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# Minutes

## II Meeting of Fundamental Ideas

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### MINUTES

#### COMMISSION OF THE THIRD EDITION OF *FUNDAMENTAL IDEAS* SECOND MEETING JULY 22-24, 2008 MIAMI

Present: Jim Roddy, Sheelagh Winston, Fr. Syd Miffen, NACG; Andrew Lim, Margaret Morris, Fr. Adrian, APG; Bishop Nel Beltran, Maria Elisa Zanaletto, Mario Gonzales Casado, GLCC; Fr. Manuel Hinojosa Petit, Alvaro Martinez, GET; Maribel Gomez, Gail Terrana, Juan Ruiz and Fr. David Smith, OMCC Executive Committee.

Opening Meditation--Fr. David Smith:

“She who loved much”—Just as Mary Magdalene, St. Paul was one who was loved by Christ personally. He desired to transmit this love to others. This love opens our eyes to the truth. Love makes us free. It is our desire to be the Good News.

Paul spent himself for the unity of the Church.

We, as members of the Movement, can be tempted to seek positions and value our contribution based on our professionalism or our expertise. To understand the movement we cannot measure in terms of year and should trust in the ability of others.

We should remember that clericalism can occur amongst the clergy as well as the laity whenever we think too highly of ourselves. We are all equal in the eyes of God because we are equally called to the three encounters with self, God and others. We are equally called to a life of Grace.

In order to be good stewards of the Charism, we need to place a first priority on the Cursillo Movement. Just as St. Paul, we should give to others what we have received.

I. Finances: It was requested that all expenses be reported for this meeting and for the Sub Commission meeting in Houston. The Miami Secretariat hosted this meeting and they donated all expenses of lodging, meals and transportation.

II. The Process for the revision was reviewed as ten steps agreed upon at the previous meeting of the Commission. It was noted that the drafts to be discussed at this meeting were not sent at the agreed one month prior to this meeting for necessary study and preparation. As an alternative, it was suggested that the meeting be used as a working

session. Suggestions from this session would then assist the sub-commission to complete the work of producing a complete working document.

III. Progress Report of the Sub Commission: Although the timeline indicated all chapters would have been reviewed at this meeting, circumstances were such that at this time the sub-commission has the need for more orientation in order to do so. Individual proposals for four chapters were submitted for review; History, Charism, Mentality and Purpose. This same process as was used in Gibraltar was proposed for this meeting, as it was instrumental in establishing collegiality upon which to build the work ahead. The proposal was made to have the Commission review and study these documents in English and Spanish and evaluate their general structure, the style and the focus. This way the sub-commission can gather at the end of the meeting to have a work session to incorporate the comments given.

#### IV. Working Sessions:

1. The first working session was dedicated to studying the drafts of the History chapter. The GET and GLCC gathered to review the chapters in Spanish and the APG and NACG gathered to review the same chapter in English. One recommendation was made to accept the document with minor changes. Another recommendation was to use a more abbreviated form. Four general sections were suggested: Introduction, Pre-History, Beginning, Growth. Juan Ruiz as the coordinator presented his recommendation that the Commission consider recent publications of the Pontifical Council of the Laity (PCL), expressed in the two congresses held on the Movements of the Church. Specifically, the references and strong urgings of the PCL to all movements were the following:
  - a. To be more mindful of returning to the origin of the Charism to therefore understand our Charism. This return to the origin was a matter of studying the History in order to know the Founder of each of our movements. The expressions of Pope John Paul II, then Cardinal Ratzinger, and the many Bishops involved, were clear in situating knowledge of the charism of all movements with knowledge of the Founder.
  - b. It was agreed that the sub commission would take into consideration all the comments made regarding the indications of the PCL. After a lengthy discussion the request was made that a separate commission of historians should be named for the task of studying the history in detail and publishing it separately from the Fundamental Ideas book. This will have to be a project for a new commission name by the OMCC. It was recommended that the sub-commission respond to the suggestions of the PCL in the rewriting of the history chapter in brief and general terms. Juan distributed the order form of the books containing the above- mentioned documents of the PCL World Congress of the Ecclesial Movements.

2. A second work session was dedicated to comments on the Charism Chapter. It was suggested to include a brief introduction to the chapter, a review of the definition of the charism, and a combination of the description of the consequences with the fruits of the movement. A discussion was held with regard to the need to use the word “founder” as opposed to “initiator” as this was also the word used in the first edition. This was not resolved. Another issue unresolved was the permanent validity of the Charism. The sub-commission will need to further study the accurate explanation of the discernment of charisms and the many varied ways discernment is referred to within the text. Juan Ruiz also submitted a document upon the request of Eduardo Bonnin before his death, for the sub-commission. It had originally been intended to be a revision for the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition but had not been received in time for consideration.
3. The third work session was on the Mentality Chapter and it was recommended that the content be reorganized because the content was valid but perhaps a different way of elaborating the chapter would help clarify understanding.
4. The fourth session was on the Purpose Chapter. It was recommended it be reviewed for clarity. A discussion was held regarding the leavening of environments and its relation to the strategy of the Movement. The understanding of environment itself was also mentioned since an understanding of the meaning of environments is essential to understanding the Purpose as it relates to the Strategy. It was determined that at this point the group should avoid discussing strategy because it is dealt with in its own chapter. It was also noted that it was important to establish the difference between the three-day experience named Cursillo and the entire method that includes the three phases. More development is required in the next to emphasize the “personal encounter” sufficiently.
5. With the work done thus far, the sub-commission was able to meet and decide their plan forward. Meanwhile, the remaining members of the Commission studied the Method chapter. Comments were given.
6. General conclusions: It was suggested that all chapters include an introductory paragraph explaining the importance of the element contained therein. Numbering should be used as it was in the second edition for reference to paragraphs. All the ideas in the book must present the ideal sought after. Alvaro was asked to continue as the coordinator for the sub-commission. He proposed that all documents from further work be translated by Maria Elisa and Fr. Modesto.

7. Plan forward: A new timeline was developed for the development of the remaining chapters and their review by the Commission. It is as follows:

October 2008 – The suggestions from this meeting will have been incorporated into the five chapters discussed and sent to the translation team.

January 2009 -- The sub-commission will meet for three days to review the work done with the comments given here at this meeting and applying this guideline to the remaining chapters. The meeting place will be Los Angeles and Jim Roddy will be responsible for making arrangements for lodging. The suggestion was made that Maria Elisa Zanellato and Fr. Modesto participate as translators of the documents as they are revised.

March 2009 – The work done at the January meeting will be sent to the Commission for review and further comments. At this point, the working draft will include all the chapters proposed for the third edition and comments are to be sent electronically.

July 2009 – The commission will meet for three days to discuss the working draft.

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