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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER March 2015

Once more, our newsletter count with the collaboration of one International Group. This collaboration will enrich the content and permit a greater proximity of all cursilhistas to the structures that represent them.

In this edition we will have the NACG's contribution that below publish.

### **NACG's contribution:**

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to write in this February 2015 OMCC newsletter and share our joy in studying and discovering the charism of our movement. The NACG as a whole has undertaken a study of our movement's charism for many years and in varying degrees. We continue to discover the depth of its charism in everything which the Holy Spirit has given to this movement.

While studying several of the Pope's presentations on movements in the Church, we especially found St. John Paul II's quote instrumental in our study: *"The founder is the pivot of the life of every movement, because he is the bearer of the original charism from which it is born and through which it lives."* We are discovering the depth of knowledge and wisdom given to Eduardo Bonnín – the person who received the original charism of the movement.



The NACG Committee remains aware that there is still work to be done to arrive at a general agreement with all that is "fundamental" in our Cursillo Movement. It is with that enthusiasm that we look forward to the revised version of the Fundamental Ideas. The NACG is forever grateful for the many friends within our World movement and we wish to continue these friendships as we walk together in discovering the true gift that this Cursillo Movement is to the "person".

May God bless you and your dioceses and may you also be inspired to go deeper into the study of our movement's charism.

With peace and joy,

The NACG

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**THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CARIBBEAN**

The English speaking Caribbean islands are those which border or are surrounded by the Caribbean Sea.

The Cursillo Movement has existed in the Caribbean for more than forty years. Today, the movement exists in several of the islands. Each island has its own Secretariat, but there is also a Caribbean Secretariat which is presently based in Barbados.



All the countries meet together on a bi-annual basis for the Caribbean Conference. The last Conference was held in Barbados in August 2013.

The Caribbean Secretariat is planning a “*Cursillo de Cursillos*” weekend for all its members in August 2015, to be held either in Miami or St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It is envisaged that this Conference will assist in the revival of the Movement and its sustainability throughout the islands.

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**News from Canada****CONFERENCE OF CANADIAN CATHOLIC CURSILLOS**

The focus of Canada is, and has been, help our *cursillistas* to get to a deeper understanding of the mentality, method and purpose of Cursillo Movement.

Since 1992, the CCCC has been back to the original charism of Cursillo in Christianity and is therefore in close contact with the Majorcan leadership based on the reality that Mallorca is the birthplace of Cursillos and where has remained faithful to the charism received by Eduardo Bonnín. For this purpose, the CCCC has published the book by Eduardo “*Christian's apprentice*” and the book “*History and memory*” by Francisco Forteza.

We continue to work on the translation of the writings of Edward and plans are underway to receive the collaboration of the leaders of the United States to accelerate the work.

In our annual Canadian National Conferences, we have encouraged the study of the founding charism.

In Sydney, Nova Scotia, the 2013 Conference focused on three conferences of Mallorca, the “*Conversaciones de Cala Figuera*”, and the presentations were developed to clarify the message and the method of *Cursillos*, especially “Christianity in action”, the cornerstone of the method.

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The Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, 2014 developed the theme "From vision to mission - using the method to keep on the track" and was relevant because dissected and examined in depth the *Cursillo* definition as written by Eduardo.



Our annual Conference in 2015 is planning a *Cursillo de Cursillos* in which three leaders from Mallorca will take a leadership role. This unique weekend, which will be held in Ottawa in June, only rarely has been presented in English during the last decade so, it will be an occasion not to be missed.

On 18 October, Canada joined with almost five hundred participants from all around the world in the monastery of Lluc, in the mountains northeast of Palma, Majorca, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Cursillo Movement. Much prayer, testimony, displays, and entertainment marked the festivities of the day which ended with a mass celebrated in the Basilica of Lluc, by the Salinas Bishop, Bishop of Mallorca, that in the end conclude with an ad that he began the process to the beatification of Eduardo Bonnín. This announcement was received with much joy!

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**News from Cuba**

Cuba held an Ultreya celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement in the world.

Everything ran magnificent and *cursillistas* participated in the celebration, from many places.

The celebration included the Historical emergence of Cursillos in Christianity by Antonio González González (Tony).

There was two questions to be analyzed by Groups 1) *What has the Cursillo made for you?* and 2) *What have you made for the Cursillo?*

The Celebration of the Solemn Mass for the 70th Anniversary of Cursillos, that was celebrated by Fr. J. Agustín Toranzo concluded with everybody in a circle singing "De Colores".

We shared and celebrated in a climate of friendship and great fraternity.

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**News from USA**

The United States continues its study of the charism of the Cursillo Movement based on the writings of Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló.

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We recently posted in our October 2014 newsletter an excellent presentation that Eduardo gave at the *II Conversations of Cala Figuera*, in 2002, entitled “*An Encounter with Oneself*”.

In this presentation he states that any Cursillo has to start with an encounter with one self; and the discovery of being a person (if someone does not love oneself, it is impossible to love anyone) and also that every Christian is called to holiness.

We share our link of his presentation for all to download, copy and share:

<http://www.cursillo.org/news/nmail1014.pdf>

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## **Fundamental Ideas - Conclusions of some of the chapters**

As in the previous Newsletter, we publish the conclusions of the seventh and eighth chapter of the new Fundamental Ideas.

### **CHAPTER 7 THE PRE-CURSILLO**

#### **CONCLUSION**

##### **A. Grace as the principle and foundation of Precursillo.**

The CM is the work of God and His grace is absolutely necessary in all its activities. Therefore, communion with God through prayer, and the sacraments, will mark every moment of the Precursillo.

##### **B. The community as a support.**

The Precursillo, besides being based on the grace of God, is also a human work, supported and enlivened by the community.

- A community that sends the team to the mission
- A community that prays for each Cursillo
- A community with a strong sense of Church.

The community which supports the Precursillo with its prayer is:

- The community of the School of Leaders and the Secretariat.
- The entire community of the CM (Group Reunions and Ultreyas).
- The ecclesial community, because the CM is Church, and builds up the Church in the world.

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**CHAPTER 8  
THE CURSILLO  
CONCLUSION**

**A. The Cursillo is a gift**

The Cursillo is a "wonderful gift of God" which makes possible the greatest experience a person can live: to meet the Lord, discover and live the essence of being a Christian and project a new life.

**B. With different elements**

This is achieved firstly by the grace of God, secondly by the free choice of the person and, finally, by a methodological technique, developed by the team of leaders.

**C. One sole purpose**

All the various elements of the method of the Cursillo have the same purpose: to be channels of Grace, and the means by which the Holy Spirit can reach people.

**D. Some requirements**

For the Cursillo to be what it can be, it is necessary to have:

- A thorough and accurate knowledge, which clearly recognizes what is essential, important and optional in the Cursillo.
- Respect, humility and sense of wonder for what the Cursillo can be in the lives of people.
- An attitude of willingness and service to do whatever is necessary to actually fulfil the purpose of the Cursillo.

**IDE COLORES!**