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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Dear Friends in Christ,

Once again our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called us to make a difference. He urges us to be revolutionaries, changing the world one heart at a time by sharing God's love. He went on to say that the grace of Christ gave people, "a heart that loves, a heart that suffers, a heart that rejoices with others, a heart full of tenderness for those who bear the wounds of life and feel like they are on the periphery of society."

In our Fourth day we are encouraged to live a personal encounter with oneself, with Christ, and others, realizing that God in Christ loves us. We need to go out of our comfort zones and share the Good News. For me personally the Cursillos in Christianity have always been, since I lived my Cursillo 42 years ago, a Movement, that by means of its method, attempted to ensure that the realities of my Christianity were brought to life in the uniqueness, and creativity of my person. I was challenged to find the right direction, recognise my talents, and limitations, and also my potential. Group Reunion has provided a constant source of development, and I consider myself blessed with many friendships formed throughout the world. However I am still a novice, a learner!!

Whatever way we look at the movement, however we define it, this never changes – God in Christ loves us – and one of the best ways to spread this is in following our Charism sharing that knowledge with others by the witness of our lives.

**OMCC News:** It is with much pleasure that we announce the country to take over the OMCC Executive Office for 2014-2017. Our congratulations, and sincere thanks go to **PORTUGAL** where their National Secretariat agreed at the GECC Encounter, held in Vienna in May, to accept this role.

We, the current OMCC Executive Committee in Australia, offer them our prayers and constant support. The committee they choose will take office on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2014.

In the coming months we will be able to announce the countries which will take over the coordinating roles for APG; GECC; GLCC and NACG. Please continue to pray for a generous response.

**VII World Encounter:** Your registration forms need to be in by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Please try to send them as soon as possible. Your registration and accommodation will be confirmed after that date.

If you do not have your flight details, you can still send in your Registration Form by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

You can notify us of the flight details after you have booked your tickets.

If you are a musician and wish to bring an instrument with you – your talent will be well received.

**The Vatican:** You may remember that on behalf of the OMCC I wrote a letter of welcome and support to Pope Francis on his succession to the Petrine ministry. We have received an acknowledgment of this letter in which Pope Francis expresses his gratitude for our wishes and invokes upon us God's blessings and peace.

**Fundamental Ideas:** Thank you for your responses. Some were far more detailed than we requested, so the collation is taking a much longer time than planned. Please continue to pray for the members as they strive for the best possible outcome in a task that we know, as flawed human beings, will not be able to please everyone. I ask your trust in the Spirit.

I share with you a passage and prayer that I received this month from a special Cursillista friend. It echoes the plea of Pope Francis.

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*“He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” Mark 16:15*

**Lord, I ask You to use me to reach my city  
and the people who are in my sphere of influence -  
the vast mission field that surrounds my life every day.  
Give me the power and courage  
to start reaching them with the Good News.  
Help me see myself as Your missionary,  
sent to these people whom I know so well.**

*I choose this day to invest my time and energy into fulfilling my divine assignment to the glory of God.  
I declare this by faith in Jesus' name!*

With peace and blessings,  
Your Sister in Christ,

*Yvonne*

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan- OMCC President

*From Our Spiritual Advisor*

#### **A CROP TO BE HARVESTED BUT WHO BENEFITS?**

Jesus words in the gospel for the fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary time took me back to a time when I was parish priest in a citrus growing area of the Archdiocese. The fruit would ripen on the trees and then the pickers would go to work. Many were needed and so for a time the town saw many strange faces in the streets. Some of the itinerant workers were students from overseas. Others were men and women who moved from one part of the country to another as different crops reached harvest time.

What were important were the benefits that would flow from the harvested crop. The fruit would be packed for export and sent to the markets for sale. The growers would have income from the sale to support their families and orchards and pay the workers who picked the fruit. The final benefit was the enjoyment the consumer derived from eating a juicy orange, grapefruit or mandarin.

What did Jesus see that was ripe for the harvesting? As he said: the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to do the work.

We have a clue in the Genesis story of the beautiful garden God created as the home for his creatures especially our first parents, Adam and Eve. Here, God would stroll in the garden enjoying the company of those made in the divine image and likeness.

Even when Adam and Eve's wilful rejection of God affected their ability to see reality: they became frightened of the God who created them and loved them, and hid from sight. They became ashamed of their own appearance. But even though they lost the ability to see the goodness they were immersed in, the goodness was still there. The world God created was still rich with seed bearing plants, oceans with fish, and fields with animals. The sun and moon still shone. The world was always good and still is.

This goodness is the crop to be harvested. It is there for the benefit of all so that we can eat and grow strong and enjoy the company of others with whom we feast. One of the blind men Jesus cured in the course of his ministry said, in reply to Jesus asking him what he wanted: " Lord, that I may see again. "Again" is the operative word. Once this man had sight; he could see and had lost it. All of us in our world are just like that. Once we could see but then lost the ability. With the touch of Jesus' hand that sight will return.

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We are the workers to harvest the crop. All that we do is directed to assisting others to receive new sight from Christ. To see the superabundance all around. To be grateful for that divine largesse and enjoy all that flows from making use of it for God's glory and the benefit of others.

Shalom

*Fr Adrian Farrelly*