



APG NEWSLETTER

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“Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ”

Greetings Dear Friends,

We send you news of the Second Ordinary Meeting of the OMCC, held from 26-29 September in Chicago, USA. We were blessed to represent you all at this Meeting and to deliver the APG Report, based on the one presented at the Heads of Delegation Meeting at the APG Encounter. We were grateful to the American NACG Executive who hosted the event so generously. We felt among friends, as is always true at Cursillo gatherings. Some of the issues discussed were:



40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OMCC

During the fifth Inter American Encounter celebrated in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in June of 1980, the International Groups existing at the time, made the decision to create the World Body of the Cursillos in Christianity (OMCC). to coordinate the Movement world-wide. It was created as a service structure at the international level, Plans for this 40th Anniversary celebration in 2020 are underway and will include a book, with inclusions written by past World Presidents and others who have contributed much to the International Movement.

CURSILLO AFRICA

OMCC has taken on the responsibility of spreading the Cursillo Movement in Africa and sees its mission as being to strengthen the Movement in all those African countries where we are present and to continue with the expansion programme of Cursillos in other countries. Cursillo is already active in the following African countries thanks to the generosity of Cursillista brothers and sisters who have given of their time and resources over the years: South Africa, Uganda, Lesotho, Ghana, Benin, Togo, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Angola and Equatorial Guinea. With God's favour many other countries in the continent will soon be reached.



In order to assist the outreach of Cursillo to Africa, the OMCC Executive Committee is promoting a campaign to commence on the Feast of St Paul at the end of January 2020. It will be called the **Three Dollar Campaign**. National Secretariats are

requested to invite a 3 dollar gift, or its equivalent in local currency, from each Cursillista. One dollar will go towards the Africa Project, one dollar for the OMCC and one dollar for the International Group.

WEBSITE

The OMCC website (www.cursillosdecristiandad.net) is gradually being built up as a place to find information relating to Cursillo, especially regarding Church teaching, the Statutes and the Fundamental Ideas 3 publication. There are sections for news of International Groups and for online learning. The website coordinators apologised for inadequacies regarding English and APG noted that while many languages are spoken in our region, Spanish is not one of them, which makes the website difficult to access for the people of our countries.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN MALLORCA

A Cursillo of Cursillos is being held from 24-27 October this year to celebrate the first short course of 3 Days that was held in Mallorca in 1944.. Cursillistas from around the world are gathering on the island, where the Holy Spirit gifted Eduardo Bonnin with the original Charism, and with the help of Bishop Hervas and Mons Juan Capo, the Cursillo Movement came to birth and later became known as Cursillos in Christianity. Your prayers are requested for this significant event.

LAPEL PINS

The design for a new lapel pin was chosen by manufactured and ready for sale throughout the provide an opportunity for Cursillistas also provide an opportunity to explain what Cursillo is about, to those in the environments who ask questions about it. National Secretariats will be encouraged to purchase them and sell them to their local Cursillistas, adding a small amount to the wholesale price to help finance their own activities.



vote at the recent OMCC meeting. Pins will be world as soon as possible. It is hoped they will everywhere to recognise each other. This may

LETTER FROM THE DICASTERY FOR LAITY, FAMILY AND LIFE

A letter from this Vatican office was sent to all ecclesial groups, including the Cursillo Movement dated May 2018. It was distributed at our Meeting in Spanish and concerns clergy tolerance of sexual abuse in the Church. There is a requirement that every National Secretariat recommend to Diocesan Movements that they refer to their local Diocesan website for information on the topic of safeguarding standards.

NEWS FROM COUNTRIES IN OUR REGION

We love to hear news of your activities, so please send us an email with your information and photos to share..

US Military in Korea

President Pat Felder, whom we were pleased to meet in Hawaii at the APG Encounter, has stepped down from her role and the new President is Dave Fortune. We thank Pat for her wonderful contribution and we warmly welcome Dave, wishing him all the best and looking forward to working with him.

Australia

The Australian National Secretariat had an election as part of their annual meeting in August and their new President is Terrie McLean, who also attended the last APG Encounter. It is wonderful to see new leaders take on responsibility with such generosity of spirit and we wish you well Terrie. Special thanks to past president Dianne Garland, for her work and great love of Cursillo.

Sri Lanka

We are very grateful to God that Cursillo Sri Lanka is recovering from the tragic massacre in Colombo last Easter and they are holding three Cursillo weekends in October and November. We have sent palanca and we are praying that all weekends will bear much fruit. Thanks to all team members.

A MESSAGE FROM Fr JOHN

With the approach of Advent, we often start to notice the pace quicken as we come closer to Christmas. Media encourages us to start focusing on what is in the future in anticipating of what is unfolding and what we prepare for. There is a sense of expectation that this will all turn out as we plan and be an experience that we will not easily forget. Yet this very anticipation may well rob of us the peace of becoming present to the presence of Jesus who accompanies us along the journey.

This is the remarkable mystery of this season. That in the midst of well-planned lives everything is turned upside down in a way which draws a person into a way of being present which they had not expected. This is often seen as a threat to our well-ordered lives, but it is the place where our anticipation meets the vision of God after which nothing can be the same. We start to discover an incarnate way of living where God enters into our human story with great intimacy and vulnerability. This puzzles and amazes us with wonder in how we are called to respond. This is not how we expect God to become present to us but it does teach us something important about our life and prayer.

God meets us as we are not as we think we should be and allows us to notice how in offering our whole self to this unfolding mystery nothing will ever be the same. As you prepare for Christmas may the peace of Christ disturb you.

¡DE COLORES!

Margaret, Fr John, Merran, John & Rhonda

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