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## Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting

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OMCC  
Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting  
December 1-3, 2006  
Dallas Texas, USA

Present: **Asia/Pacific:** Andrew Lim and Fr. Adrian Farrelly; **GET:** Francis A, Napoli, Elsie Martínez, Joseph Luís Yeo, Fr. Stuart Chipolina; **GLCC:** Roció Ramírez Munera, Lucia Sanchez Toro, Bishop Nel Beltrán; **NACG:** Carlos Muñoz, Sheelagh Winston, Rejean Daigle, Daniel Rodrigue, Fr. Syd Miffen; **Executive Committee:** Juan Ruiz, Gail Terrana, Maribel Gomez, Jim Wells, Fr. David Smith

Friday 10:00AM

December 1, 2006

After a prayer and introductions, Victor Lugo, National Executive Director, welcomed us to the National Cursillo Center.

All stated expectations of this meeting. One general expectation stated by Juan Ruiz was that he-encouraged us to form a team and service as the team that the OMCC should be. The agenda was reviewed and the order of items 5 and 6 was reversed.

### 1. OMCC Activity Reports.

First order of business was the presentation of reports from each International Group.

**A/P** Report was given by Fr. Adrian (report attached in English and Spanish)

There were four main points:

- 1) A/P Encounter in 2006
- 2) Vietnam was selected as the new A/P Coordinating Country, from 2007-2009

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- 3) 20<sup>th</sup> A/P encounter in Oct 2008 in Saipan
- 4) Task of contacting countries that no longer participate, i.e. Philippines, Thailand.

**GLCC** Report was given by Rocio in Spanish and translated by Maribel in English (report attached in English and Spanish).

The main points:

- 1) Selection of Colombia as the Coordinating Country and the Executive Committee
- 2) Promotion of regional encounters, prayer chain, expansion of Cursillos and development of a Cursillo for Leaders
- 3) Task of communicating to the countries of the GLCC
- 4) President's Forum to promote unity, select the Representatives to the Fundamental Ideas Committee and begin a study on conforming Fundamental Ideas to the Statutes
- 5) Publication of the Web Page ( [www.glcc-mcc.com](http://www.glcc-mcc.com) )

**GET** Report was given by Francis (report attached in English and Spanish).

The main points:

- 1) Discussion of the Charism
- 2) Plan of action in response to the VI World Encounter
- 3) Selection of the representatives to the Fundamental Ideas Committee
- 4) Financial concerns
- 5) Selection of Gibraltar as Coordinating Country and the Executive Committee
- 6) Expansion of Cursillos into Africa
- 7) Work on the Statutes.

**NACG** Report was given by Sheelagh (report attached in English and Spanish).

The main points:

- 1) Concern over finances and membership of the Caribbean Countries
- 2) Study and implementation of the resolutions of the VI World Encounter
- 3) Study and comparison of the Statutes
- 4) The addition of the French Cursillo Movement (MCF) to the NACG

**OMCC Executive Committee** Report was given by Maribel (report attached in English and Spanish).

The main points:

- 1) Development of the Executive Committee as a team
- 2) Study of the needs of the Movement
- 3) Needs met

4) Needs still to be worked on.

It was suggested that the names of each country within the International Groups be included in the report. In addition, future reports should be submitted in both English and Spanish before the meeting to save time.

## **2. Financial Report.**

The Finance Report of the OMCC was given by Jim Wells. All dues have been received from all four International Groups, including 2007 dues from A/P and GLCC. Royalties from the sale of Fundamental Ideas (FI) have only been submitted by the United States (this includes Canada).

The OMCC began with a zero balance. Some ideas for fundraisers were suggested to help fund the present OMCC and future Executive Committees. One is a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. It was explained how the pilgrimage forms unity, spiritual formation, and can produce some funds based on the number of participants.

Juan also reported that the OMCC received prayers and donations from the US National Secretariat and other cursillista friends.

The submission of 10% Royalties for the Fundamental Ideas Book was discussed. The U.S. is the only country paying royalties, even though we are aware of other countries publishing Fundamental Ideas. Some suggestions were made including the administration of royalties to be discussed by the committee for revision of FI. Each group should investigate publishing companies and send that information to the Executive Committee.

The amount spent on airline expenses was clarified. The OMCC Executive Committee paid its own airfare to Rome for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of Ecclesial Movements this past June.

There was discussion on whether a budget was necessary. In addition, discussion was held regarding OMCC visits to the Secretariats. Many agreed there is an increased awareness of the existence of the OMCC and the service we provide due to the visits.

Juan made clear that all visits to the countries visited have been funded by the inviting country. However, Juan also expressed great concern over limiting visits only to those countries that can afford the expense.

Juan asked if any of the groups wanted to sell OMCC pins and bookmarks for \$3 each. The OMCC Executive Committee and the International Groups could split the profit. He also stated that fundraising needed to be done in a manner that doesn't interfere with our service to the MCC.

There were questions about the benefits of having each diocese pay a fee to the OMCC and National Secretariats. We will address this concern later.

Motion: A motion was made by Carlos to create a committee to study the finances and structure of International Groups for OMCC.

Fr. Syd seconded the motion.

Voted: All approved.

Each International Group will select one person from each group to serve on the committee and Jim Wells will coordinate it. Submit the name of this person by May 31, 2007. Deadline for the committee to submit a report is December 31, 2007.

### **3) Statutes.**

Juan consulted the Pontifical Council of the Laity. The statutes were approved on May 30, 2004 for five years ad experimentum. During the five years, we can study and test the statutes. Changes can be made and submitted, six months (November 29, 2008) before the 5-year period ends on May 29, 2009. Juan distributed a proposed Timeline and Process of the Statutes "ad experimentum" Period. There was concern over the need for dioceses to be involved.

Motion: A Motion was made by Fr. Adrian to look at the process and timeline of the Statutes.

Carlos seconded the Motion.

Conversation ensued, and Fr. Adrian, a Canon Lawyer, explained the ad experimentum condition of the statute in its present form. It was suggested that the study being proposed was a good opportunity for others to know about the OMCC. The timeline was reviewed. Some changes were suggested. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary meeting will be in June or July 2008 to finalize the statutes.

Vote: Timeline and process was voted on and approved by all. Copy attached.

#### **4. Revision of Fundamental Ideas.**

A timeline and process for the revision of Fundamental Ideas was proposed and reviewed. Bishop Beltran stated that there needs to be a vision that guides the work. Juan pointed out the many countries have unduly changed the FI book. Francis agreed and stated that it was necessary for all work to be done based on the one book approved at the World Encounter.

There was discussion on the assignment of the committee. Each person selected should be objective, sincere, and honest. Juan recommended “imprimatur of OMCC”. He asked if we wanted an International copyright. He also stated that no one has a right to change the Charism. It is a gift from the Holy Spirit, which not only needs to be studied, but most importantly, it needs to be lived. The Holy See asked all the movements in the Church to study and understand their charism. We can be more faithful to our Charism and the Church if we live out our Charism. We discussed what is Essential – the same for all regardless of culture, what is Important – to a country or culture, what is incidental – does not have to be there.

It was suggested that the Fundamental Ideas Committee (FI) be formed and guided by a vision established by the OMCC, then, be given the responsibility to develop their own timeline and distribute the work amongst themselves.

Motion: A Motion was made by Francis to form the FI Committee of 12 and for the same Committee to select a person from amongst themselves to coordinate the Committee. The Presidente, in turn, of the OMCC will supervise this Committee. This Committee will stay together for the duration of the project, regardless of the change of country for the OMCC seat. This group will also recommend its own process and a timeline.

Fr. Syd seconded the motion.

It was also suggested that the committee instate a process to replace someone if for some reason they are not able to serve until completion of the work.

Discussion: The VI World Encounter states that the OMCC Executive Committee assigns the chapters and the coordinator. It was decided that the FI Committee should choose the Coordinator. It should be assigned to a person not a country.

Voted: All in favor of the Motion.

Fundamental Ideas Committee:

- GET - Fr. Manuel Mario Hinojosa Petit (Spain), Monica Polanco (Germany) and Alvaro Martinez (Spain)
- LGCC - Bishop Nel Beltrán (Colombia), Maria Elisa Zanellato (Brazil), and Mario Gonzalez Casado (Venezuela)
- NACG - Fr. Modesto Lewis Perez (USA), Sheelagh Winston (Canadá), and Carlos Muñoz (Canadá)
- Asia/Pacific - Fr. Adrian Farrelly (Australia), Margaret Morris (Australia) and Andrew Lim (Korea)
- Supervisor: President of the OMCC Executive Committee

The President and the Spiritual Advisor of the OMCC Executive Committee will provide a workshop for this new Committee. It will be held at a cost effective place able to accommodate the 12 and team. The workshop will run Thursday through Sunday. The cost will be divided equally amongst all 4 International Groups. Gibraltar made an offer to host this workshop. It will be scheduled next year, possibly in June.

Meeting was adjourned for the day.

Group reunion and Ultreya was held after dinner.

Saturday 09:30AM

December 2, 2006

Fr. David opened the meeting with prayer.

Juan gave us a recap of the previous day. He also talked about the need for a prayer chain – with the different time changes, one person can be praying for the intentions of the movement (One Our Father, One Hail Mail, etc.) at every minute of the day. This will also promote unity.

### **5. World Encounter.**

This item was already discussed within the discussion of the Statutes. It was revisited during discussion of mixed cursillos and the Charism. It was decided that a World Encounter would be planned in July 2010 to agree on the Charism chapter for Fundamental Ideas.

## **6. Mixed and Specialized Cursillos.**

Juan explained the different Cursillos now in place: mixed (men and women together), jail, military, youth, specialized, etc. Cursillo was not intended to be mixed or for specialization. It was meant for all men or women (by gender) to meet in one place: all social status, all ages, etc. There is a need to address this issue as it is causing confusion from others using the name “Cursillo”. What can we do? How do you feel? Are there any solutions?

A/P reported the Chinese have mixed cursillos; NACG no mixed Cursillos except in French Canada; GLCC have 2 day, mixed and specialized Cursillos; GET reported Spain has 2 day and mixed and Italy has mixed and Jail Cursillo.

There was further discussion on methodology, mentality and finality. The question was raised whether using Cursillos for other purposes goes against our Charism.

Bishop Beltran said this was a rich discussion and suggested it be held at a World Encounter. We could have a list of objectives and reasons: what is essential, what is important and what is accidental. He also referred to the Theology of the Body and to the theology of culture.

Carlos reminded us that the result of the V World Encounter in Korea was to study the Charism and nothing was done.

Fr. Syd said the method needed to be followed faithfully in order to have a “profound conversion experience”.

Juan explained that at the V World Encounter in Korea, they saw the need to study the Charism; to take it to the International groups, National and Diocesan Secretariats to be studied and come back and act on it. It is our responsibility to know it.

Bishop Beltran said we needed a method and an agreement on the Charism. He suggested we use the monthly letters to create discussion. To summarize, Bishop Beltran said the OMCC should communicate that all will study the Charism at three levels. (What is essential, what is important and what is accidental).

Using the same process as the one for the study of the Statutes, a draft of the Charism chapter for the Fundamental Ideas will be written. This chapter could be agreed upon

at the next World Encounter. All agreed this plan of action is in response to the mandate from the World Encounter in Seoul, Korea, which until now has not been followed through.

A tentative date for a World Encounter is July 2010.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary meeting will be planned for June 5-8, 2008 in Buffalo, New York.

Juan asked if everyone's expectations were met and many shared their satisfaction, optimism and hope for the future work of the OMCC.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

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