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### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with both humility and honour that I write on behalf of the incoming Executive of the OMCC here in Australia! We are looking forward to serving you all through our beloved Movement for the next four years. Our keenest wish is that we continue the good work of our predecessors, and keep open the lines of loving friendship in the Lord.

The task ahead is daunting – we, in Australia, are so few in numbers and so young in this ancient world - but with every confidence in the prayers and support of our Brothers and Sisters throughout the world, we commence our journey!!

We take this opportunity to acknowledge with gratitude and love, the dedication of the outgoing executive of the OMCC – certainly a group of people ‘steeped’ in Cursillo.

Muchas gracias– thank you! We pray for God’s richest blessings on you and your families.

To the incoming executive committees of the International Groups:

APG –Vietnam in Diaspora; GECC –Austria; GLCC –Argentina; NACG –USA.

We thank you for accepting your coordinating roles. We pray our friendship develops as we get to know one another and work together for unity and progress in our Movement.

This is our opportunity to introduce ourselves to you.

Peter McMahon will take the position of Treasurer. Peter is a retired Public Servant, active in Parish circles, who spends his spare time on house renovations, while helping to care for his two grandchildren. He and his wife Denise have a son and a daughter. They lived their Cursillos in 1980 in the Diocese of Townsville. Peter has been actively involved ever since with School of Leaders; as a Diocesan and National President; and has worked on many other teams within the movement. He was Lay Rector for the recent outreach to American Samoa. Peter and I are in the same weekly Group Reunion.

Derek Moylan, our vice President, and his wife Mavis, are originally from the United Kingdom, but have been “Aussies” for many years now. They too have a son and a daughter. Their Cursillo was in 1984. Derek has also served as a Diocesan and National President; been an International representative for the Australian National Secretariat, attending World Ultreya and Asia/Pacific Encounters. He is a member of a School of Leaders and has worked on Diocesan Cursillo teams. Derek has his Group Reunion with four other Brothers-in-Christ in Newcastle where he lives.

Margaret Morris will be our enthusiastic and hard working Secretary. She is a widow with three children and ten grandchildren. Her “lived” Cursillo was in 1976 and she



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has been attending Group Reunion, Ultreya and School of Leaders ever since. Margaret numbers many roles in her Cursillo involvement. She has been a Diocesan and National President; an international representative; has served on three outreach teams in the Asia/Pacific area as Lay Rectora. She has attended World Encounters, and a Cursillo of Cursillos in Mallorca. Margaret is currently a member of the Fundamental Ideas commission, and has worked nationally on the Statutes. Her knowledge of the Movement is vast and here in Australia she has given the Movement generously her time and talent.

Our Spiritual Advisor will reveal his own story! I, like Peter, am blessed to be a member of the same Group Reunion and we meet weekly at Father Adrian's City office.

As for me – I feel a little like the 'Grandmere' of the Australian movement. My husband David and I lived our Cursillos at Men's No 1 and Women's No 1 in the Diocese of Townsville in 1972. We have five children and fourteen grandchildren. I attend a weekly Group Reunion, a monthly Ultreya, and the School of Leaders. The Movement has been my main apostolate, outside of my family, for the past thirty-seven years, and, thanks be to God, I am still learning.

I have been fortunate to meet brothers and sisters throughout Asia/Pacific as part of the coordinating committee of the Asia/Pacific area, and have attended World Ultreyas and a Cursillo of Cursillos in Mallorca. As a member of secretariats, workshops and teams I have worked for the movement at various times and places, with Peter, Margaret, Derek and Fr Adrian. This then is our latest Grouping!!

It is our wish that in the future we will be able to create the opportunity for each of the International Groups to contribute, at least twice a year, to our monthly newsletter by way of 'local news.' This, of course, we will work out personally with the executive committees of each International Group.

For now, we ask that you pray we be guided always by the Holy Spirit, and that we keep foremost in our deliberations the good of the Movement in all instances.

God's choicest blessings on you all and our good wishes for a contented and peaceful 2010.

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*Yvonne*

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### From our Spiritual Advisor:

*"Peace to his house and all who dwell therein"* is a beautiful greeting used when entering a person's home to bring them Holy Communion. It strikes me as most appropriate for this first newsletter from us as the new executive committee of the OMCC.

Worldwide we are a dwelling made of living stones aligned on Jesus. Together we share communion with the Trinity through Our Lord and continue his mission. As we say in one of the Eucharistic prayers, we exist to "complete his work on earth" and come ourselves "to the fullness of grace". Peace is Our Lord's gift to us and we treasure it and share it with others.

I am Father Adrian Farrelly, a priest of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. I lived my Cursillo three days in 1973. Since that time, I have served on teams in Australia, Canada (where I studied Canon Law from 1983 to 1987) and with outreach teams to New Zealand. I have served the Movement as the Archdiocesan Spiritual Advisor and the National Spiritual Advisor.

I am a member of the Fundamental Ideas commission and while I do not speak Spanish I have found that my comprehension comes alive when I attend meetings, especially the small writers' group. Perhaps in the years ahead I can attain some level of fluency!

In addition to my involvement with the Movement, I am the pastor of an inner city parish here in Brisbane, the Judicial Vicar of the Regional Tribunal for the state of Queensland (one of the most beautiful states in Australia and one well worth visiting) and the Chancellor of the Archdiocese. I also enjoy playing golf and will gladly accompany any like-minded Cursillistas in pursuit of this sport!

As Yvonne said, we, the members of the executive Committee of the OMCC, are open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that the charism that brought forth this Movement will continue to find in all of us fertile soil in which to flourish.

Shalom.

*Fr Adrian*