

A third intervention of Paul VI concerning Cursillos will be on the occasion of the 2nd WORLD ULTREYA held in 1970 in Mexico City, in the framework of the 2nd World Encounter and the 2nd Latin American Encounter, and as a worthy finale of these. As we did with the 1st World Ultreya, because of the deep meaning of the Pope's Message, we reproduce below the complete text of his words on that occasion:

**MOVEMENT OF CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY
SECOND WORLD ULTREYA
MESSAGE OF SAINT PAUL VI
MEXICO, 21.05.1970**

Cursillistas of Christianity, beloved Brothers and Sons: Great joy and consolation we feel at this time to be able to extend our spiritual presence through these words and to Mexico City, so dear and beloved, today converted into a scenario before the world of a particular event: the Second World Ultreya of the Cursillos in Christianity. You have come by all roads, faithful to a pilgrim conception of your ascetic style, to celebrate under the light of the Spirit and the wise counsel of your Pastors, a fraternal encounter of study and prayer.

This is not the first time that we address you. Allow us to recall the voices of another meeting at the Vatican, whose echoes still resound with the same firmness and emotion that you knew how to give to the promises to be apostles, to bear witness to the beauty of the Church, to carry out the program of the Council. Now, too, we would like to comfort you with our words - brief and simple - but dictated by love.

In scrutinizing the concerns of the world that you wish to bring to Christ, we observe an indisputable fact: the interest of the new generations in healthy and pure ideals in the men who incarnated them. Can we Christians, with just hope, look at these symptoms with a spirit of faith to adapt our message to the consoling realities that are announced to us? The answer is a pleasant affirmative, and the mission of the Christian will be to persevere in the effort to reconcile the activity of the apostolate with a new situation that demands precise, just, accurate, and complete solutions.

In this task, the apostle must find a vital affirmation that stems from his own experience, from the ideals most familiar and closest to the core of his Christian life. And what is the closest, most familiar ideal for a Christian? The answer is only one: Christ.

He is the Son of God who becomes Man among men; we find him, above all, at the side of those who suffer, of children, of the poor to offer them health, the kingdom of heaven, the extraordinary richness of possessing God; we see him walking the ravines and climbing the steep slopes saying to those who follow him: "I am the Way of Truth and the Life" (Jn.14:6). The people, dazzled, call him "Savior," "Master," "Lord." Jesus of Nazareth is fascinating, and his figure has remained in the Gospels as the ideal of the perfect man. To follow in his footsteps is to walk through the world doing good.

Christians have to accelerate the times of the conformation of the present man to the model of Christ with a peculiar impulse and style. What force compels them to it? The

strength of their interior life is nourished by participation in the sacraments of the Church, especially in the Eucharist. You have to present the face of a faithful model, the immense sympathy of a sublime and lofty ideal. This is a task that you must undertake starting from your friendship with Jesus, your knowledge of Him, and your Christian configuration. You know it very well, you, Cursillistas of Christianity, who have made Christ the Friend, the Master, the Lord.

Your life thus begins a new stage: that of witnessing. It is legitimate to ask yourself where to direct your energies and apostolic activities. It will not be challenging to find the fields for your generous desires. We will remind you, especially of love in the family the sanctification of the Christian home, which is the kindest and closest nucleus of life.

Also, bring Christianity, with full hands, to the professional environment of your work. An authentic form of Christian witness is concrete commitment, sustained by grace and in collaboration with all people of goodwill and disposed to building a society in which actual human promotion is possible in applying social justice and respect for the dignity and fundamental freedoms of all.

Together with your Pastors, study the ways suitable for the spread of the Gospel. But above all, be faithful sons and daughters of the Church. The world seeks unity of thought, solutions, doctrine, and ideals. Remain always with the Church, loyal to her orientations, sure that in this way, the projection of your Christian life will have both unity and clear and attractive signs of authenticity and efficacy.

Courage, Cursillistas!

Go on pilgrimage on the roads of the world bearing on your face, with firmness and serenity, the divine seal of grace. May your friendship with Christ flourish worldwide with a thousand colors. May Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Paul the Apostle, whom We have declared your heavenly Patron, help you always to live these Christian ideals.

With these wishes and as a pledge of abundant graces from heaven receive, Mr. Cardinal of Mexico City, venerable brothers in the Episcopate, dear priests and cursillistas attending the Second World Ultreya, a special apostolic blessing that we extend with all our hearts to your relatives and companions.