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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the beginning of this Advent season my journey through these newsletters, comes to an end. However, the connection, from the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit, will not cease, but continue in prayer and support for our brothers and sisters in Portugal, Korea, Spain, Venezuela and St Lucia, who will become your OMCC.

It is difficult for me to put into words my gratitude for all the Prayer – the Palanca – that went into the VII World Encounter. Even now, 10 days later, I am still reading of your prayerful support. As I have said over the past 4 years – Palanca is our lifeblood. It is difficult to acknowledge it all, so I simply say, God bless you and thank you.

The VII World Encounter: Over four days, from Wednesday 20 November to Sunday 24 November, 187 Cursillistas from 23 nations participated in this Encounter. The Report of the VII World Encounter will be our contribution to the Archives of the Movement rather than a document of conclusions as has happened at other World Encounters. We hope the Report with the three presentations will be published soon. Within the next few weeks all participants will receive a list of the names and addresses of those who attended.

The Statutes: The modified Statutes have the approval of the World Encounter with a vote of 21 in favour and 2 countries abstaining. A letter will now go to Bishop Josef Clemens, Secretary of the Pontifical Council of the Laity with the approved statutes. The "ad experimentum" Statutes remain in force until December 2014 unless the PCL foreshortens that time.

Fundamental Ideas: The decision to accept the draft points presented was reached after much difficult, and at times passionate, discussion. The vote was 17 in favour; 6 against. The writing of the book will now commence in both English and Spanish. It will be the recommendation of this OMCC Executive committee that serious consideration be given to commissioning the writing of the history of the movement by those with formal qualifications for such an undertaking.

The OMCC for 2014-2017

Leadership of the OMCC moves to GECC and the member nations of GECC chose Portugal to provide the executive committee. On January 1st 2014, Francisco Salvador will become President of the OMCC. The coordinators of the International groups will be from Korea- APG, Spain - GECC, Venezuela -GLCC and St Lucia -NACG. Please pray for them and give them the wonderful support and cooperation you have afforded us here in Australia during our term of office.

"Evangelization is the mission of the Church, not just some, but mine, yours, our mission.

Paul VI stressed that *'...to evangelize is the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists to evangelize.'*

Pope Francis said that an essential element of evangelization is prayer, without which *"our actions become empty and our advertising has no soul."*

It must be animated by the Holy Spirit.: *"Renewing every day trust in the Holy Spirit, trust that He works in us, He is within us. He gives us the apostolic fervour, gives us peace, gives us joy. Renewing this confidence, let us be guided by Him, be men and women of prayer, witnessing to the Gospel boldly, becoming instruments in our world of unity and communion of God. "*

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Once again I offer you my thanks for your support and prayers over the last 4 years.

Remember "Christ is counting on you" De Colores!!

Your sister in Christ,

Yvonne

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan – OMCC President

From our Spiritual Advisor

As I write my last contribution as Spiritual Advisor of the executive committee of the OMCC I confess I have not finished reading all 224 pages of Pope Francis' exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel". His style makes for easy reading and the content is rich. In Australia we have about 87% Catholics who participate in the celebration of the Eucharist only a few times a year, if at all. The richness of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist is something experienced rarely by them. This statistic prompts the question: where do these people meet Christ? The answer is not one foreign to Cursillistas.

If these people will not come to the amazing presence of Christ in mass and the sacraments, if they will not share their day with Him in personal and communal prayer, then He will come to them in and through you and me. One of our slogans is: Christ is counting on you. Christ counts on us. These people meet Christ in their friendly encounters with us at work, recreation or wherever.

Over the years I have joked with regular Church going people about their habit of filling up the seats in Church from the back of the Church and coming then to the front. I have wondered if they see the sanctuary altar area as similar to a nuclear reactor which could change them if they come too close. They are right in thinking they will change if they come close, because that is exactly what happens. The radiation that pours out from the celebration of the Eucharist is nothing that will harm those who come close. Those affected change, and from then on radiate joy, constantly on fire inside with the realization that God loves them personally and gave them the way to escape from themselves. This joy of knowing Christ and Him knowing you is infectious and so the good news is broadcast far and wide, but always most effectively on a one to one basis.

In closing, I take this opportunity to thank the other members of the executive committee: Derek, whose attention to detail helped us stay focussed in discussion, Peter, who as treasurer let us know which dreams we could afford to bring to reality, Margaret as secretary who, along with Maria Elisa of Brazil, did an amazing job of keeping track of all the work we undertook and who mined the archives of the movement to ensure we did not reinvent wheels that were already in existence, and finally, Yvonne who as President maintained a firm hand on the tiller of the ship that is the OMCC and guided us through rocky straits and storm tossed seas until, as I believe we have done, we arrived in calmer waters of the post-World Encounter. These friends of mine have a deeper knowledge of the movement than I, but from them I have learnt much and am deeply grateful.

May God's blessings come upon you in abundance as we celebrate the Word of God taking on flesh, so that it can touch us and be touched by us and with that touch know the depth of God's love. De colores.

Shalom

Fr Adrian