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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have had some wonderful feasts since our last newsletter. Pentecost, Trinity, Body and Blood of Christ, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Sometimes it is almost too much to take in. The early Christians perceived the Spirit in their midst as the very breath of God, filling their community with life and love and animating them to do the work of the Gospel that Jesus had called them to. The challenge for us as Cursillistas is to sense God's Spirit in our midst, sometimes requiring us to move more slowly than we would like; sometimes forcing us in directions that cause us to pause and reconsider our decisions. Other times the Spirit of God propels us forward, with courage and determination, into unknown waters. But we trust that this same Spirit will lead us in directions of compassion, community and justice.

- In moving forward we can announce the 1st Ordinary Meeting of the OMCC Groups.

It will take place in Brisbane, Australia from 22-24 November this year. Please keep the committees in your prayers as they plan their travel and consider those areas of concern on which we need to focus our attention, always relying on that 'breath' of the Spirit.

- Francisco Kim from Korea is the replacement member on the Fundamental Commission for the Asia/Pacific area. We thank him, and the Korean Secretariat, for filling this position.

We urge you all to continue with your reading of the Charism. A document was sent out last year in the OMCC newsletter of November for your reading. We offer you this article again in an attachment.

Asia Pacific Group

This month we introduce the executive members of the Asia/Pacific area.

President



My name is Tam Nguyen, married to Yen, and a father of three adult children.

I lived my Cursillo in 1995, one organised by the Vietnamese Cursillo Community in Australia, and since that day, I have realised my call is to bring the message of God's love to people around. I have also appreciated that the Cursillo Movement has provided, via its method, the means and strength, and friends, to continuously support and kept me going.

The beauty I love about doing things via the means of the Cursillo Movement is that I have become a better person (I hope), appreciated friendship with others, and, most importantly, turned out to be a more happier Tam, with confidence in God as my Friend and my Creator at all times in my life.

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And as a result of all of the above, again on the second term around, I was elected to be president and coordinator of the Cursillo in the Asia Pacific Region. The role that I enjoy so much which enables me to make new friends and receive their support all the time. This role I fulfil with joy and enthusiasm.

Vice-President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

I am Maria Ha Nguyen. I was born in Vietnam. In 1975 when the Communists took over Vietnam, my family and I had to escape the country by boat. We had lived in Japan and then migrated to Australia in 1981. I have 2 daughters, 1 son, and 1 grand daughter. I am a retired public servant. My husband and I lived our Cursillo weekend at Gosford Central Coast of Sydney in 1996. In the Dioceses of Sydney, I have been attending Ultreya, School of Leaders and Group reunion.

I have attended Asia Pacific Encounters.

I hold the position of Vice President of APG Co-ordinating Committee.

Decolores!

Spiritual Advisor

Reverend Fr Peter Bui Xuan My, was born in Vietnam, moved to Australia in 1983, started the vocational journey to the priesthood in Banmethuot Vietnam, finished it off in Sydney Australia. Fr Peter My was ordained Deacon on August 15, 1993 and Priest on January 1, 1994. He has been serving at different Parishes in the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn, Australia.

He has also been the Chaplain to the Vietnamese Catholic Community in the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn since year 2000. Fr Peter My attended the 13th Cursillo Weekend which was held at Bowral, NSW, Australia.

He is the current Parish Priest of St Thomas The Apostle's, Kambah, ACT, Australia. Since 2008 Fr Peter has been the Chaplain to APG and also to the Vietnamese Cursillo in Australia.....

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Secretary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am Kim Nhung Bui. I came to Australia with my family in 1992 under family reunion schemes. I live with my elderly parents in Liverpool, Australia. I lived my Cursillo three days at Bowral NSW in 2000. Since that time, I have attending School of Leaders, Ultreya, and Group Reunion in Dioceses of Sydney. I have attended Asia Pacific Encounters. I have the position of Secretary in the APG Committee. Decolores!

Treasurer

Hello, My name is Thanh Dinh, I have been an active member of the Vietnamese Cursillo Community in Melbourne Australia for years. I have run my own business in a popular suburb of Melbourne for a number of years. I hold the responsibility of Treasurer of the APG Co-ordinating Committee for another term 2010 – 2014. De Colores!

APG Representative in Europe

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Hello, My name is Joseph Nguyen Minh Duong, married. I lived my Cursillo-three-days on the 1st Cursillo in Rungis Paris, France. I am now president of Cursillo Vietnam in the Diaspora in Europe. My wish is to serve others and be loyal to our Saviour Jesus Christ.

APG Representatives in USA and Canada

There are two Cursillo Representatives in North America who help to distribute news and promote the coming events from the Asia Pacific International Group to all members of the Cursillo Community of Vietnam in the Diaspora living in USA and Canada.

Please keep all these Cursillo friends in your prayers. Vietnam in Diaspora is spread right throughout our Cursillo world, not just in the Asia/Pacific area.

Their devotion to their faith, and their courage in settling outside their homeland is an inspiration to all.

You are always remembered in our Eucharists. Please continue to offer constant Palanca for one another as we journey together on our Fourth Day.

Until we meet next month in the love and friendship of Christ our brother,

Your sister in Christ,

Yvonne ...

Yvonne Carrigan, OMCC President

from our Spiritual Advisor

Many Australians from when they are young are taught CPR. CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) is a life-saving technique more commonly known as mouth to mouth resuscitation or the kiss of life. To assist someone who has stopped breathing the rescuer blows air into the lungs of the person who is in distress. If there is no heart beat, the heart is externally massaged by vigorously pressing on the chest.

We have not long ago celebrated the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. What intrigues me is the way St John in his gospel describes Jesus giving the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Unlike St Luke who situates the outpouring at the Jewish feast of Pentecost 40 days after Passover, the Jesus of John's gospel breathes the Spirit on the disciples on the day of the Resurrection. In this scene there are no tongues of fire, no sound of mighty wind, no manifest reversal of the language difficulties of Babel. All Jesus does is breathe over his companions. A gentle action you see a parent do with a baby on a hot day when they gently blow on the face of their infant to bring them some relief from the heat.

Jesus breathes on us and we inhale what he exhales. Gently, with our intake of breath, we take his Spirit deep within ourselves. With breath in our lungs we continue to live. With breath in our lungs we can speak, sing, whistle a tune. With breath taken from the lungs of our Lord, all these ordinary things can become something extraordinary. Our words can give encouragement and hope, challenge and comfort. Our songs and tunes can bring joy to the hearts and minds of those who feel there is nothing to sing or make music about.

What happens to us? We are resuscitated. We were close to dying but because another saw our distress and acted death was cheated of a victim. He wished us peace then breathed on us. While there is breath in our lungs may we give his life-giving spirit to others.

Shalom,

Fr Adrian....