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Greetings dear friends in Christ,

Fr Adrian and I have just returned from attending the Congress of Asian Catholic Laity, held in Seoul Korea. We were a small group – the OMCC Delegation of Fr Adrian; Don Nguyen, Vietnamese Cursillista from Canberra; Joo Nam Kim from the Korean Cursillo Movement, and myself.

The Pontifical Council of the Laity provided us with excellent presentations, giving us a new and clear insight into the Church in Asia. The Catholic Church in Korea were chief organisers and hosts, and their preparation and hospitality were outstanding.

We were blessed with the presence of Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and priests of the Church in Asia, and from the Vatican, and many committed and faithful lay people from the countries of Asia. I would like to list the countries present to give you some idea of the breadth and depth of the information and friendship shared.

Representatives from: Hong Kong; India, Indonesia; Japan; Kazakhstan; Korea; Macau; Malaysia; Mongolia; Nepal (7, 731 Catholics); Namur; Pakistan; Philippines; Sri Lanka; Taiwan; Thailand; Turkmenistan (this is the youngest Catholic Church in the world- 13 years old); Uzbekistan; Vietnam.

The Cursillo Movement is present in some of these countries but unknown in many. We were given the opportunity for a short 5 minute presentation.

Cardinal Rylko of the Pontifical Council said in his opening address that 'Christianity not lived is irrelevant'. He stressed that we must be 'Salt, Light and Leaven' for the world – a theme repeated in many of the presentations.

Cardinal Jinsuk of Korea in his welcome, reminded us that there is still a hunger for Christ, and that the whole church must embrace this need, and the laity must be proactive agents of this challenge.

In his presentation directed to the associations of lay faithful, Professor Guzman Carriquiry's exhorted all to respect the specific character of their Charism. Our end goal is Holiness.

In the light of the Congress message I urge you all to continue to study the Charism of our Movement. Promote this study through your Secretariats and Schools of Leaders.

These are but a few sentences from a Congress programme which left me feeling humbled, and more aware of the graces which the Lord so freely offers. Thank you all for your Palanca for the success of the Congress.

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Whilst in Seoul, we were privileged to have Joo Nam Kim as our guide and were able to visit the Korean Cursillo Centre, tour their magnificent headquarters, and help celebrate the 40th anniversary of ordination of the Spiritual Advisor – Fr Lim in company with the Korean National Secretariat.

It was also Fr Lim's birthday – so a double celebration for his dedication and faithful service to the Cursillo in Korea!!

Fr Adrian, Margaret Morris and myself will attend the 21st Asia/Pacific Encounter in Los Angeles from 7-10th October. We hope to meet many of you there, and ask you for your Prayer and Palanca for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on this Encounter.

Thank you for all your correspondence since our last newsletter. We pray our response, when required, attended to your needs.

Continue to pray for us as we plan for the 1st Ordinary meeting of the OMCC Executives in November.

I share again with you some words from Pope Benedict XVI :
*"Each of us is the result of a thought of God;
 each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."*

De Colores!!

Yvonne

Yvonne Carrigan – OMCC President

and from our Spiritual Advisor

During the Congress for Asian Catholic laity a number of presenters spoke of the Church in Asia as a creative minority. As the Church only makes up 3% of the population of this vast continent (120 million out of 4 billion) it is definitely a minority. But being a minority is nothing new to the Church and that is where the creative dimension comes into play.

The Church walked onto the world stage as a small group. No one knows for sure how many disciples there were at the time Jesus died. Given that Jesus sent 70 disciples ahead of him at one time in his ministry, that he had chosen 12 whom he called apostles and that there were a number of women who cared for Jesus and the disciples out of their own resources, we could hazard a guess that one to two hundred would be a reasonable minimum and possibly many more. Regardless of the number they were a minority but not daunted by that fact.

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That small community centred their lives on Jesus. They reflected together on all that he had done and said. They came together on the first day of the week, the day he rose from the dead and did what he had done at the last Supper. They treasured what they had received and whenever they could they told others about him with the enthusiasm that gripped them at Pentecost. They knew his Spirit was with them. They faced up to problems and difficulties that arose from time to time so that nothing would distort the message they saw themselves entrusted by God to give to others.

Even though the almost four hundred delegates came from over 20 countries and 35 lay associations, ecclesial movements and new communities, they did not come to brag that their approach to evangelisation was better than any other. There was a great diversity of ways of proclaiming Jesus, but no factions. The way of our short course to make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ lives at the heart of Jesus ministry. He called people by name. He kept company with them. With them he shared his life and in him they found a richness they had never imagined. May we continue to share that richness.

Shalom

Fr Adrian