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Dear friends,

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May the peace and love of our Lord always be with you!

It is with great joy that we would like to share with all of you an Actual Grace we received in the Archdiocese of Guadalajara, Jalisco (Mexico) while Juan Ruiz participated in an Encounter on Mentality.

The Holy Spirit made it possible for His Eminence, Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iñiguez, Archbishop of Guadalajara, to accept the invitation to complement the Executive Committee of the OMCC as Episcopal Advisor. Cardinal Sandoval is a Cursillista and a great promoter of the Cursillos in Christianity in Guadalajara. Just as Dr. Hervas one day gave a blessing that propelled Cursillos of Christianity forward, we hope that our dear Cardinal will also complement them in the same way now that we are so closely united to the Pontifical Council for Laity (PCL) and the Holy See.

In discussions with members of the PCL, we were given the recommendation to do two things in order to be more effective as a movement within the Holy See. First, was that the Seat of the OMCC remain in Rome so that we would always be present for the meetings of the PCL. Secondly, that we have a bishop as an Episcopal Advisor.

In response to the first recommendation, we have Flavio Bruno from the Italian National Secretariat as representative for the OMCC and who attends all the meetings of the PCL. Of course, Fr. Smith and/or Juan Ruiz assist the most important meetings and events.

In response to the second recommendation, we can now say with great joy that we have Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iñiguez, representing us in the Roman Curia as Episcopal Advisor.

Blessed be God for being so generous to the Cursillos of Christianity Movement!

Following, we would like to introduce our Episcopal Advisor:

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## His Eminence Juan Cardinal Sandoval Iñiguez

Archbishop of Guadalajara (Mexico)

**Birth:** Born on March 28, 1933, Yahualica, Jalisco, in the now Diocese of San Juan de Los Lagos, Mexico.



**Education:** After his studies at the 'Amado Nervo' Institute in Yahualica, he entered and studied in the Seminary at Guadalajara, Guadalajara. Upon completing his first course in philosophy, he was sent to Rome in 1952 to continue his studies in the Pontifical Gregorian University, where, after eight years he obtained a degree in philosophy and a doctorate in dogmatic theology with his thesis on St. John of Avila.

**Priesthood:** He was ordained a priest on October 27, 1957 in Rome. From 1957 to 1961, He continued his studies in Rome.

He did pastoral work in the diocese of Guadalajara in 1961.

At the Seminary in Guadalajara, from 1961 to 1971, he was spiritual director; prefect of discipline; prefect for the philosophy department, member of the faculty and prefect for students from Tapalpa. From 1971 to 1980 was vice-rector, with responsibilities of rector; named rector on August 22, 1980, holding that position until 1988. Additionally, member and president of the Presbyterian Council, of which was president twice; member of the archdiocesan meeting of the government; member of the archdiocesan commission for clergy.

**Term as Bishop:** Elected Coadjutor Bishop of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua on March 3, 1988. Consecrated on April 30, 1988 by Msgr. Manuel Talamas Camandari, Bishop of Ciudad Juarez. Attended the VIII Ordinary Assembly of the Sinod of Bishops in Vatican City from September 30 to October 28, 1990. Attended the IV Latin American Episcopal General Conference in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic from October 12 to 28, 1992. Promoted to the metropolitan sede of Guadalajara on April 21, 1994.

**Term as Cardinal:** Made Cardinal Priest on November 26, 1994; received the Red Biretta and the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Phillip the Martyr in Via Aurelia on November 26, 1994. Named as member to the Council of Cardinals for the Study of Organizational and Economic Problems of the Holy See on November 6, 1995. Attended the Special Assembly for America of the Synod of Bishops in Vatican City from November 16 to December 12, 1997; and was general relater of this assembly. Attended the X Ordinary Assembly for the World Synod of Bishops in Vatican City from September 30 to October 27, 2001. He participated in the Conclave from April 18 to 19, 2005. Was president-delegate of the XI General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, Vatican City from October 2 to 23, 2005.

As member of the Roman Curia, he belongs to the Congregation for the Institutes for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life and to the Congregation for Catholic Education. He is also member of the Pontifical Council for Culture, the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, the Office for Economic Affairs of the Holy See, the Council of Cardinals for the Study of Organizational and Economic Affairs of the Holy See and the Special Council of Cardinals for America of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops.

**Additional Information:** Raised in a Christian family of twelve siblings, of which nine are still living. Presently, one of his brothers, Jose, is a Missionary of Guadalupe in Korea. Was admitted to the seminary in Guadalajara in 1945 at the age of 12 years old. His title of Cardinal, instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1991, recognizes the profound devotion of the Mexican people for the Virgin of Guadalupe and Saint Phillip of Jesus, first Mexican martyr from the XVI century.

**Cardinal and Cursillos:** Cardinal Juan lived his cursillo in 1958 in the city of Burgos Spain, while studying and preparing a Thesis on “The Theology of Preaching”. While giving a rollo at the Guadalajara’s Cursillo School of Leaders, he shared the following: “While I was investigating the Kerygma in the library, I experienced what Kerygma is in the three days of a Cursillo in Burgos Spain... I was able to see the Kerygma in action, how it works and transforms men”. A little later in his rollo, he also said: “When I came to Guadalajara and was in charge of the seminary, I always sent my seminarians to a cursillo so that they could later help and support the movement in their

parishes. Later, now as Archbishop of Guadalajara, I hold a very special esteem for the movement and a wish to be with all of you, to encourage this providential movement in the church which is called to form leaders, Christian Leaders”

Dear friends, we invite you to rejoice in this Actual Grace and to join us in prayer so that the Holy Spirit will continue to shower his Grace on this beautiful Instrument of Evangelization—the CCM.

De Colores,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Ruiz', with a small flourish at the end.

Juan Ruiz  
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