



Terrasa, 25th of January, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters of the National Secretariats of the European Group of the Cursillos of Christianity Movement,

I greet you all with affection and I am at your disposal from the first moment I have been incorporated into the European Group as the Spiritual Advisor. The CCM is familiar to me. I was 17 years old when I did my Cursillo in Barcelona. Since then, I have been a member of the CCM as a militant, leader and counselor, and I believe, that the charism and the method have profoundly marked my live and my pastoral work.

As you know, we are at a crucial moment of the history of the Church and the humanity: times of globalization, of profound transformations, of a continuous cultural evolution, immersed in a seemingly unstoppable process of secularization, especially in our beloved Europe. We are aware of our poverty and smallness, and we try to live the present with realism and hope. Now, if the difficulties are great, the missionary mandate of our Lord resonates inside us with greater strength, and conscience that we are called to live as an outgoing Church that goes towards the geographical and existential peripheries to proclaim the Gospel, in communion with our good Pope Francisco.

I sincerely believe that today more than ever, we are called to offer the Church and the world our charism and our service of evangelization, because the men and women of nowadays are called to listen to the proclamation of the kerygma, the announcement of God's love, the invitation to a new life. The Church counts on us to evangelically ferment the current environments. Full of confidence in the Lord, we will continue rowing out to sea and casting nets although the sea is agitated and with difficulties. We commend ourselves to the Virgen Mary, star of the new evangelization, and to the Apostle Saint Paul.

With my blessing and a big hug.

De Colores!

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