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My dear Friends in Christ,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Buon Anno

Glücklichnes neueo Jahr

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Sincere thanks to all Secretariats who sent Christmas wishes to the OMCC.

Because most of our translators were away we were unable to answer all of them as we wished. We hope you enjoyed times of joy and peace with family and friends.

This year will bring many challenges for our Movement world wide. We must each strive to live out our Charism in the best possible way, remembering always the person, and with friendship. We will encounter differences as we work towards finishing some projects. I know that the Holy Spirit who guided the Commission members last year in Los Angeles is still with us and I know also that we will heed His voice as we complete this work..

Your Palanca of course, was the inspiration and we are counting on that once again. Many Secretariats have advised us of special events in 2012. We must pray for each other.

The Second Ordinary meeting of the OMCC will take place from 7-10th June this year in Voecklabruck, Upper Austria. Our thanks to GECC for hosting this meeting.

The topic I want to cover in this newsletter is:

CONVICTION

Conviction or core beliefs are opinions, attitudes, beliefs that a person holds as true and is certain of and no longer questions their authenticity.

Conviction: is confidence in your beliefs and determination to live them out

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. . . . For as the body without the spirit is dead, so [faith without works](#) is dead also. (James 2:18, 26)

It is not those who say Lord, Lord, who will enter the kingdom but those who do the will of my father. (Matt 7:21)

What is the basic conviction that underlies, penetrates and motivates your every thought, word and action? To give an honest answer may be enlightening!

Pope Paul VI said it another way: "Who are you and where do you come from?" A simple yet profound question. Think about the answer you might give...

Is being a Christian fundamental to who you are, how you think and act, what you do or do not say? A Christian is one who has been convinced, by the grace of God, that Jesus Christ is the Way the Truth and the Life. This conviction colours every aspect of an authentic Christian's life.

Cursillistas are convinced of God's personal and unconditional love. Their overwhelming **conviction** is the unconditional love of Jesus Christ for all God's children, especially the 'faraway'.

The enthusiasm of early cursillistas was born of this deep and certain conviction which set people ablaze in the early days of the cursillo movement. The fire continues to spread across the globe and across generations as friendships formed with people of such conviction infects others with this same passion and

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conviction. We come together in the best possible way when we share our laughter and tears, our struggles and ideas, our loves and lives, in an atmosphere of true love through, with, and in the grace of God.

Conviction is the product of a process that involves a growing relationship with God. It is our conviction which helps us persevere through dark times, as the early cursillistas can attest. Strength of conviction in the small day-by-day things is the very exercise that determines whether we will have the conviction necessary in a crisis point.

Recent Popes have encouraged us to a new evangelisation for the new millennium. This calls for people of conviction, people who have real faith in Jesus and are convinced of their calling to be the Good News for the world. **As cursillistas we are equipped to respond to the call.**

We must be mindful that our enthusiasm never impedes on a person's freedom. Always remembering we are merely a reflection. It is the light of Jesus Christ who makes each person able to respond to the magnanimous love of our heavenly Father, each in our own unique way and help to create the civilisation of love which is the kingdom of God.

Our friendship will enable us to move through difficulties and differences of opinions. Our conviction that this precious Movement is guided by the Holy Spirit should underline all our dealings with one another. I truly value the friendship of each one of my brothers and sisters in Christ. I personally am convinced that 2012 will see growth and harmony within our Movement.

Your prayers and your friendships will make this happen.

As always with peace and blessings,
Your sister in Christ,

Yvonne

OMCC President