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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

My thoughts and prayers are with you all as we move towards the great feast of Pentecost. May the Spirit be your guiding light in the coming days.

I would like to share with you this month some excerpts from a recent seminar, where the question was asked – “ Why Evangelise?” One speaker replied:

“Evangelisation arises from the fundamental conviction that God alone fulfils the deepest requirements of the human person. Our Christian witness, proclamation, dialogue, and service is fired by the conviction that it is the encounter with Christ that promotes human flourishing, opens us to the deepest horizons of our own being and every other with whom we share creation and a common vocation in the life of God.”

How familiar does that sound to Cursillistas? How much does this statement reflect our Charism – the call to show each person, in the witness of our friendship, the unconditional love that Christ has for us.

Another speaker spoke of the difficulty we all experience at some time during our journey as disciples.

“An abiding challenge, though, is to keep the flame of the gospel burning in our own hearts. Most of us live in the same Western cultural milieu that has prompted the last two Popes to call for a “new evangelisation”: a milieu that has both fractured and muted the Christian meta-narrative. Without a culture that provides much scaffolding at all to Gospel living, we can slip into our own evangelical tepidity.”

Within Cursillo gatherings such as Group Reunion, Ultreya, and School of Leaders, is a framework to re-kindling our own passion for the Gospel. Experiences through dialogue and thought, prayer and worship, conviviality and companionship keep alive that passion. Be faithful to your Group Reunions.

Our ‘fourth day’ contact with those who have first lived their Cursillo *is of utmost importance.*

OMCC NEWS:

At the end of this month the OMCC Executive committees prepare to travel to Vöcklabruck in Austria for the 2nd Ordinary meeting of the OMCC. Here we will call on the Spirit as we discern the way forward for Cursillo.

My friends, you have entrusted this work to your OMCC Committees –we are all part of the body of Christ – and until Christ himself is passed on personally, through faithfulness, forgiveness and through bonds of union we cannot be true witness to the world. *“May they all be one – so that the world will believe.....” John 17.21).*

I ask for your Palanca as we work on your behalf to achieve peace, harmony and acceptance in our tasks. (I personally am excited about our visit to Austria.)

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There is movement in the Cursillo world in Africa. The Cursillo Movement is present in Togo and Benin and is soon to start in Burkina Faso. We have 4 representatives to attend the Pan African Congress for Laity in September to be held in Cameroon. Francis Napoli will lead our delegation. Please keep them in your prayers.

Website:

Thanks to the generosity of two of our talented cursillistas in Guatemala we will soon introduce a new-look website.

Palanca:

Let us never forget that Palanca is our life blood and in it we share – with our brothers and sisters throughout the world - the love of God.

Until next month, and always with peace and blessings,
 Your Sister in Christ,

Yvonne.

From our Spiritual Advisor

The feast of Pentecost is close. The portrayal of the event by St Luke is filled with the images beloved of sacred art: tongues of fire hovering over the heads of the assembled disciples. There is noise like a strong wind and a transformation of the disciples from fear-frozen folk locked away in a room to powerful-proclaimers of Jesus. The Church has adopted Luke's sequence of events with the experience of the Spirit coming six weeks after the resurrection.

St John, in contrast, has the risen Lord being present to the locked away disciples on the night of the day of the resurrection. No tongues of fire, no mighty noise, no dramatic transformation and multi-lingual proclamation. Here, the Lord gifts them with his peace and breathes on them. There is a gentleness about this action like a loving parent cooling an infant on a hot day by blowing gently on the face of their child. There is life-giving quality to this action as we think of those who have breathed life into people whose breathing has stopped as the result of an accident, the kiss of life.

These images of a gentle giving of life is something we treasure. When Jesus died the gospels say he breathed his last and gave up the spirit. His friends thought all was finished but how wrong they were. In that body it is true, he had breathed his last. But risen, he breathes life to all who wish to catch, not their breath, but his. With his breath in us we can speak and sing in the power of his Spirit. We marvel at the lung capacity of a trained singer or musician who can sustain notes for amazing lengths of time. We too as we continue our discipleship with the Lord, our training to be moved by his Spirit, we shall find a capacity for love, perseverance, courage and forgiveness that renews the face of the earth.

So we pray: come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Shalom,

Fr Adrian