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As it was announced, our newsletter, from this month on, will count with the collaboration of the International Groups. This collaboration will enrich the content and permit a greater proximity of all cursilhistas to the structures that represent them.

In this edition we will have the GECC's contribution that below publish.

A MEETING “DE COLORES” IN TOLEDO (SPAIN)



In November, from the 13th to the 16th, we had a meeting in Toledo where representatives of Ireland, Czech Republic, Holland, Germany, Gibraltar, Italy, Portugal, Austria, Hungary and Spain met to celebrate the European Meeting of Cursillos with the main purpose to reflect upon the role of the MCC in the new evangelization proposal that our Pope Francis mentions in the *Evangelii Gaudium* and we worked on how we could give an impulse to the MCC in Europe.

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To perform this proposal, we developed several blocks to work on with three clear lines of action:

- First: Analyze the situation of Cursillo Movement in Europe nowadays, recognizing its weaknesses and enhancing its strengths.
- Second: Have knowledgement and asume the last two documents of MCC approved as tools to help us deepen in our identity and mantain us together:
 - The third edition of Fundamental Ideas.
 - The Statute of the OMCC.
- Third: Review and promote the current projects, such as the support of the “African Project” and the development of new actions that leads us to a more active presence of MCC in Europe, trying to take MCC to new countries (France, Poland) y strengthening its performance in those where it is already present.



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We could summarize the final conclusion of this meeting in the following points:

a) We all recognize the potential that the Cursillo Movement has now days, in today’s Church and can provide a method that helps “to deepen the Kerygma” as requested by the Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*.



b) We assumed that we aren’t taking the most out of the potential of the MCC. We have different realities, it isn’t active in all the countries, we all have a road ahead.

c) We committed ourselves to work more actively in each of our countries to expand the MCC, starting in our environment, in our groups, in our school of leaders and secretariats.

d) We know tha communion begins with communication, so we proposed to use all the resources that the new media offers to mantain contact and to share different materials.

e) Finally, we acknowledge that only through prayer and working together, we can perform all our objectives. And we pledge to join in this common path: work and prayer.



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The first of May is close by, when the whole community of cursillos of Europe will have the first Meeting in Rome with the Pope Francis in the Hall Paul VI and where we also will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cursillos in Italy. We encourage you to participate in this event, not only the 7000 people that can attend, but with the power of prayer of the millions of cursillistas around the world.



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SOME THOUGHTS TO KEEP IN MIND

At the GECC meeting held last November in Toledo, we had the opportunity to reflect, to share, to communicate, but also to pray together through the Word of God and the Eucharist. I would like to share with you some memories that come to my mind.

1. MCC now days. We have consolidated the importance and need of MCC at this moment of the new evangelization in each of our countries. And we have renewed our thrilled love in our service for the MCC, deciding to live, encourage and build up communion among all of us, as that is the way the people will believe in our evangelization mission, having a common reference, the new Fundamental Ideas. We have received from the Church a unique heritage that is Cursillos and they trust in us to give abundant fruit. It is our responsibility now to carry it on.

2. A spirit full of joy. Our job and meditation about what are the essentials in our MCC, which is the joyful proclamation of the Kerygma, has to be approached with joy. Our Pope Francis reminds this to us in the E.G when he says *“this must be the centre of the evangelizing action... because it is the main announcement, the one we always have to listen to and always must announce again”*. It is an encouragement and statement as if it has been said to our Movement, which must awaken our enthusiasm to strengthen our position in the essentials of our charisma and our being as MCC, which is the first announcement, as the Pope keeps saying: *“nothing is as solid, deep, secure, dense and wise as this announcement”* (pages 164 and 165). Enthusiasm because this evangelizing action is what the Church of today asks our Movement to do.

3. In communion. The Pope Francis in the E. G. emphasizes the importance of having a spirit of communion, charity and fraternity, if we truly want to live as evangelizers in the Church, “within the people of God and in the different communities, ¡how many wars!, he says, to the Christians of all the communities of the world, I would specially like to ask you for a testimony of fraternal communion that becomes attractive, radiant, that all admire you how you take care of each other..., how you encourage and accompanied one another...let’s ask the Lord to make us understand the law of love” (pages 98-1101).



4. With responsibility. The MCC is a great heritage we have received and as it has been given to us as a gift of God. We are not the owners of Cursillos, it’s not our property. We have been entrusted to use it the best we can, giving the best of it to the Church, so it is useful for the new

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evangelization, leading and taking many men and women to an encounter with Christ, making possible that new men and women live the “joy of the gospel” and may be the leaven in our society and go creating Christian groups and communities. We will be asked to give notice of this gift given to us. Do not disappoint the hopes of the Spirit that has entrusted us. Work with joy this task that is Cursillos, not for us as if we were the owners or for our sake but for the sake of the Lord’s Church. This is our responsibility.

These are attitudes that come in handy to remember and live, so that between all of us, Cursillos is what it is and what the Church asks for and waits from us.

Manuel María Hinojosa Petit
 GECC Spiritual adviser

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Fundamental Ideas - Conclusions of some of the chapters

As in the previous Newsletter, We publish the conclusions of the fifth and sixth chapter of the new Fundamental Ideas.

CHAPTER 5 THE STRATEGY OF THE CM CONCLUSION

A. Understanding the strategy to understand the method

The CM is constituted as an ecclesial movement from its charism and from its shared mentality which focuses on a particular purpose by means of a specific method. In order to properly develop such action it is necessary to have a suitable strategy which should be understood and known (its basic options and development).

B. Knowing the strategy to properly apply the method

The application of the method is always reviewed and carried out from the basic assumptions of the strategy. Without a global vision of the purpose and the basic strategic plan of the CM, the application of the method could be distorted.

CHAPTER 6 THE METHOD OF THE CM CONCLUSION

A. The method of the CM enables effective evangelizing action

The method of the CM, which is an essential element of its identity, a function of the life of the Movement, enables the Movement to perform fruitful and effective action appropriately.

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B. The method has the capacity to adapt to diverse realities and circumstances.

Correctly understood in its entirety, the method has the capacity to adapt to the realities and circumstances of the world today and in a variety of situations, be an effective instrument of evangelization

C. The method makes the triple encounter possible

It enables people to encounter self, Christ and others; to come to know God's unconditional love and to share this love with others; to make possible the transformation of the environments in the light of the Good News of God's love.

D. The method needs to be applied appropriately.

Those that are leaders in the CM, by being so, need to know, appreciate and respect the method properly to be able to apply it in the most appropriate manner to the purpose of the Movement.

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