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GECC ENCOUNTER – Freising (Germany)

SOME NOTES FROM THE GECC ENCOUNTER IN FREISING, 2016

Date: We met from the 7th to the 10th of April, at Easter time. Perhaps it wasn't a coincidence, we were called to meet as we were celebrating the triumph of the Risen Lord. Our movement has to be united in Him, we confront our mission from Him, we walk towards others with Him...

The venue: Freising, original home of the actual diocese Freising-Munich. A small old town, very nice, a few kilometers from the large town of Munich. It also has the oldest brewery in the world! We stayed at the Pallotti Hauss, house of the Pallottine family, founded by Vincent Pallotti, an Italian priest, in the nineteenth century.

Participants: 47 leaders of 11 National Secretariats from the GECC. Germany, Austria, Croatia, Spain Gibraltar, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and the Czech Republic. The big news was the participation for the first time in a GECC Encounter of CM in South Africa, our sister and brother Karon and Rob. Thanks to the generosity of Cursillistas from Munich, who paid the long trip from South Africa, we could enjoy their presence, their enthusiasm for the CM, the beautiful journey that our Movement is tracing in Africa at this moment...



The atmosphere: Fantastic. Our friends from Munich welcomed us so great and all the Encounter took place in friendship, closeness, respect and freedom. In the European Encounters there are always language barriers: all the speeches have to be translated to English and Spanish, and we always work in different groups depending on the language... But we also talk with the Cursillo's language, the language from the heart...and that is what allows us to communicate, to understand the differences between us, we learn from each other, we encourage each other...and together we meet the Lord.

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The work performed: the motto of the Encounter was “CALLED TO GO FURTHER AWAY”. The intention was to start off from the Pope Francis words in the Ultreya in Rome, focusing FI3Ed as a basic tool to “go further away” and considering the importance of the people (leaders) and the structures of the CM (Schools and Secretariats) for that path. We organized three working sessions, one of each of these three themes. Frances Ruppert, former president of the OMCC, offered us a first reflection on the valuable guidance from the words of the Pope Francis, of who we are and how we must act as an evangelizing movement in the society of nowadays. In the second session, Francisco Salvador, current president of the OMCC, presented very clearly and with power, the meaning, the enormous relevance and the exciting challenge of the new edition of IF for the entire CM. Finally, the coordinator of the GECC, Alvaro Martínez, guided the work about the leaders, the Schools and Secretariats, which are the essential elements to take, study and apply the FI3Ed and like that, be able to take CM further away. With a special note on the incorporation and participation of young people in CM...one of the biggest challenges we face in Europe. In each of the three sessions, we worked in six groups, one German, two Spanish and three in English, in which we pondered and discussed, we shared, experiences and concerns and finally we reached to the conclusions that we all shared.



Conclusions: Grouped into three sections corresponding to the three working sessions, with final agreements. We intend that you offer this as proposals for discussion and work to all the National and diocesan Secretariats of each country of the GECC, to each school and groups of CM. In relation to the first session, there was a general agreement on the importance of the Pope’s words and a selection of the most significant, guiding and enlightening phrases of his speech. Among the two most important, one of the beginning of the speech. *“You are called-you did not choose first, no, you were chosen-to make the most of the charism that the lord entrusted to you and which is at the origin of Cursillos de Cristiandad”* And the other one from the end. *“Pray, ask. Prayer: without prayer no movement can go forward. No One!*

In the second block, the agreement on the basic way to accept, study and apply FI3Ed. Searching and sharing resources, materials and methods so all the leaders, personally and in a communitarian way, get engaged with enthusiasm in this journey. The third block, in addition to the importance of clarifying adequately what are the leaders, the schools and the Secretariats, we emphasized on the Young people, the need to bet on them and look for new ways to reach to them and integrate them into the CM. An important final agreement: to maintain the relationship with our brothers and sisters in Africa. Doesn’t matter how, but until the International Group of Africa is formed, they must continue walking together with us.

It has really been an **Encounter DE COLORES...**

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“The spirit that moved us in Freising”

In this town of the German Bavaria, we celebrated from the 7th to the 10th of April, our European Encounter of the Christianity Cursos (GECC).

Remembering what we lived and shared those whom were there and as information for the rest, I would like to do a reflection of the spirit that moved us to live this Encounter of prayer, reflection and study, fraternal sharing and renewed commitment. Two central themes were lived in the Encounter.

First, the message of Pope Francis in the recent III European Ultreya. Let’s highlight some phrases that motivated our reflection and commitment.

1. It resounded, as if we were hearing it once again, the enthusiastic voice of the Pope reminding us our apostolic vocation in the CM. *“You are called-you did not choose first, no, you were chosen-to make the most of the charism that the Lord entrusted”*. This awareness renew our vocation and made us experience the joy of the free vocation that the Lord has given and entrusted to us. Gratitude as a faithful response and renewed commitment.

2. This call is for an evangelizing mission. *“Today you want to proclaim the Good News of God’s love... How necessary it is to go out, to go ever further, never tiring, to meet those who are said to be distant!”*. How clearly the Pope Francis confronts us with our charism, which is the origin of Cursos, *“it is called to grow because the Holy Spirit makes it grow”*. This creative fidelity leads us to trust the Holy Spirit, so surprising, and who guides and accompanies us with his presence.

3. The need of the testimony in the mission. For this, *“it is important to experience in the first person the goodness and tenderness of God... Communicate what the Lord has done for me, with so much tenderness, with so much goodness, with so much mercy. This is the testimony”*. This truth woke up our conscience to follow the path that takes us to a joyful meeting with Christ and the Father’s mercy. And we remembered the need to put the media that the Pope gave us: the sacraments, meditation on the Word of God, charity for Works of mercy. This is the true testimony.

4. The hopeful and enthusiastic desire. The Pope said, *“I encourage you to keep pressing forward, faithful to your charism. To keep alive the zeal, the flame of the Spirit who always urges the Disciples of Christ to reach those who are distant”*. Yes. We have renewed with hope and enthusiasm this command of the Pope, go out and look.

The Pope thanked us for the meeting and all we do for the Church. We appreciate the Pope for his message, which renews and stimulates us to go always further. And he has always got our prayer as he asked us to.



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The second point was the new edition of FI 3. We shared and discovered that FI3 isn't just a book, it's the official expression of the CM, no doubt, but above all, it is the living history of a renewed spirit of the CM that impels us to be and live in communion what we are and what we must do.

We know it has been a long and difficult road to reach to the approval and publication of the book. Now we have the mature fruit of this process. Now it is up to each one of us, as Secretariats and Schools, responsible and leaders of CM, to welcome them, ponder them and apply them. This is our challenge.

Welcome them. Not only hold it in our hands, but also receive it with enthusiasm, with a heart that receives it with joy and hope in communion.

Meditate them. We need to know them perfectly from all the structures of the Movement, deepen in the doctrine and become into the spirit that transmits a renew mode to today's Church, world and CM.

Apply them. It is to put it in practice in a consistent and universal way. It is the reference in communion that must give life to our being and task in the CM.

We have shared the joy and hope that this edition of FI. 3 is and will be for our CM. We have shared the commitment of living it in communion because that is the base of our credibility. We thanked God because we have experienced the Spirit of the Lord with and among us.

There has been much more in this meeting of the GECC but this reflection that I share with all of you can be a grace of God that enriches our communion.

Ultreya!

Father Manuel María Hinojosa
Spiritual director of the GECC

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A SELFIE WITH GROUP

"That all may be one" were the optimistic words from the Master in his last moments with the disciples expressing more a wish and a request to the Father than a strict order.

These days that we have spent in Freising with the occasion of the meeting of GECC, we have become a small and heterogeneous community that has shared prayers, food, fun, music and the sacraments. We were joined by an idea, to bring the Gospel to others within the Church and with the method we love, the Cursillo Movement.

For the first time since I did my Cursillo, 28 years ago, we have in Cursillos a set of elements that bring us increasingly to Jesus' desire to be "all one" and add up energies in the same direction, which are: A very correct speech from the Pope to the cursillistas the last day of April this year, a Pontifical Decree, some Statutes dated less than two years ago and especially the third edition of Fundamental ideas. I agree with the speech of Francisco Salvador, president of the OMCC, saying, paraphrasing the Pope, those not to accepting the best fundamental ideas better open the door and close it out.

On the way back home on the plane, I found the same flight attendant who took me there and, believe me, it is a remarkable coincidence. I had spoken to her and had told her where I was going, what was the Cursillo Movement and why I belonged to it. She got interested and asked me for the dates of the following cursillos this course. On the way back I felt immensely happy to tell her how had gone our meeting and no longer speaking for myself, you were the once who were counting how beautiful and cheerful that is life with Christ.

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Thinking about the different realities of the Movement in Europe I recalled an anecdote about 12 or 13 years ago. It was Sebastian Gayá undressing after Sunday mass and the cursillo already ending when the priest who had concelebrated with him and it was quite younger than he said, "*Do you realize, Sebastian, that what we see in all cursillos some priests have not ever seen it?*", what Sebastian, turning his head and charitable spoke certainty with which he replied, "*and we are not better than them*".

Thomas Merton says that love is the most transforming power of humanity. That keeps me optimistic expectations regarding the Redeemer to the unit, and in the meantime, I'll take the selfie.

**De colores!**

Paco Sanz
 GECC's Treasurer

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