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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A very happy and blessed New Year to you .

Thank you to all who sent Christmas greetings to the OMCC – it was truly appreciated.

We have much to be thankful for – the faithfulness to Group Reunion and Ultreya; the continuing enrichment through attendance at the many Cursillo de Cursillos now being offered; the dedicated mission carried out by each Cursillista in his/her ambiente; and the Study of the Charism available to all.

I must make special mention here of the dedicated work carried out by the executive members of the 4 International Groups – please keep them in your prayers.

We face this coming year with great hope –remembering St Paul's words to the Thessalonians, "In fact, who but you are our hope and our Joy?" and "in hope we were saved".

This hope must be present in our dealings with one another; in our knowledge and understanding of the divisions that arise among us; and in our constant endeavours to heal those divisions.

To assist us in these efforts I urge each and every Secretariat to promote the study of the Charism; *the gift from God that needs to be unwrapped and lived.*

To acquaint themselves with the beginnings of our Movement and its subsequent development; To be aware of the way the Movement is organised throughout the world.

Last year we introduced you to members of the 4 International Groups – here is a reminder of our structure on a world basis:

The Movement is divided into 4 International areas:

APG (The Asia/Pacific Area)
GECC (European Group)
GLCC (Latin American Group)
NACG (North American Group)

These groups each have an Executive committee chosen for a 4 year term.

You are encouraged to direct queries to these groups who are at your service.

The OMCC is the coordinating body of the Cursillo in Christianity Movement (CCM) at the world level. It is a service organization. The 5 member executive committee is presently based in Australia.

All this is available on our Website www.orgmcc.org

Another group not generally known to all is the Fundamental Ideas Commission. These cursillistas were chosen by their respective international groups to be members of the group revising Fundamental Ideas, They are:

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Alvaro Martinez; Fr Manuel Hinojosa Petit; Monica Polanco (GECC)
 Bishop Nel Beltran; Mario Gonzales; Maria Eliza Zanelatto (GLCC)
 Angel Delgado; Sheelagh Winston; Fr David Smith (NACG)
 Rev Adrian Farrelly; Margaret Morris; Francisco Kim (APG)

For 2011 we have set ourselves the following tasks:

- Complete the Directory
- Finalise the presentation of the Statutes to the Pontifical Council .
- Advance to the point of final proof reading the revision of Fundamental Ideas.

You may all be aware of the devastating floods which have occurred in south east Queensland, especially in Brisbane and the surrounding areas. Thank you to all who sent messages of prayer and support. These are the signs of hope we all must have in the ultimate goodness of God.

Our prayers must also be directed to those who have suffered from the landslides in Brazil – a place where the loss of human lives is far greater than here in Australia. We must continually keep each other in our prayers, and especially when we celebrate Eucharist.

Until next month.

Your sister in Christ

Yvonne

Mrs Yvonne Carrigan – OMCC President

From our Spiritual Advisor

Dorothea Mackellar, an Australia poet, composed a poem about Australia called: My Country. One stanza is better known than the rest.

*I love a sunburnt country,
 A land of sweeping plains,
 Of ragged mountain ranges,
 Of droughts and flooding rains.
 I love her far horizons,
 I love her jewel-sea,
 Her beauty and her terror -
 The wide brown land for me!*

Four members of the Executive Committee of the OMCC, Yvonne, Margaret, Peter and myself, live in Queensland, and in, or very close to Brisbane, the state capital and third largest city in Australia.

Recently our city and state have been in the grip of massive floods and now face the task of burying the dead, searching for people swept away and cleaning mud-drenched homes and rebuilding others damaged or destroyed.

From the ark of Noah, the Moses led passage through the Red Sea to the John the Baptist immersion of Jesus in the Jordan, deliverance from floods or deliverance through water is part of salvation history. Water is essential for life but it can also bring death.

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After the flood waters have receded new life will appear as a result of the soaking of the earth.

The People of God, that we are, are like a life-giving stream flowing from the temple that is Jesus. Our mission is to bring life and support all that enriches life.

Many in our society live at risk - from the pre-born, to those afflicted with disabilities, to those suffering life threatening illnesses to the frail aged. Social realities like marriage and family, vital to the well-being of society, are threatened.

Let us, born again of water and the Holy Spirit, not be silent in affirming life and standing against what would rob people of that gift from God.

Shalom,

Fr Adrian

OMCC Spiritual Advisor