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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Year of Faith closes on the Feast of Christ the Universal King. We think about Faith and how we as Cursillistas can carry that light of Faith. I share with you a story I read recently.

"Once upon a time, hundreds of years ago in a city of the East, a man was walking through the dark streets carrying a lighted oil lamp. The town was very dark on moonless nights.

At one point, he met a friend. The friend recognized him and asked: Bruno, why do you go with a lamp in hand, if you are blind?

The blind man said: I do not carry the lamp to see my way. I know the streets from memory. I carry the light for others to find their way when they see me .I light my own way and also help others to find their way with my light.

Lighting the way of the others is not easy. Many times instead of being light and enlightening others, they bring our own shadows. They are the shadows of discouragement, criticism, selfishness, arrogance, indifference, pride, envy, resentment"

"Never forget that the real power is in humility and service." (Pope Francisco)

Cursillo is a Lay Movement reaching out to those faraway from God and the Church. Cursillo is a missionary movement for people in the world, to build the Church of Christ in the world, to light the way for one another, and for those who need light.

We re- kindle our light with Group Reunion and Ultreya, so that we burn even brighter for those in need of light. We hold steady our tripod of Piety, Study and Action as we live in our many and varied environments.

World Encounter: The Palanca received is very heartening. Thank you to all those who are praying.

We have 183 registered to participate from 23 countries. Reports will be given by the Coordinators of each International Group and the OMCC Executive committee president.

Morning Prayer will be hosted each day by one of the International Groups. Eucharist will be celebrated each day, alternately in Spanish and English. The Closing Mass will be a fitting end to the Year of Faith.

Statutes /Fundamental Ideas 3: There will be a presentation of the work of these items given to the Encounter.

OMCC: The OMCC will hold its Third Ordinary meeting during the Encounter. Members from the 4 International Group committees will be present.

December: Our intention is to give a report of the Encounter with our next newsletter. Please continue to pray for the Cursillista brothers and sisters who will represent you at the Encounter. May the Spirit guide us to be worthy instruments of love and truth.

Always remembering you in prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

Yvonne.

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan – OMCC President

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From our Spiritual Advisor

In the first Eucharistic prayer for Reconciliation there are these words: "Help us to work together for the coming of your kingdom until the hour when we stand before you, Saints among the Saints, in the halls of heaven." This is a beautiful phrase and one worth contemplating at length especially at this time in November as we remember all those how have died and gone before us.

To be a saint however is something that is easily ridiculed, even by those who go regularly to Mass. The movies we enjoy as entertainment make sin look like the way to go to get the most out of life. The only people to be enjoying themselves are those who cheat on their husbands and wives, do drugs, cheat and lie, react violently to difficulties, betray confidences and manipulate others. If we have experienced any of this in our lives we know from first hand that this brings anything but enjoyment and happiness in any lasting way. People who live like this are described as gripped by vice. Anyone who has worked with wood and metal knows that a vice is a great tool in the workshop to keep the wood or metal we are working on firmly in place. But what is good for an inanimate piece of wood or metal is not great for a human being. We are not created to be locked into one place and unable to move.

God has created us to be free and that means move freely and easily. Practising virtue, living saintly and good lives, leave those who do it amazingly free. No one is seen as a threat because the way they live is something they would love everyone to embrace. Virtue does not tire you out or deplete your energies in the way the pursuit of vice does. You live without fear of secrets being divulged because you have no secrets. You never have a hangover or a bad reaction to virtue in the way alcohol and drugs can do. You are trusted by many because your word once given is not taken back or ignored.

We have celebrated All Saints day and All Souls day. All we remembered are with God, even if those in purgatory are still adjusting to the reality of the Father's face. Saintliness is always better than sinfulness, as the ones with God now know so well. They want us with them. Let us embrace that way of life with great enthusiasm and live the freedom God wants us to enjoy.

Shalom

Fr Adrian.