



## IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

by **BILL NOLTNER**

*Our Praying with Fire 2017 was led by Fr. Mathias Thelen and Patrick Reis; shortly after they founded [Encounter Ministries](#). Their mission is to see the Holy Spirit come alive in the fullness of our Catholic faith. Below is a testimony from that event. Please join us in continuing to lift Fr. Mathias in prayer as he recovers from a significant health battle.*

**The speakers and the music were par excellence and would have made for a great event on it's own, but what I experienced during adoration was truly remarkable. It was without question the most spiritual encounter I have ever experienced.**

**I am wired to be a no BS guy.** I expected Eucharistic Adoration to be prayerful and holy, but as things progressed I could "feel" something building up within the chapel. It was in the atmosphere. Something was welling up inside of me as I was praying and listening. Then when one of the speakers started talking in English, and then gibberish, I was really confused. I did not expect people speaking in tongues!

**I've got a tough exterior,** but something compelled me to go up to one of the prayer groups. I didn't know what to do or what to expect. The leader of the group asked me what I would like them to pray for, so I told him and started praying with them. Within a few seconds I felt like I was under water in a pool filled with hundreds of voices, speaking a language I could not understand. It was extraordinarily intense and yet very peaceful. What had been building up suddenly broke like water cresting over a dam. The place was just filled with the Holy Spirit!

**It was the first time in my life** that I had experienced the Holy Spirit in such a visceral way. There really aren't any words that adequately describe the encounter. It was new and unexpected. Such an amazing gift.

**I don't know that I will ever look at my faith** or approach spirituality the same way again. The experience has changed me profoundly in that regard. I will look back at this event as having been a pivot point in my spiritual life. I know others will as well.

*Unspoken in this testimony is Bill's and our Catholic conviction that the Holy Spirit is not about a kind of spiritual amusement park. Stirring up abundant grace overflowing from the Sacraments, the Holy Spirit awakens and equips us to more fully live our nature and mission in Jesus Christ. To build the Kingdom. We've been so blessed by the friendship and tremendous witness of Bill and his wife, Lori, who*

*continue to impact so many.*

**“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame  
the gift of God...”**

2 Timothy 1:6



## **BILL AND LORI NOLTNER**

have been blessed with four children, a son-in-law, and one grandchild through 29 years of marriage. They are very active in their beloved Little Flower Parish in Toledo, Ohio. Bill is Principal at Quarry Hawk Medical, a medical device distribution company, and Lori is owner of ZEDS Medical.

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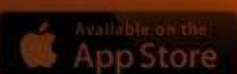
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