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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Benedict XVI, in *Caritas in veritate* wrote, *'The development of peoples depends, above all, on a recognition that the human race is a single family, working together in true communion....'*

This is something that we cursillistas recognise, leavening our environments, wherever we are situated throughout the world. This Lenten season is a time for us to review our working together in true communion as a single family – the family of Cursillo.

Love of neighbour is at the heart of the Holy Father's 2012 Lenten message.

He called on the faithful to be concerned for one another, wanting what is good physically, morally and spiritually for one's neighbour.

Our prayers, our Palanca must be continuous and consistent. To reach those 'far away' requires from us endurance, love and respect for each PERSON. Our fourth day requires a personal encounter between Christ and each person if we are to be leavened in our environments. Our Group Reunions and Ultreyas enable us to persevere and consolidate as a community, growing in holiness, and sharing our prayer, study and action.

Our Movement gives us these riches – and our Charism, leading the person in friendship to Christ, guides us in our daily apostolic action.

We place under the guidance of the Holy Spirit all the Cursillo 3-day weekends to take place throughout the world in the coming month.

to our Cursillistas in Cordoba who were host to more than 2000 cursillistas in a thanksgiving celebration of the 1000th Cursillo in Cordoba. Cardinal Rylko reminded those present, *"...the Church looks to you with great hope and counts on you..... You are a gift of the Holy Spirit, an indispensable instrument of the evangelising mission.."*

They are a reminder to us of the words spoken as we received our Cursillo Cross, 'Christ is counting on you.'

Congratulations and prayers to our brothers and sisters in Miami who celebrate 50 years of Cursillo on March 12th.

The NACG (International Group) Encounter will take place from 19-22nd August this year at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

PCL: Our delegate to attend the Pan-African Congress of Catholic Laity to be held in Yaounde, Cameroon is Francis Napoli from Gibraltar. We thank him for his generous response. Please remember Francis when you Palanca.

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Fundamental Ideas: Our apologies to all for the late arrival of the draft. Here in Australia we needed extra time for our translations, and this factor combined with the Christmas and New Year breaks, has put us behind schedule. However the commission members continue their work, exchanging comments and suggestions, in their efforts to achieve the best possible results, always guided by the Holy Spirit, and encouraged by your prayers.

I am confident that you also, when you receive this draft, will discuss and cooperate in the true cursillo spirit of harmony and acknowledgment of each other's point of view.

Website: We apologise for the disruption to our website. Your patience will be rewarded in the months ahead.

Documents: There are documents we would like to record electronically so they can be available for all from the website. We are looking for any written records of the First, Second and Third World Encounters, in both Spanish and English. If they are in booklet form, photocopies can be sent to our Secretary, Margaret Morris, at the OMCC email address.

We would be very grateful for any assistance in obtaining these missing records.

Psalm 143 gives me an opening this Lent for my daily prayer:

"Cause me to hear your loving kindness in the morning."

May you hear and feel His loving kindness as you move about each day in your environments.
 Peace and blessings,

Yvonne

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan – OMCC President

From our Spiritual Advisor

De Colores!

The sacred writings of Christianity and Judaism are focussed on people and their response to God. The writings of other great religions contain some profound teaching but are not similarly grounded in history. Some recognize their founders, such as the Buddha or Mohammed, but the writings focus on different aspects of life, not on the lives of individuals who lived at particular times and places.

This difference is important. From the time of Abraham, the Jews worshipped God who came to them, spoke with them, journeyed with them. God was intensely personal in the choice of Abraham and his descendants to be a light to the nations.

This people saw and spoke of themselves as a chosen people. They traced their history - listing off Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Judith, Samuel, then a line of kings with David being the most prominent. They recorded the writings of the prophets who rose up at different moments in the history of the people.

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The God they worshipped was a God who acted in history, their history, with events they could remember and celebrate like the deliverance from Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea, the deportation into exile, the rebuilding of the temple.

2000 years ago God acted in a new a decisive way. In a small village in present day Israel, a woman called Mary, married to a man named Joseph, gave birth to a son whom they named Jesus. As an adult he was a preacher and a healer. He was executed as a blasphemer and a danger to the stability of the empire. His followers proclaimed he rose from the dead and from then on have acted in his name, even at the cost of their own lives.

Jesus proclaimed himself and made allegiance to himself the central reality in life here and in the next. Everything we do as members of the Church is aimed at our deepening our relationship with him. We are attentive to the teachings of the Church as it speaks in his name, but the goal of all of us is to know Our Lord better and better with each passing day. In knowing him we live like him, speak like him and act like him.

We use these weeks before Easter and the celebration of his death and resurrection to pursue this goal more decisively. He calls us friends. Let us spend time with our friend.

Shalom

Fr Adrian