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One of the most straightforward principles of OMCC 23-27 is the service to unity in the diversity of the Cursillo Movement worldwide. And to advance in this path of unity and communion, it was understood that it was necessary to have a global communication network in the Movement, which would allow contact, mutual knowledge, and exchange of experiences, concerns, and projects in all the realities and structures of the Cursillo Movement. In this communication network, a fundamental part is the direct relations between secretariats, international groups, and the OMCC itself, and we are working on it, mainly through virtual spaces. On the other hand, it also relies on the availability of open channels that allow the exchange of information and mutual knowledge among the whole Cursillista family: this is intended to be achieved especially with the OMCC website and social networks (also outlined on this bulletin), where all the information received from the international groups and national secretariats around the world is collected. So, initially, the creation of an OMCC Newsletter was not contemplated, as communication would be channeled through virtual spaces. However, when talking with others, the question

was raised: Why not? Could it not be one more channel? Could we not have another instrument of information that would allow us to reach more people? Would it not contribute to the project? Well, why not? So here we are, intending to offer one more space for communication, information, and mutual knowledge at the service of unity and communion in the Cursillo Movement. May it be so.

Decolores!





WORDS OF THE SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Pilgrims and apostles



Dear Cursillistas brothers and sisters from all over the world: De Colores! Cursillos in Christianity is an ecclesial movement that flourishes as a gift of God for the Church and for the world; it is the fruit of the action of the Holy Spirit, who transforms people and history, who distributes his gifts to renew the Church and make it grow. It emerged as a new movement in which a group of Christians who shared the same mentality and apostolic concerns began to work with their own method, giving a channel to the life that was springing up around them in the heart of a local Church. Our mission is situated in the ministry of the word, which begins with the proclamation of the kerygma, the first announcement. This first proclamation awakens faith, moves the heart, favors conversion, and leads to adherence to Jesus Christ.

We are part of an evangelizing movement that has received the treasure of a kerygmatic method, with which it carries out the joyful proclamation of Christ, who is the center of our life and our message. This proclamation is good news, a source of joy, and we do it with conviction and hope; a testimonial proclamation because we do not speak from memory or by ear but from experience; a proclamation that changes our life and that of others. Prayer, witness, and friendship are our basic elements, with a double dimension: personal and communitarian. We live the faith and proclaim the Gospel from person to



person, with life and with the right words, and, at the same time, we live in community, in friendship with Christ and with our brothers and sisters, in fraternal communion. We are born and learn to walk in life, orienting it in a Christian way and building communion with God and with people.

Dear Cursillistas: The Lord sends us to announce the Good News to our contemporaries in our environments. He sends us to be salt of the earth and light of the world, bear abundant and lasting fruit, and leaven the environments with the Gospel. We are the witnesses of Jesus Christ in the society of the 21st century. Humanity needs meaning, consistency, energy, and joy to live, and this contribution is precisely the mission entrusted to the disciples of Jesus. Our Christian witness must serve to transmit the joy and beauty of life and must be a reference on the path that helps others encounter God.

This evangelizing mission will bring about a profound renewal, an authentic transformation of each person and all humanity, because Christ has come to make all things new. We must be present in our society, journeying with the men and women of our time, sharing the work and difficulties, overcoming impatience and discouragement, giving reason for our hope, being bearers of joy, of that genuine joy that is the consequence of the encounter with the risen Jesus Christ, which was so characteristic of the first Christians.

The witness of life and the opportune word will elicit a response and provoke, with God's grace, the conversion of hearts. A proclamation proclaimed by witnesses because the apostle is a witness sent, an authentic witness who has seen, has experienced, and communicates his own experience, and he communicates it in a joyful and hopeful, convinced and convincing style. There will be no lack of difficulties along the way, but the words of Jesus fill us with consolation and strength: "In the world, you will have your struggles, but take courage: I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33).

We carry out this mission with confidence in the Lord, with an attitude of hope in any situation, because the Risen Jesus Christ is present in the Church: "And know that I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). His presence among us gives us the strength to live the faith intensely and to devote ourselves to evangelization with new ardor, with new impetus, beyond our poverty and littleness. Mary, Mother and Teacher, Queen of Apostles, is the star that guides our mission. Let us put out into the deep with trust in the Lord, with the apostolic zeal of St. Paul, with the fire of St. James. Christ is counting on us! The Church is counting on us! The world needs us!

An embrace and my blessing,

De Colores!

+ José Ángel Saiz Meneses
Archbishop of Seville (Spain), Spiritual Advisor of the OMCC





NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT



“How beautiful it is to proclaim to everyone the love of God that saves and gives meaning to our life! And to help the men and women of today discover the beauty of faith and the life of grace so that it is possible to live in the Church. It is beautiful!”



These are words of Pope Francis, addressing the entire Cursillo Movement, recognizing the beauty and greatness of our task... They are words that I would like to resonate again and again in our heads and hearts. Because they help us realize that the Lord has chosen us, all of us, each one of us, in our beloved Movement, for a great and beautiful task, the greatest and the most beautiful. And this is the best, the most important, the most radically valuable of our Movement: to make it possible for men and women from very diverse environments and situations to find the love of God, to find a meaningful life, to find a fraternal and friendly space in the Church and a concrete mission in their world, in their environments.

The Cursillo Movement has written and continues to write a history of salvation, grace, and life in the lives of so many people and so many human realities. Throughout time and in so many places in the world, that is what the MCC does: something wonderful, Pope Francis told us. And something very necessary, very decisive, very urgent at present. It seems that more than ever, the world has its back turned to God, and there are many people around us, close to us, who do not even consider the possibility of God and live in sadness, boredom, despair, and fear. And yet the Lord continues calling us and sending us to *"announce to all the love of God that saves and gives meaning to our lives,"* precisely in these moments and in these circumstances... And perhaps, in our Movement, instead of letting that call resound – joyful, exciting, full –, we go around lamenting the difficulties, the circumstances, our own limitations and weaknesses...

Perhaps this is our dilemma today: we can remain seated, cringing, discouraged, and isolated in our own little corner. Or we can raise our eyes, perceive the voice of the Lord calling us, allow ourselves to be moved by the Spirit... and go out, together, on the journey of the men and women of our time. I want to believe that we want to keep moving. Aware of the difficulties, yes, and aware of our weaknesses, but on the way. A road that we all must travel, each one personally and all of us as a Movement. Embracing two absolutely essential keys, two keys rooted in the core of Christian life and also deeply rooted in our charism: with Christ at the center and together among us. Only from the Lord, only from the Spirit of God, does our Movement, our task, and our journey make sense. Only in God and only with God. God is at the center of our own life, our groups, and all the realities of our Movement. And together. Among ourselves and in the Church. United in diversity: each one with its peculiarity and its circumstances, with its history... but united in what is essential, feeling and knowing ourselves, despite everything, as one.





INFORMATION

COMPOSITION

The current OMCC, the first to be configured according to the new OMCC statute (approved in December 2022), was constituted at the World Meeting in Monterrey (Mexico) in June 2023 and is made up of the following members:



ALVARO MARTÍNEZ MORENO

President of the OMCC
Cordoba (SPAIN)

- Married, 4 children
- University Professor (Veterinarian)
- He made his cursillo in 1982
- He has been president of the Spanish National Secretariat and of the European Group
- His main hobbies are reading, of all kinds, and cooking



Msgr. JOSE ANGEL SAIZ MENESES

OMCC Spiritual Advisor
Seville (SPAIN)

- He made his cursillo in 1973, in Barcelona, before being ordained a priest
- In the Cursillo Movement he has been a member of the School (before ordination), spiritual director of Cursillos, diocesan, national and GECC spiritual advisor
- He is currently a member of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints (at the Vatican)





ADAIR BATISTA
OMCC Vice President
Uberlandia (BRAZIL)

- Married, 4 children
 - Urologist
 - He completed his cursillo in 2001
 - He has been diocesan, regional and now president of the National Secretariat of Brazil.
 - His main hobbies are motorcycling and music (rock).
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FRAN DELAUNOY HORTA
OMCC Secretary
CHILE

- Married, 1 child
 - Engineer and entrepreneur
 - He did his Cursillo in 2017
 - Involved in the MCC of her diocese, working mainly with young people
 - With many and diverse hobbies: traveling, trying new activities, playing paddle tennis and tennis, cooking, embroidery
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TOM CREEN
OMCC Treasurer
Lviv (UKRAINE)

- Single, consecrated with vows
 - English teacher
 - He made his Cursillo in 1997
 - He participated in MCC in his homeland (USA) and later promoted the introduction of MCC in Ukraine, where he has been the national coordinator
 - He enjoys movies, playing the guitar and singing
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ALFRED BONGGI
APG Representative
Canberra (AUSTRALIA)

- Married, 5 children
 - Retired, he has been a civil servant and bursar
 - The Cursillo took place in 1984
 - With a long history of involvement in the Cursillo Movement, he has served as diocesan president
 - He enjoys traveling (he loves the Camino de Santiago!), photography, genealogy and home repairs
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KRESIMIR PERCELA

GECC representative
Zagreb (CROATIA)

- Married, no children yet
 - Telecommunications Engineer
 - Completed the course in 2013
 - In the MCC he has been rector, school director, diocesan head and now president of the National Secretariat
 - His main hobbies are sports (soccer, tennis), going out with his friends, reading
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ALBERTO STANG

GLCC Representative
Mar del Plata (ARGENTINA)

- Married, 3 children and 4 grandchildren
 - Merchant
 - He did the Cursillo in 1986
 - In the Cursillo Movement he has been almost everything from diocesan president, national president, president of the International Latin American Group and collaborator of the OMCC.
 - Fond of sports (used to play them, now watch them), to be with friends and family
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JACKIE DEMESME GRAY

NACG Representative
Georgia (UNITED STATES)

- Married, one daughter and three granddaughters
 - Retired, worked for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. Administration
 - She completed the Cursillo in 1997
 - She has been a MCC leader at the diocesan, regional, national, NACG and OMCC levels.
 - Passionate about the MCC and devoted to her family
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SERVING IN SYNODALITY: ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

- Constitution of the OMCC: creation of a nine-person international body of lay leaders and spiritual advisors, including one representative from each International Group for the first time.
- Celebration of the first inaugural meeting (face-to-face) meeting of the OMCC in Rome in September 2023, including a meeting with the responsible for the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and an encounter with Pope Francis at the Vatican, with his apostolic blessing.
- Celebration of periodic virtual meetings of the OMCC (at least once a month) through the Zoom platform, in which the lines of the work plan are advanced...
- Celebration of virtual meetings of specific work teams (Media, Treasury) to define actions, including launching the new website...
- Elaboration and distribution of the Online Questionnaire on the current reality of the MCC, for all the NS of the world, with the objective of having a real vision of the situation of the Movement throughout the world.
- Celebration of virtual meetings of the OMCC with the Executive Committees of the International Groups: GLCC, NACG, GECC, and APG (in November-December 23) for a first contact, presentation and mutual knowledge and presentation of the basic working lines.
- Celebration of virtual OMCC-GI meetings to present the new economic project of the OMCC, also independently for each GI...
- Visit to the SN of the Philippines and participation in the presentation of the MCC to the Bishops' Conference of the Philippines.
- Organization of the Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in August 2024 for young members of the MCC from all over the world.
- Organization of the second OMCC ordinary meeting (face-to-face), in Mallorca, birthplace of the Cursillo Movement, for October 2024.
- Preparation for the World Ultreya in Rome in June 2025, as part of the Jubilee event for Movements and Associations, in the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 (<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va>).





GALLERY PHOTOS



OMCC face-to-face meeting in Rome (September 2023) - At the Dicastery for the Laity



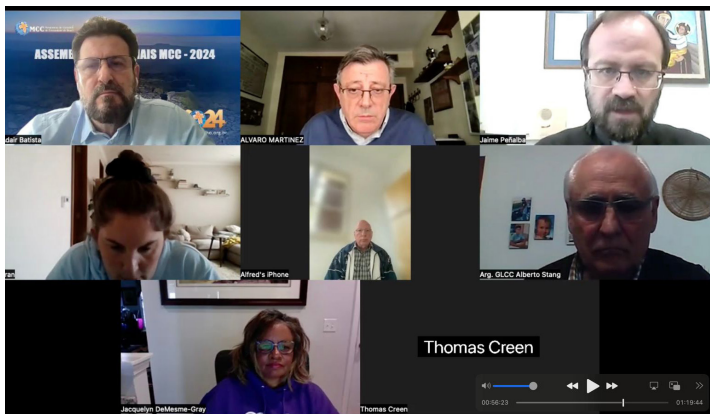
OMCC face-to-face meeting in Rome (September 2023) - At the Vatican, after meeting Pope Francis



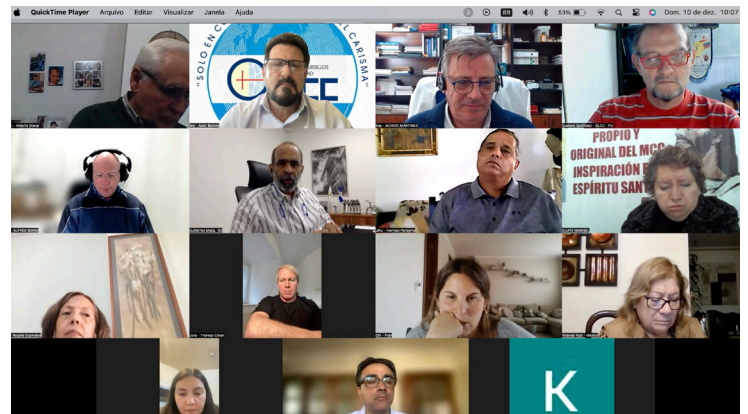
OMCC face-to-face meeting in Rome (September 2023) - Lunchtime



OMCC face-to-face meeting in Rome (September 2023) - Working groups



Virtual OMCC meeting (ZOOM Platform)



Virtual meeting OMCC-GLCC EC by ZOOM



Visit of OMCC president to the MCC Philippines



Presentation of the MCC to the Bishops' Conference of the Philippines



RESONANCES OF INTERNATIONAL GROUPS (1)

(A) APG

Asia Pacific Group

PRESENTATION OF THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES TO THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES (CBCP) PLENARY (January 28, 2024).

The presentation of the Cursillo Movement to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) is the fruit of the belief that a renewed Cursillo Movement could help in the renewal of the Local Church.

Since the year 2000 when the CM was still on its 37th year in the Philippines, the Core Group started to conduct dialogue, workshops, the 1st National Priests' Encounter and Consultations throughout the country. The Core Group's initiative continued with the 2nd National Priests' Encounter (2nd NPE) to which the Philippines National Cursillo Secretariat (PNCS) invited persons in authority. The keynote speakers were: Juan

Adolfo Ortiz, past president of the OMCC; Archbishop Faustino Armendariz Jimenez, past spiritual advisor of the OMCC; Juan Ruiz, US national Hispanic coordinator and past president of the OMCC; and Margaret Morris, past president of the APG.

In the RATIONALE of the 2nd NPE, it is clearly stated in the flyer that "The Cursillos in Christianity Movement has been in existence for 59 years in the Philippines which for much of the time was phenomenal among movements and organizations in the Church. The Cursillistas adopted the lay apostolate concept but, sad to say, no common understanding was reached in different dioceses. Through the years, the experience of the Cursillo in different dioceses had led to different practices and this led to missing the purpose and essence of the movement".



The history of the Cursillo Movement here is very challenging. It could be a case study and a lesson. To understand the current situation of the Cursillo Movement in the Philippines, I encourage everyone to look a little bit more at its history. The Cursillo Movement was introduced in Cebu in 1963, where the seed of Christianity was also first planted in 1521. I was able to gather the history of the late Bishop Mariano G. Gaviola and Br. Justice Jose Feria.

In the Cursillo in Christianity yearbook, the First National Grand Ultreya, May 3-5, 1968, held at Pius XII Catholic Center was reported. At that time, Bishop Mariano G. Gaviola, D.D., titular bishop of Girba, National Director of Cursillos in Christianity wrote: "I invite and urge you to read with care and reflect on our three officially organized Cursillo books - *Christian Renewal, Leaders' Manual and Questions and Problems*. A good many of us would squirm in embarrassment before such questions, myself included. While still bishop of Cabanatuan diocese, I had some experience in

the CM. This was going on until the first Cursillo anniversary, and the diocese already had some 500 Cursillistas. Alas! It was only after I had studied the said books when I painfully realized the great damage I had done to the movement. It is at least my fervent prayer that all of us who might have been guilty of the same mistake shall make reparations with humility and courage so as to build up a Cursillo Movement freed from the trappings and burden of our personal imperfection".

Br. Justice Jose Feria's 2-page History of the Cursillo in the Philippines at the time of the 25th Anniversary celebration, December 2-4, 1998, in one part is written: "*The Cursillo spread throughout the Philippines with great potency and vigor, impelled undoubtedly by the fire of the Holy Spirit and did much good. However, it is this same potency and vigor that prevented the Cursillos from achieving its goals to the full. Every Pedro, Juan and Jose who could get hold of a manual started indiscriminately holding Cursillos. To correct this situation, the National Secretariat held Cursillos de los*

Cursillos - a 3-day short course intended to inform Cursillo leaders of the real purpose of the movement's ecclesiastical orientation. At least 14 such Cursillos de los Cursillos were conducted all over the Philippines - in Manila City, in San Jose Batangas, Cebu City, Cagayan de Oro City, Angeles City, Ozamis City, Iloilo City, Cabanatuan City, and Bacolod. The first such activity was conducted in Pentecost House, Antipolo, by a team of leaders (Msgr. Francisco Suarez, Antonio Pocamora and Francisco Aras) from the National Secretariat of Spain. The salutary effect of these activities was immediately apparent. However, some groups preferred to do what they had been doing before and totally parted ways with the National Secretariat. Nevertheless, the National Secretariat also fanned out to hold seminars on the Cursillos throughout the islands and National encounters were held in different regions. They shifted their attention from the local Movement to introducing the Cursillos in Asia. They brought the Cursillos to Korea (1967), Taiwan (1968), Hong Kong (1969), Macau (1969), Canada (1975), Thailand and Singapore."

The Holy Spirit will not abandon the gift of Cursillos in the Philippines. In 1997, a small group from the faction itself which had no knowledge of what occurred at the beginning of the Cursillos in the Philippines, even its roots in Spain, started to ask questions. Why are we here? What is the Cursillo? What is it for? Why do we do what we do? To answer those questions, they started to research, survey and interview. The result was statistics based on their little knowledge of the Cursillo and found out that the National Secretariat

still existed. As planned, they conducted a Convention of Cursillo teams from the northern part of the Archdiocese of Manila, held at Villa Sta. Luisa, Tagaytay City, March 20-22, 1998. They invited the National Secretariat to shed light on their questions and they did.

Fast forward to 2024, the ecclesial expression of the Course of Actions of the Manifestations and Resolutions of the 2nd National Priests' Encounter concluded more than a year ago and must be comprehensively discussed among the Diocesan Secretariats and spiritual advisors in the upcoming 21st National Encounter as per the zoom meeting March 2, 2024.

The presence of OMCC president Brother Alvaro Moreno Martinez to present the Cursillo in the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines is a significant step in our desire to involve the episcopal authorities in our goal that the Cursillo leaders of today should have a personal renewal before the Cursillo Movement can help in the renewal of the local church.

We hope and pray that by the grace of God we will live and share what is fundamental for being a Christian to help in the renewal of the local church in view of the synodal path that Pope Francis would like the Church to journey on.

CONRADO P. DIZON

APG President/PNCS Spiritual Advisor
Formerly PNCS President

MONS. ROBERTO A. ESPENILLA

PNCS Spiritual Advisor





INFORMATION FROM INTERNATIONAL GROUPS (2)

(B) GECC

European Group of Cursillos in Christianity

Meeting of the European Secretariat in Ludbreg, Croatia

The European Secretariat (GECC) held an Encounter in Ludbreg, Croatia, April 12-14, 2024. The 30 participants came from Cursillo leadership from Austria, Czech Republic, Croatia, England, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Ukraine and Hungary.



Our objective when we were elected was to become a bridge between the national Cursillo communities, and we tried to shape the program with this in mind. The main theme of the meeting was the theme of the three-day Cursillo based on the Fundamental Ideas and national characteristics. Each theme was followed by small group discussions and then an ultreya. We were very happy that 5 priests were also able to partic-

ipate in the discussions. We also felt a strong sense of unity among us during the multilingual masses.

We were pleased to see that everyone was happy to take on tasks at the reunion, so, in addition to the loving organization of the Croatian brothers and sisters, Cursillistas from different countries took on the task of sharing the message of the day and compiling the prayers.





On Saturday afternoon, we discussed organizational and financial issues. We were saddened to see that the number of Cursillo dioceses has decreased in several countries. In some places, they can only reach a very small number of participants, there are no ultreyas and there are few Cursillo events each year. This also makes it difficult for them to pay the annual membership fee. We definitely need to keep this in mind when planning programs and fulfilling our commitments. On Saturday evening, we continued the conversation over a white tablecloth. On Sunday we planned the program for the coming years. We said goodbye with love and joy.

Ludbreg is a shrine of the Holy Blood, and the local parish priest helped us learn about the history of the place.

We plan to hold an online Encounter every quarter and meet again at the World Ultreya in 2025.

De Colores,
Judit Várdai,
GECC President





INFORMATION FROM INTERNATIONAL GROUPS (3)

(C) GLCC

Latin American Group of Cursillos in Christianity

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

Why are analysis and deep reflection essential? One fundamental aspect of personal and community growth is putting into practice one of God's given capacities: intelligence, freedom, and will. These talents help us realize personal, work, and MCC plans and projects.

Recall Pope Francis's words, "Go forward: always on the move... Never stop! Always on the move!" They are inspirational for the apostolic work in which we leaders are engaged. Commitment is more than a tie; it is to be part of something bigger than ourselves; it is the opportunity to go walking, by the way of Grace, towards heaven.

Going, advancing, and walking are part of being always on the move. In the MCC, we are not standing still, and as mentioned in Fundamental Ideas 3, it is fundamental to "constant renewal, being faithful to the charism granted by the Holy Spirit to His Church".

These actions imply the strengthening and fidelity to the Original Charism that sustains our Identity, our necessary and permanent Formation as apostolic leaders and missionary disciples; the expected commitment to the evangelizing action, through our particular method and the necessary unity as an Ecclesial Movement, in the key of synodality, that goes on pilgrimage throughout the Church of Latin America with the objective of being "leaven of the Gospel in our environments".

We recognize that one of the main actions that we as GLCC have to assume is: "To promote, at a worldwide level, the permanent and dynamic reflection on the identity of the Cursillo Movement, according to its own charism, mentality, purpose and method" (numeral 342 IF 3).

This task of "promoting a permanent and dynamic reflection on our identity", is a priority of our "Action Plan", since we are aware that most of the possible distortions and deformations suffered by our Cursillo Movement are the result of a weak Cursillista identity that hinders our mission, to remain faithful and attached to our Original Charism and particular evangelizing method.

I am sure that together we will be able to overcome the distortions that afflict us and walk in unity, as true brothers, in the light of the Magisterium of the Church, the Papal documents, the books of our initiators, the conclusions or resolutions of our world, Inter-American and regional meetings, our Statutes and our Fundamental Ideas, where we will find paths of light, reflection and truth to achieve the search for and renewal of our identity.

Let these reflections be an opportunity for us to unite our spirits and our drive to continue studying. Above all, we should always be in communication so that the Cursillo will continue with its evangelizing mission of reaching the most distant.

De Colores
Guillermo Mejía M.
GLCC President





INFORMATION FROM INTERNATIONAL GROUPS (4)

(D) NACG

North American and Caribbean Cursillo Group

The North America-Caribbean Group (NACG) comprises National Secretariats from Canada, the US, the Caribbean islands, and Cuba. As the Coordinating Country, Canada, in prayerful discernment with its National Secretariats, formed an international Executive Committee (EC) – a group of friends consisting of members from its NACG National Secretariats. This diverse group, holding full EC membership, provides a variety of thoughts, experiences, and cultures to strengthen friendship across the International Group (IG), ensuring that each member's voice and vote are heard in IG collaboration.

As servant leaders, the NACG recognizes the importance of the person and friendship, evangelizing others to experience the best reality: God in Jesus Christ loves us. To promote collaboration in a spirit of synodality, the EC regularly meets with its National Secretariats to share information, discuss, and exchange views. The IG OMCC representative meets with the EC after each OMCC meeting to present the topics discussed and solicit their views. The EC then debriefs their National Secretariats and seeks their input. Likewise, the EC Spiritual Advisor (SA) met with NS Spiritual Advisors to introduce himself and promote friendships. They, too, meet regularly to maintain communication and collaboration.

The Caribbean movements have elected a Caribbean Coordinator whose role is to provide guidance and education to help strengthen the structures and 4th Day of the Caribbean movements. This service supports outreach by the EC throughout the IG, deepen friendships, and foster stronger movements across the IG in living the Charism.

Lastly, the EC is establishing a deeper friendship with the OMCC through its IG OMCC representative. Such a friendship creates an informed and involved EC with the OMCC, giving them a voice and vote towards a more unified worldwide Cursillo Movement.

NACG EC





BACKGROUND ISSUES (1): SYNODALITY IN THE MCC

“Synodality” is genuinely one of the “words of the moment” in our Church. We are still fully immersed in the process of the Synod of Synodality, in its second phase, and next October 2024, the second part of the assembly of Bishops will take place. And we continue to receive multiple references to this synodal process, in which the whole Church, including ecclesial movements and associations, are immersed. Because if we understand well the proposal that is being made to us, ALL of us, both at the personal level and at the level of the MCC, are called to rediscover a new way of being Church, a new way of walking in the Church and as Church, in which the community dimension is absolutely essential. “Walking together” is the most common translation of “synodality”. And this is what it is all about, that in the MCC, in the light of this ecclesial orientation, we rediscover new ways of walking together, accepting that it is the Spirit of the Lord who, in the Church, is pushing us to this process of searching, reflection, discernment, to concretize today, in all our spaces and all our structures, new ways of being connected, of sharing, of participating, of keeping us united and in movement, walking.

From the OMCC, we want to assume this approach as one of our primary service approaches: ecclesiality and synodality. We are, throughout the world, a single ecclesial movement, one. That is realized in different ways, in multiple dioceses, in multiple diocesan and national Secretariats. But we are one, united in diversity. And we are called, now more than ever, to walk united, together, in tune and harmony. And this is NOT a question of “ecclesial fashion”, but it is an immediate and clear consequence of our charism: the charism of the MCC, which is one, leads us, in the Spirit, to unity, to harmony, to the communitarian and shared dimension. Our charism is a gift of the Spirit that makes it possible to walk together, which becomes a reality in our mentality, in our purpose, in our method, and in our structures: all of this points to and reinforces that original intuition of our initiators, that Christian living is always living together, shared life in friendship.

But like so many dimensions of our Movement, this synodal approach of the MCC, called for today and present since our beginnings, requires a correct understanding, an updated discernment, and a specific and concrete implementation. For this reason, we will propose, from the OMCC, a shared reflection on how to live synodality today, in our Movement, in all its structures. We will do it, initially, through the web (<https://omcc-cursillos.org/>), in which we will incorporate contributions from the different International Groups, as well as ecclesial references and contributions from people especially involved in the synodal process... All this with a unique and clear purpose: that we can, in the MCC, in the whole world and at all levels, learn to walk together in the concrete reality that we live today.





BACKGROUND TOPICS (2): BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE MCC

For every Christian, formation is a fundamental responsibility. Pope St. John Paul II reminded us of this in *Christifidelis laicis*, in which he dedicated the whole of chapter IV to highlighting the need, importance, urgency, and possibility of formation for all the lay faithful, as a vital dimension for responding to the Lord: *“Man is challenged in his freedom by God’s call to grow, to mature, to bear fruit... in this dialogue between God who calls and the person challenged in his responsibility lies the possibility – indeed, the necessity – of an integral and ongoing formation of the lay faithful”* (ChL n. 57). It was also emphasized that *“associations and movements have their place in the formation of the lay faithful. They have, in fact, the possibility, each with its own methods, of offering a formation deeply rooted in the same experience of apostolic life”* (ChL n. 62). *This is what was later on collected in our book of Fundamental Ideas (3Ed), on the formation of Cursillistas and leaders. In which it was remarked, in IF3Ed n. 327, that “special attention should be given to the specific formation, proper for the performance in the Cursillo Movement, deepening the study and experience of the Charism, the Mentality, the Purpose, the Strategy and the Method, in all its aspects”.*

Looking at the complicated reality in which we live, this formation is even more necessary today. Indeed, it is only possible to be authentic leaders of the Cursillo Movement if we maintain ourselves in a constant process of formation, integral and specific, that allows us an adequate knowledge and a deep understanding of the essentials of our Movement. And indeed we have many resources for this: face-to-face and virtual, for groups and personal study. The new technologies open up many possibilities and allow us to access very diverse materials. But there is a certain “hierarchy of values” in this, as in everything. Not everything is worth the same, and not everything serves the same purpose; there are essential materials, others that are important, and others that are secondary, accessories.



Despite the new resources available (videos, podcasts, presentations, infographics), books are still an essential element for training. They are not as “modern”, they are not as



straightforward or as immediate, but they are irreplaceable in a serious formation process. So, every leader should have or have access to a sound “MCC library” as an essential element of his specific formation. A library in which the works would be categorized appropriately, as indicated above, distinguishing the essential from the important and the accessory. And in that library, the first volume would undoubtedly be our bedside book, Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement, 3Ed. Also, it would serve as a starting point for building the essential collection, using a straightforward criterion: consider the books mentioned in the text and the bibliographical references of IF3Ed. Those are reference works that every leader should know, works that connect us directly with the initiators of the Movement, and with the most lucid reflection that has been made on the identity of the Cursillo Movement.

So, this would be the first batch of the basic bibliography specific to MCC. These are only some of the essential books; others will have to be included, and the list will have to be expanded, but certainly, these have to be there.

In the same order in which they appear in IF3Ed:

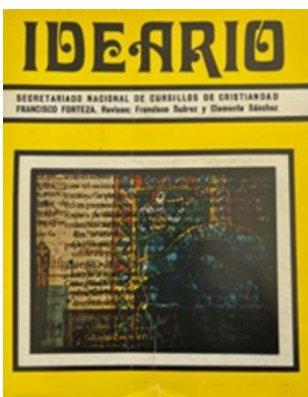
	<p>THE CURSILLOS DE CRISTIANDAD, AN INSTRUMENT OF CHRISTIAN RENEWAL</p> <p>It is really the pastoral letter that D. Juan Hervás published from Ciudad Real, once he was forced to leave Mallorca, exposing the theological, ecclesial and pastoral foundation of the Movement. It is considered an essential document, which guaranteed the existence of the MCC as an ecclesial movement.</p>	<p>J. Hervás (1968)</p>
	<p>HOW AND WHY</p> <p>A first description of the essential elements of the Movement, originally published in the PROA bulletins between 1955 and 1957 and later collected in this book. As stated in the prologue: <i>“an abbreviated schematic code of what was done at the beginning, so accurate that it will hardly lose the stamp of actuality at any time or moment”</i>.</p>	<p>E. Bonnín, M. Fernández (1971)</p>



CAST YOUR NETS

It is a first discernment of the importance of the Precursillo. From the beginning it was clear that the “success” of the Cursillo and Postcursillo had to be based on the solidity of knowledge, accompaniment and preparation of the person who was invited to an experience of encounter with Christ. It remains a reference of great value today.

J. Capó
(1965)



MCC IDEOLOGY

This book is published 11 years after the “Leaders’ Manual”, when the Cursillo Movement is already present in many countries of the world and information and formation for leaders are requested from many places. It is intended to be a comprehensive update of the Movement, covering everything from its purpose to its structures.

F. Forteza, F. Suárez,
C. Sánchez
(1971)



BASIC LINES OF THE MCC

It is a short document that, as it says in its presentation, was published as an aid, reflection and preparation for the III World Meeting of Leaders in Mallorca, from which the first edition of Fundamental Ideas emerged. It is a serious, theological and pastoral study on the challenge of the creative fidelity of the Movement.

J. Capó, F. Suárez
(1972)



THE MOVEMENT OF CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY

It is a book that summarizes in a synthetic and accessible way the history of the Movement, considering its beginnings in Spain, its expansion throughout the world, its consolidation and the process of creation of national, international and world structures (International Groups and OMCC), as well as the celebration of Encounters and World Ultreyas.

C. Gil
(1988)



LEADERS' MANUAL

After a few years of the Cursillo journey, it was deemed convenient to publish a kind of “directory” in which the basic guidelines and fundamental indications of the leaders' actions throughout the method (Precursillo, Cursillo and Postcursillo) and in their involvement in the service structures (Schools and Secretariats) were collected.

J. Hervás
(1961)



GROUP REUNION

This book attempts to “*theoretically illustrate the practice of the Group Reunion*”, as stated in its prologue. It is a valuable reflection not only on the “how” of the meeting, but also on its why, on the reasons that sustain its effectiveness and fruitfulness.

J. Capó
(1964)



STRUCTURING OF IDEAS

The best presentation of this book is the one included in the “Preliminary Notes” that are exposed at the beginning of this book: “*We intend to move only in the field of what is essential in the Cursillos in Christianity; therefore, the study of many things that may be important or accidental are left aside*”. It is therefore a clear and direct document on the fundamental elements that make up the Cursillo Movement.

E. Bonnín, B.
Vadell, F. Forteza
(1962)

Unfortunately, not all of these books are available today, not even in their original language (Spanish). The OMCC intends to take the necessary steps to make them all available, both in written and digital versions, at least in Spanish and English.





ECCLESIAL RESONANCES: THE TEACHING OF THE MAGISTERIUM

De Mystici corporis a Dignitas infinitos

In Fundamental Ideas 3Ed n. 57 it is indicated that fidelity to the charism of the MCC requires permanent study, for its enrichment and better application, and that this entails “listening to the teachings of the Magisterium, which continues to give guidelines for evangelization in our time”. That is to say, fidelity to the charism also implies attention and listening to the Magisterium of the Church because only in the Church and as Church does the charism become a reality, recognizing that we, as clergy and laity, are the church called to make God present in our world.

This has been the case since the beginning of the Movement: the charism was understood and assumed starting from the conceptual framework provided by the Magisterium of the Church at that time. The orientations of Pope Pius XII were decisive in the initial configuration of the MCC, with documents such as the encyclical “Mystici Corporis” and various publications and discourses of his ordinary magisterium. Likewise, the teachings of Vatican II, especially the encyclicals “Lumen Gentium”, “Gaudium et Spes” and “Apostolicam Actuositatem” were studied with the mentality of the MCC, and it was clearly noted that they correctly framed the initial approaches of the Movement and that they made possible and significantly boosted its insertion in the Church and its evangelizing task in the world. This resonance of the Magisterium was adequately reflected in the text of Fundamental Ideas, already from its first edition.

Since Vatican II, three magisterial documents have been published that are basic to situating and understanding the Cursillo Movement correctly and giving a clear and lucid perspective of where it should go in the future. These three documents are the apostolic exhortations “Evangelii Nuntiandi” of St. Paul VI, “Christifidelis laicis” of St. John Paul II, and “Evangelii Gaudium” of Pope Francis, which have indeed been giving “guidelines for evangelization in our time”, clearly show aspects as essential for our Movement as the urgency of evangelization, the content and forms of proclamation, the mission of the laity, the centrality of the kerygma, the dynamism of the charisms in the Church.... Therefore, these are documents that undoubtedly have to be known, studied, and assumed in the MCC so that it may be faithful to its identity, to its mission, and to the Church.

And we must continue to listen to the teachings of the Church, today, now, those that correspond to this concrete moment in history. We must pay attention to the proposals of the Holy See, to the ordinary magisterium of our bishops, to the guidelines of the Dicastery for the Laity, to the synodal process we are living... We have extraordinary material from Pope Francis, which is certainly very relevant to our actions in today’s world: “Amoris Laetitia”, “Fratelli Tutti”, and the most recent “Dignitas infinites”... In all these texts, we find valuable indications to continue doing our task today: to enable many people to encounter God’s love, open themselves to a new life, and embark on building a world enlightened by the Gospel.





DATA, DATES AND MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

The OMCC's basic information and communication space is the web page:

omcc-cursillos.org

available in Spanish and English. There are several windows for the latest news and documents and proposals for reflection and training.



Likewise, the OMCC is present in social networks, with the same intention of keeping all possible channels of communication open.

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SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA PILGRIMAGE 24

On August 5 and 11, 2024, there will be an INTERNATIONAL PILGRIMAGE OF YOUTH OF THE Cursillo Movement to Santiago de Compostela. The journey will consist of five stages, and the goal is to have a shared, joyful, young, and dynamic experience, recreating that pilgrimage dimension so typical of our Movement.

JUBILEE & ULTREYA 2025

Preparations are underway for the great event of the Jubilee Year 2025 in Rome, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" (<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va>). As done in the previous Great Jubilee of 2000, various Jubilee events will be held throughout the year for different ecclesial realities. Thus, on June 7 and 8, the Jubilee for all the movements and associations of the faithful has been convened. In this framework, on June 6, the World Ultreya of the MCC will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. RESERVE THE DATE, WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED....

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