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MINUTES  
COMMISSION OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> EDITION OF *FUNDAMENTAL IDEAS*  
FIRST MEETING  
JUNE 10-12, 2007  
GIBRALTAR

Present: Sheelagh Winston, James Roddy, Fr. Modesto Perez, (NACG); Monica Polanco, Alvaro Martinez, Fr. Manolo Hinojosa, (GET); Maria Elisa Zanelatto, Mario Gonzalez Casado, Bishop Nel Beltran, (GLCC); Margaret Morris, Andrew Lim, Fr. Adrian Farrelly, (APG); Maribel Gomez, Juan Ruiz, Fr. David Smith (OMCC)

Prayer and Meditation: Fr. David shared addresses from the II World Encounter of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities and the 5<sup>th</sup> General Conference of CELAM as a meditation. Cardinal Scola's address focused on Pope John Paul II's expression of the role Jesus Christ has in transforming history and our role as participants.

During personal presentations, everyone introduced themselves and stated expectations.

I. The decision to revise *Fundamental Ideas*, as stated in the Resolution from the VI World Encounter, in items 20 a. b. c. d. and e., was read and the Process for Revision proposed at the First Ordinary Meeting of the present OMCC was read as well as a suggestion to the Commission, which has the task to establish the process as per the Resolution of the VI World Encounter. Comments were then made on the process and it was determined that in order to begin the work of defining what is essential, the audience and the purpose of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of *Fundamental Ideas* needed to be identified first.

II. Discussion was held to determine to whom the book is being written. The AUDIENCE was approved to be identified as: The leaders and potential leaders of the Cursillo Movement.

III. The purpose of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition was discussed and a description approved on. See PURPOSE below.

IV. Discussion was held regarding the vision of the work and it was decided that the

vision of *Fundamental Ideas* as stated in the Introduction of the first edition of *Fundamental Ideas* was to be used:

...a book was needed which would adequately reflect “the essential basis which gives identity and character to the Movement all over the world, that which every country and every leader has to uphold, if we want to keep the Movement true to itself.”

V. The question was raised whether the chapter to be added on Charism should be written by the Commission, thus disregarding the decision made by the OMCC at its First Ordinary Meeting that they be written by the executive committee. It was decided that the OMCC had with good intention gone beyond its scope and that the chapter on Charism will be written by the committee.

As per the First Ordinary Meeting of the OMCC (Dallas, November 2006) a process was established to replace any member of the commission not able to serve for the entire process. A motion was made that each International Group will make the reassignment for their own representative, if necessary. Sheelagh seconded the motion and all approved.

VI. Msgr. Beltran suggested a process for the project. According to the proposal, a SUBCOMMISSION would be designated consisting of one member selected by each International Group. The objective sought is that instead of arriving at a publication that is a collection of works distinct in mentality and style, a single work forged by the unity of mentality in the sub-Commission will be obtained. After discussion, a motion was made to accept the process and all approved. See PROCESS below.

VII. A timeline was developed and discussed for the process. A motion was made to approve the timeline and all approved. See TIMELINE below.

Prayer and Meditation: Fr. David shared a meditation that included comments made at the II World Encounter of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities focusing on evangelization, especially in movements. The call to return to the original charism was made in order to challenge and encourage commitment.

VIII. It was found necessary to establish some guidelines concerning the Commission itself. The same Commission will remain until the project is completed and approved at the next World Encounter. Each respective International Group will make any needed substitution of the members. The coordination will always be done by the President in place of the Executive Committee of the OMCC and thus will be limited to their term. At this point Juan Ruiz asked that the Committee state their position with regard to his input as the Coordinator. After comment it was agreed that input from the Coordinator was expected and encouraged.

IX. The sub-Commission was selected and approved.

#### SUBCOMMISSION

Fr. Adrian Farrelly, Msgr. Nel Beltran, Alvaro Martinez and James Roddy

It was expressed that consistent attendance will be expected. However, if circumstances made the absence of any member necessary, a member of the same International Group will take their place. The sub-Commission will not only count on the assistance of the other two of their International Group, but will also be free to consult with others.

X. Finance

- A. It was stated that as per the First Ordinary Meeting of the OMCC, the four IGs will share all expenses equally.
- B. A request was made that the number of meetings be kept to a minimum because the budget is very limited.
- C. Another request was made for the Commission to seek private donations in order to assist the IGs in funding this project.
- D. It was made known that all expenses for food and lodging was donated by the Gibraltar Cursillo Community as well as by the Mayor of Gibraltar. The only expense for this meeting was airline fares. It was suggested that the same be done for future meetings. It was communicated that Miami and Guadalajara are willing to offer their Cursillo House with all expenses covered as well. Alvaro offered the house in Cordova, and Bishop Beltrán offered the one in Monterey.
- E. It is foreseen that the only expense that is anticipated is that of travel expense. Some members expressed their willingness to donate their travel fare. It was noted that all personal donations that can be made will reduce the total cost to be covered by the International Groups.
- F. It was agreed upon by all that the financing of the Sub-Commission would be included in the financing of the Commission.
- G. The request was made that all submit the cost of their travel expense for this meeting in order to request payment from the International Groups.
- H. It was agreed that a bilingual secretary assist in the future meetings of the Commission and that someone be sought from the location selected. In the event that someone is not available then Maribel can be counted on to attend. Therefore, assistance to future Commission meetings will be attended by 14 people (counting the translator).
- I. The decision was made for all distribution at the National level and within the Commission itself to be via e-mail as opposed to print in order to avoid unnecessary expenses.

XI. A discussion was held on the History that will be contributed to the work. All agreed on the framework suggested. Comment was made by Juan Ruiz that the OMCC is presently engaged in a study of the History. It was requested whether this would also be considered by the Commission. It was decided that a scientifically constructed History will not be used and that *Fundamental Ideas* will maintain that the official history will be according to the concept of history suggested. See HISTORY below.

- XII. Suggestions were made as to the content of the book and all suggestions will be submitted to the sub-Commission. See CONTENT below.

## PROCESS

1. Determination of the focus, type of book, content, audience and purpose in accordance with its Vision as defined in the 1st edition of FI
2. Selection of a sub-Commission
  - a. Composed of one person from each International Group
  - b. Who will create a working document
  - c. In consultation with others
  - d. Distribution of the working document to all the members of the Commission (with a copy to the OMCC to keep them updated on the progress of the project).
3. Study of the working document by the Commission who will review amend and make recommendations
4. Writing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the working document by the sub-Commission
5. Study of the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft by the Commission of the working document (in a meeting if necessary) for amendments and approval.
6. Distribution by the president of the OMCC to the National Secretariats (with a copy to the International Groups) of the approved second draft for their review and contributions
  - a. Distribution by the National Secretariats to the diocesan secretariats for study and contributions
  - b. Summary of the recommendations by the National Secretariats to be prepared both in English and ~~or~~ Spanish
  - c. The National Secretariats will send the summary to the OMCC who will forward them to the sub-Commission with a copy to the Commission.
7. Writing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the document by the sub-Commission by taking into account the proposals of the National Secretariats
  - a. The results of the consultation will be organized
  - b. Explanations will be provided whenever a proposal is rejected
8. Study, discussion and approval of the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft by the Commission
9. Distribution to the National Secretariats of the Final Draft (the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft if no further revision is necessary) for review in preparation for the World Encounter
10. Approval at the World Encounter

## TIMELINE

June 2007 – Process approved and sub-Commission selected

June 2008 – Submission of the working document to the Commission

August 2008 – Meeting of the Commission to review the 1<sup>st</sup> draft

April 2009 – Submission of the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft to the Commission

June 2009 – Meeting of the Commission to review the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft

September 2009 – Distribution of the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft to the Commission

November 2009 – Meeting of the Commission to review and approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft for distribution to the National Secretariats

December 2009 – Distribution to the National Secretariats by the OMCC

December 2010 – Submission of summaries by the National Secretariats to the OMCC for submission to the Commission

June 2011 – Final draft is submitted by the sub-Commission to the Commission

September 2011 – The Commission will meet to approve the final draft

October 2011 – Distribution of the Final Draft to the National Secretariats in anticipation of the World Encounter

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2012 – World Encounter for approval of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of *Fundamental Ideas*

## PURPOSE

- Promote unity of understanding
- Maintain fidelity of the Movement to its charism and itself
- Deepen knowledge of the Movement
- Identify and clarify the Cursillo movement and its essence
- Identify characteristics of the movement world-wide
- Identify the history of the movement
- Motivate more people to become involved with leadership
- Awaken a commitment to serve in the Movement as a primary vocation

## CHARISM

- Reference to the Catechism of the Catholic Church 799, 800, 801
- Friendship

- Lay mentality/spirituality
- Coming alive to God's love through friendship
- Through friendship to be an apostle in a personal circumstance and personal response
- Triple encounter in a community of Love—God loves me, I need to love myself, I need to love my brothers and sisters
  
- Conclusion on Charism from the 5<sup>th</sup> World Encounter in Korea:
  - A) "Essential Characteristics of the Foundational Charism
    - it is a movement of the Church (cf, F.I., 92-96)
    - the kerygmatic proclamation of what is fundamental for being a Christian;
    - living a life that is totally Christ centered;
    - the joyful living witness of our faith
    - the conversion that seeks the three fold encounter between self, Christ and other, leading to holiness;
    - the sharing of our lives in Christ with others through Christian friendship;
    - the leavening of our environments with the Gospel."
  
- Study made by some members of the GLCC and GET:
 

The Charism of Cursillo is a gift (1) that the Holy Spirit pours out on its Church, beginning with its initiators (2), that forges a mentality and empowers a movement (4), that by means of a method (5), of its own and is kerygmatic and by means of friendship (6), seeks conversion (7), by means of a triple encounter—personal, with Christ and others (8), makes living and sharing what is fundamentally Christian possible (9), helping the discovery and realization of personal vocation (10), and fosters the creation of Christian groups (11) for the leavening of the evangelization of the environment (12).
  
- Validity of the Charism today and its influence in today's world from the 5<sup>th</sup> World Encounter in Korea:
 

We affirm that the foundational charism is valid today as it was in its beginning because:

  - it is based on the love of God
  - Christ is still the only valid answer for man and the world today and forever.
  - It is an ongoing, life-giving gift of the Holy Spirit
  - the world still has its back turned on God
  - in the lives of many Christians there is a separation between faith and life
  
- The Charism and its discernment:
  - a) The recognized organisms for the discernment are:
    - The schools of Leaders
    - National and Regional Encounters
    - The World Encounter as the maximum authority.

b) The recognized world wide Operational Structure is:

- Diocesan and National Secretariats
- International Groups
- OMCC

c) The Pontifical Council for the Laity, through Article 3b of the OMCC Statute, determined as one of its objectives:

*"3b. to preserve the identity and unity of the Movement in its essence, faithful to its original charism, to the book: The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement". And to the conclusions resulting from the World Encounters".*

## HISTORY

- A contextual and conceptual approach to the history of the movement
- Description of the expansion of the movement to the other continents
- 1<sup>st</sup> edition of *Fundamental Ideas* pages 17-22
- 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of *Fundamental Ideas* page 19
- Introduction to the Statute of the OMCC, paragraph 3, with the addition of Juan Capo's name as one of the initiators.

## CONTENT

- Clarification of what is a Movement
- Clarification of what is an Ecclesial Movement
- Movement with its own Charism
- Specific Method: Kerygmatic, in Friendship, through Witness
- Three phases: Precursillo, Cursillo and Poscursillo
- Finality or Purpose
  - Encounter with Christ
  - Conversion
  - Group
- Leavening the environment
- Experience of 3 days / 3 encounters
- Each phase: retreat, proclamation, conversion, insertion
- Living witness for lifetime through friendship leading to progressive conversion
- Ongoing Friendship
- Respect for person, continuing conversion

➤ Power Ideas

--Make a friend, be a friend, take a friend to Christ

--Talk to God of the friend before talking to the friend of Christ

--Bloom where planted



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