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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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"This year Faith will be a moment of grace and commitment by an ever fuller conversion to God, to strengthen our faith in Him and to proclaim with joy the man of our time" Pope Benedict XVI

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we begin a new Church year in our Christian journey, we prepare in faith, with hope and longing, for the coming of the Christ Child. He can fill us with joy as we are graced by his presence among us.

We cursillistas recognise such a graced existence throughout the year – our Palanca continually reinforces that belief. I do not apologise for reminding you each newsletter of the importance of prayer and **Palanca**, as we live out our Fourth day. We have the best tools to assist us in this task in our Group Reunions and Ultreyas.

The Group Reunion is an integral part of the method of the Movement.

Through the sharing of our Piety, Study and Action we support and encourage each other to become better Christians, to grow in the desire to have all we meet know Christ as alive, real and personal. It gives us the support and encouragement to become leaven in our environments, to become evangelizers by the witness of our lives.

In the **Ultreya** we gather as friends in Christ, and learn to live what is fundamental to being Christian as we witness the way others are living it. We share prayer, witness, and dialogue as a faith community. We are the Church, gathered joyfully to celebrate and nourish our faith life in all its dimensions.

Statutes: As requested by the Pontifical Council for the Laity the "ad experimentum" statutes, with the agreed modifications, have been forwarded to the Pontifical Council for the Laity for their perusal and approval of the modifications, before they are presented to you at the World Encounter. This is the usual procedure required by the Vatican.

Vatican News. - Pope Benedict XVI called the faithful to "value the prayer of the Holy Rosary in the Year of Faith".

The Holy Father said: *"With the Rosary in fact we are guided by Mary, model of faith, meditation on the mysteries of Christ, and every day we are helped to assimilate the Gospel, so that it may shape our whole life."*

"Following the footsteps of my Predecessors, particularly of Blessed John Paul II, who ten years ago gave us the Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae, I invite you to pray the Rosary privately, in family and in community, placing us at the school of Mary, who leads to Christ, the living centre of our faith. "

In this time of Advent, whilst we await the Birth of the Christ Child, we ask Mary to intercede for us, as we pray for peace in our troubled world.

VII World Encounter – 20-24th November, 2013.

All details of cost, accommodation, registration, will be forwarded to each of the International Groups, for distribution in January.

It is my prayerful wish that the Hope of Advent, fulfilled in the birth of the Christ Child, will bring joy, peace, and rich blessings to you, my brothers and sister in Christ, and to all your families.

De Colores
Your sister in Christ,

Yvonne.

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan - OMCC President

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From our Spiritual Advisor

The great saints often speak very knowingly of their own sinfulness. As we read their stories or think about the holy people who are part of our lives and we see this same sin awareness within them, we ask what is that are talking about. They do so much good. They are clearly close to God. With the canonised saints, the Church has proclaimed them to possess heroic virtue! Where does sin come into this.

A good explanation goes like this. When you look at a window at night it looks fine. You can see out easily. There is nothing there to worry about. Look at the same window with the sunlight shining through it. Now you can see the smudges and dirt clearly. Something the same happens to us as we come closer to the light that shines from God. With this light shining through us, we see clearly the smudges and dirt that prevent the light shining through even more brightly. The saints were people like that. The light of God shines through them brilliantly, and they are aware of that because they can see the goodness that it brings to all the people they come in contact with. At the same time as seeing the fruits of this goodness, they see the smudges clearly and want them gone so that more of the light can shine through.

This is what God's grace does for us. We are the windows through whom God's goodness shines on our world, in all our environments. And we have influence in many environments. As we prepare for the celebration for the birth of Our Lord, the light that shines in the darkness, let us be aware of what can prevent the light shining out for all to see and rejoice in. We know the things we must do to achieve this goal so we commit ourselves to making the changes. With this commitment made, we can then give ourselves to the Lord as the birthday gift He so longs to receive from us.

Shalom,
Fr Adrian