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De Colores!

Brothers and Sisters throughout the Cursillo world,

I hope your Advent has been one of hope and joyful anticipation in preparation for the birth of our Saviour. We recall at this time the acceptance of our Blessed Mother Mary – pray that we too may be generous in our “yes” to God.

The Executive Committee, Fr Adrian, Derek, Peter, Margaret and myself, wish you all the blessings of the Christmas season. May the Christ Child bring love, laughter and joy into your homes and families, and may you spread that joy through all your environments in the love and friendship of the Christ Child. We will remember you in prayer as we thank God for the acceptance and friendship you have shown to us in this second year of our term as your executive.

2012 will be a big year for the members of the MCC Committees.

In June we meet in Austria for the Second Ordinary Meeting of the OMCC:

We continue to work with the members of the Fundamental Ideas Commission towards the completion of the book: We plan for the World Encounter in 2013.

Please start your generous **Palanca** for us now. Remember also in prayer the NACG National Encounter to be held in August 2012. Thank you for your Palanca for the recent GLCC Encounter. We rely so much on the Holy Spirit to fill us with his wisdom and discernment.

Directory:

We wish to keep the Cursillo directory up to date. If National Secretariats have had any changes would [you](#) please advise [your](#) International Groups. The Executives of the International Groups can then contact us with the correct information.

Charism:

Cursillos in Christianity, is defined as a movement, that by means of a unique method of friendship, seeks, from within the Church, that the realities of Christian life might be lived in the uniqueness, originality and creativity of each person.

The word 'Method' comes from two Greek words, meaning 'beyond' (meta) and 'path' (odos). The method of Cursillo shows us a path to go beyond to arrive at a goal. It consists in making friends, being friends and making those friends, friends of Christ.

The specific purpose is to bring the Good News that God loves us to the most people possible, with an emphasis on those far away. Three phases or basic elements are defined in the Cursillo method of living and igniting friendship: Precursillo, Cursillo and Postcursillo.

We are all familiar with these elements and recognise that each have equal importance within the method. Philip shared his gift with his friend Nathanael – this friendship led to Nathanael's encounter with Christ, where he saw and felt the love of God.

Pope Paul VI said *“man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers.”*

Pope John Paul II specifically expressed the purpose of Cursillo in these words *“your movement asks of you to be leaven in the ‘dough’ of the world – acting in the world.”*

We can follow these examples if we, like Philip, invite our friends to *“come and see for yourself”*.

As I come to adore the Christ Child in his crib, I will hold you all in prayer. Have a joyous Christmas.

Your Sister in Christ

Yvonne

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From the pen of our Spiritual Advisor

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us". Christmas celebrates this unique event that happened at a particular moment in history but which continues. Christmas must never be a nostalgic celebration of a past event, but subtly this can happen. As we sing Christmas carols we are focussing strongly on what happened two millennia ago. Let us rejoice in our carol singing, but in our celebrations, let us sing as strongly of the Word with us now.

As Cursillistas we rejoice that Jesus calls us friends, not servants. He does this because he has shared with us his Father's work. Servants are paid employees to do a job. Friends stand by us without recompense. Friends visit the sick and the lonely. Friends give the thirsty drink and the hungry food. Friends make sure that no one stands naked before the world. We are friends not paid employees!

Words always need flesh around them if they are to have the greatest impact. A word of encouragement without some human contact, a hug, a hand-shake, can just hang in the air. The Word that took flesh in Jesus always came with contact whether it was to embrace a person suffering from diseases that caused them to be feared and shunned, to restore a daughter to life, to give a widow a son she had lost.

The Word, through the Church that continues his presence and action in our world, still has flesh and dwells with us. Our schools and our hospitals, our work for justice and development, our outreach to the disadvantaged are always more than words. The Word is alive in the people who let it dwell within them.

May we indeed be those people now. May our celebrations of the birth of the Lord, be a moment of rebirthing of his presence in us. May our attentiveness to the needs of others, be the living gift our world longs for.

Shalom,

Fr Adrian