

# Organismo Mundial de Cursillos de Cristiandad

## Statutes

### Preamble

1. The Movement of Cursillos in Christianity (Movimiento de Cursillos de Cristiandad) is a worldwide Ecclesial Movement that acts within the Catholic Church. The Movement feels called to participate actively in the great mission of evangelisation. Its apostolic purpose consists in bringing the Christian faith to the different environments of life, through the living witness, especially on the part of all its members. The specific objective is therefore to evangelise the environments.

2. "The Cursillo Movement is a movement of the Church which by means of its own method makes it possible for people to live what is fundamental for being a Christian, and to live it together; it helps people discover and fulfil their personal vocations, and it promotes the creation of core groups of Christians who leaven their environments with the Gospel." (Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement, Third Edition, 2014, Introduction)

3. The Movement of Cursillos in Christianity was born in Spain, precisely on the island of Mallorca, between the years 1940 and 1949. Many lay people and some priests, guided by the Holy Spirit, perceived more clearly that the laity too, by virtue of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, have an active role in the mission of evangelisation of humanity. This group of initiators included mainly lay people led by Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló, as well as some Pastors, including the then Bishop of Mallorca, Juan Hervás Benet and the Priest, Msgr. Sebastián Gayá Riera.

4. In a short time, the Movement spread throughout Spain. From there it spread to the countries of the American continent. At the Second Vatican Council, numerous Bishops of Latin America testified to their positive experience with the Cursillo Movement, stressing that it valued the laity in the Church. Meanwhile, the Cursillos Movement had spread to all continents.

5. The characteristic of the Cursillo Movement is mainly to share a lived faith in order to spread it. In doing so each person assumes his personal responsibility, but his commitment is supported by a group that shares his ideas and life. Of particular importance is the harmonious cooperation between lay people and priests. Each has their own specific function, each has their own personal "charism", but all



together are engaged in achieving the same goal: evangelisation as a leaven in the environments.

6. This goal is achieved with a specific kerygmatic methodology, which consists of three stages: Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, Post-Cursillo. The themes and contents of the three days of the Cursillo are the same all over the world. These are the fundamental contents of the Creed of our Catholic faith: Jesus Christ, grace, the sacraments, the Church, the apostolate, the deepening of the truths of the faith, the experiences of faith.

7. It is unique to the Cursillo Movement that it has few structures. The main responsibility is entrusted to the Diocesan Secretariats and the National Secretariats, as the text of the Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement says (cf. FICM 3, 336-340) The International Groups and the World Organism of Cursillos of Christianity (OMCC) are at the service of ecclesial communion, unity, information, coordination and support (cf. FICM 3, 341-347).

8. The Cursillo Movement counts on the worldwide acceptance and recognition of significant Shepherds of the Catholic Church. Many Cardinals and Bishops around the world welcome the collaboration of the Cursillo Movement in the field of evangelisation of their Dioceses. Even the Roman Pontiffs of recent decades have repeatedly and publicly expressed a particular appreciation of the Cursillo Movement.

9. Pope Paul VI, during the first World 'Ultreya' celebrated in Rome on May 28, 1966, in St. Peter's Square, said: "Cursillos de Cristiandad: this is the name that today – confirmed by its results and made credible by the genuineness of its fruits – can travel with right of citizenship on the roads of the world" (AAS 58, 1966, 500). The Pope himself, on May 23, 1970, addressed words of recognition and encouragement to the 40,000 Cursillistas who were gathered in Mexico City for the second World Ultreya.

10. Pope John Paul II also frequently participated in the meetings of the Cursillo Movement and addressed the Cursillistas present and the Movement itself with words of encouragement. During the third World Ultreya, held on July 29, 2000, in St. Peter's Square during the Holy Year, the Holy Father raised his thanks to the Lord "for all he has done and never ceases to do in the Church through the Cursillos de Cristiandad."

11. The Holy Father, on the occasion of Pentecost 1998, during the World Congress of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities celebrated in St. Peter's Square in





Rome, expressed the hope that the Movements would collaborate even more closely with the Dicasteries of the Holy See. The Cursillo Movement responding to this wish of the Holy Father, presented the Statute of the OMCC to the Pontifical Council for the Laity. After canonical recognition of the OMCC in 2004 and confirmation of its modified statutes in 2014 by the Pontifical Council for the Laity, the current text contains modifications presented to the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life in 2022.

## **Chapter I: Nature and Objectives of the OMCC**

### **Article 1**

The Organismo Mundial de Cursillos de Cristiandad (OMCC) is the coordinating body of the Movement of Cursillo in Christianity (MCC) at the world level

### **Article 2**

The OMCC is a service organism and exercises its authority over the International Groups, the National and Diocesan Secretariats, operating within the limits of what is provided by this Statute and prescribed by the Code of Canon Law.

### **Article 3**

The objectives of the OMCC are:

- A. Promoting unity of understanding of the essence of the MCC at the world level.
- B. Maintaining the MCC in its faithfulness to the Church and its teaching (cf. FICM 3 n. 345).
- C. Preserving the MCC in its faithfulness to its charism and the book Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement, fruit of the World Encounters and official expression of the Cursillo Movement, and to the conclusions of the World Encounters (cf. FICM 3 n. 345).
- D. Facilitating the mutual exchange of information, initiatives and ongoing reflections of the International Groups.



E. Encouraging the International Groups to fulfil their responsibilities towards their National Secretariats

F. Promoting unity and co-operation among the International Groups.

G. Assisting the International Groups so that they achieve their objectives.

H. Promoting reflection and study upon the role and mission of the MCC at world level.

I. Assisting the introduction of the MCC in countries where it is not yet established.

## **Chapter II: Composition and Role of the OMCC**

### **Article 4**

The OMCC is composed of a President, a Spiritual Advisor, a Vice president, a Secretary, a Treasurer and one representative from each International Group.

To achieve its purpose in performing its tasks, the OMCC should take into consideration the pastoral plans of the Universal Church and the guidelines of the Holy See, while remaining faithful to the particular charism of the Cursillo Movement, expressed in the book Fundamental Ideas of the MCC, to the Canonical Recognition of the OMCC and its own Statute.

The term of office will be four years without the possibility of a second consecutive term.

### **Article 5**

For both its purpose and its composition, the OMCC shall act in close contact and in collaboration with the International Groups, listening through them to voices from the MCC worldwide, responding to their needs and determining the way to proceed.

### **Article 6**

The role of each member of the OMCC is as follows:



A. The President shall:

- officially represent the OMCC and the worldwide Cursillo Movement;
- keep contact, encourage and consult with all other members of the OMCC;
- promote and serve unity in the OMCC and the MCC;
- convoke and preside over OMCC meetings and convene World Encounters;
- prepare the meeting agenda after consultation with other members;
- represent the worldwide MCC before the Dicastery for Laity Family and Life and other entities.

B. The Vice-President shall assist the President and substitute in case of absence or impediment.

C. The Spiritual Advisor shall assist the Movement in reaching its spiritual objectives through celebration of the sacraments, supporting the life and prayers of its members, invigorating its evangelizing activity and promoting ecclesial communion.

D. The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of OMCC meetings and World Encounters and, in coordination with the President, deal with all correspondence.

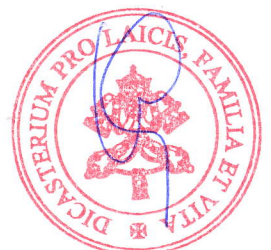
E. The Treasurer shall manage the contributions of the International Groups, prepare an annual budget and keep financial statements to record all income and expenditure and report to the International Groups and their National Secretariats annually.

F. The members of the OMCC who are nominated by the International Groups represent these International Groups on the OMCC. They are full members of the OMCC, who participate in all meetings and in all its decisions. They bring to the OMCC their own experience of Cursillos and of the International Group which has nominated them, so that OMCC decisions have an intercontinental perspective. They help ensure communication between the OMCC and the International Groups and with National Secretariats.

### **Chapter III: Composition and Objectives of the International Groups**

#### **Article 7**

“An International Group is the body that gathers and represents the National Secretariats recognized by the respective Episcopal Conferences” (FICM 3 n 341).





The International Groups can be constituted at the regional, continental, or linguistic level, and must be approved by the OMCC.

A. The services of each International Group shall be provided by its own Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Spiritual Advisor, Secretary, and Treasurer. This Executive Committee is appointed by the National Secretariat of the country elected to be the co-ordinating country of the International Group.

B. The National Secretariats of each International Group shall choose a delegate to the OMCC. The delegate may be from any National Secretariat of the International Group or a member of the Executive Committee of the International Group but shall not be the President.

C. The co-ordinating country for each International Group shall be elected every 4 years (coinciding with the election of the OMCC) by an absolute majority of the National Secretariats which it represents.

D. A National Secretariat may belong to only one of the International Groups. In meetings of the International Groups or in World Encounters each National Secretariat is entitled to one vote, proxy voting being prohibited.

E. Each International Group shall prepare a report on activities planned and accomplished, to present at the meetings with the OMCC.

F. The objectives of the International Groups are to:

- Promote unity of understanding of the essence of the MCC among the National Secretariats that form them.
- Assist the National Secretariats to achieve their objectives.
- Promote the Movement in countries where the MCC does not exist or is dormant.
- Distribute all information from the OMCC activities to all the National Secretariats

G. Those countries or group of countries where the Cursillo Movement exists but, for valid reasons in the judgement of the OMCC, do not belong to an International Group, shall receive temporary co-ordination services directly from the OMCC until they incorporate into an International Group.



## **Chapter IV: Election of the OMCC**

### **Article 8**

All the members of the OMCC will be designated at a World Encounter as follows:

A. The nominations of the President, Vice-President, Spiritual Advisor, Secretary, and Treasurer, presented as a group, shall be elected by the National Secretariats.

B. A representative from each International Group shall be proposed by the International Group they represent. They can be members of the Executive Committee of their International Group but shall not simultaneously be the President of the International Group.

### **Article 9**

The election of the OMCC shall be from the nominations presented according to the following guidelines:

A. Any nomination is to include all members, i.e., the President, Vice President, Spiritual Advisor, Secretary and Treasurer as a group, with a profile of their life experience in the MCC.

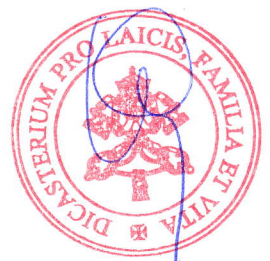
B. The nominees shall come from more than one National Secretariat and may come from more than one International Group.

C. The nominations shall not include members from the National Secretariat holding the coordination of the International Group to which they belong.

D. Any National Secretariat duly recognized by its Bishops Conference, integrated into an International Group, may present a nomination.

### **Article 10**

An electoral commission shall be appointed by the OMCC to ensure that the election process is carried out according to the Statutes. The following steps will be developed:



- Nominations shall be called 9 months before the end of the current term of the OMCC.
- World Encounter shall be held 3 months before the end of the current term of OMCC.
- Elected OMCC shall meet with current OMCC to ensure smooth transition of services.

## **Article 11**

The election shall be carried out by the vote of the National Secretariats present at the World Encounter, who may vote for only one nomination in each of the necessary rounds, as described below:

- For a nomination to be successful they must achieve an absolute majority (50%+1) of the overall votes cast.
- Where subsequent rounds of voting take place, the nominees with the least number of votes from the previous round shall be removed.
- Voting shall be concluded when one nomination successfully gains an absolute majority (50%+1) of the vote.
- Voting by proxy is not allowed except in special circumstances, to be determined by the Electoral Commission after consultation with the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

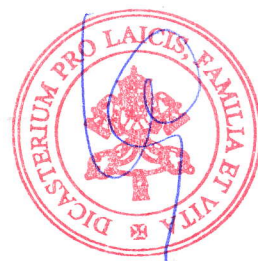
## **Chapter V: The Services of the OMCC**

### **Article 12**

The OMCC exists to serve the life of the Cursillo Movement, through discernment, co-responsibility and witness (cf. FICM 3, 335), living and promoting synodality, unity in diversity, friendship and enthusiasm for the mission.

From that basis, it will render the following services:

- Address world issues that affect the Cursillo Movement. It listens to voices from around the world and determines the best way to proceed.





- B. Arrange periodic meetings with the Executive Committees of the International Groups including at least one face-to-face meeting in the four-year period
- C. Facilitate inter-communication between the International Groups
- D. Organize a World Encounter every four years, and a periodical World Ultreya.
- E. Keep an Official Directory of the National Secretariats, containing all their relevant data (names, telephone numbers and email addresses) of their President and Spiritual Advisors.
- F. Disseminate all relevant information on the MCC worldwide, publishing it on the OMCC website and reflecting it in regular informative publications in a timely manner. Information should be consistently presented in different languages.
- G. Through its President, officially represent the world Cursillo Movement, particularly before the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and before other Lay Associations worldwide.
- H. Implement the resolutions and recommendations of the World Encounters.
- I. Receive and administer any financial resources and royalties resulting from publishing rights.

## **Chapter VI: Meetings of the OMCC**

### **Article 13**

The OMCC shall establish the meeting schedule it considers necessary to carry out all its duties appropriately.

- A. The OMCC meetings may be face-to-face or virtual. At least once a year, a face-to-face meeting will be held.
- B. The meetings shall address all issues related to the tasks and services of the OMCC, in permanent communication and connection with the International Groups.
- C. If agreement on specific decisions is required, consensus shall be sought. Where this is not possible, decisions can be adopted by a simple majority of votes.



D. All members of the OMCC – laypeople and Spiritual Advisor – shall have an equal voice in deliberations, working as a team, in full participation and corresponsibility. Where voting is required, the Spiritual Advisor does not vote.

#### **Article 14**

The OMCC shall meet with the Executive Committees of the International Groups, at least once in the four-year period, in a face-to-face meeting. Virtual meetings should be convened when needed. A meeting may be called when required by half of the International Groups.

A. Meetings shall be convened by the OMCC, with an agenda prepared jointly with the International Groups themselves.

B. The OMCC and the Executive Committees of the International Groups shall prepare a report of activities accomplished and planned in their respective areas. Information of the meeting, including reports, will be distributed to the Cursillo Movement worldwide.

#### **Article 15**

The OMCC will maintain frequent and fluid communication with the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, to present the reality of the worldwide Cursillo Movement and to receive guidance. If needed, periodic meetings will be arranged.

### **Chapter VII: World Encounters**

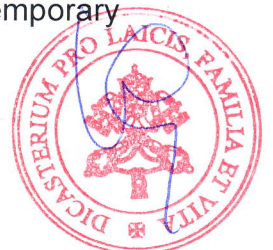
#### **Article 16**

The World Encounters "are the highest and most appropriate structure that the MCC has for collegial discernment and as a reality that sustains the process of renewal of the MCC" (FICM 3 n. 347), and have the following purposes:

A. To facilitate reflection on the MCC at the world level.

B. To seek unity of understanding of the essence of the MCC.

C. To promote the MCC to a more incisive and vital presence in the contemporary world and circumstances.



D. To share experiences.

E. To promote the spreading of the Christian message in the world by means of the MCC.

F. To elect the OMCC every four years, according to what is prescribed in Article 10 of this Statute.

G. To authorize a review of the book Fundamental Ideas when necessary and to approve the revised edition, according to what is prescribed in Article 21 of this Statute.

H. To approve the changes to this Statute, according to what is prescribed in Article 23 of this Statute.

## **Article 17**

The President of the OMCC shall ordinarily convene a World Encounter, every four years, to deal with:

- The formation of the new OMCC;
- Any world issues raised in consultation with the International Group members of the OMCC.

The President, on behalf of the OMCC, may also convene, if necessary, an Extraordinary World Encounter after having consulted the International Groups.

For both Ordinary and Extraordinary World Encounters, the President shall summon:

A. All National Secretariats recognized by their respective Episcopal Conferences and registered at their respective International Group.

B. Countries which have the Cursillo Movement, even though they do not as yet have a constituted National Secretariat. In such case they shall be requested to present written authorisation from the respective Episcopal Conference which states that the chosen delegates represent all the Diocesan Secretariats of that country. In this case, they shall have voice but no vote





C. Those persons and countries considered appropriate. In this case, they will have voice but no vote

### **Article 18**

For the approval of the decisions of the World Encounters, except as indicated in articles 21 and 23 of this statute, the absolute majority (50%+1) of votes of the National Secretariats present is required. Proxy voting shall not be permitted, except under exceptional circumstances, established by the OMCC after consultation with the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

## **Chapter VII: Publications, Publishing Rights and Revisions**

### **Article 19**

For the efficient and regular information of the National and Diocesan Secretariats, the OMCC shall incorporate in its website, in a timely manner, agreed upon publications containing:

- A. Minutes and documents pertinent to the Movement.
- B. Relevant documents from the Pope, the Holy See and the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.
- C. The most important and relevant information on the events of the Movement and the Church.
- D. Texts with relevance to the MCC to encourage their study.

### **Article 20**

In order to ensure authenticity in its publications, the OMCC:

- A. Retains the right to authorize, review and approve any translation of official documents of the World Encounters or of the book FICM whether in the original language or any translation.
- B. Shall authorise only one official translation in each language.



C. Shall grant copyright in order to publish an edition of FICM requested by a National Secretariat. Both author's and country's copyrights must be respected.

D. Reserves the right to collect royalties for the sale of all editions and translations of FICM.

## **Article 21**

Only a World Encounter can authorise the revision of the book FICM and approve the revised text.

The OMCC will coordinate the process for revision of the book FICM which includes:

- The appointment of the Commission to be formed by two laypeople (a male and a female) and a Spiritual Advisor from each International Group.
- The process of consultation with the National Secretariat.
- The financing of the project.

Both the authorisation and the approval require a two thirds majority of the votes of the National Secretariats attending the World Encounter.

Voting by proxy is not permitted, with the exception considered in Article 18 of this Statute.

## **Chapter IX: Financing of the OMCC**

### **Article 22**

At the beginning of their service, the OMCC shall present to the International Groups a general budget for their four-year term. This budget will be revised and updated annually or more frequently if needed.

The expenses of the yearly budget of the OMCC shall be covered by the International Groups.

The OMCC shall also develop activities for their own financial needs through fund raising, product sales, donations, etc.



At the end of the four-year term, the Treasurer of the outgoing OMCC shall submit a financial report of the income and expenditures with supporting documents. This report will be examined by the OMCC for approval.

## **Chapter X: Amendments to the Statute of the OMCC**

### **Article 23**

Modifications to this Statute are reserved as the exclusive responsibility of the World Encounter of the MCC.

A. The proposal for such amendments shall be suggested by the OMCC and the International Groups after discussion with the National Secretariats under their jurisdiction.

B. The proposed modified Statutes are submitted to the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life for discernment and authorisation.

C. The authorised modified Statutes are presented to the World Encounter for its approval.

D. This approval requires a two-thirds majority of the National Secretariats present at the World Encounter. Voting by proxy is not permitted, with the exception considered in Article 18 of this Statute.

E. The revised Statutes come into force when granted canonical approval by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

## **General Provisions**

### **First.**

The Statutes of any International Group, National Secretariat or Diocesan Secretariat must not be in contradiction with the Statutes of the OMCC.





## **Second.**

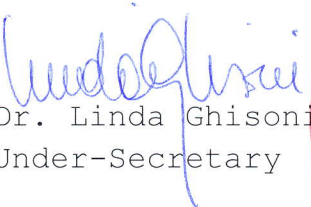
The original languages of these Statutes for interpretation purposes are Spanish and English. The OMCC retains the right to authorise, review and approve any translation of this Statute in any other language.

## **Third.**

This Statute was approved by the VIII World Encounter, held in Mar del Plata, Argentina, from December 1 to 4, 2022, and shall enter into force on the date of the Decree of Approval by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

Conforms to the original existing in the archives of the  
Dicastery

Vatican, 12 December 2022

  
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