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European Ultreya!

With an organization that joined the GECC and the Italian National Secretariat, which celebrate its 50th anniversary, the III European Ultreya occurred in Rome from 30 April to 1 May.

These were days of great emotion and encounter between "*cursillistas*" from all countries of Europe where the CM is present and some representatives of several countries of North America and Latin America.



Speech of the Holy Father to the European Cursillo Movement

Help to discover the beauty of faith and life in grace that can live in the Church - asked the Pope Francisco to "Cursilhistas"

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I greet you, members of the movement of Cursillos of Christianity in Europe, and also the Bishops and priests that accompanying you. We came to Rome for your **Ultreia**, name that incorporates the ancient greeting of the pilgrims of Santiago of Compostela that cheered one another to "**go further,**" always "**more far**".

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This is for you a real meeting of friends, a fraternal prayer encounter, a real party where we can share the experience of the Christian life. I thank to your representatives who presented its objectives, the problems and prospects of your movement. On my part I would like to give you some helpful hints for your spiritual growth and your mission in the Church and in the world.

You are called to have fruits from the charisma that the Lord confided you, and who is in the origin of the Cursillos, within the group of initiators I can appoint **Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló**, and the then Bishop of Mallorca, **Juan Herbás y Benet**, that knew how to follow the growth of the movement with paternal care.

In the forties of the last century, they together with other young lay realized the need to reach out to others, showing them the desire for truth and the love that existed in their hearts.

These pioneers of your movement were authentic missionaries: they didn't doubt in taking initiative and, bravely approached people, involving them with sympathy and accompanying them on the path of faith with respect and love.

Following that example, today you would also announce the Good News of the love of God, approaching of your friends, the people that you know, your companions of study and work, so that they also can live a personal experience of the infinite love of Christ which liberates and transforms the life.

And it's so necessary to leave, without weariness, to find the faraway from God!

To help others to grow in faith, fulfilling a route of approach to the Lord, should try on us the goodness and tenderness of God. In fact, we have the natural desire to offer mercy when we experience the merciful love of the Father for ourselves (cf. ib. Evangelii Gaudium, 24).



The Lord wants to find us, inhabiting with us, be our friend and brother, our master who reveals the way to follow to get the true happiness. He doesn't ask us for anything in return, only that receives Him, because God's love is free, pure gift.

The encounter with Christ, and with the mercy of the Father that He gives us, is possible especially through the Sacraments, especially in the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

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In the Holy Mass we celebrate the memorial of His sacrifice: even today He really gives His body for us and pours His blood to redeem mankind. In Penance, Jesus welcomes us with all our limitations and sins, to give us a new heart capable of loving as He that loved until the end. (cf. Jn 13,1).

Another way is the meditation of the word of God, especially the Divine Word, through which we can listen to the Lord who shows us the way forward and encourages us in the face of the uncertainties and difficulties that life presents us.

Finally, we find the love of Christ in the Church, which witness in its various activities, the charity of God. Everything in the ecclesial community aims to get people the infinite mercy of God.

The method of evangelization of Cursillos was born precisely of this ardent **desire of friendship with God**, from which rises the **friendship with the brothers**. Since the beginning of the movement you understand that only by narrowing the genuine friendships, it was possible to prepare and accompany people in its way, a way that part from the conversion, passes for discovering the beauty of a life lived in the grace of God, and comes to the joy of becoming Apostles on everyday life. And so, since then, millions of people around the world were helped to grow in the life of faith.



In the current context of anonymity and isolation typical of our cities, it's so important the cozy and familiar dimension, on a human scale, that you offer with the **Group Reunion**. I hope you always can maintain the climate of friendship and brotherhood, praying and sharing **weekly** the experiences, successes and the apostolic failures.

It is important that these meetings of small groups can have special moments of openness to a greater social and ecclesial dimension, involving also other persons who, having had contact with the charisma, cannot usually participate in a group. The Church, in fact, is an "open-hearted Mother" which invites us sometimes to "stop", to "put away the anxiety of making eye contact and listen", the "resign to the special needs to join with those that are left alone". (Evangelii Gaudium, 46).

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Is so nice to help everyone, especially those that have more difficulty to live their faith, to stay in contact with this "Mother", always close to this great family friendly which is the Church.

I encourage you to go **"always further"**, **faithful to your charisma!** To keep alive the zeal, the fire of the Spirit that always drives the disciples of Christ to reach the away, the "get out of your own comfort and dare to reach all peripheries which require the light of the Gospel" (ibid., 20).

How beautiful is announce the all love of God that saves and gives meaning to our lives: help men and women of ours days to discover the beauty of the faith and the life of grace that can live in the Church, our Mother. And so will do, if you are docile, in an attitude of humility and confidence under the guidance of this Holy Mother who always looks for the sake of their children; If you're in tune with the pastors and united with them in the Mission of taking all to the joy of the Gospel.

The Virgin Mary, mother of divine grace, help you on your way and apostolate.

From the bottom of my heart and soul I give you my blessing and ask you to pray for me, please.

Rome, April 30, 2015-- *Pope Francesco*

This is the written speech of the Holy Father. At the hearing he made comments that are not transcribed here. To listen to the entire speech use this link:

<http://www.cursillosdecristiandad.es/audiencia-del-papa-francisco-al-movimiento-de-cursillos-de-cristiandad/>

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Speech of the OMCC's Executive Committee President on the European Ultreya

The Cursillos Movement (CM/MCC) was born in the forties of last century, one of the most turbulent periods in the History of Mankind, in a Europe devastated by war, in a world troubled by clutter, and avid of peace and more and more ignorant of the things of God.

In such era, Cursillos were an adequate response to the challenges that Europe was living then, especially in front of the growing De-Christianization that occurred along those days' time.

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It was not an easy task, and not always well understood, even within the Church, because the CM for those years was avant-garde (and as we all know, vanguard must to renew and to this must to be revolutionary).

The CM anticipated, in advance of many years, much of what came to become reality in the Church by the Council Vatican II. It was forefront, so it grew and gave fruit.

Based on its original charism, Cursillos Movement presented a proposal for a conversion and a challenge to holiness in normality. Holiness for men and women, in the simplicity of their daily living testimony. Being saint at home, being saint in the employment, and being saint in society. Being saint wearing suit and tie, or a worker's blue suit. Saint everywhere!

By promoting the encounter with oneself, a so special encounter with Christ, and the inevitable encounter with the others, the Cursillo transforms the life of thousands of men and women, and helps to sanctify the world, evangelizing the environments and the lives.

The Movement only loses efficacy when it separates itself from the charism and it changes its first and most important objective that is a person-to-person evangelization, through friendship, in order to ferment the Gospel in all environments.

As well, the world of today, and especially Europe, lives in difficult and troubled days. So for, we are once more called to be a nowadays forefront!



On a continent as Europe, in which laity opened paths to fundamentalism, somehow people wanted to "kill" the idea of God.

We must face this ours historical moment with courage. With courage and fearless.

Do not be afraid! Don't be afraid, said the Holy Father St. John Paul II.«Non abbiate paura!!!»

During his visit to Portugal, Pope Benedict XVI challenged the Christians saying that he was counting on us to the re-evangelization of Europe.

We will not be afraid, I say to you, because that's what our Pope Francis exhorts us to.

At the hearing granted to participants of the III World Congress of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities, on November 22nd, 2014, Pope Francis addressed us that "we

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must maintain the freshness of our charism, respect the freedom of each person, and always strive for communion” among Christians; and he also said we should not have the temptation to cage in the Holy Spirit because it passes through us to find creative answers to the formidable challenges of the contemporary world.

Sorry for my harsh words, but we did not lived the Cursillo experience to spend being just good people, to reduce our action to the attendance of the sacraments, or just to be helpers of our parish priest. Christ did not call us to a Cursillo to be "employees" of the Church, but to be messengers of the joy of the Gospel by our testimony of faith, and our quest for holiness in the normalcy of our lives. In the world!

That's it what Christ expects from us! He wants us to be His messengers close to everybody... near everyone!

And when I say everyone, I mean really everyone! The ones with more needs, the more fragile and, above all, the poorest of the poor: those who have nothing, for they have no God in their lives, since they are away from Him. It is to this what we are called, to take the love that Christ has for all. For all of us!

We ought to know be the Church of our days and for our days. Let's learn to be the Church for men and women of today! Here, and especially out there in the world, in Europe, in each Country, in our place, on the street where we live! Be saints and announce the love that God has for us, and which is revealed by His son Jesus!

We must keep us all united around our true charism, based on the Cursillos' Fundamental Ideas, now revised and edited in a new redaction. We are a Roman Catholic Church Movement recognized by the Holy See with the publication of the Pontifical Decree which approved our statutes.

Let us proclaim, loudly, the gift of our founding charism and, with our life, our voice, our gestures, be testimony of the life, voice and gestures of Christ to those who do not know Him yet.

Let us be, without fear, the vanguard of the Church of Christ alive, and agents of regeneration of our Europe.

Let's be like our admired friend, who called himself as a "Christian's Apprentice", and from whom the Bishop of Mallorca Monsignor Xavier Salinas, on February 5, 2015, began the first act of "The initiation process of Beatification and Canonization of Eduardo Bonnín".

Christ is counting on us!

Rome, May 1st – Francisco Salvador

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