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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our term of office draws close to an end I need to emphasise that which is most important for us to remember in our journey of the Fourth Day:

The love that God has, cannot be measured, contained, explained, understood, compared or seen. For it is quite simply, the most pure and authentic love you will ever know and - this is the Good News, **God in Christ loves us**, that we must spread as we live out our fourth day, and especially in our Group Reunions and Ultreyas where we share our Piety, Study and Action.

Pope Francis said the mission of the Church is to preach the gospel to all the world, not fearing the big things, maintaining humility. He also reminded us *"The horizon is large and, as you can see, this is the nature of the mission of the Church, going forward with this preaching to everyone, everywhere. But it will not succeed alone: we go with Jesus ... The Lord works with those who preach the Gospel."*

When we think that we cannot work things out in our endeavours to maintain unity and harmony, to successfully complete the tasks allotted to us as OMCC Executive, God says *"I will direct your steps"*(Proverbs 3:5-6).

For God is the God of the impossible. *"God sees not as man sees, for man looks at what is before their eyes, but God looks at the heart."*(1 Samuel 16:7)

My friends, continue to use the lever of **Palanca** – for one another, for the 'far away', for Cursillo events throughout the world, for those charged with directing the Movement through National Secretariats, and for all those in need of our prayers.

WORLD ENCOUNTER: Our planning is running smoothly thanks to your Palanca. Keep the registrations coming in before the due date of July 31st. Your accommodation will be confirmed after that date.

Fundamental Ideas Dot Point Drafts: Our sincere thanks to all who have responded. It is difficult to thank each Secretariat individually. All your comments will be recorded and considered in preparation for the final writing of the book.

At the moment all responses received are being collated and will be given to members of the Commission,- those people chosen by yourselves, through your International Executives, 8 years ago, to represent you on the Commission.

I need to reassure all Secretariats who may have misunderstood the draft. It was presented to you in this way to ensure that all points necessary were included in the final writing. This is not the way the book will be written . The book will be written in a different style, in ENGLISH and in SPANISH. –

For those concerned about the History. I wish to point out that this Edition contains 2 chapters –History and Charism , that were not in FI 1 and 2.

The History chapter contains the beginnings of the Cursillo, put as simply as possible.

It has always been acknowledged by the Commission, and agreed upon by all current members, that the History of the Movement deserves a book of its own and could not be successfully covered in FI3.

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I ask for your prayers and your patience. I ask that each one of us does not lose sight of the unity we must have, to achieve the best possible outcome in spreading the Good News that 'God in Christ loves us.'

With peace and blessings,

Yvonne

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan – OMCC President

From our Spiritual Advisor

What to think about coming to Holy Communion

The heading of this reflection can be read two ways: what is "coming to Holy Communion" all about or when I come to Holy Communion "what am I thinking about."

One aspect of what the ritual is all about is communion with the holy. We can be in communion with nature on a visit to the bush or the beach. We can be in communion with friends and family over a meal. We can be in deep communion with the holy, with God, when we do what Jesus left his friends to do in memory of him. We are in communion with him present and alive.

Hand in hand with these thoughts about Holy Communion is what we think about as we come to receive Holy Communion. The most obvious answer is Jesus. But related to him come other thoughts. We are delighted to receive him, but this ritual of the Eucharist confronts us starkly with his betrayal and abandonment by those closest to him. We come face to face with his death as his body yields up his soul and his blood stains the ground at the foot of the cross. Remembering all this as we come to receive, strangely, is a source of strength in dealing with betrayal and let down and death in our own lives, in the death of loved ones through age, illness, accidents or violence.

Our immersion in this all too familiar ritual stirs us to leave aside the swamp-call of self-pity - poor me, why me - in the face of adversity. It stirs us to see the time, treasure and talent the Father has entrusted to me as a steward to be used to bring real Christ-given comfort and strength to those who need it.

With resurrected eyes we look at a so hungry world and know we can do something to feed and nourish.

World hunger is not caused or perpetuated by God but by us and those like us who have let compassion die.

May we do all we can to respond to our Lord, creatively and encourage our children to do likewise. The World Encounter is only five months away. May we continue to pray that there we encounter not just each other from all corners of the earth but the Risen Lord who gives us one faith, one baptism and one Lord.

Shalom,

Fr Adrian

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