

**KRAKOW Wednesday October  
21, 2015**

**Pope Francis**

# Talk 3

Pope Francis and the Renewal in  
the Holy Spirit

# Relationships with Pentecostals and Evangelicals

The first Pope to have had brotherly relationships with Pentecostal leaders

Developed from group formed in Argentina in 2004: CRECES (Roman Catholics and Evangelical Christians Renewed in the Holy Spirit).

2006: 5 pastors from CRECES pray over Cardinal Bergoglio in Buenos Aires

Friendship with Pastor Giovanni Traettino (Italy)

# As Bishop of Rome

- The 5 Argentine pastors visit Rome in May 2013
- Message sent to pastors at Kenneth Copeland conference in January 2014
- Meeting in the Vatican with Copeland, Arnott, Robison, Tunnickliffe in June 2014
- Visit to Pentecostal church in Caserta on July 28, 2014

# Message to Pentecostals: Walking Together

- the first commandment that God gave to his people, to our father Abraham: “walk before me and be blameless”. And then the people walked: a few times in the presence of the Lord, many times not in the presence of the Lord. They chose idols, gods.... But the Lord has patience. He has patience with the people who walk. I do not understand a Christian standing still! A Christian who does not walk, I do not understand him! A Christian must walk! There are Christians who walk, but not in the presence of Jesus: it is important to pray for these brothers and sisters. Also for us, when at certain times we do not walk before Jesus, because we too are all sinners, everyone! If anyone is not a sinner, raise your hand.... To walk in the presence of Jesus.
- Christians standing still: this harms, because what is still, what does not walk, spoils. Like still water, which is the first water to stagnate, water which doesn't flow.... There are Christians who confuse walking with “roaming”. They are not “walkers”, they are “wanderers” and they roam here and there through life. They are in the labyrinth, and there they wander, they wander.... They lack parrhesia, the boldness to go forward; they lack hope. Christians without hope roam through life; they aren't able to go forward. We are confident only when we walk in the presence of the Lord Jesus. He enlightens us, He gives us his Spirit to walk well.

# MESSAGE TO PENTECOSTALS

- Diversity: unity is not uniformity
- Repentance for Catholic persecution of Pentecostals
- Encounter with Jesus
- The Pope went to meet his brothers!

# A New Model

- A new model for ecumenical relations
- Starting from relationship as Christians
- Model of Walking Together as Brothers/  
Sisters
- Primacy of: 1. Love and Zeal for Jesus  
2. Openness to the Holy Spirit
- Welcome of all diversity
- Gradual Growth: deeper unity can start now

# Previous Model

- Privileged theological dialogue and doctrinal discussions
- Assumption that unity can only follow doctrinal agreement
- Starting from study of differences
- Unity seen as a distant goal

# Orientation to Action

- Walking together, witnessing together, serving together
- Led by the Holy Spirit together
- Listening to the Word of God together
- Joint Evangelization
- Joint Action against Evils in Society
  - \* example of human trafficking
  - \* protecting and enhancing creation
- Reconciliation Initiatives

# MESSAGES TO CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

- To ICCRS-RnS Gathering in Olympic Stadium, June 1, 2014
- To CFCCCF Meeting, October 31, 2014
- To ICCRS-RnS Gathering in St Peter's Square, July 3, 2015

# NEW PAPAL STATEMENTS

- Uses term **baptism in the Holy Spirit**
- Spread BHS to the whole Church
- CR is a sovereign act of God
- Not just another ecclesial movement
- The Renewal is inherently ecumenical

# DEEPENED VISION OF CHURCH RENEWAL

- New Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- Submission to Lordship of Jesus who pours out the Spirit
- Servants of the Spirit
- Recognizing the work of the Spirit in others
- Humility