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Brothers and sisters, Cursillistas of world, we wish to convey to you our greetings of peace in Christ, the Lord who is born to bring us a message of hope in these challenging times.

Upon completing the third year of service as Executive Committee of the World Organization of the Cursillo Movement (OMCC), we recall what was expressed in number 4 of the work program we presented on the occasion of our candidacy as the seat of the OMCC: ***“Renew our adherence to the Catholic Church based on the criteria of Ecclesiality, and promoting the formation of the leaders in all the Schools of the Movement to avoid any deviations, blurring or irregularity within the CM. Some of the problems and situations we face within the Movement are related to the different ways of understanding what it means ‘to be an ecclesial movement’ – first of all, we are the Church”.***

It is also worth recalling the content of number 5 of said program, which states: ***“Strengthen the union, presence and communication with the Pontifical Council for the Laity (today the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life), seeking that the Dicastery perceives the CM as an efficient, responsible and reliable collaborator to which it can entrust a segment of the evangelization task. It is convenient to take into account that the change of the OMCC headquarters every four years entail changes in the relationships and approaches of this essential bond with the Hierarchy”.***

During our term we have been able to attend with joy, enthusiasm and hope the Encounters and / or General Assemblies of the International Groups, events on which we have acknowledged the realities of the countries comprised by each IG. Our two Ordinary Meetings were also occasions to learn about the different situations that the Movement faces in each latitude, so we have been able to understand that among the leaders there are dissimilar interpretations and positions on aspects of the “being” and “doing” of the Movement, as well as its fidelity to the Pope, to the Shepherds, and to the Magisterium of the Church.

As stated in Chapter 1, articles 2 and 3 of the Statute, the OMCC is a service organisation and exercises its authority over the International Groups, the National and Diocesan Secretariats within the limits of what is provided by this Statute and prescribed by the Code of Canon Law, and its objectives are:

- a) promoting unity of understanding of the essence of the CCM at the world level



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- b) maintaining the CCM in its faithfulness to the Church and its teaching
- c) preserving the CCM in its faithfulness to its charism and the book "Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement" (FICM), fruit of the World Encounters and official expression of the Cursillo movement, and to the conclusions of the World Encounters;
- d) facilitating the mutual exchange of information, initiatives and ongoing reflections of the IG;
- e) encouraging the IG to fulfil their responsibilities towards their National Secretariats.
- f) promoting unity and co-operation among the IG;
- g) assisting the IG so that they achieve their objectives;
- h) promoting reflection and study upon the role and mission of the CCM at the worldwide level;
- i) assisting the introduction of the CCM in countries where it is not yet established.

Therefore, and to avoid misinterpretations, we want to inform you about the tasks that this Executive Committee has been carrying out since our Second Ordinary Meeting in Chicago, in September 2019.

In that Second Ordinary Meeting, the Executive Committee of the OMCC informed that it would undertake the necessary tasks to solve a weakness detected during our attending the events of the International Groups mentioned above: lack of communion and unity to what is provided in the Decree of Canonical Recognition of the OMCC, the Statute, the book of "Fundamental Ideas", the Pope, the Pastors and the Magisterium of the Church, in some National Secretariats and dioceses. Such weakness has led to a controversy that has been going on for years, wearing down and creating divisions to the detriment of our mission of leavening the environments with the Gospel.

Seeking to collaborate with the OMCC Executive Committee in the search for different channels to solve the aforementioned weakness, the Executive Committees of two International Groups – the GLCC and the GECC – raised the possibility of modifying the OMCC Statute, regarding the rotation and headquarters of the OMCC system, as provided in articles 4 and 10. The aim of such modification is to articulate a procedure more in line with the reality of the CM, which would allow a more equitable participation of the National Secretariats – the structure in charge of the development of the CM in each country – in the proposal, election and management of the CE-OMCC.

The Statute itself provides the possibility of modification and specifies the appropriate procedure in its article 17: presentation of proposals by the International Groups, study by the National Secretariats, and finally approval in a World Encounter, after previous submission to the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life.



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Though this procedure is clear enough, the CE-OMCC made an inquiry to the Dicastery about the possibility and convenience of proceeding with it, having received a positive response. Therefore, this is the process to be started, naturally following all the steps indicated.

In order to contribute to the unity of the Cursillo Movement we feel the need to **MANIFEST** the following to the entire Cursillista universe, especially to the Service Structures that have the responsibility of leading the Movement.

1. We accept with loyalty and fidelity the Cursillo's "*own and original charism*" (FI3 No. 35), grace of the Holy Spirit, ordered to the building up of the Church, in this case the CM, for the good of men and to the needs of the world.
2. We recognize our shepherds of the Church as the only ones competent to discern, examine and keep the good, so that all the charisms cooperate with their diversity and complementarity to the common good. "*The important thing is not to walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters, and especially under the leadership of the bishops, in a wise and realistic pastoral discernment*" (EG 33; cf. Motu proprio "Authenticum Charismaticum", Pope Francis).
3. We affirm that the CM, as an Ecclesial Movement, is characterized by the awareness that it cannot be understood as an end in itself, nor act – under any circumstances – as a work isolated from the organic Pastoral, and fulfilling all the aspects that make it a Movement recognized by the Church. This circumstance places out of focus any position that considers the Movement as a separate agent, dispersed from the ecclesial community.
4. We are grateful to the Holy See, through the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, for the official recognition of the OMCC Executive Committee as a structure of coordination, promotion and divulgation of the Cursillos in Christianity experience. With the approval of the OMCC Statute and of the said OMCC Executive Committee, the CM receives a special sign of authenticity from the Apostolic See. The significance of this recognition supports the fact that proposed amendments to the Statute – to be approved by the Dicastery – correspond exclusively to the responsibility of the World Encounters of the Cursillo Movement.
5. We recognize in the National Secretariats, the International Groups and the World Organization true operational structures of communion, coordination and service. The diocesan character of the Movement cannot justify that its lay members attempt and/or take attitudes to the detriment of promoting and maintaining the unity at the national, regional or world level.
6. The "Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement" (third edition) is the book that legitimately expresses the self-understanding of the original charism of the CM at a universal level, and constitutes an indispensable instrument towards communion, coordination and service of the CM. Therefore, only a World Encounter legitimately called and assembled, can authorize its updating and changes in its wording.



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7. We reaffirm our conviction that, as an Ecclesial Movement, the Cursillo Movement participates in the apostolic purpose of the Church, and consequently, working together, priests and laity, promote a more perfect life among the members of the laity itself. The precise and just assembly between the role of the priests and the laity is perhaps one of the most successful aspects of the Cursillo Movement, when it is understood and put into practice with true fidelity to its charism.

And to clarify possible doubts resulting from ignoring the way this process is being conducted, we express and affirm that this Executive Committee of the OMCC will always act in the most absolute respect for what is established in the Statute, the decisions of the World Encounters and the guidance of the Holy See, with no other purpose than to serve the CM throughout the world in the best possible way.

We take this opportunity to wish all Cursillistas a Christmas season full of God, who is the source of communion in our Cursillo Movement. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, model of missionary disciple, be our inspiration, to continue carrying out our evangelizing task, and our patron Saint Paul enlighten all our efforts of synodality or ecclesial communion.

De Colores!

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