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## DECREE

The ***Cursillo in Christianity*** Movement began in the nineteen-forties on the island of Mallorca (Spain), taking particular shape in the spiritual preparation for a pilgrimage to the tomb of St James the Apostle in Santiago de Compostela, organised by the youth of Catholic Action during the Compostela Jubilee Year of 1948. The first “Cursillo” in Christianity was held in January 1949, in the Mallorcan Monastery of San Honorato, Randa.

Among the group of initiators of Cursillo in Christianity, particular importance is accorded to a layman, Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló (1917-2008), to the then Bishop of Mallorca Juan Hervás y Benet (1905-1982), and to Monsignor Sebastián Gayá Riera (1913-2007).

The continuous expansion of the Cursillo in Christianity Movement in its first thirty years led to the creation of diocesan secretariats, national secretariats, and International Groups in the Service of the movement across countries in the same continent. The ***World Organisation of the Cursillo Movement*** (OMCC) was established during the 5<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Meeting, held in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) **between June 23 and 27, 1980.**

The World Organisation is in the service of the whole of the Cursillo Movement, exercising its authority over the International Groups and the national and diocesan secretariats (Statutes, Article **2**) through the promotion of unity in the movement across the world, of faithfulness to the Cursillo charism, and of faithfulness to the Church: in particular by means of the book “Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement”, by assistance to the International Groups and by the introduction of the movement to countries where it is yet to be established (Statutes, Article 3).

Because of the continued growth of the movement since the establishment of the World Organisation, and the recommendations of numerous bishops from all parts of the world, as well as the repeated encouragements received from several Roman Pontiffs, the Pontifical Council for the Laity gave recognition to the World Organisation and granted it juridical personality in canon law with its decree of May 30 2004, approving its statutes for a five-year ***ad experimentum*** period. At the request of the World Organisation, in order to allow more reflection on the statutes across the movement, the Pontifical Council for the Laity’s letter of May 4<sup>th</sup> 2009 extended this ***ad experimentum*** approval until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014.

Taking account of all of the above;

Welcoming the request for definitive approval of the revised statutes, made by the Executive Council of the World Organisation and following from the World Meeting held in Brisbane (Australia) between November 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2013;

Given the Dicastery's competency under articles 131-134 of the Apostolic Constitution ***Pastor Bonus*** on the Roman Curia;

The Pontifical Council for the Laity hereby decrees:

- 1.- Confirmation of the recognition of the World Organisation of the Cursillo Movement (OMCC) as a structure of coordination, promotion and divulgation of the Cursillo in Christianity experience, enjoying juridical personality in canon law;
- 2.- The definitive approval of the statutes, duly modified, a copy being this day deposited in the archives of the Dicastery.

From the Vatican, December 12<sup>th</sup> 2014, on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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