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Dear Friends in Christ,

In the April Bulletin I focused on FRIENDSHIP. I have been out of Australia for one month – renewing friendships and making friends. This took me to Mallorca, where I participated as an individual in the Third Conversations of Cala Figuera; to St Chamoun in France where I stayed at the ‘spiritual’ home of the Marist Brothers and renewed my friendship with a former Headmaster of the Marist College where I work; then to Dubai to deepen my love and friendship with my 2 youngest grandchildren and their parents. It was a month of blessings and I would like to share some of it with my Cursillo friends.

The topics of conversation in Mallorca covered such themes as the CHRISTIANESS DIALOGUE; THE MEANING OF LIFE; ATTITUDE; CREATIVITY; COMMUNICATION; CONFIDENCE/TRUST; TRANSCENDENCE.

The words of Blessed John Paul II seemed the most appropriate way to share with you my reflections from the Conversations in Mallorca. “There is more that unites than divides” In Cursillo we return to our roots – we come back to the source – to drink, and to nourish our understanding of our Charism.

Our vision of the future is marked by hope and our fundamental charism is the PERSON. We are all equal, created to enjoy eternal life and our attitude effects all situations. We therefore need to constantly check our authenticity, our sincerity, and ensure that our attitude is always covered supernaturally – by PRAYER.

It is of the utmost importance that our Dialogue be open, honest and positive. To the PERSON – Remember, God believed in us before we believed in Him and we were created by God for God (*recall the words of St Augustine*).

We are what we try to be and build according to our creativity – walk according to our attitude, and communicate our love of God and God’s love for us.

In the Cursillo we are offered a free gathering of friends, and a method based on friendship, NOT on rules. To be aware of the other, to go outside of oneself, is essential if we are to communicate this love of God.

I could say much more but will close with a reminder that life can be a constant source of happiness if we remember these words (often attributed to St Augustine) “*in essentials, unity; in doubtful matters, liberty; in all things, charity.*”

Directory: I hope you are aware that the Directory is complete to this date. At the end of each year additions and corrections will be made. There will always be changes and corrections and we will carefully record all information. I must acknowledge and thank the work our OMCC Executive Secretary Margaret has put into this project. It was a long and time-consuming task.

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CUBA has now become a member of the NACG International Group. This move was made in cooperation with the executive of the GLCC. I thank all those concerned in this negotiation.

FI COMMISSION: The members of the Fundamental Ideas (revision) Commission will meet in Los Angeles from 22-25 July. I humbly ask your prayers for this meeting – our task is not complete. However with the guidance of the Spirit, and your prayers, I am sure we will be able to work in harmony,, and with the unity that this project needs. As it was said when we received our Carnet Card and Cross “Christ is counting on you.”

PALANCA: The many communities throughout the Cursillo world are celebrating National events – such as Encounters; Cursillo de Cursillos; Anniversaries; 3 Days; Please do not waver with your PALANCA but keep one another always in prayer. Our thanks to all who communicate with us on our gmail to advise of your various events and to share your newsletters and writings.

Your OMCC Executive committee communicate on a very regular basis – by email, SKYPE or in person. Those members of our executive who were at the Conversations had the opportunity to meet three of the International Spiritual Advisors - **Fr Einer Ochoa Rodriguez- NACG ; Fr Maximilian Bergmayr - GECC; and Fr Jorge Farfan - GLCC**, who were also in Mallorca.

Continue to keep us in your prayers as we endeavour to fulfil our role as stated in Article 3 of the Statutes-

- a) promoting unity of understanding of the essence of the CCM at the world level
- b) maintaining the CCM in its faithfulness to the Church and its teaching
- c) preserving the CCM in its faithfulness to its charism and the book Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement and to the conclusions of the World Encounters
- d) facilitating the mutual exchange of information, initiatives and ongoing reflections of the IG
- e) encouraging the IG to fulfil their responsibilities towards their National Secretariats
- f) promoting unity and cooperation among the IG
- g) assisting the IG so that they achieve their objectives
- h) promoting reflection and study upon the role and mission of the CCM at the worldwide level
- i) assisting the introduction of the CCM in countries where it is not yet established

We are blessed in our term of office with the good will and cooperation of our 4 international groups, and for this we thank them most sincerely.

Until July – you remain in my prayers and united in the Eucharist

Your sister in Christ,

Yvonne.

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Thoughts from our Spiritual Advisor

After the experience of the third Conversations in Mallorca I have a deeper appreciation of the barriers language can create. The priests who attended gathered in one discussion group after each rollo. The challenge was sharing when we came from three language groups – Italian, English and Spanish – and only some at home with all three. Therein lay the beauty of the group as those with the linguistic skills helped all to appreciate the comments and insights being voiced. The group worked well and was a highlight of the gathering.

Close as we are to the celebration of Pentecost with its manifestation in tongues of fire the tongues that spoke flowed out of the same source as the Pentecostal experience – God’s desire that those who know Jesus love one another as He loves them. This love means placing your talents and abilities at the service of others so they can understand each other and share their experience of the Risen Lord. Every time we do this, we transcend the boundaries of our self that would keep us locked fearfully away like the first disciples. With fear in check, those disciples, as we do, were bold in their proclamation of Jesus as the living presence of God.

The topics for the conversations are topics we are familiar with in making the Church the ongoing embodiment of Christ in every time and place. Our trust is in the Spirit He gave us as his gift to us to complete his work on earth and bring us to the fullness of grace. That Spirit is creative in what it brings about in us and how we communicate not simply knowledge about the person of Jesus but Jesus himself to others.

For us, as St Paul says, to live is Christ. This is what life is for us. An abiding sense, an attitude, that the smallest things we do for the well-being of another – a drink, some time, some clothing or shelter – is an outpouring of Christ’s spirit.

This Pentecost look at your day to day world with eyes renewed by that Spirit. Keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts and when the Lord comes in glory may you go to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

Shalom,
Fr Adrian