust Memorial 2022 is '**One Day**'. Interreligious has engaged Holocaust survivor Hanneke Dye to speak at three commemorations in the following Diocesan schools:

- St. Mary's Catholic School, Newcastle on Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 7.00pm.
- St. Michael's Catholic Academy, Billingham on Thursday 27 January 2022 at 7.00pm.
- St. Leonard's Catholic School, Durham on Friday 28 January 2022 (school assembly).

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