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# BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# February/March

### **SEED**

February began with the feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Them the 'Light of Nations' was recognized and praised by Simeon and Ana de Phanuel, representatives of the "Rest of Israel" who remained faithful to the intentions of God about the coming of the Saviour of the world.

In celebration of this feast, we used the symbolism of light. Thus, candles were blessed and lit, in an allusion to our membership and participation in Christ, «light of the world»; the One who became man for us and suffered, was crucified and buried; resurrected on the third day.

On this feast of light, always in a reference of the Easter Vigil, at which performs a very evocative rite: after blessed the "new fire", the Paschal Candle, from where we can give light to all men until the Church is completely flooded with light.

The Church that was previously dipped in darkness, now became illuminated... This rite represents excellently how spreads the light of the risen Christ, the Faith.

Jesus came into the world to spread the Gospel to all of mankind. To achieve this end, He didn't write any book as normally do the men who want to propagate a message: write a book with their ideas and then try to spread it. He, who created the man, knows very well our heart and know that what changes our life are not the words or arguments, but the testimonies and examples of happiness and liberation. Therefore, for proceed to proclaim the Gospel, Jesus sent witnesses. He called Peter, John, James and the other Apostles and sent them as witnesses in order to take Him to the world. The experience of finding ourselves with a witness of Christ is very special. Is the same like to find what's in the darkness of our lives, what we wanted, what we knew in advance, but we weren't able to express. That's what happened to Timothy, when he met Paulo, Polycarp or John. This is what experiment all that met themselves with the new Apostles of the 21st century. The same happen with us, in the joy of our Cursillos: evangelized converted into evangelizers; those who met with the witnesses of Christ, are now those who are with them.

In fact, the rite of light with that initiates the Easter Vigil and that we remember the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem, in this month of February, represents the way how the light of Christ can be transmit from person to person, witness the witness: «So let your light shine before men, that they may see your Good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven». (Mt. 5, 15)

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We pray that also through our Movement of Cursillos of Christianity, we can continue to propagate the liberating light of Christ, and that Mary may unite us and teach us how to accomplish this mission given by his Son.

De Colores!

Fr. Francisco José Senra Coelho

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## **WE ARE ALL CALLED**

When in a Cursillo we find Jesus, and we find out that the Lord loves us all, even when our live doesn't seem to have any merit, it is not possible to lose the enthusiasm that invades us.

In a Cursillo we make great discoveries, our weaknesses and limitations but also our vocation, the others and the Church, our environments... but the greatest of all discoveries is the love of Christ!

He loves us all equally. And He also calls us for equal. The Lord wants to count on us for that your Love reaches all men and women.

As St. Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians (1<sup>ft</sup> Cor. 13, 8) "Love will never pass. The prophecies will have their order, the gift of tongues end and science will be useless". God's love will never pass!

Jesus counts on each of us so that His love will never pass! Account with each of us for that His Love wins! So, it depends of our action, our enthusiasm, our apostolic ardour, to reach to all His love.

Is a plea of God to our personal sanctification!

Is our mission! It's not just our duty or a desire to be a good person. This is our obligation and should be our way of living in this world: transform the environments and making shine on them the Love that God has for everyone.

Acting in this manner will change for the better the environment that surrounds us. Moved to better the world, granting it the grace and joy of an experience of the Love of the Lord!

Christ is counting on us! And we are certain that with Him we always can count on!

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## **NEWS**

It is with great joy that we inform you that, during the month of March, will perform three Cursillos of Christianity for the first time in Uganda. It's one more African country that receives the movement through the generosity and commitment of a team composed by leaders of Gibraltar, Ireland and South Africa.

We hope that the discovery that these new brothers make the Love of Jesus Christ have multiplier effects and help to transform the environments of that country.

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# MEETING OF THE OMCC'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTE

### MINUTE N°-2

The Executive Committee of the OMCC met on February 28, 2014, in Fatima,.

After the opening prayer, was addressed the various items on the agenda that emphasizes the following subjects:

- 1. Decision that the newsletter start to be bimonthly until there is possibilities to develop and distribute timely;
- 2. Decision to request an audience to the Pontificium Consilium Pró Laicis for presentation of greetings and receiving practical guidance;
- 3. Taking knowledge of the composition of the cast of NACG;
- 4. Taking knowledge of the working method proposed by Álvaro Moreno to final version of Fundamental Ideas, which will be completed in August;
- 5. Appointment of Executive Committee meeting with International groups to the 13 day of September, in Fatima;
- 6. Decision to change the information contained in the "wikipedia" in Portuguese, English and Spanish languages;
- 7. Taking knowledge that the OMCC history file will be hand-delivered by Yvonne Carrigan, former President, in a trip she will do in August to Portugal.



