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Dear Friends,

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

With the message of Christmas still fresh in our minds we do hope and pray that all of you have had the opportunity to receive Christ once again into your lives and rejoice in the joy of God's love. And with the new beginning this causes in us we proclaim together, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Certainly a new year or a new day motivates us to be even better servants and of course, better friends to Jesus Christ our Lord and our God.

We are three years into our service and have had the great blessing of continued visits to many Cursillo activities throughout the world as well as gatherings in Rome sponsored by the Vatican. This year, Juan Ruiz was present at major events of all four International Groups. This has given us the ability to strengthen the message of Cursillo as we respond to the call of the Holy Father in strengthening our understanding of our Charism and we respond to the invitation to begin new friendships and consolidate ones from before.

The movement, as we see it, is growing. It is growing in knowledge and unity. The combined meetings of the OMCC and the Fundamental Ideas Commission had great power in that understanding has been shared and definite progress was made in providing very important revisions to two very valuable instruments of structure and service.

Our goal of including as many Cursillistas as possible in the process of our work has not been met but great progress has been made. The personal contact which is the environment necessary for friendship has facilitated the understanding of many as to just how powerful the movement can become if we live our fourth day intensely and faithfully.

With this opportunity to consider our term of service thus far, we hope to look forward with a great participation of all of you in the IV World Ultreya. It will be at the IV World Ultreya that we affirm our faith to one another and encourage further growth in faith and love as a world movement.

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Following is a list of the activities from last year. Next month we will resume our three part newsletter:

**2008 OMCC Activities**

January 5, 2008	Juan Ruiz spoke at Grand Filipino Ultreya in Canoga Park, California
January 17, 2008	Juan Ruiz spoke at the Spanish Team preparation in Rosemead, California
January 27, 2008	Juan Ruiz met with Filipino Cursillistas from the Philippines
January 28, 2008	Juan Ruiz spoke at the radio and television program in El Monte, California
February 06 – 10, 2008	Maribel Gomez and Gail Terrana attended the Pontifical Council for the Laity World Congress for Women in Rome
February 6 – 12, 2008	Juan Ruiz and Fr. David Smith attended Eduardo Bonnín's Funeral in Mallorca
February 12 – 18, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended the Portuguese Cursillo de Cursillo in Mallorca
February 22 – 24, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended a Cursillo de Cursillo in San Jose California
February 25, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended the School of Leaders in Camarillo, California
February 27, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended the School of Leaders in Santa Maria, California
March 12, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended the School of Leaders in San Bernardino, California
April 10-14, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended the European Ultreya in Fátima, Portugal
April 25-28, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended a Rectors Workshop in Monterrey, México
May 13 – 18, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended the Pontifical Council for the Laity's Bishops Seminar on the Movements in Rome
May 30 – June 2, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended National Ultreya in Honduras
June 6 – 8, 2008	Juan Ruiz, Gail Terrana and Fr. David Smith attended the OMCC Executive Committee meeting in Miami, Florida

July 19-20, 2008	James Wells was team member for a Cursillo Leaders Workshop in Kansas City, Missouri, USA
July 21 -28, 2008	Second Fundamental Ideas Commission Meeting and Second OMCC Ordinary Meeting in Miami, Florida
July 31 – Aug 2, 2008	Gail Terrana and Fr. David Smith attended National Encounter in Washington D.C., USA
Aug 27 – Sept 2, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended a “Cursillo Mentality” workshop in Guatemala
Sept 5 –Sept 7, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended a “Cursillo Reflection and Meditation Workshop” in Phoenix, Arizona
Sept 13, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended the Region XI Ultreya in Stockton, California,
Sept 19 – Sept 21	The OMCC Executive Board met with Victor Lugo, from the USA National Secretariat, to plan the IV World Ultreya in Anaheim, California USA on August 1, 2009
Sept 23 – Oct 2, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended a Reflection and Meditation Encounter in Lima, Peru
Sept 23 -28,2008	Gail Terrana attended the Region III Encounter in Buffalo, New York, USA
Oct 27 – Nov 3, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended the National Ultreya in Santiago, Chile
Nov 6 – 16, 2008	Juan Ruiz attended the Asian / Pacific Encounter in Saipan Island
Nov 8 - 9	Maribel Gomez and Fr. David Smith attended the National Ultreya in Celaya, Guanajuato, Mexico
Nov 22, 2008	Juan Ruiz and Maribel Gomez attended Inauguration of the Cursillo Center “Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló” in Los Angeles

**Projects in Progress:**

Fundamental Ideas Project

Statutes Revision

IV World Ultreya Project, Anaheim California, USA

Progress is being made to bring Puerto Rico and some of the Caribbean Islands into the OMCC Operational Structure

Juan Ruiz and Fr. David had planned to go to Cuba for a Cursillo and to expand the movement to other dioceses but were not able to get the proper release from the USA government

We have been working with the International Groups GET and Asian Pacific to take Cursillos to South Africa and American Samoa.

As always, we close begging Our Lord to keep us united in his love and friendship.

De Colores,

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

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