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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**De Colores,  
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Greetings. I hope you all enjoyed the summer break in your part of the world! Here in Australia we give thanks for our beautiful winter weather. We now look forward to Springtime in this great South Land.

### **Palanca**

We note from the OMCC mail that there are many requests for Palanca, especially for the 3 Day Cursillos. Once again may I remind you of the powerful effect that your Palanca has on the method we use- to spread the Good News that God loves us unconditionally – by the best means possible which is friendship.

As you recall from our last newsletter the effect of **Palanca** on our Fundamental Ideas Commission meeting was beyond our imaginings. I can still feel the Holy Spirit hovering over us all through those days in Los Angeles. I pray also that this same Spirit will assist those who are having difficulty with the direction we are taking. There can be no wrong turn when we are open and responsive to the voice of that same Spirit.

***In his note to members after the FI meeting, Nel Beltran Santamaría, Bishop of Sincelejo, (GLCC) wrote : “We fulfilled the grace of God. Let us continue being faithful..... Please, brothers of the OMCC: let us have a time of serenity and peace. There is no haste. A new attitude is born of communion. Let us wait for a little. And let's do it together.”***

Yes, my brothers and sisters, let us continue to pray for one another.

### **Fundamental Ideas Commission.**

Members of the commission asked for their thoughts to be shared with all of their brothers and sisters in Cursillo. Our newsletter this month shares some of that witness:

***“Six weeks after it happened I'm still trying to get my head around the wonderful things that happened in Los Angeles at the fundamental ideas meeting. I must admit I went to the meeting with great apprehension and to be really honest, a resistance to even going. I prayed that I would not bring a negative spirit to the meeting. As we discovered, through open and honest sharing and dialogue, much misunderstanding has occurred because of poor translation. Every point that was raised and that we quickly came to consensus on was an overwhelming experience that had us shaking our heads in awe. The thing that will stay with me forever is a very tangible experience of the presence of the Holy Spirit and the joy of discovering true friendship with those who had been friends in word only. I can only thank God and all those who prayed for the success of this meeting, for success it was.***

***With a grateful heart”***

***Sheelagh(NACG)***

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***“At the end of the Fundamental Ideas meeting held in Los Angeles, we went to the beautiful Chapel to give thanks to God for all He had done for us during our four days together in His presence. We had been working over these last four years as acquaintances, and we were leaving this meeting as friends. I was in awe at what had been achieved during our time together - we talked, we listened, we discussed, we shared, we understood. The Lord smoothed the pathway forward for us, and we were filled with joy. There is much more that unites us than divides. With many thanks to Alvaro for his preparation for our discussions.”***  
 (Margaret - APG)

*And another*

***“As I plunged into this task in an unforeseen way, and because of my ‘natural’ position between both language groups as a translator, I could observe the development of the meeting in Pomona near Los Angeles, USA; as well as from ‘outside’ as from ‘inside’.***

***What I saw at the beginning was a general ambiance of fear and distrust owing, without any doubt, to difficulties and differences in understanding of what is essential and must be maintained for the best of our Movement. But the very first day I heard Bishop Beltrán from Columbia saying: “You will see that there is a way out, when there is a great necessity”. I knew that the Commission had worked for several years and that results were more than urgently necessary because of several reasons, being one very practical and concrete: There was no money for many further gatherings with intercontinental flights of most of its members.***

***I had never been in California nor even in the United States, but I understood immediately that it would be a good place to create accordance between Spanish speaking and English speaking people, as those two cultural worlds get fused there.***

***The fact was: We worked so hard that we had no time to think of recreation nor of using this ‘unique’ occasion for any sightseeing, while we were assembled in the Cursillo House in Pomona. Afterwards we heard that the friendly people who were attending us and prepared meals for us were astonished, as they saw us working with such intensity, even when we had got extremely tired.***

***But I had seldom felt so much that the Spirit was with us in what we were undergoing. Everybody tried hard to bring about approximation between different standpoints, and one could feel love and understanding growing quickly. I found it astonishing that both groups defending different sights, under Alvaro’s coordination and concentrated effort to get the very kernel of what we aspired to, did the utmost to approach each other in such a wonderful way that one could observe how unity came into being. Both parts tried to take in account what they knew the other side would want to include in the new Fundamental Ideas, so that sometimes there was even a kind of overlapping positions. The personal contact between persons representing very different standpoints became more and more kind, too, and friendship was arising, where distance had been felt.***

***Several persons assisting at the end of those four days expressed it in the same way: It was a kairos, a moment of Grace, which has avoided division and allows us to look with confidence and hope into the future of our Movement.”*** (Cristina - GECC)

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Please continue to pray in a special way for those few selected members of the commission who are now doing the final draft writing of the chapters, which the full commission will see and approve. These chapters will then be sent out to all NATIONAL SECRETARIATS, through your International Groups, in January 2012, for your perusal. I know you will receive them in the spirit of harmony in which they were prepared.

In Madrid, Pope Benedict described the World Youth Day 2011 as a special occasion for young Catholics ... *“to reflect, dialogue, exchange positive experiences and, especially to pray together and to renew their commitment to living their lives rooted in Christ, the faithful friend.”* We, through the living out of our Charism, know this friendship of Christ. Let us continually renew our commitment to make known in friendship, that God loves each person with an unconditional love.

Until next month – in love and friendship,

Your sister in Christ

*Yvonne*

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