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It is not difficult to realize that the current world is engaged in a rather complicated situation: on one hand we have wars, on the other political instability, at the front we see religious persecution and behind intolerance.

In the book of the Galatians, St. Paul clearly distinguishes the fruits of the flesh and the fruits of the Spirit. The current society, both its rulers and the governed, manifest hatred, violence, ambition, divisions, envy, etc., which clearly are fruits of the flesh and are strongly condemned by the Scriptures to the point of sentencing that those who do such things they will not inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

Faced with this reality, this culture of death, there is an urgent need to provide the world with an answer that can reverse the situation.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal, which emerged more than fifty years ago, is still a great renewing force of people, communities and societies, which are constantly being anointed by the Holy Spirit, who empowers the chosen ones with precious gifts so that they can serve humanity in search of its true freedom and sanctification.

That is why all of us who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit must give to the world the fruits of Christian maturity, fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is necessary to fill the world with love, joy, peace, patience, understanding, kindness and faithfulness.

Our Lord tells us clearly that in order to bear abundant fruit, we must remain in Him and He in us, because without Him we can do nothing (John 15: 5).

This is the main requirement of the Charismatic Renewal to be fruitful: to remain in the Lord. Those who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit must remain in the Lord through constant prayer, participation in the sacraments and intense community life. Only in this way, can they become agents of change in society at all levels, influencing individuals, families, politicians and society as a whole.

If the prayer groups and communities remain faithful to the Lord, they will be appreciated by



all of society, which will turn to them in search of those spiritual fruits that they lack, and that they long to achieve, to counteract the evil that is produced within.

It cannot be denied that the Lord has greatly blessed the Charismatic Renewal throughout the world, even in an unsuspected way, filling it with beautiful gifts. But it is the Charismatic Renewal that must regain strength because it has not yet been achieved enough impact on society in order to produce its transformation. We must emphasize the conversion of individuals and families. It is through them that we can reach those corners where there has not yet been a change and which are usually the most difficult to convert.

At the Vigil of Pentecost 2017, Pope Francis prophetically asked us to lift our eyes to see the fields ready for the harvest, with abundant fruit, but if we are obedient, we will see greater things. That is why we must be obedient to the Lord, not only because of a desire to see greater things, but as an imperative need. Society urgently needs agents of change that can lead it back to the path that God seeks for it.

We must reinforce the call of Pope Francis to share the experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the whole Church and to carry out Seminars of Life in the Spirit in places where they are usually not done in order to continue expanding this current of grace among those who have not yet responded to the Lord's call and who will surely be the future witnesses of God's Love and producers of spiritual fruits for today's world. 🙏

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE 2018 ICCRS COUNCIL MEETING

■ Oreste Pesare · ICCRS Director



To begin the meeting as a family, our President Jim Murphy, in welcoming the Councillors invited them to share something about their personal lives, which had happened in the past year.

We shared times of prayer, reflections and Holy Masses, during which the Lord encouraged and 'lightened our spirits' through many prophetic words. We were reminded that He is doing a new thing and that He is in control. A special moment was dedicated to remember our dear member of the ICCRS Doctrinal Commission and recently passed away Fr. Peter Hocken and the great contribution he made to the worldwide Charismatic Renewal.

The business of the meeting began by reflecting on the Statutes of the New Single Service. Councillors were asked to share their thoughts, both positive and those of concern, regarding CHARIS – fruitful discussion from which came many questions to be asked to the CHARIS team with whom an appointment had been taken during the meeting. Councillors spent a lot of time in this valuable exercise, that gave them an opportunity to express their thoughts. As fruit of this moment, all the Council recognised how it is essential that ICCRS help the CHARIS team in this transition process.

As Executive director, I was asked to share with the Council an historical and current view of ICCRS and how the Office will bring in the transition / handover to CHARIS up to Pentecost 2019, when ICCRS will cease to exist. Also I shared an interesting film – produced at the ICCRS Office, with the permission of Centro Televisivo Vaticano – on the prophetic addresses and messages of Pope Francis to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR), from his election as Holy Father in 2013 to the CCR Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2017. The meeting with the CHARIS team – on Friday afternoon, June 24th – gave the opportunity to present questions from the discussions, prepared by a specific team formed by Christof Hemberger, Jane Gunter and Ann Brereton. The result was a common feeling of communion and great hope that the Lord is operating according to his wonderful plans for CCR and the entire Church.

Our Council meeting had a strong Ecumenical flavour with the attendance of the Council for one full day at the 'International Charismatic Consultation' (ICC) meeting 'Gathering in the Holy Spirit' and the sharing on the Ecumenical event of 'Global Christian Forum' in Bogota – where, for the first time ever, ICCRS has been requested to be a part of with four members of the official Vatican Ecumenical delegation – which gave us a sense of the 'widening of our tents' and confirms our openness to take hold of Pope Francis' Ecumenical vision.

During our meeting we spoke also of the various programs of ICCRS... all of which are still bearing good fruit, i.e. the Formational Courses (LFIs, LTCs, ITCs), which have to continue during the transition time with each request

being considered. A Sub-Committee has been encouraged to continue to develop the program for a new School of Charisms. All agreed to this suggestion. Should anyone want an ICCRS School of Charism in their Region, they have to contact ICCRS Office or Ann Brereton.

Several are the youth Initiatives from around the globe about whom we have shared: Word Youth Day (WYD) in Panama in January 2019, where ICCRS will be involved in a Charismatic rally in collaboration with CONCLAT (Consejo Carismático Católico Latinoamericano) and Panama CCR; ISAO (Asia/Oceania Sub-Committee of ICCRS) youth initiatives; CONCLAT youth programs, plus many others.

The Council members had been given an opportunity to give and listen to Regional reports too. Among the many news, these are worthy of mention:

- The Prophetic Consultation organized by ESCI (European Sub-Committee of ICCRS) last March in Assisi;
- The ICCRS participation in the next-coming worldwide event 'Gathering for the Family in Ireland' organized by the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life in Dublin, Ireland in August 2018;
- The ICCRS participation in the next-coming 4th Pan-African event in Lome, Togo on August 6th-12th, 2018;
- The ICCRS support/collaboration to the Priest Retreat that CONCLAT is organizing in Brazil in August 2019.

All agreed to the Financial report presented and for our President Jim to write a letter to worldwide CCR to clarify the ongoing need of ICCRS to receive money. Also the 2019 Budget has been approved and accepted with the proviso that the Executive Committee monitor and adapt ongoing expenditure with the interface of the Finance Committee.

Project Fund support has been deliberated in favor of a Formation School in Uganda and in favor of African youth participating to the Pan-African meeting next August in Togo, with the proviso that they commit to cover their own flights.

No elections were held this year, because of the closure of ICCRS next year. So, Ann Brereton, Christof Hemberger, Denise Bergeron and Marcos Volcan, who were supposed to end their service as ICCRS Councillors in 2018, were asked to extend their term of service for one more year, until Pentecost 2019.

September 14th, 2018 is the 25th Anniversary of ICCRS Pontifical recognition and the approval of the ICCRS Statutes. A thanksgiving Mass, celebration and party will be organized in Rome for the occasion.

The last night of the Council meeting, we had fun and shared laughter with our Trivia Night.

Next and last ICCRS Council meeting will be held in 2019 in Rome on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June.

Let us continue to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit! 🙏

VICE PRESIDENT'S REFLECTION

■ Dn Christof Hemberger



I live in an area where a lot of fruit is grown. Everywhere in the area, there are plantations with apples, cherries and many other kinds. Over the last few weeks, these trees were in full bloom. It was wonderful to drive through the countryside and enjoy nature blossoming in all its glory. And this reminded me that there is a harvest to look forward to in summer and autumn!

We should, however, bear one thing in mind – a tree that is to bear fruit needs to be nurtured and maintained. It needs a caring hand to look after it, fertilize it, free it from pests and regularly prune it so that it can bring abundant fruit.

Our Christian life is quite similar. We have accumulated experiences over the years, we have learnt and lived a

lot. Much has grown during this time. But not everything that has grown fosters our growth and maturity and may well need healing, adjustment or pruning. This is a process we like to ignore but which is essential for our growth as disciples of Jesus!

The Christian life is the same as nature: fruit will grow where the Master Gardener is invited in: where he is permitted to put his fingers into wounds, to stabilize a crooked branch or cut off a shoot that has grown too quickly. The reward of this type of life will be great. Those who are willing to take their place in the garden of the Lord wherever the gardener is planting them, those who are willing to align their lives to the instructions of the Lord and humbly allow the Lord to prune them in regular intervals will grow and flourish, their roots will be watered by the living water and they will bear abundant fruit into old age (see Ps 1 and Ps 92). 🌱

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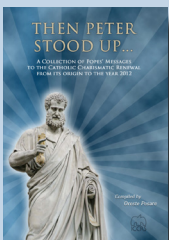
ICCRS welcomes well-organised and responsible people who have the talent of speaking more than one language to offer their voluntary service to the CCR worldwide. Collaborators will be requested to translate or proofread texts, primarily from our Newsletter and website. The texts are generally translated from English into Italian, Spanish, French, German, and Portuguese. Here are some specific needs:

-Translators: we search for responsible people that are fluent in English and have a wide knowledge of their mother tongue. Translators should be familiar with the Catholic and Charismatic environment. They will receive a text occasionally and a reasonable length of time will be given to accomplish the task. **We are especially looking for Arabic mother tongue people.**

-Proofreaders: we are also looking for collaborators that may serve as proofreaders of the texts already translated. Proofreaders should have a good knowledge of English and a deep knowledge of spelling, grammar and vocabulary in their mother tongue. They will receive a text occasionally and a reasonable length of time will be given to accomplish the task.

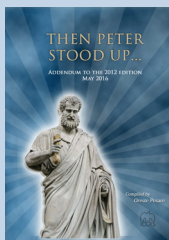
-We also need people whose primary language is English, that have a deep knowledge of the language and that are able to translate, or proofread texts from the translated foreign languages, into English.

If you are willing to serve the Lord with this important mission, please contact us at: communications@iccrs.org.



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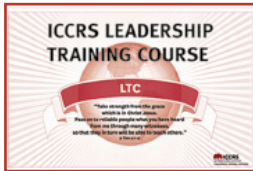
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Due to a number of circumstances, the ICCRS Executive Committee has decided to postpone the VIII LFI, originally scheduled for 2-22nd September 2018, to October 2019: 6th - 26th October 2019. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused by this rescheduling.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPENED FOR LFI 2019



LTC • Cameroon

- 3 – 10 November 2018
- fankep@yahoo.fr
- French and English

LTC • Poland

- 17 – 23 February 2019
- monika@glosnapustyni.pl
- Polish and English

LTC • South Korea

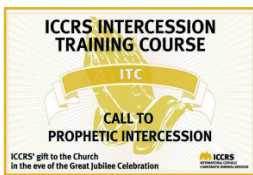
- 29 Sep – 5 Oct 2019
- madangser@gmail.com
- English and Korean

LTC • New York, USA

- 10 – 16 November 2019
- mariejos@optonline.net
- Creole and French

The ICCRS Leadership Training Course is for people of all ages, from charismatic organisations worldwide who want to spend some time of their lives being formed in leadership within the CCR.

The programme includes daily Mass, Eucharist Adoration and a time of Charismatic Praise and Worship. The teachings cover: the foundations and vision of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (Ecclesiology, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the History of the CCR, a Theology of Mission); and practical help and ideas for ministry (elements of a prayer meeting, basic techniques for evangelisation, the life of leaders). There is also time for reflection, sharing and ministry.



ITC • Germany

- 1 – 7 October 2018
- seminare@erneuerung.de
- German and English

ITC • Belgium

- 11 – 16 November 2018
- nickyabjebe@gmail.com
- English and French

ITC • Burkina Faso

- 23 – 29 January 2019
- bonkougoujean@yahoo.fr
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ITC • California, USA

- 17 – 22 February 2019
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- English and Spanish

The ICCRS Intercession Training Course, which is a one-week school, is the concrete realization of the desire to form a large family of intercessors worldwide. Intercession, being at the heart of evangelization and mission, is well rooted in the Catholic tradition. It concerns all Christians, not just those who are members of a particular group or movement.

St. Paul, as with the Ephesians Christian community, makes this appeal: “Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication” (Ep 6:18). May that request be an invitation for us to turn to the Father, in the Spirit of Jesus.



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