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De Colores,

Greetings and good wishes to my brothers and sisters in Cursillo.

Palanca: We are keeping in mind all your requests for Palanca, and ask you to continue praying for one another.

There are three major events coming up within the **GLCC**.

1. Day of Friendship and Methodology, Chile - 30th October - 1st November
2. National Secretariat meeting in Columbia 4-7th November
3. XIII Latin American Meeting, Santa Domingo Dominican Republic 18th-20th November

For the **GECC**, Palanca was the force behind a successful pre Encounter held in Croatia.

Charism

I hope you are enjoying your Study of the Charism. The Pontifical Council for the Laity encourages us to deepen our understanding of the Charism of the Cursillo Movement and so maintain fidelity to that charism which is unchangeable.

We read in Essence and Purpose: "The Holy Spirit had sent a wave of hope upon the world. And therefore, the essence of the Cursillos is:

- The reality of Love
- The reality of Friendship
- The reality that Christ is my friend
- The Good News that God in Christ loves me."

We recall the words of Blessed John Paul II *"Your movement is called to be leaven in the 'dough' of the world – acting in the world."*

I urge you to continue being that leaven, by the way you live your life in Christ.

On another matter:

It is with a heavy heart that I read and hear of division within our Cursillo communities often because of inaccurate information, and misunderstandings due to lack of knowledge. Remember our Charism is concerned with the Person – Friendship - and the best message of all "that God loves us" – unconditionally.

It has been brought to our attention that there is still some confusion as to the identity and role of the Foundation – known as **FEBA** -among Cursillo secretariats.

Some members of the OMCC executive committees met with members of FEBA earlier this year.

In the interest of harmony and understanding within our world wide community, I offer you the following information.

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F.E.B.A. (Fundacion Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo)

This Foundation is a non-profit – making organization set up to gather, preserve, study and disseminate the mentality and writings of Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo,

The Foundation was established in 2000 (before the death of Eduardo) as a service to the whole Cursillo Community. It sees itself as an avenue for dialogue, for sharing the ideals of Christ-Person-Friendship and for the careful preservation of the values of the foundational charism of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement.

Membership of the Foundation is open to all, and it's library facilities are available to interested persons.

At the Third Conversations held recently in Mallorca (not organised by FEBA) there was an open presentation of their work and current situation on the final day of the Conversations.

FEBA is not a part of the Operational Structure of the OMCC. The Foundation has at no time organised and presented Cursillo activities, or issued invitations on behalf of the OMCC . They have not requested , or assumed, any type of leadership within the structure of the OMCC world wide.

The Operational Structure of the OMCC consists of the Executive Committees of the 4 International Groups, and the 5 person OMCC Executive Committee. Each of these Committees has an Ecclesial Spiritual Advisor.

The Statutes say in Article 3

– The objectives of the OMCC are:

- a) promoting unity of understanding of the essence of the CCM at the world level
- b) maintaining the CCM in its faithfulness to the Church and its teaching
- c) preserving the CCM in its faithfulness to its charism and the book “Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement” (FICM) and to the conclusions of the World Encounters;
- d) facilitating the mutual exchange of information, initiatives and ongoing reflections of the IG;
- e) encouraging the IG to fulfill their responsibilities towards their National Secretariats.
- f) promoting unity and co-operation among the IG;
- g) assisting the IG so that they achieve their objectives;
- h) promoting reflection and study upon the role and mission of the CCM at the worldwide level;
- i) assisting the introduction of the CCM in countries where it is not yet established.

A Foundation such as FEBA does have influence but does not wish to be divisive within the wider Cursillo community. With this further understanding and in the hope that your trust is placed in us, let us put aside differences and work only for the spreading of the Gospel message, through and within our Cursillo Movement in the love and friendship of Christ. .

As always I remain with peace and blessings,
 Your Sister in Christ,

Yvonne

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan - OMCC President

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From the pen of our Spiritual Advisor

We are only a few weeks away from the celebrations of All Saints day and All Souls day. These celebrations take different forms depending on the country and the culture. They are fundamentally celebrations of brothers and sisters who are one with us in Christ. The celebrations take markedly different forms from one culture to the next.

The feast of All Saints calls to mind all have died in union with Christ and now see God face to face. As well as praising God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, they are constantly interceding with God on our behalf. They may never be included in the list or canon of those the Church officially recognizes as being in heaven (those canonized/listed by the Church), but they are the ones we ask constantly for assistance and we live out our commitment to Christ. Those who stand before the face of God praise the Trinity but also speak up on our behalf. There is no way that having attained the Beatific vision, they would want anyone to miss out. The Church has listed or canonized some members of the Christian faithful down through the ages. The reason the Church does this is for the sake of those of us still making the pilgrim journey that is this life. We need the witness of those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. When we see people like ourselves listed among those now with God, we are encouraged to live as they did. When we baptize someone we give them the name of a saint whom we ask to take a special interest in the one coming to life in Christ.

All Souls Day is a day we set aside to pray for all the dead. As scripture says: it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they be loosed from their sins. In the Western Church some these prayers took on a mathematical flavour that seemed to some like those in prison gaining time off for good behaviour thereby gaining an early release. The Eastern Church adopted another approach and saw the pain of Purgatory in the painful readjustment of a deceased brother or sister who was still in some way centred on self and not on God. The deceased had died in grace but still had to undergo a purification so that they could enjoy God as fully as possible. One author I read likened it to recovering from surgery where the operation had been a success (died oriented to God) but still convalescence was needed before they could join with the others who were out and about as it were enjoying God's presence to the fullest.

As these great celebrations come to us in a few weeks time, let us be glad that our saints are praying for us. May we continue to pray for all those who were good to us that they may enjoy the vision of the divine presence and pray as well for all those who have died alone and forgotten.

Shalom,

Fr Adrian