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Hello friends in Christ and promoters of Holy Spirit renewal:

It is summer time once again! This is the season for cookouts, days of sunbathing at beaches, swimming in pools and lakes, and generally taking a vacation. **It is a lovely thing to take time off our regular work and ministry, as renewed Catholics, to relax and enjoy the goodness of God** who “richly provides us all things for our enjoyment” (I Timothy 6:17b). It is a wholesome thing to bask in the beauty of God’s creation as revealed in every season, including summer. Even God Himself “looked at everything He had made and He found it very good” (Genesis 1:31). The longer daylight hours give us even more time to ponder God’s goodness in the atmosphere. “He gives rain upon the earth and sends water upon the fields” (Job 5:10). “He makes His sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and unjust” (Matthew 5:45).

The vacation atmosphere of the summer that is heavily promoted by the secular and commercial world also carries with it some temptations for us, believers. One of those might be for us to decrease our commitments to pray or to witness for Christ. We might also be tempted to decrease our financial giving towards the work of renewing the Church in the grace of Pentecost. For us, **there is no taking a vacation from loving God and neighbor**. “But you brothers”, writes St. Paul, “**Do not be remiss in doing good**” (2 Thessalonians 3:13). Do not lower the volume of praise and worship that is rising from your heart to God this summer. Keep or even increase your financial commitments to your parish and prayer group. “For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name by having served and **continuing to serve** the holy ones” (Hebrews 6:10).

On Saturday June 19th, CRSB prayer group leaders continued their ongoing formation by undertaking a workshop on how to give more effective *Life in the Spirit* seminars. The training was facilitated by speakers from the *Toastmasters* organization and was deemed a great success by attendees. CRSB Council thanks all those who volunteered to give talks, as well as those who attended and gave their feedback to speakers.

NEWS TIDBITS:

- ✓ The next prayer group **LEADERS' FORMATION** takes place on **SATURDAY JULY 17TH, 2010** from 9:00 am to 3:00pm at St. Mary’s Church Hall in Waltham. Every prayer group should send their leaders. Bring \$5 contribution towards the cost of hand-outs. In addition to coffee & snacks, a special lunch will be provided at this month’s formation.
- ✓ The **CRSB FAMILY COOK-OUT & SUMMER FIESTA** will take place on **SATURDAY AUGUST 21st, 2010** at Our Lady of **Fatima Shrine**, 101 Summer Street in **Holliston**, Mass. This fun-filled event kicks off with Mass at 10:00am. Check for details and updates at www.CRSBoston.org
- ✓ No CRSB Council Meeting is currently scheduled for the month of August. The next scheduled **CRSB Council Meeting** takes place at 7:00pm on **Wednesday, September 1st, 2010** at **ST. MARY’S CHURCH HALL** in Waltham.
- ✓ The annual **CRS Boston Conference** will take place from **Friday September 17th to Sunday September 19th**, 2010 at **Archbishop Williams High School** on 80 Independence Avenue, Braintree, Mass. PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES on your calendar. The key note speaker is Fr. Tom Forrest. The contribution is \$30 per person and includes all meals. Details at www.CRSBoston.org .

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Keep on supporting the Holy Spirit renewal in Boston with your prayers and financial contributions throughout the summer. May God continue to richly bless you all.

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