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Present: **Asia/Pacific Group – A/P:** Huaa Tam Ngyuen, Margaret Morris and Fr. Adrian Farrelly; **European Group - GET:** Francis A, Napoli, Joseph Luís Yeo; **Latin American Group - GLCC:** Roció Ramírez Munera, Gloria , Bishop Nel Beltrán; **North/American Caribbean Group - NACG:** Carlos Muñoz, Sheelagh Winston, Fr. Syd Miffen; **Executive Committee:** Juan Ruiz, Gail Terrana, Maribel Gomez, Jim Wells, Fr. David Smith

July 25, 2008

After a prayer and introductions, Juan asked for recognition of the already approved minutes from our First Ordinary Meeting from December 2006. Tam Ngyuen asked that the name Vietnam be referred to as “Vietnam Diaspora” in our minutes. The agenda was reviewed and the order of items 2 and 3 was reversed.

1. Financial Report.

Jim Wells gave the Finance Report of the OMCC...

A very important element to our work is to provide the means to finance the expenses involved of global communication and action. The Dollar per Cursillista Campaign is still underway and in many parts just starting to get organized. All International Groups committed to seeking more support and were encouraged by the report from Asia Pacific of its great success there.

All International groups were asked to request royalties for the Fundamental Ideas sales that have not yet been paid for. A motion was made to seek better control of publication of the 3rd Edition of Fundamental Ideas. Although this motion was not carried out it

will remain a consideration for the project. A further motion was made that the translations of the 3rd edition be approved by the OMCC.

The cost of the Fundamental Ideas meeting in Gibraltar that was divided equally by the International Groups (IG) was \$4289.68. There only remains a payment of \$533 due from the GLCC. The cost for the Houston meeting of the Sub-Commission is still pending distribution. Asia Pacific asked what manner would be used for the administration of the funds collected by means of the Dollar per Cursillista campaign. After discussion, it was decided that all IG's would keep their own campaign funds to pay for their part of the overall costs. If there are any funds remaining from the campaign at the conclusion of the project it will be decided then how to administer those funds.

2. OMCC Activity Reports:

Reports were given by each International Group.

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

The main points are the following:

- 1) Collaboration with the revision of the book Fundamental Ideas
- 2) Compilation of amendments to the Statute of submissions from English Canada and United States and submission to the Executive Committee of the OMCC
- 3) Communication with members of the Group
- 4) Attendance at the National Ultreya of the French Cursillo of Canada on June 21, 2008 at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Saint Ann of Beaupres
- 5) Plans for a Group Encounter are pending

A/P Report was given by Tam Nguyen (report attached in English and Spanish)

The main points are the following:

- 1) Vietnam in Diaspora was selected as the new A/P Coordinating Country from November 2007- November 2009
- 2) "Give a Dollar" campaign collection of AUD16,600
- 3) Oceania Korea is a new official member and the Military Cursillo Center in Okinawa, Japan was welcomed back. Contact was re-established with the Cursillo Movement in the Philippines
- 4) Study and contribution of revisions to the Statute
- 5) Asia Pacific Encounter scheduled for Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana, from November 6-9, 2008

- 6) Significant increase in communication among APG members due to communication with OMCC leading to enhanced unity

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

The main points are the following:

- 1) Obstacles to maintaining the Web Page and plans to overcome them.
- 2) The selection of Msgr. Nel Beltran Santamaria, Mario Gonzalez Casado and Maria Elisa Zanelatto to the Committee for the Revision of Fundamental Ideas
- 3) Consultation to the PCL regarding the Statutes
- 4) Study of the Statutes by all countries and at the regional encounters
- 5) Suggested revisions to the Statute were sent to the Executive Committee of the OMCC
- 6) Contribution from two countries for the dollar campaign
- 7) Regional encounters for the Bolivarian Countries, the Southern Area and the Northern, Central America and Caribbean countries

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

The main points were the following:

- 1) Pre-Encounter held in Italy in May 2007
- 2) Consideration of the revision of the Statute
- 3) Concerns regarding the revision of Fundamental Ideas
- 4) Activity in South Africa
- 5) The success of the European Ultreya in Fatima on April 12, 2008
- 6) Visits to Croatia, Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic and France (Vietnamese in Diaspora)
- 7) Difficulty with finances

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

The main points were the following:

- 1) Tam Nguyen, new representative from the APG
- 2) Addition of French and Italian versions of the newsletter and other progress in communication with the Cursillo Movement worldwide
- 3) Visits to Spain, Portugal, North and South America
- 4) Plans for a visit to Cuba
- 5) Progress on the revision of Fundamental Ideas

- 6) Contributions from the International Groups for the revision of the Statute and the method used for synthesizing the contributions (method attached)
- 7) Attendance at gatherings organized by the Pontifical Council for the Laity

The opportunity was given for questions after each report was given.

Clarification was requested from the GLCC as to the procedure used to communicate to the PCL without following indications given earlier that the PCL asked for all communication to be made by means of the Executive Committee. The response explained that Msgr. Beltran, by virtue of being a Bishop is entitled to more ample communication. Juan Ruiz re-emphasized that as an Executive Committee it is a responsibility to serve the International Groups. Therefore, any communication necessary should be directed through it and all requests will be honored. This will simply improve our organization and reduce instances of confusion before the PCL.

It was clarified to the GET that the Statutes had not been approved at a World Encounter in the form they were approved by the PCL. Furthermore, it was re-emphasized that the process we are presently engaged in includes final approval by a World Encounter of any revisions to be made.

3) Statutes.

The Study of the Statute and the process for proposing changes to them proved that there was a definite need for revision. Some errors were found in the approved Statute and some inconsistencies as well. The Second Ordinary Meeting clearly revealed a need for all levels of study and revision of the Statute to establish a clear understanding of the difference between the Executive Committee of the OMCC and the OMCC itself, as it was seen that many confusions exist with respect to this throughout the document. For these reasons alone we found the revision to be necessary.

Furthermore, the discussion of the Second Ordinary Meeting proved to be very important and instrumental in developing a unity of understanding of the Statutes themselves since this had not occurred until now due to the nature of the approval of the Statutes by the PCL without prior approval by a World Encounter or the OMCC in its present form.

The final document is attached for your distribution to the International Groups and redistribution to all National Secretariats for further review and study. It was necessary to revise the timeline and it was considered important to emphasize that this document is still open to revision. The revised Timeline is as follows:

September 2008 – Distribution by International Groups to all their National Secretariats

- October 2008 -- Distribution by the National Secretariats to all their Diocesan Secretariats
- April 2009 -- All suggestions for further revision from the Diocesan Secretariats will be synthesized by the National Secretariats and sent to the International Groups
- July 2009 -- All suggestions from the National Secretariats will be synthesized by the International Groups and sent to the President of the Executive Committee of the OMCC in preparation of the next meeting of the OMCC

The study of the need to redistribute the membership of the International Groups is necessary before responding to a suggestion to change the present rotation system of the seat of the OMCC.

A concern was raised concerning the issue of authority. After lengthy discussion regarding the nature of the Cursillo Movement's emphasis on service, the question still remained if it was possible for an organization, as is the OMCC, to function without explicit authority being assigned. Although the reference from Fundamental Ideas, Article 609 and the Internal Regulations indicate that the OMCC will have no authority but rather will exist at the service of the rest of the operational structure of the movement there still remained objection to this idea. Because of this, it was decided to engage in further study of the same documents of the PCL previously cited amongst others, in order to continue this dialogue and reach a consensus on the final version of Article 2 in which this issue first arose with the approval of the present statute.

It was decided during this meeting that the revisions to the Preamble of the Statutes of the OMCC would not be discussed and will need to be studied at the next meeting of the OMCC.

4. World Encounter

Due to the changes of the timeline for the revision of the statute of the OMCC, it is no longer possible to plan for a World Encounter until further work is done and it is apparent that consensus can be reached upon the revisions. While the World Encounter is no longer a plan, the International Groups were unanimous in requesting a World Ultreya.

5. Fundamental Ideas Commission Report on Progress

The Sub Commission of the Fundamental Ideas revision presented their work to date to the Commission for review and comment. Five chapters, History, Charism, Mentality, Purpose and Method were studied and revisions were suggested. The Sub Commission then issued a new timeline that will aim to have a final document, including all chapters, ready to be presented for revision by July of 2009.

Upon studying the History chapter, the Commission made the request for a new Commission to be formed solely for the task of studying and publishing a complete History of the Beginning of the Movement as a separate document from the Fundamental Ideas book. The History chapter in the Fundamental Ideas book will be written in a very brief and general way to account for the origin yet not delving into the depth that will be covered in the commissioned history book.

The meeting was adjourned.

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