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FUNDAMENTAL IDEAS OF THE CM - WORLD PRESENTATION

In Portugal in the city of Oporto on the last October 8th, occurred the World presentation of the book Fundamental Ideas of the CM with an audience of more than 700 people.

The ceremony was live broadcast over the web and can be seen on the websites of the OMCC (www.orgmcc.org) and Paulus Editora (www.paulus.pt/omcc) with translation in Spanish, English and Portuguese languages.

In this newsletter can be read the transcription of the communication at the time given by the President of the Executive Committee of the OMCC:



Introduction

It is with great joy that today the Executive Committee of the World Body of Cursillos, based in Portugal, organise the World presentation of the book Fundamental Ideas of the CM in its third version.

We appreciate the great hospitality of the Diocese of Porto, in the person of its Bishop Mons. António Francisco dos Santos, to the Diocesan Secretariat of the MCC, in the persons of their Coordinators Maria Josá and Joaquim Mota and his Spiritual Director, Father. Baptista, and to you all, as to the Paulus Editora, here represent by Father José Carlos Nunes that, with us, made possible this work come true.

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The book

The Fundamental Ideas (III) we can say that is the chart of a new course on approach to the most important ideas of Cursillos; is an **honest** and **noble** attempt to reconnect to the foundational ideas, where the Spirit was present among us, particularly in the person of Eduardo Bonnín.

We all know that sometimes the correct course and procedures of the first times, certainly with the best of intentions, here and there, especially in some latitudes, have diverted; this is normal, has occurred in many Church movements, and many of us don't even realize it.

The Church of Christ, and the successors of Peter, repeatedly urged that the movements must be faithful to its founding spirit, that is, the original charism, and gasp us not spare efforts to get back to our origins. "Stay faithful to the charism that fascinated you and it will lead more strongly to make you the servers of Christ the true Lord" told us Saint John Paul II.

Also the Pope Francis, last April in his speech to the *cursillistas* on the European Ultreya stated: "I encourage you to go 'beyond', always faithful to your charisma!" — and exhorted the participants of the III World Congress of the movements and new communities: — "Maintain the freshness of the charism, renewing it always as the first love"

Maybe, one day we can return to the freshness of the charism, the most pure and genuine charisma of Cursillos not untwist the will of God. I'm sure that's what we all want.



It was with that spirit that, after the VI World Encounter, held in São Paulo, that the Movement launched in this gigantic task of rewriting the FI, and look in the history, in mentality, on purpose, the ideas that give us identity. We are talking about ideas, ideas that lead us to think, to exercise the gift of understanding, using the criteria in place of the standard; ideas that help us set our course. It is very important to know where we come from, for the better we know the way **to where** we should go and **to who** we must serve.

No doubt that in this new FI we head more to the **person** than to the structures, in concrete and in a special way, we head to **the most far** from God.

Another reality very well marked in this book is that only by the **person we can convert the environment**.

The contents of this book relates the story of the Movement, highlights is charisma, reveals the mentality, purpose, strategy and method of the CM, presents the main aspects to be taken into account in the

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Precursillo, Cursillo and Postcursillo, and define the relations of the Movement with the Church and the world, and describes their service structures.

This is a compendium of wills.

It is the will of all of us. The contents of this book as we all know, was approved by the majority of the national secretariats present at the VII World Encounter held in Brisbane.

Step by step we write the story of mankind and, with this book, we take one more important step of the relationship of God to men and men to God that takes place through the Cursillos of Christianity.



New ideas/ ideas that became new Learn how to host

For some, these ideas are new, for others, it may seem that they are not different; for some was given a step beyond what should be, for others it was short of as far as we could go.

Anyway, the important thing is that the ideas are here, actually they have always been present in the Cursillos. The important thing is to know how to **accept them**, **reflect on them** and **apply them** in life of Cursillos. Is a great challenge for Schools of Leaders. There will probably be those who've studied the Cursillos for many years, but that will have to go back to study it again. That only magnifies the man.

Will be of the most importance that all the structures of the movement know perfectly and deeply their bases and put it in place in a coherent and universal way. It's a job for all the national and diocesan secretariats, Schools of Leaders, Ultreyas and groups.

The Edition

We chose a global editing

According to the statutes of the World Organization, approved by the Holy See in December 2014, is aim of the OMCC to "preserving the CCM in its faithfulness to its charism and the book "Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement" (FICM), fruit of the World Encounters and official expression of the Cursillo movement".

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It is therefore of the utmost importance at this moment! For the first time in its history, the Cursillos movement prepared the publication of his book Fundamental Ideas on an **issue worldwide**.

The statutes provide that priority should be: "to promote the CCM to a more incisive and vital presence in the contemporary world and circumstances", and reserving the competence which this document assigns to the Executive Committee, in the person of its President that "retains the right to authorize, review and approve any translation of official documents of the World Encounters or of the book FICM whether in the original language or any translation" and to who is given the responsibility to "will authorize only one official translation in each language".

Responding to these challenges, the Executive Committee concluded a contract with the Paulus Editora, one of the most important Catholic publishers in the world, deployed in every continent, and that brings us a stamp of quality and rigor of an editorial stamp reference.

It is our goal to maintain the fidelity to the content approved on Australia during the VII World Encounter, and its final text approved by OMCC in Fatima in 2014. To this purpose, the edition will always be the same, one translation, one Publisher, and always with the approval of the President of the Executive Committee. Right now we have editions of the book in Spanish, English and Portuguese, and is soon we will have editions in Italian, German, Hungarian and Korean

All orders of books must be requested to Paulus, through its global network or directly to the OMCC. In defense of Cursillos, will not be permitted to publish all or part the contents of the Fundamental Ideas book, whose rights were previously reserved.

Conclusion

As can be read on the back cover, "this book is not a "bible" and must be read regarding the seventy-years of the Movement's history, the history of the Church, and the current world historical context. Does not fully develop all the contents of the charism, the purpose, methodology and the structures of the Movement and can be completed and supplemented by other contributions, but their study and knowledge is indispensable for all who, loving Christ, loving their Church, serve God and man through this wonderful Movement".

With that book, I hope that one day we can recover the "freshness of the charism", as God gave it in the first days of the Cursillos of Christianity!

De Colores!

Francisco Salvador
OMCC's Executive Committee President

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CM in Africa

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Let's help the CM to spread in Africa!

If we all want we will get teams and means to perform more Cursillos in Africa and in others places in the World where the CM has not yet arrived.

Volunteers are required to form teams and money to organize and perform Cursillos in a continent eager to God.

Help with your prayer and sacrifice, but it is also very necessary to the monetary support.

We just ask that each one contribute with a monetary unit in your country (1 euro, 1 dollar, 1 pound, 1 ...). Together we are millions!

Make your contribution directly to your <u>diocesan secretariat</u> or using the bank account:

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