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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Greetings my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many of you it is summer holiday time - Happy travels. Here in Australia it is winter – not so very cold, sunshine and clear skies for most of us. I continually thank God for the freedom and gifts He has given us in this ‘down-under’ land.

Palanca:

You will remember that I asked for your prayers for a successful outcome from the July meeting of the Fundamental Ideas Commission. Please continue those prayers, ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment, and plead with our Good Mother Mary to ask of her Son peace and unity among all members. It is so important that we do the very best we can for the Movement; that we safeguard the Charism, and produce a publication that is clear, easy to read and acceptable to all.

To all those who send information and requests for Palanca through our gmail/website. Whilst we do not acknowledge each one personally we know that Palanca secretaries throughout the Cursillo world advise their communities, and of course, we of the OMCC executive keep you always in Palanca.

Pope Benedict XVI said recently “...Our task remains the same as at the dawn of our history. The mission has not changed, just as the enthusiasm and the courage that moved the Apostles and the first disciples must not change.” He went on to remind us that the faith was not a uniform to put on and take off at will, but rather “something alive and all-encompassing, able to take up all that is good in modernity.”

In the Study of the **Charism** – Chapter 7- we read:

Cursillos of Christianity is a lay Church Movement. ... Cursillo came from the Lay apostolate of bringing the Good News, specifically to the environments in which everyone lives.A lay path is designated because the strategy focuses on the individual and the environments, rather than on structures. The Movement now, more than ever, must be anchored in the faith that lives in close union, cordiality and friendship with everyone.

Again I urge you to continue your study of the **Charism**.

A delicate subject: Yes – affiliation fees. Your International Groups do a great service for our movement through their commitment and care of the countries in each area. They have limited budgets, depending on the affiliations fees of each country within their regions.

If any country has not paid their affiliation fee, and is financially able to do so, it would be of immense help to those executive committees if you could make sure you are up to date with those fees.

We do pray that the Lord will provide, and certainly trust that He will tend to all our needs, but fees are a secular concern that we must address ourselves!! We in the OMCC executive are extremely grateful that our 4 International groups enable us to continue with their contribution each year.

Next month I will return to some of the topics I want to cover this year – Love; Conviction; Sincerity.

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Until then – may we all remain united in prayer, especially through the Eucharist.

Peace and blessings

Your sister in Christ,

Yvonne

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan – OMCC President.

From the pen of our Spiritual Advisor:

In recent times I have renewed my acquaintance with the writings of Frank Sheed, a lay theologian, writer and speaker who sharpened his skills at communicating the faith by speaking in parks and on street corners in England and other countries to all and sundry. This was his time as an active member of the Catholic Evidence Guild.

One of his books has the intriguing title “Theology and Sanity”. The central thesis is that intellect is often neglected by believers as part of their life of faith preferring to concentrate on the will. The will is that part of each person that directs such activities as loving and desiring. Intellect, on the other hand, deals with knowing what something is or who someone is. At times people speak with approval of the uneducated person with strong faith as if this is the preferred position. While not denying that uneducated people can have strong faith and be great disciples.

The word “intellect” is used these days as if it is a gift that only certain people possess. Everyone has intellect in the same way that they have a nose and a mouth. What is needed is that the intellect is used well and is healthy. This is what Sanity is.

The intellect is used to know reality. One of the essential elements of the Christian life lived by a committed Cursilista is study. The study of the committed Cursillista needs to aim at knowing reality. What is reality? It is seeing the whole picture and knowing the relationships that exist between the different parts. To come to understand what is real, God must be in the picture. God is the source of all that is. As we profess, God created everything out of nothing. Without the ongoing creative activity everything would return to nothingness. God must be in the picture. If God is not in the picture, in a person’s understanding of reality, then we can be like people who study the eye but do not know it in context as part of the face. We can list many things about it but we do not know what it is.

This is the state of many people in today’s world. They know many things about the world and society but are ignorant of the context. This is what the Church, as the way Christ continues his presence in time and space, gives to the world: what everything is in relation to God.

Shalom,

Fr Adrian