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## **BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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**Feliz Natal**  
**Feliz Navidad**  
**Merry Christmas**  
**Buon Natale**



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## OMCC present in the III World Congress of ecclesial movements and new communities

The *Pontificium Concilium pro Laicis* (PCL), the Holy See's agency responsible for the guardianship of the action of the laity in the Church, organizes every eight years a Congress which brings together the most important and significant secular movements and new communities from the entire world.

The III World Congress of ecclesial movements and new communities held in Rome on 20 to 22 November, and the Executive Committee of the OMCC had an active participation. Then OMCC was represented by a delegation composed by Spiritual Assistant Monsignor Francisco José, the President Francisco Salvador and the Responsible for Charisma Mário Bastos.

About 300 delegates, representing more than one hundred movements and new communities, were united in communion, and enriched by the diversity of their charisms, work in a clear identification with the theme of the Congress: "The Joy of the Gospel, a Missionary Joy...".

The majority of the movements and new communities, more than sixty, were represented by their world directives and the others by delegates with representation.



Many and varied were the themes presented throughout those three days standing out for its relevance the conference of Professor Doctor Fabrice Hadjadj entitled: "Missionary Conversion: looking outwards at the question posed by the signs of our times". In this conference an analysis was made of the troubled days we live in, so many times suffocated by all the technology that surrounds us, and some challenges were released to the movements to respond in an effective way to the needs of men and women of our days.



Bishop Francisco, Father Cantalamessa and Kiko



OMCC' Committee President

This theme, along with so many others who have focused on the fecundity of charisms, served as a basis for the reflection and awareness about the responsibilities of all and the necessity of ecclesial

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movements live in harmony and combine their efforts to serve God, joyfully announcing His love to all Mankind.

However, the highest point of the whole Congress was the speech that Pope Francis uttered at the hearing concede to the congressmen, where exhorted all to *"preserve the freshness of our charism, always renewing the "first love"*.



Another concern conveyed by the Holy Father was the way of welcoming and accompanying men and women of today, in particular, those most need and among these the most distant.

Concluded his statement saying: *"In order to attain ecclesial maturity, therefore, maintain the freshness of your charism, respect the freedom of each person, and always strive for communion. Do not forget, however, that to reach this goal, conversion must be missionary: the strength to overcome temptations and insufficiencies comes from the profound joy of proclaiming the Gospel, which is the foundation of your charisms. Dear brothers and sisters, you have already borne much fruit for the Church and the world. You will bear even greater fruit with the help of the Holy Spirit, who raises up and renews his gifts and charisms."*



Monsignor Francisco and Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko

It was with that word of encouragement and exhortation that ended the Congress, whose conclusions were presented by Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, President of PCL, who stated the need to keep alive the charism that were given by the Lord, resisting to the temptation to "caging" the Holy Spirit according to any fashion or our personal interests.

Another special moment was the meeting that, by the invitation of the Community of Sant'Egidio, on the evening of November 19, joined the ten most significant Ecclesial movements that decided to live in harmony and communion with the Holy Father the joy of evangelizing using the is own charisms.

Were present at this so special meeting the host community and the OMCC, the Focolar, Shalom, Emmanuelk, Fondacio, Charism Renewal, ICCRS, New Horizon, New Way and Arch, almost all represented by the respective world directions.

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## Fundamental Ideas

The OMCC's Executive Committee is preparing the global edition of the book with the redrafting of Fundamental Ideas that was approved on 13 September in Fatima – Portugal.

The first edition will be in English, Spanish and Portuguese languages and which will feature wide thousands of copies, with their presentation in May or June

In the course of European Ultreia which will take place in May 1, 2015 in Rome, a presentation of this publication will be made.

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## Fundamental Ideas - Conclusions of some of the chapters

In this newsletter, and in the next few issues, we will publish the conclusions of each chapter of the book of redrafting of Fundamental Ideas.

### Chapter 1 – History of the Cursillo Movement

#### A. Know the History of the CM

It is necessary to be aware of the history of CM, recognising the work of the Spirit, from the beginning to the present day, and also recognizing the commitment, enthusiasm and effort of many people, that began with the founders and which continues with so many “anonymous Cursillistas” who have lived their lives in service to the CM.

#### B. Discover in the reality and identity of the CM

The history shows how the identity of the CM came into being.

Through the years, the inspiration of the Spirit and the commitment of many people have shaped an evangelizing ecclesial movement that has a mentality, a purpose and its own method.

By means of this Movement the Holy Spirit enables many people to encounter God's love and live a meaningful life.

#### C. Respond in three dimensions

The history enables a response in three dimensions: gratitude, commitment and hope.

- Gratitude for the action of the Spirit and for the dedication of so many people that has brought good into the lives of others.
- Personal and community commitment and dedication to continue to live with enthusiasm everything the CM offers.
- The hope to be open to the future, always counting on the Holy Spirit.

### Chapter 2 – The Charisma of the CM

#### A. Understanding the “charism dimension” of the CM

It is essential to understand the “charism dimension” of the CM, by recognising that in its foundations there is a special gift of the Spirit, not only a purely human initiative. Therefore, participating in the CM, because it is inspired by the Spirit, means to live inspired by the Spirit, welcoming, understanding and living the charism.

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### **B. Twofold need**

It is necessary to know the charism, what it is and its specific features. Above all it is necessary to live it: owning the charism, allowing it to shape our mentality, and drive our actions.

### **C. "Creative fidelity" to the charism**

Living the charism requires "creative fidelity": remaining fully faithful to the original inspiration, while at the same time, developing the necessary creativity to live it in today's circumstances.

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### **First anniversary of "Evangelii Gaudium"**

This November is the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Pope's Francisco Apostolic Exhortation "Evangelii Gaudium". This document that aroused a lot of reflection and interest around the world, and certainly in the depths of each of us, challenges us to be missionaries leading, with our testimony and our word, the joy of the Gospel to all men and women of our time. We hope that these challenges have provoked a new mentality in all "cursillistas" and in this Church of Christ.

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The next editions of this newsletter will be monthly and will count with the collaboration of the International Groups.

Thereby in the months from January to April will contribute respectively the GECC, NACG, GLCC and APG.

**¡DE COLORES!**