MOVEMENT OF CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY 4TH WORLD ULTREYA MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, USA, 01.08.2009

The Holy Father sends his cordial greetings and good wishes to all gathered in Anaheim, California, for the IV World Ultreya of Cursillos in Christianity.

He joins Cursillistas from around the world in thanking God for all that the movement has done to enrich the lives of the faithful, enkindling in them the fire of love that becomes the energy of mission.

At the same time, the Holy Father invites this great international assembly to seek the light and strength of the Holy Spirit to respond even more effectively to the urgent challenge of the new evangelization, offering correct catechesis and ongoing faith formation to those young Catholics who yearn to know Jesus Christ and the power of his resurrection even more thoroughly.

Aware of the immense contribution that the Cursillo Movement has made to the renewal of the Church, promoting the universal call to holiness and the prophetic witness incumbent upon all the baptized, His Holiness prays that the World Ultreya will inspire in young and older Cursillistas a renewed commitment to Christ and His Church, and a more active engagement, for the extension of God's reign of Truth, Justice, and Peace.

With these sentiments and great affection in the Lord, the Holy Father gladly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of the gifts of the Spirit, Wisdom, Joy, and Peace.