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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Here in the OMCC Executive Committee we have spent many hours preparing for our VII World Encounter. But there must always be time for balance in the tripod of Prayer, Study and Action.

This month I have been reading the Encyclical *“Lumen Fidei”* from Pope Francis, (given to me by one of my sons.) There is so much there that resonates in our Cursillo movement. I recommend your reading, but for now I will just share a few passages that spoke to me of Cursillo.

Faith becomes operative in the Christian on the basis of the gift received, the love which attracts our hearts to Christ (cf. Gal 5:6), and enables us to become part of the Church’s great pilgrimage through history until the end of the world. For those who have been transformed in this way, a new way of seeing opens up, faith becomes light for their eyes.

And further on:

Thanks to faith we have come to understand the unique dignity of each person. Faith teaches us to see that every man and woman represents a blessing for me, that the light of God’s face shines on me through the faces of my brothers and sisters.

Our charism , transmitted through friendship, shows us a new way of seeing the unique dignity of each person. And finally:

Faith is passed on, we might say, by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another. Christians, in their poverty, plant a seed so rich that it becomes a great tree, capable of filling the world with its fruit.

VII World Encounter:

We have now received over 150 registrations.

For those who have not sent flight details. Please send them to yvonnecarrigan@gmail.com . This will make it easier to plan the transport schedule.

International Groups:

It is with gratitude that I announce the new 'homes' for 2014-2017 of the following Groups:

APG -will be coordinated by KOREA

GECC- will be coordinated by SPAIN

I look forward to announcing the other coordinating countries (GLCC and NACG) when the information becomes available:

OMCC Directory:

Thank you for your cooperation in sending news for the OMCC Directory. All International Groups have the updated copy. This will be of assistance to Portugal when they begin their term of office.

The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady occurs the day after we post this Bulletin. I will close with words from Pope Francis in the Encyclical:

In the Mother of Jesus, faith demonstrated its fruitfulness; when our own spiritual lives bear fruit we become filled with joy, which is the clearest sign of faith’s grandeur. In her own life Mary completed the pilgrimage of faith, following in the footsteps of her Son.

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May your 4th day journey continue to be faith filled, guided by our Blessed Mother to her Son, as you sow the light of God's love among others.

As always in the peace of Christ,

Yvonne

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan- OMCC President

From Our Spiritual Advisor

In terms of canonised saints Australia is very young. We have just one. Her name is Mary MacKillop. Her feast day is 8 August the day she died in 1909 aged 67. On 17 October 2010 Pope Benedict XVI declared her Australia's first saint.

Like many others canonised Mary had a concern for education of children and gathered a group of like minded women around her and with the help of Fr Julian Tennison Woods the Sisters of St Joseph came into existence. The order is lovingly known in Australia as the "Josephites".

One of the best known sayings of St Mary of the Cross is: "never see a need without doing something about it." This is an attitude that every Cursillista can identify with.

Cursillistas look to what is happening directly in front of them to see how they can act like Christ who is counting on them as His apostles. Mary knew well what Jesus said "that whatever we do to the least of our brothers and sisters we do to him." How could she or any of her sisters ignore Christ present in all these situations?

We Cursillistas must ask ourselves the same question: how can we see someone in need of food, drink, company, a supporting voice when a person's dignity is threatened and not respond practically and compassionately.

This response is what has made the Church the reality for good that it has been down the centuries. Those hostile to the Church can rightly spotlight the evil perpetrated by Church leaders but none of that evil negates the good done. We can be vividly aware of our own sins but must never allow that awareness to stop us responding to all the needs we see and about which we can do something.

Shalom

Fr Adrian