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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

To be on a Pilgrimage is to journey through Christ to the Father under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with the help of Mary and all the saints as you bring your brothers and sisters along with you.

My short journey outside Australia is over and it was highlighted by the meeting with brothers and sisters during the 2nd OMCC Ordinary meeting in Austria. I was also privileged to attend a day Ultreya in Upper Austria where I met cursillistas all on the same journey to the Father. How graced we are to be able to celebrate the love of God with one another on our Pilgrimage.

Here in Australia the Bishops have declared a **Year of Grace** and put it to the people of God in the following way:

What is the Year of Grace? It is a holy time given by God to start afresh from Christ, contemplate his face and listen to God's Word, that Jesus may heal our wounds, overcome all our divisions and make us rich in hope, so that we may show forth his face and speak God's saving Word to the world....

The Bishops have urged all Australians to: *Pray daily; Repent; Pursue the path of holiness; and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.* As cursillistas I know you are aware of these calls to prayer from our Bishops.

Palanca: Your Palanca for the NACG Encounter to be held in Niagara Falls from 17-19 August will be gratefully received.

The Australian National Encounter will be held on that same weekend in Sydney.

Remember too that Brazil celebrates 50 years of Cursillo.

Please remember our OMCC Spiritual Advisor Fr Adrian in your daily prayer. He is in recovery after surgery for a quadruple bypass.

Website: The new look OMCC website is almost ready to launch. We hope you will be pleased with the result. Our Secretary Margaret has spent many hours assisting in its preparation.

World Encounter: The OMCC Executive committee, with the approval of the 4 International committees, is searching for a suitable venue and time for the event. We will keep you fully informed of our progress.

At the 2nd OMCC meeting the members asked for the following letter to be included in our newsletter. It is a joy to read of the spread of the Gospel through our Movement.

REPORT OF THE EUROPEAN GROUP OF CURSILLOS DE CRISTIANDAD GECC ABOUT AFRICA

The nomination of Francis Napoli from Gibraltar as the responsible person for spreading Cursillos in Africa has given an impulse to activities for Cursillo on that continent.

A delegation of GECC including Fr. Maximilian Bergmayer, Theresa Diwald, a sociology student and Cursillo co-worker from Austria, as well as Francis Napoli have been invited to take part in the Pan-African Congress for the Laity from September 4th to 9th in Yaounde, Cameroon. There will also be present one person from Togo, where Cursillo was introduced some years ago. Although this congress is a general one and not directly related to Cursillo activities, we believe that it will be a good opportunity to get contacts with African Bishops and learn a lot about the situation of Christians in Africa.

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We are told as well that Cursillo is present in Togo and Benin and will start soon in Burkina Faso.

The coordinator of Cursillos in South Africa, Robin Paul, reports that Cursillo is progressing well there.

The Movement begins to gain popularity and the support of the bishops and clergy around the country, he writes. "Cursillistas have life changing experiences whilst living their Cursillo and in their 4th day. The Lord's grace and favor is really flowing in Cursillo in South Africa. We are being blessed with the most amazing, dedicated, passionate Priests. A Cursillo for priests has been requested by the priests in the Durban Diocese. We have 2 seminarians on the next Durban Cursillo, we also have a Deacon cursillista. I am very excited, God is so-o-oo good."

A Tyrolean team led by Renate Walcher and Fr. Andreas Tausch are promoting the project of introducing Cursillos in Tanzania through good contacts with Fr. Matthew, a priest from Idete.

Francis Napoli has invited Fr. Matthew to live a Cursillo in South Africa in September, so he may gain experience, and he will sponsor Fr. Matthew's voyage costs and participation there. Fr. Andreas Tausch and Renate Walcher are ready to pay costs for another two persons from Tanzania to go to Johannesburg. So there is some hope it will be possible to organize the first Cursillo in Tanzania next year.

Although we are aware of different kinds of great challenges, cultural, economic and practical ones implied, we put all our hope on the Lord to let those plans flourish and bring fruit.

Please keep Francis and all members attending this congress in September in your prayers.

Next month I hope to bring you news of progress on the Fundamental Ideas draft.

Until then, another reminder of how we can live out our Charism :

"Grace which is God donating and communicating God's own self to us, comes through the powerful acts of those around us, the acts of love, selflessness, forgiveness, and affection....."

(Bill Huebsch - TwentyThird Publications 2010)

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

Yvonne

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