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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**To all our brothers and sisters throughout the Cursillo world,  
De Colores,**

### **The Fundamental Ideas Commission**

My heart is overflowing with gratitude – firstly to the Holy Spirit and then to all who offered prayer and Palanca for the meeting of the FI Commission in Los Angeles.

There was Palanca from all over the Cursillo world. The obvious effect of these prayers will be evident in the news that follows.

Our meeting was characterised by its unity and charity. Points of disagreement were discussed in that spirit of charity, and conclusions reached which were acceptable. The language barrier leading to different translations and meaning of words in Spanish and English was frankly discussed and a solution proposed.

The issues which seem to have been dividing our Cursillo world were all on the Agenda for open comment and discussion. As one member said when speaking of the work of the commission *"We come from the four corners of the world. It does need to be a collective work where we recognise 'our' Cursillo Movement"*.

There were many more points on which we agreed than disagreed. For myself personally I was privileged to be able to hear in such a warm atmosphere the thinking and concerns of others. Different points of view are best understood when we first acknowledge that we work for the one and same Lord, Jesus Christ.

My special thanks goes to each member of the commission. They were committed, hard working, and most of all, open to the Holy Spirit. (However we did have time for a short Siesta each day!!)

The news you all want to hear: - Yes, much was achieved and I believe we can now see the work coming to its best conclusion. The work ahead has a definite timeline and you will be involved through your Secretariats. The book will be prepared concurrently in both English and Spanish. The draft will be ready for presentation to you all in January 2012. Please assist the commission by responding to any requests your Secretariats might ask of you.

Again I thank you all for your patience, and most importantly, your wonderful Palanca. The Book will be completed for presentation at a World Encounter in 2013.

**The Statutes:** We will keep you informed of progress. The Statutes need to be sent to the Pontifical Council for the Laity, in Italian, at least 6 months before any acceptance. Once approved they can be presented at the World Encounter.

Until next month you are in my thoughts and prayers. Continue your good work for the Lord.

Your sister in Christ,

*Yvonne*

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*From the pen of our Spiritual Advisor:*

One eye witness to the detonation of an atomic bomb said the flash of light from the explosion was "brighter than a thousand suns". These words came to mind as I was praying the prayer of the Church last Saturday, August 6, the feast of the Transfiguration. By one of those quirks of history, August 6 is also the anniversary of the detonation of the atomic bomb over the Japanese city of Hiroshima in 1945.

In the Transfiguration something of the glory of Jesus as the Father's only begotten Son was seen by Peter, James and John. His clothes shone with light and he was seen speaking with Moses and Elijah. This event would strengthen the disciples when they entered the darkness of our Lord's suffering and execution on the cross. From this bearer of light would come a fullness of life to all who believe in Him and give themselves to Him.

The light that burst over Hiroshima was brilliant but deadly. We saw what we can do as we tap into the power of the atom. It dawned on us as a race that we could destroy ourselves; we could destroy the planet. We could use this power as a weapon but could we use it for the betterment of our world. This is a task many have turned their energies towards in the years since as break-throughs in health science and other therapies bear witness to.

Light shone in abundance on us who gathered in Los Angeles for the meeting of the Fundamental Ideas commission. I went to the meeting with a heavy heart wondering what progress we would make in a work that has been going on for so many years. Light, though, did shine and we came to remarkable agreement on points that had the potential for soul-sapping division of those who live the charism of our movement. Truly a voice spoke from a cloud and assured us that God has chosen us and commissioned us to go out and bear fruit. We saw the reality of Jesus' words: where two or three come together in my name, I am there in your midst.

Construction is much more time consuming than destruction but it is where we have to direct our energies, to build a world where justice and peace kiss, where the dignity of all is valued and respected.

Shalom,  
***Fr Adrian***