



APG Newsletter

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Be a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ

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VI WORLD ULTREYA, ROME, ITALY

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Spiritual Message

by Fr. Paul Van Tung Nguyen, Vietnam
APG Spiritual Advisor

My dear fellow cursillistas,

We have just completed our 6th World Ultreya in Rome. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that rekindled our commitment at the end of our Cursillo Weekend and inspired us to live our charism, “Leavening environments and through friendships to proclaim the Gospel.”

Moreover, we met our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, at the Pentecost Sunday Mass in Saint Peter’s Square. In just a short while, the Pope has already given us some hints that may be a signature of his pontificate:

1. He condemned the drift toward “technology, money, success, power, or pleasure,” and called the Catholic Church a “beacon that illuminates the nights of this world.”
2. He envisioned a Church actively engaging with the world through the holiness of its people, building bridges and dialogues as a “missionary church for a secular age.”
3. He praised journalists as champions of justice and freedom, highlighting the Church’s solidarity with truth-seeking voices.
4. He spoke out about youth challenges, “relativism, emotional instability, superficiality,” and urged schools and families to transform these into a springboard for growth, nurturing faith, listening, and reflective dialogue.

We, as members of the Asia Pacific Group, also look forward to our APG Encounter in November in the Philippines with high expectations and hope.

See you all there,

De Colores,

Message

by Conrado P. Dizon, Philippines
APG President



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The process of waiting for my visa approval and my pilgrimage to Rome, the Eternal City, from May 30 to June 15 has been a unique experience in my life as a Cursillista. The six-hour vigil on June 7, culminating in the Pentecost Mass led by Pope Leo XIV, was particularly significant.

My heart was filled with passion as I listened to our 5 working sessions in the OMCC-International Groups meeting, which increased my search for the Voice of God. Everybody in the 4 International Groups is enthusiastic about making a friend. Everybody’s nod is to give space to everyone. These 3 and a half days at Villa Campitelli were very memorable for me as I learned a lot, made friends with everyone and left Villa Campitelli in a morning rush looking for where my passport was.... but the joy of prayers and excitement in joining the VI World Ultreya overcome the where about of my passport.

Thank you, Lord God, for this VI World Ultreya, that will verberate in our hearts the joy of building friendship we experience thru the grace of God.

We hope that we will meet again at the 23rd APG Encounter in Caleruega, Philippines.

De Colores!

Apology Message to Republic of Korea

I ask apology from my heart and sorry to the 103 participants and the whole Cursillo Movement in the Republic of Korea that they represented. During the VI World Ultreya at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls came the lesson I got from the National President of the Cursillo Movement in the Republic of Korea.

Sincerely yours,
Bro. Conrado Dizon



Palanca Offering

Please send your palancas to these local contact people, for offering prayers and sacrifices for their upcoming events:

- **Seoul Archdiocese, Republic of Korea**

Email: sjoanlee@gmail.com /
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1. Youth Cursillo Class, **Jul. 17-20**
2. Youth Cursillo Class, **Aug. 14-17**
3. Women's Cursillo Class, **Aug. 28-31**
4. Men's Cursillo Class, **Sept. 11-14**
5. Men's Cursillo Class, **Sept. 25-28**
6. Men's Cursillo Class, **Oct. 23-26**
7. Women's Cursillo Class, **Nov. 6-9**



- **253rd Cursillo Women's Sinhala weekend to be held from the 4th to 7th July, 2024 at Tewatta, Sri Lanka.**

Email: russellj@martin-bauer-hayleys.com

Newsletter from Korea



World Ultreya Participation

103 Cursillistas from Republic of Korea attended with great enthusiasm and expectation to see fellow Cursillistas from around the world.

In 2017, 87 Cursillistas attend the 5th World Ultreya in Fatima, Portugal. Since then, although the world faced many challenges such as COVID_19, global dispute and migration, climate changes and moreover, increase in threat to religious minorities in some parts of the world, the World Ultreya held at the heart of St. Paul's Basilica was a timely opportunity for us to renewed our mission and commitment as Christians with brothers and sisters of different nationalities. It was a moment of realignment, encouragement strengthening the need for solidarity spreading the word of Jesus.

All participants actively exchanged friendship in Christ with brotherly love.

The rollo and message by President Alvaro and other rollistas were informative calling for the need to encourage Youth Cursillistas.

Apart from this, some technical problems caused difficulties to comprehend. Disappointment arose when the video by APG group ran with no sound, APG leader presentation did not mention Republic of Korea even though she mentioned other APG member countries. Our delegation deeply regretted and felt shameful for sitting in the venue. There were calls to reconsider our status in the future.

Overall, not satisfactory in men's hand, we still move on to be God's pastoral tool for evangelization.

Francesco Choi Sung Joo
National President,
Cursillo Movement in Republic of Korea

The “De Colores” Project

by Fr. Jose Ramon, Diocese of Osaka, Japan



A group of young Spanish Christians is planning a cultural exchange with young people in Japan, aiming to deepen their connection through shared customs, culture, faith, and friendship.

The project, which will run from August 3rd to 10th, 2025, will involve five young Madrid project leaders visiting Japan to prepare for a large-scale exchange next year.

The project aims to connect the hearts of young people in Spain and Japan through a week-long trip to various locations in Osaka and its surrounding areas.

The itinerary includes briefing sessions, cultural visits, games, conversation, singing, and laughter, followed by dinner together. The participants will return to Osaka, allowing them to return to their homes for accommodation and reduce travel costs.

Ten applicants will be selected and invited to the event free of charge, including transportation, lunch, and temple entrance fees. Priority will be given to those who can attend as many dates as possible.

The deadline for applications has been extended to July 15th, and those who receive a free invitation will be contacted via email.

For complete information, you may visit the below link.

www.decolores.jp

News from Australia

by Anne Moloney, CM Australia
International Rep.

Australian National Encounter

Planning is continuing for our next National Encounter to be held 19 – 21 September, 2025 at Carmel House, Varroville in the western suburbs of Sydney NSW.

Diocesan groups are collaborating to present a programme on Pilgrims of Hope which invites Cursillistas to renew ourselves and to help newer Cursillistas gain a deeper understanding of our special Charism and the purpose of the Cursillo Movement.

We will celebrate **60 years** of the English Speaking Cursillo in Australia at an Ultreya on Saturday evening. This is bound to be full of joy with witnessing by our friends from many of the dioceses.

Worldwide Cursillo

Photos, videos and youtube have connected us to the recent OMCC meetings, the World Ultreya and the Jubilee 2025 celebrations in Rome. Our Australian Cursillistas were able to reconnect with friends from other countries and attend the gatherings in St Peter's Square with Pope Leo XIV. The messages showed that the pilgrim journey had times of joy combined with challenges along the way.

Cursillistas are being encouraged to attend the APG Encounter in the Philippines, November 2025.

Cursillo Upcoming Activities

- **23rd APG Encounter**

November 10-14, 2025

Caleruega, Batangas, Philippines

Theme: Cursillo: A Tool for Evangelization in the Asian Region”

- **Australian National Encounter**

September 19-21, 2025

Carmel House, Varroville, Sydney, SNW



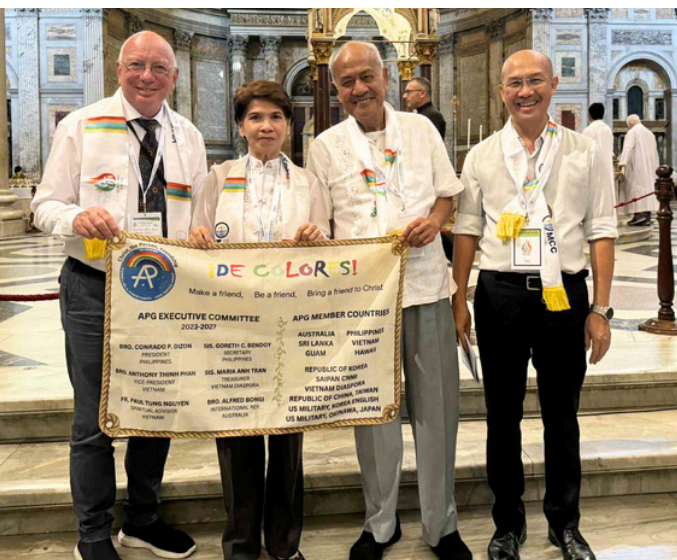


OMCC-IG Meeting, VI World Ultreya and Jubilee Year June 2025, Rome, Italy



VILLA CAMPITELLI, FRASCATI, ITALY





VI WORLD ULTREYA, ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALL







ST. PETER SQUARE



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