



## TALKING

**Juan Adolfo Moguel Ortiz**  
**President**

Dear brothers and sisters of the Cursillo Movement,

Hoping you are fine in the peace of the Lord, I am glad to communicate that we are resuming the publication of our bimonthly Bulletins, and at this very first edition of the year that has just begun, we would like to thank God for the first year of our service – which would not have been possible without the cooperation of all the International Groups – and entrust Him the activities we are planning to develop.

We understand that a good way of doing it is to recall which our duties are as an organism in charge of the coordination of the CM at world level, as described in our Statute (Article 3). And it is essentially important to take into account that such “organism” is formed by the Executive Committee of the Organismo Mundial de Cursillos de Cristiandad and its four International Groups.

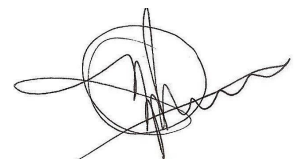
In fact, those duties are quite clear in the subsections of Article 3 of the OMCC Statute, and fulfilling them is a responsibility we cannot escape:

1. *“Promoting unity of understanding of the essence of the CCM at the world level”* is to accept and promote the acceptance that the Movement will have different “colours” in different cultures, though this does not necessarily distorts it.
2. *“Maintaining the CM in its faithfulness to the Church and its teaching”* is to recognize that the CM, as an ecclesial Movement, walks the same path of the Church, because it has the same mission of the Church, that is, to evangelize.
3. *“Preserving the CM in its faithfulness to its charism”* is to keep it always identical to itself, though capable of adapting, by means of a “creative fidelity”, to the actual circumstances where the charism is lived.

4. *“Preserving the CM in its faithfulness to the book Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement”* is to understand that FICM is our frame of reference at world level, and allows us to set a course and follow it in order to avoid deviations and to keep the CM as a valid answer to the Church’s approach to the world to be saved.
5. *“Preserving the CM in its faithfulness to the conclusions of the World Encounters”* is to keep giving the CM the new life that results from the serious dedication of its leaders who, at that forum, are able to discuss and reflect about the necessary changes and adjustments.
6. *“Facilitating the mutual exchange of information, initiatives and ongoing reflections of the IG and promoting unity and co-operation among them”* is to turn into life the friendship that was, is and will always be the motivation for Christians who made the CM their way to fulfil their role as constructors of the Kingdom.
7. *“Encouraging the IG to fulfil their responsibilities towards their National Secretariats”* is precisely to encourage them to be *good shepherds*: those who never neglect their sheep and never waste time with the ‘optional’ when the ‘essential’ is at stake.
8. *“Assisting the IG so that they achieve their objectives”* is to do everything, all the time, in order to assist with words, with actual presence, with witness, with friendship, with all the available resources so that no one is left behind, and all can walk together, in respect to unity in diversity.
9. *“Promoting reflection and study upon the role and mission of the CCM at the worldwide level”* is to never be satisfied with what has been done, but to keep going further, keeping the CM as an effective instrument of evangelization to the service of the Church and the realities to be evangelized.
10. *“Assisting the introduction of the CCM in countries where it is not yet established”* is to walk together with our Patron Saint, Paul, who kept tirelessly carrying out the Lord’s order to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

I humbly beg you to support us with your valuable and essential prayers, which allow us to adequately sustain these projects for 2019 that seek to promote the evangelizing efforts of the leaders that make up the different service structures in any part of the world who, with great enthusiasm and dedication to the apostolic mission of the Cursillo Movement, are firmly committed to leaven and transform their environments, responding to the challenges presented by the contemporary society.

¡De Colores!



Juan Adolfo Moguel Ortiz  
President



# REFLECTING

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**Spiritual Advisor**

Dear Cursillistas,

John tells us in his Gospel that, before suffering, Jesus prayed the Father for communion among the disciples, with these words: *"May they all be one, just as, Father, you are in me and I am in you, so that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me"* (John 17, 21). This makes us think that, in its deepest truth, the Church is communion with God, familiarity with God, and communion of love with Christ and with the Father in the Holy Spirit, which lingers in fraternal communion. This relationship between Jesus and the Father is the source of the bond existing between us who believe in Christ – if we are intimately introduced in this burning forge of love, then we can truly become one heart and one soul, because God's love burns out our selfishness, our prejudices, our inner and outer divisions. God's love purifies us of all that prevents communion.

For this reason, those of us who have decided to embrace Christ's cause are committed to search ways and tools that allow us to promote the Master's desire, especially when the Holy Pope, John Paul II told us: *"We need to promote a spirituality of communion, making it the guiding principle of education wherever individuals and Christians are formed, wherever ministers of the altar, consecrated persons, and pastoral workers are trained, wherever families and communities are being built up."*(NMI, 43).

In this sense, the Cursillo Movement, as a Movement inspired by the Holy Spirit, is a gift from God to make the dream of his Son come true, "that all be one", since its charism promotes the creation of an Ecclesial Movement, that is, a group of people who share a mentality, live the same apostolic restlessness and work together in the same project of evangelization: to help Christians become genuinely Christian (cf. FICM3, No. 91).

This is what enables us to experience the "ability to think of our brothers and sisters in faith within the profound unity of the Mystical Body, and therefore as 'those who are a part of me', to know how to share their joys and sufferings, to sense their desires and attend to their needs, to offer them deep and genuine friendship." (NMI, 43). This is what enables us to "allow space" for our brothers, carrying each other's burden (cf. Galatians 6, 2) and resisting the selfish temptations which constantly beset us and provoke competition, careerism, distrust and jealousy". (NMI, 43).

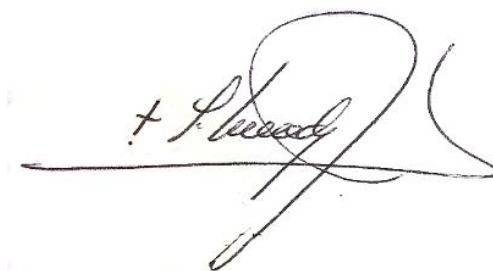
That is why we need to strengthen the internal structures that safeguard the charism and the identity of the Cursillo Movement. One of them is the **International Groups** that gather and represent the **National Secretariats** recognized by their respective **Bishops Conferences** (FICM3, No. 341), and whose mission is, among others, "to promote ongoing and dynamic reflection on the identity of the CM worldwide, according to its own charism, mentality, purpose and method, at worldwide level" (FICM3, n.342).

We start our reflections of this year precisely emphasizing the beauty of the communion which we experienced with joy, last year, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September, in our First Ordinary Meeting that took place in the city of Santiago de Queretaro, Mexico, and pointed the ways for the OMCC activities during its term.

By complying with what is established by Fundamental Ideas and "meeting to review and adjust the identity of the Cursillo Movement", the OMCC expressed it provides "an authorised reference" to promote fidelity to what is essential in the Cursillo Movement (FICM3, n. 343).

*Let's walk this way with confidence and joy!*

De Colores!

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol and the name 'F. Armendáriz'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

+ Msgr. Faustino Armendáriz Jiménez  
Bishop of Queretaro  
Spiritual Advisor

# PROGRESSING & PROJECTING

## **In 2018... we progressed**

In January, both the President and the Spiritual Advisor got together in Fatima with the outgoing Executive Committee, from Portugal, for the transfer of the seat. Later, at the Vatican City, they were welcome by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, who expressed his support to the new Executive Committee of the OMCC. In the afternoon of the same day, they had the opportunity to meet Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, and talked with him about the expansion of Cursillos in Africa.

In August the President was invited to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> National Encounter of the CM in the USA, in Seattle, starting this way to develop the closeness that should mark the relationship of the Executive Committee and the International Groups, in order to build Unity, Communion and Participation.

In September, the First Ordinary Meeting of the OMCC, with the participation of the Executive Committees of the four International Groups, took place in Queretaro, Mexico, and provided an accurate panorama of the reality each Executive Committee was facing in its region and of their plans to develop their activities in accordance with what is foreseen in the Statute. Furthermore, following the discussions of a large agenda, many decisions were put into operation.

At the end of September, the President attended the invitation of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, the event called "Promotion and Formation of the Lay Faithful – Good Practices", and the Spiritual Advisor attended the same meeting in his capacity as responsible for the Episcopal Dimension for Laity in the Bishop's Conference of Mexico.

## **For 2019, we project...**

... To conclude projects related to the preparation of the OMCC-EC Internal Regulations and also new ways of financing the activities of the OMCC itself.

... To participate – in the person of the President – of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Encounter of the National Secretariats of the Asia Pacific Group, to be held from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

... To make a visit to South Africa, together with the European Group, in order to settle a suitable planning for the development of the CM in African continent.

... To prepare and carry out the Second Ordinary Meeting of the OMCC which will take place in the city of Chicago, USA, in September.