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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

I write this at the beginning of Holy Week – wishing to journey with you all thru the events leading up to the joyful proclamation of the Lord's Resurrection.

In St John's account of the Last Supper Jesus is talking and sharing with his friends, his intimate friends. He said to them "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me." He went on to tell them of his deep and abiding love for them and that he wanted them to be where he is.

We know through the beautiful Charism of our Movement how to be in a close and personal relationship with God, not simply to live with him, but to dwell in him - "so that where I am you may be too."

Dwelling in him and delighting in him I direct myself to love and serve God. Faith makes this close and personal relationship possible and enduring. Faith is the connection point from which we seek to be imbued with a deep and abiding awareness of God's presence.

The best of saints didn't just spend their lives in contemplation of the divine, but let that contemplation deeply penetrate and change the way they related to everything and everyone else. They also gained courage, from their sense of God's presence, to act when the world was not playing the symphony the composer intended.

Our connection with God is a call to transcendence, a movement out of ourselves and the reality of this world to be captured by and communicate the Divine Mystery.

What better way than living together through the Lord's Passion and death – to his glorious Resurrection.

This is the Easter experience I wish for all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

**OMCC:** Here at the OMCC office we are preparing for our second ordinary meeting. Please keep us- the executive committee, and the executive committees of the 4 international groups - in your prayers. We meet in friendship to discern the best way forward in all events for our Movement.

**FI:** The Fundamental Ideas commission members are finishing their preparation of the draft for your perusal. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and with your acceptance, this book will move us forward to a clearer understanding of, and delight in, the Movement. It has been a long and hard task but we only want the very best for our Movement and guided by the Holy Spirit we will achieve this. My thanks and prayers are always for the work the commission members are doing.

**The 2012 Directory:** Our Secretary Margaret has completed the huge task of updating the Directory and has sent it out to your International Groups. However we realise that there may still be more changes – often relating to the timing of Secretariat elections.

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Thank you to those Secretariats who have already advised us of errors or changes. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary meeting in June we will correct any errors and add/ update further information. Please be patient with us until then.

We wish you all a happy and richly blest Easter.

As always in peace

*Yvonne,*

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan

*From our Spiritual Advisor*

Death on Good Friday was not the end of Jesus. The disciples thought it was. And with it the end of their dreams for something dramatically new. A kingdom where justice and peace would embrace like lovers, a kingdom where those who were enemies would be reconciled, those estranged from each other join hands in common effort. They had witnessed healings of people who were blind, lame, crippled, mute. They saw the dead resuscitated. They saw those caught sinning seriously forgiven and not stoned to death. They had every reason to have high hopes and they had every reason to feel crushed.

Jesus died as he lived: conscious of the will of the Father, Abba as he called God in prayer and always seeking to do that will not his own. Submitting to that will was not easy as we saw in the Gethsemane garden agony where he prayed that the cup of cruel suffering that lay in store for him could be passed by. He screamed the sense of desolation as his life ebbed away on the cross but even there through the pain that wracked his whole system he prayed for his executioners, made provision for his mother's welfare, and then, as he had always done, surrendered himself into his father's hands.

This seeming end was not what it appeared. His death was real but the Father did not allow death to have the final say. As Jesus rose from the dead a new phase of the human story began. God who has no favourites and does not wish the sinner to die but change and embrace life in its fullness did not annihilate those who killed Jesus in the way human beings conduct vendettas against those who have hurt them, indulging in blood baths to balance the books as it were. A tomb could not and did not hold him.

Jesus alive in a new way breathed a new spirit into his disciples so that where they walked he walked, where they spoke he spoke, where they taught and healed he taught and healed. The Church of which we are now part is the way Christ completes his work.

This is an enterprise to which we commit ourselves. When we renew our baptismal promises we deepen the commitment Christ asks of us to work with him. We claim the freedom that belongs to those who know they are the sons and daughters of God, not allowing our will alone to be what guides our lives and decides what is the right thing to do. We recognize and name the lure that self-delusion exerts. We acknowledge that Satan is a reality but can only play with our minds and not force us to go against what we know God wants us to do.

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These promises shape and direct our lives. That creation is because God wills it. That Jesus is the one whose mother we know, who conquered death and now is with God in glory. That the Holy Spirit animates the Church and we are part of the communion of saints, there is forgiveness of sin, resurrection after this life and life that flows to eternity.

These promises drive us to know the implications of what we believe. There is more to being Catholic than just the name. We champion everything that promotes life in all its dimensions. We challenge death and selfishness in all its forms. We live our lives, in control of ourselves and not at the whim of every new fad or theory. We are self-possessed individuals yet never blindly pursuing our own agenda but constantly reviewing it in prayer before Jesus.

We are in this world to make a difference in the very same way Jesus did. Constantly nourished and challenged in the celebration of the Eucharist, the sacramental heart of the Church and of ourselves, we embrace each day with a sense of mission and see new life emerge in surprising ways.

Shalom

*Fr Adrian*