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Dear Friends

The first steps are not always the most important but, surely, they are the hardest.

Having started our mission as members of the Executive Committee on the 1th January, we have found some difficulties, especially in using all the "tools" properly.

That's why this newsletter is only published on this date with some delay. But, is "better late than never", as we say in Portugal.

Even finding the mission difficult, it was with tremendous enthusiasm that we start to work, because we are certain that the sweet Lord never fail us with His grace to fulfil it.

We have many objectives to reach: try to hold all together the MCC' family in the world, find in fidelity to the charisma the harmony among all, seek to launch the movement in countries where is not present yet, establish dialogue and links between the various International Groups and among the National Secretariats, present, translate and edit the new Fundamental Ideas, prepare reference texts that may be useful to the movement around the world, promote the VIII World Encounter to discuss and approve those texts, organize in 2017 the World Ultreya in Fatima.

It is therefore an ambitious programme and a goal that will require hard work to the Executive Committee and to the coordinators secretariats of the International Groups.

Because we much would like to establish closer relations between all, one of our first goals will be to organize a directory with the contacts of all National Secretariats and all linguistic Secretariats of the world.

For now, in this issue we let the names and contact details of the members of the Executive Committee and of the coordinators secretariats of the International Groups, expecting the collaboration of all cursilhistas in the world to rich the success of our task.

A fraternal embrace of all!

De Colores

Blessings

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SEED

This month of January, I wish to remind the whole family cursillista, the important gift of God which is the unity in Communion in the same spirit of humility and service.

In a world increasingly secularised and indifferent to God, if not hostile, results increasingly absurd and meaningless the lack of unity among Christ's followers. The division among Christians is a serious anti-testimony. Indeed, how can the non-believers accept the proclamation of the Gospel, if the Christians, even when referring to the same Christ, are at odds among themselves? The communion and unity among Christ's disciples is a particularly important condition for greater credibility and effectiveness of their testimony.

The commitment of Christian Unity is not only for some, or an ancillary activity of the Church. Each one is called to contribute, above all through prayer. This reflection regard to the proposal that the month of January shows to all Christians: the ecumenical dimension that Christianity takes on your concern of conversion and maturing in Faith and Charity, hoping that the sweet Lord help us in every effort undertaken for the unity of Christians.

Also the MCC accept this call and performs in various countries of the world a experience of “three ecumenical days”, in which the “kerygmatic” ad is shared by several participating Churches, in absolute respect for the specificities and the discipline of each confession present.

For all of us, the eighth days of pray for Christian Unity are, each year, a unique opportunity to bring the various Christian churches to pray together for the same intention: that God, in his goodness, should illuminate the churches with the gift of his spirit, so that they are Christians.

The modern ecumenical movement has its origins in the late 19th century and the early 20th century. In 1908, two Ministers of the Anglican Church, S. Jones and P. Wattson, were inspired to write a regular prayer for Christian Unity: thus arose the eighth days of pray.

Among Catholics, the forerunner of the ecumenical movement was Fr. Paul Couturier, a French Jesuit, the great booster of the eighth days of pray for Christian Unity.

We will respond with our unit to the question posed by Paul of Tarsus to the Corinth Church: «Is Christ divided?» (1 Cor. 1, 13).

For all a fruitful and blessed 2014!

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Pe. Senra

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MEETING OF THE OMCC'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTE N°-1

On January 18, 2014 the new Executive Committee of the OMCC met for the first time, to start another four-year term, now over the responsibility of Portugal.

After the opening prayer, there was a moment of sharing life, between all the elements, who want to be a real life group, in this noble task to which the Lord calls us.

This meeting was generally to treat organisational aspects, such as scheduling meetings and task distribution.

Was marked to be organizing in Portugal the VIII World Encounter World, and a World Ultreia in May of 2017.

Finally, there was a deep dialogue on recognition of all the work we have ahead of us. Aware of this, and with spirit and confidence, the meeting was finish, praying to God to help us on our mission.

The Secretary of the Committee,
Romy Raimundo