



APG NEWSLETTER

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“Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ”



GREETINGS DEAR FRIENDS,

The Peace, Joy and Love of the Lord be with you during this year
of our Lord's Grace,

We are very happy to share with you the **GOOD NEWS** we have already received in 2019.

22ND APG ENCOUNTER 25-28 APRIL 2019

First: an update about the 22nd Asia Pacific Encounter: though the deadline for registration of official delegates is fast approaching on 31 January, we found some errors in our first Registration Form and some delegates have had problems in completing the online pdf registration form which we sent to you previously. Therefore we are sending the corrected form again both as a PDF and in Word format, which we hope will be easier for you to complete. Please let us know if there are any further problems, as we would not like you to miss out. All National Secretariats should have received the information notice which remains the same. If you choose to stay in a twin share room, please indicate the name of the person you would like to share with. We need a registration form for every person in attendance.

After 31 January, we will be allocating any remaining rooms to Observers on the waiting list. They are anxious to book their airline flights, so as to obtain a good deal on the price. It is important for Delegates (3 members of National Secretariats) to register by 31 January, so that we can allocate the extra places as soon as possible, allowing the Observers to make their bookings. We have been liaising with the President of Hawaii Cursillo, Molly Anguay, who has been very helpful in this preparation phase and we hope to have the cost of the optional bus tour (at the end of the Encounter), available soon. If you are intending to stay in Honolulu following the Encounter, the bus company will drop off at your Hotel following this tour. This will be the first APG Encounter since 2010, and we are really looking forward to celebrating our Friendship.

We have sent an invitation to the Bishop of Honolulu, Bishop Larry Silva, to attend the Encounter and we hope that he will be the main celebrant at one of the Masses held during the Encounter. As we indicated previously, we will be honoured to have the presence of the Cursillo World President, Juan Adolfo Moguel Ortiz, attending from Mexico.

VISAS FOR THE USA

Please check the US Visa requirements for your country and make your arrangements, as soon as you have registered for the Encounter. Some nationalities can complete a Visa Waiver online. Sometimes Visas take some time to come through, so it important not to leave it until the last minute. You will not be able to enter Hawaii without a Visa for the USA.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION

- We recently heard from Patricia Felder of our member country, **US Military Cursillo in Korea English**. They recently held a successful Grand Ultreya and we congratulate them on their achievement.
- Congratulations also to the Cursillistas of **Sri Lanka** who are preparing for their 52nd National Convention at the end of this month. Please keep our Sri Lankan brothers and sisters in your prayer. Palanca may be sent to cursillosrilanka@gmail.com We entrust their gathering to the Holy Spirit and know that it will be a joyful and fruitful meeting.

- We also wish to announce that Cursillo **Korea** held recent elections and the new International Director is Mr Marcelo Yoo. We are looking forward to meeting at the Encounter and to a long and happy association, as Korea's representative in the APG. We would also like to thank the previous International Director Joanna Lee, in particular, for her work when Korea was the coordinating country of the APG from 2014 to 2017.

OMCC WEBSITE

The link for the new OMCC website for Cursillo is <http://www.cursillosdecristiandad.net>

We have been in communication with the OMCC President about the website which is currently only accessible in Spanish. Juan Adolfo assures us that the webmaster is working to resolve this issue and we hope that Cursillistas who don't speak or read Spanish will soon have access to all information in English and in Spanish

OMCC PIN COMPETITION:

The idea of a competition to design a Cursillo lapel pin that would be easily recognised by Cursillistas around the world came from the first OMCC meeting in Queretaro 2018. Cursillistas from any country or International Group are invited to submit their design for a pin that could proudly be worn as a symbol of Cursillo unity throughout the world. If you have any ideas and would like to participate, please contact the APG Executive for specifications.

This year has commenced with much good news in Cursillo and we feel that it is a wonderful sign for the success of our Encounter '**PILGRIMS OF THE 21ST CENTURY**'.

Trusting in the Lord and His goodness to us always, we look forward to celebrating with you in April, as we come together in His Name for the benefit of our Movement in the Asia Pacific Region.

A MESSAGE FROM Fr JOHN:

Each New Year we are called to consider what is important in our life. Daily news reports, advertising, email subscriptions internet accounts and junk mail can flood into our consciousness and seem to demand immediate responses about how to live a worthwhile existence. Yet in the midst of this information age we need to filter out what is important to us and what we will listen to. This is the importance of a time of prayer each day to consider what draws us closer to God and how this is reflected in our relationships with others. By being attentive and aware of what brings us life we can build on solid foundations. God comes to us disguised as our life!

Many blessings and

¡DE COLORES!

Margaret, Fr John, Merran, John & Rhonda

**ASIA PACIFIC GROUP EXECUTIVE
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