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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I share with you words from Pope Benedict in his first Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*:
"Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. Likewise, at the root of all evangelization lies not a human plan of expansion, but rather the desire to share the inestimable gift that God has wished to give us, making us sharers in his own life."

The living out of our charism – through friendship, the best way to show the love of God for each person – allows us to share that gift.

This leads us actively into the Year of Faith, arousing, as the Holy Father desires, "the aspiration to profess the faith in fullness and with renewed conviction, with confidence and hope. At the same time, we make it our prayer that believers' witness of life may grow in credibility."

The living out of our charism – through friendship, the best way to show the love of God for each person – allows us to be that 'witness of life' in all our environments.

Congratulations to all those countries celebrating special Anniversaries within the Movement. We give thanks for the commitment and faithfulness of those brothers and sisters who kept alive the flame over so many years.

Pan-African Congress – In his report Francis Napoli of Gibraltar wrote of the great challenge, to evangelise, to which the lay faithful are called. He reminds us, of our responsibility as disciples of Christ, that there is no time to sit back and hold onto what we have been given through our own Cursillo experience. We must go out and multiply our efforts in all our environments, especially in the challenge of the vast continent of Africa.

We offer Francis, and those who attended on our behalf, Fr Maximilian Bergmayr (GECC); Teresa Diwald; Rob Kpotor (Togo) our sincere thanks for their hard work and dedication during the Congress. They met with Cardinals and Bishops, lay members of Episcopal Conferences in Africa, all in the name of Cursillo. They have laid the foundation stone for outreach into Africa. It is now our duty (and our responsibility as disciples of Christ) to support them by prayer, and wherever necessary and possible, with finance. This is all part of the Lord's work as He calls us into the vineyard.

You can read the report Francis wrote of the Pan-African Congress for Catholic Laity on our website.

FI: The valued member of our Fundamental Ideas Commission who has been compiling the final draft to go to the National Secretariats had an unfortunate accident in August, so it is with apologies that I must change the time of the delivery of the drafts to the International Groups. Please God, with a little extra help from the Holy Spirit you will still receive them before the November newsletter.

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World Encounter: By now all National Secretariats would have received the Summons to the World Encounter. Our committee has begun planning for the Encounter in 2013. The venue has been confirmed and now the task is to develop the programme and see what sub-committees, and assistance, we need. I will keep you informed of progress through this newsletter. Please continue your valuable Palanca for this special event.

Website: We hope you are all pleased with our new-look website. You can view it at www.orgmcc.org It is through the efforts of our OMCC Executive Secretary, Margaret, and the generous work of Tito and Pao that this is a reality. May God continue to bless them in all their endeavours. They have laboured well in the vineyard!!

Until next month, I remain,
 With peace and blessings
 Your sister in Christ,

Yvonne.

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan – OMCC President

From our Spiritual Advisor

Greetings to all. This is my first contribution to the newsletter since August 3 when I underwent heart bypass surgery. Recovering from this entailed three months leave, which was needed to allow surgery wounds to heal and grow stronger. I have been very grateful to all around the world who have prayed for my recovery over this time.

We Cursillistas treasure friendship as the way to bring the good news of God's love in Jesus to everyone in our worlds. When you find yourself in hospital for whatever reason you do value those who take the time to visit or write. In the early stages of recovery you especially value those who do not stay too long as you tire quickly.

I thought about this it struck me that the way we show our care for someone requires us to take their circumstances and needs into consideration more than what we might get from the action. It would be like someone visiting not for the well-being of the patient, but so that they, the visitor, could later brag to others about what they did. You could almost hear the conversation: "I went to the hospital and stayed for an hour and a half. Do you know that the visit wasn't appreciated as X fell asleep while I was there!"

Being a friend always means thinking of what is best for the one we are befriending. This is how Christ was with all the people he met. He tailored his responses to the real situation of each person. Sometimes a compassionate and healing gesture, sometimes a word of advice and challenge, sometimes a display of anger.

May we spend time judging each situation, praying about it and then acting in the way best adapted to the person we are with.

Shalom

Fr Adrian.