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Dear Friends,

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

As we begin our worldwide study of the Statute and the Charism of the CCM, the first thing we must have clear in our mind, as leaders of this or any other movement, is “The Why” of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement (CCM). What was and continues being the Mentality that gave it life? This way, we will know how to apply its methodology and strategy, and more importantly, why we do what we do. To know “The Why” of things gives more meaning and life to everything that we can do, not only in the Movement, but also in all the phases of our life.

Apart from the History that is being prepared and which will further clarify more deeply the "Why" of the Mentality, we need to look at and understand that the Mentality that gave life to the CCM is nothing more and nothing less than the same mentality of what is Fundamentally Christian. This can be defined as; what it is to notice, to understand, to believe, to appreciate, to live and to live out with others the Love and Friendship of Christ Jesus.

All this, from an objective viewpoint, means to put into practice in oneself, the Gospel and Common Sense. From a subjective viewpoint, it is Faith and the Person. Therefore, the Mentality of the CCM is based on these four Pillars: the Gospel, Common Sense, Faith and the Person.

The Gospel is not only to be studied and shared, but rather lived and lived out with all those who surround us in every second of our normal and ordinary life—our environment (our movable square meter). This is what places us in the true reality in which we live, and indicates the way, while making it possible for us to see more clearly what we really are and what we should be. And this is because the Gospel, being the truth of God, makes us see very clearly that not only is it necessary to love God, our neighbor and ourselves, but rather more importantly still, that God in Christ Jesus loves us, you and me, in a very personal and particular way.

Common Sense is sometimes referred to as the least common of the senses. And seeing what we do sometimes, in how we grow fixated on the methods, rules and directives, it makes us start believing that this is so. We forget what is said in Mark's Gospel 2: 27-28, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”

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Common Sense being the genuinely human mentality, free from sociological implications that complicate it, helps us to put everything into a totally human perspective.

Faith is not only to believe in what we do not see or understand, but rather to give a Christian perspective to everything we see and everything that is happening around us. Christ needs to be our guide, our light and our way. And as Pope Benedict XVI told us at the official beginning of his Pontificate, “He who believes will never be alone.”

Regarding the person, we need to know and be totally convinced that the person is the greatest creation of God in the world and will always be the most important that will ever exist. Without the person, we would not have Christians, we would not have church, and much less a Cursillos in Christianity Movement.

Cursillo only intends for this person to have a conviction and decision that are fully saturated in Christ, in such a way that by conviction, their steadfastness takes on a dimension in their life and becomes constant in their way of seeing the world. Of course, this means to believe in the person, their value, their talents, their capacity and dignity as a person. It means respecting them for what they are and not for what they have or can give. And this especially means to totally respect and give them their freedom. That the person, in every time and place, be valued and feel a person, in every sense of the word. In doing so, they discover the beauty of being Christian by having encountered the Love and Friendship of Christ Jesus.

In this way, it was thought that we could face life, our life and the life of others, with a mentality that was totally Christian, a mentality that was reasoned, wanted, sustained and contagious.

Brothers and sisters let us unite in prayer so that we can understand what the Holy Spirit is saying to us through this beautiful instrument of evangelization that is the Cursillos of Christianity Movement.

De Colores,



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