

**MOVEMENT OF CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY
FIRST EUROPEAN ULTREYA
ADDRESS BY ST. JOHN PAUL II
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His Holiness John Paul II greets with particular affection the organizers and participants in the 1st European Ultreya of the Cursillos of Christianity Movement, which is being held in Seville on the occasion of the XLV International Eucharistic Congress, and encourages them to remain faithful to the grace received and always to be witnesses of genuine evangelical values in European societies so that, reviving the Christian roots of this continent, a Europe of man and for man, in the fullness of his rights and fraternal solidarity, may be built.

At the same time, the Holy Father encourages them to make this anniversary an auspicious occasion to give a decisive impulse to the tasks of the new evangelization, renewing the apostolic commitment, which is incumbent upon every baptized person, to promote peace, justice, and authentic progress, based on genuine freedom, that is, on the choice that springs from an upright conscience. Likewise, His Holiness exhorts all cursillistas to a growing Christian formation and active participation in the liturgical and charitable life of the Church, collaborating with the pastoral initiatives of each diocese.

With these wishes, and under the merciful gaze of the Virgin Mary - the Star of the new evangelization, the Supreme Pontiff raises fervent prayers that the Lord may make the work of this ecclesial encounter very fruitful while, as a pledge of constant divine assistance, he gladly imparts the implored Apostolic Blessing.