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Throughout the World - the Year of Faith. In Australia - the Year of Grace.

"The years of Grace and Faith fit together perfectly: grace is God's free gift to us and our response is the faith that accepts the gift. So the two Years fit together as neatly as God's gift and our response. It's when those two meet that we have the Christian life in all its power and beauty." (Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane, Australia)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is no accident that the **7th World Encounter in 2013** will finish on November 24th – the Feast of Christ the King, and the closing of the Year of Faith. When Archbishop Coleridge spoke of the meeting of grace and faith it struck a chord with me. We must thank God that the method of our Movement gives us all the tools, through our Groups and Ultreyas, to make this meeting of grace and faith a reality. The <u>power</u> of this is evident in the fruit of our Palanca offerings, and the <u>beauty</u> is evident in the friendships we share throughout the world.

Palanca: Our Palanca Secretaries from each National Secretariat do a wonderful job in responding to requests. We thank them for their dedication to such an important role within the Movement.

It would be of great assistance to them if you could advise well in advance of the due dates of the Cursillos – this gives them time to send requests around to the Diocesan Secretariats. I know that you all respond with prayer and sacrifice, but this would ensure that written Palanca arrives in time for the Cursillos.

From 29 November to 2nd December the Cursillistas of El Salvador celebrate 50 years!! We continue to pray for the Cursillistas in Brazil during their celebrations.

Website: On the website this month you will find a letter from Pope Benedict and an address from Cardinal Rylko given during the Pan-African Congress in September. As I wrote in the October newsletter, you can read the report of this Congress on the website.

FI Commission. Members are in the final stages of editing the drafts for your perusal. They will be forwarded to your International Groups as soon as possible. As Chairman of the commission, I am pleased with the cooperation of its members, and the progress of the work, but regret that it has taken so long. So again I thank you for your patience, and ask that you remember the commission members in your prayers.

World Encounter: The OMCC executive committee met last week for our second planning session. We are finalising numbers and travel details to send out in January 2013.

I leave you this month with some words of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

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The fruit of silence is prayer The fruit of prayer is faith The fruit of faith is love The fruit of love is service The fruit of service is peace.

As always in peace and blessings. Your Sister In Christ

Yvonne

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan - OMCC President