

30,000 Attend a Night of Healing Charismatics

South Bend, Ind. [RNS] — They came long distances from Louisiana, California, Australia, East Africa, Ireland.

Their wheelchairs lined the field where Lujack and Bertelli and Hornung once scored touchdowns for the glory of Notre Dame. Now they raised their twisted arms and faces toward heaven.

Some spoke in tongues. Some cried with joy as they clapped their hands. Some sat still smiling, despite their physical handicaps.

An estimated 30,000 people from many states and many countries came here for the 1974 International Conference on the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church. Cardinal Leo Joseph Suenens came from Belgium. Archbishops and

bishops represented many nations of the world.

Some 700 priests lead a spectacular candlelight service, with 200 of them distributing Communion to the throng. Speakers reported on such ministries as feeding the trash pickers who die daily from malnutrition in a Mexican dump, and of giving up secular living to form Charismatic Prayer Communities.

One Irish speaker told how the Pentecostal movement had brought together Catholics and Protestants in shattered Belfast. But where the healing ministry of Father Francis MacNutt, OP, went, so went the crowds. The opening healing service in Notre Dame's stadium spurred a frenzy of joy and was easily the highlight of the conference.

When Father MacNutt or any of his team spoke, people gladly

stood in the aisles for hours — some, almost embarrassingly, left other workshops to hear them.

While a member of the healing ministry led the crowd in prayer another exhorted, "If you feel you've been cured at anytime during the night, come down during the service and tell us about it."

Was this theatrical, a spectacle unworthy of the church? Were the cure claims truthful? How much was fact and how much was emotion?

"I didn't have any particular anticipation on how many would be healed," Father MacNutt said. "Our purpose is to pray for people and let the Lord do the rest."

"As for proof, well, there are different levels of proof. One

woman who said she had been deaf for 20 years came up to me at our services in the stadium that night and said she could hear. To prove it, I guess you'd have to have her examined by a physician. Most of these people are not trying to prove anything. Oh, I don't accept everything I hear. I guess I kind of judge it."

Father Michael Scanlan, a member of the healing ministry, concurred. "I'm dealing very much with mystery here. I really don't know what those people in the wheelchairs were expecting

Said Dr. Frank Uler, a Cleveland physician who was on the stage to hear the claims of healing: "I'll tell you what some of them were expecting. I talked to one person in a wheelchair. You know what he was expecting? He was there

praying for somebody else. . . . He wasn't concerned about himself."

"I've pursued a great deal of studies in psychotherapy and I have no trouble at all using all the skills of psychotherapy and blending them with faith," Father Scanlan said. "I really have no guilt feeling about that, if I avoid the false dichotomy of saying that any healing must be completely devoid of any human touch. Who knows how the Lord will work in healing? If there are natural cures involved, is this not the work of the Lord?"

While there was testimony to cures of various illnesses, both as a result of a night's services and to previous prayer meetings, the word "miracle" was avoided.

"I have never claimed miracles," Father Scanlan said. "I have claimed healing. And it is explainable by those natural reasons."



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