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Dear Friends in Christ,

This is an early edition as my husband David and I are en route to L'Hermitage, the ancestral home of the Marist Brothers in France. There we will stay in their first 'home' built by St Marcellin Champagnat himself, assisted by the first novices.

I want to recall a passage from Christifideles Laici 36....the person is the primary route that the Church must travel in fulfilling her mission: the individual is the primary and fundamental way for the Church, the way traced by Christ himself.

It has made me acutely aware that we can be effective in our environments, wherever they may be, by witnessing always to the love of God. He gives us paths to follow, people to guide, but in the end it is by our personal acceptance of these tools that we are most effective.

We, as Cursillistas, are privileged people. Through the charismatic inspiration of the Holy Spirit, received by one lay man, who sharing it with others, brought about the birth of Cursillos in Christianity, we have been given a wonderful gift to guide us- show the love of God to each person through friendship. Marcellin urged his brothers 'To make Jesus Christ known and loved.'

In working 24 years for, and with, the Marist brothers I endeavoured to understand and follow the Marist way of Simplicity, Humility, Modesty and Family Spirit - in the love of Mary.

I realise how blest I have been in the immersion of both these charisms.

No matter what divides us or what unites us, what we disagree about or what we decide on, - the love of God for each person never changes. This should be paramount within our Movement - we are merely the instruments chosen - yes chosen - to show that love. Let us pray for acceptance of each other in our differences, so that we can be the best effective witnesses of God's unconditional love for each person. Palanca is always needed -we are ineffective without it. Thank you for your commitment to this tool of the Cursillo. Thank you to those who have offered and are offering prayer and palanca for the 2nd Ordinary meeting of the OMCC.

In the July newsletter we will report on the outcomes of that meeting.

Until then,

Peace and blessings, and a request for your prayer for me in the Eucharist.

Your Sister in Christ,

Yvonne

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan - OMCC President