

**5th WORLD ENCOUNTER  
OF LEADERS OF THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT  
SEOUL, KOREA  
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**Resolution**

The 5th World Encounter adopted the following resolution in English and Spanish.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The leaders of the Cursillo Movement convened to celebrate the 5th World Encounter and have reflected on the theme of "The Challenge and Commitment of the Cursillo Today" and into the 3rd millenium.

It is the intention of this document to orient, encourage, and enlighten the Cursillo leaders to provide answers to the challenges the world presents to us today, while remaining faithful to the founda-tional charisma.

We have taken into account the richness of the past 50 years and with humility we have evaluat-ed our accomplishments and failures.

**II. THE FOUNDATIONAL CHARISMA OF THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT**

We thank God for this gift that has made the Cursillo Movement a valued instrument of Christian renewal.

a) Essential characteristics of the Foundational Charisma. (cf, F. I., 152):

- it is a movement of the church (cf, F..I., 92-96);
- the kerygmatic proclamation of what is fundamental for being a Christian; -living a.life that is totally Christ centered;
- the joyful living witness of our faith
- the conversion that seeks the three fold encounter between self, Christ and other, leading to holiness.
- the sharing of our lives in Christ with others through Christian friendship; -the leavening of our environments with the Gospel.

At all times we must remain faithful to the teachings of the Church.

b) The validity of the Foundational Charisma in today's world:

We affirm that the foundational charisma is valid today as it was in its beginning because:

- it is based on the love of God;
- Christ is still the only valid answer for man and the world today and forever.
- it is an ongoing, life-giving gift of the Holy Spirit;
- the world still has it back turned on God.
- in the lives of many Christians there is a separation between faith and life.

c) The Foundational Charisma and the signs of the times:

The Cursillo Movement, considering the rich and abundant values of our foundational charisma, must continue to reflect upon it in order to apply it and also to correct the errors that we may find in its application. This renewed outlook towards our charisma means constantly listening:

1 - to the voice of the Holy Spirit that continues to speak about today's reality;  
2 - to the Word of God that keeps sending us to announce the Gospel;  
3 - to the Church's teachings that keeps giving us guidelines for the evangelization of our times including documents such as "Evangelii Nuntiandi", "Christifidelis Laid" and "Tertio Millenio Adveniente" while remaining faithful to the foundational charisma.

### **III. CHALLENGES OF THE WORLD TODAY TO THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT**

Confronting a reality that is diverse and dynamic, we have to urgently discern the challenges the come from within and without the Cursillo Movement as presented by today's world.

We point out, among others, the most urgent:

#### **A. THE CHALLENGES FROM OUTSIDE THE CURSILLO MOMENT**

##### **1. Morality and Values**

The deterioration of values and morals is becoming more evident each day. Consequences of this deterioration are: the breakdown of the traditional family unit, the culture of death, materialism and hedonism, corruption, individualism, lack of solidarity, promiscuity, and an overall moral decline.

The misuse of the mass media has contributed to this total breakdown o morals and values through its glorification of sex, violence and materialism.

##### **2. Socio-economic and Political Issues**

There is a widening gap between the rich and the poor.

The existence of social injustice generates inhuman conditions and poverty in large sectors of the world.

Many sectors suffer the consequences of an uncontrolled neo-liberalism that only looks to macro-economic figures and not the quality of life. In many countries politics are not at the service of the common good but are directed to party and personal interests.

##### **3. Religious Issues**

The Catholic Church faces a challenge from various sects and cults that appear to provide a more attractive alternative to Church members.

Secularism generates practical atheism and religious indifference.

There are places with great religious ignorance with its adverse consequences.

The lack of faithfulness to the teaching of the Church creates confusion and division. Many live a vertical spirituality that leads them to ignore the social problems.

#### **B. THE CHALLENGES FROM WITHIN THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT**

The review of our Cursillo Movement presents deficiencies that require urgent answers.

##### ***Precursillo-***

- a) The lack of selection of influential environments that are in need of evangelization.
- b) The failure to select key leaders in the influential environments, and environments in general.
- c) The inadequate preparation of those key leaders prior to their invitation to the three days.
- d) A lack of effort in reaching out to the young adults of the world.
- e) Lack of follow-through by those who are sponsoring candidates for Cursillo.
- f) The need for a true palanca spirit in all Cursillistas.

### **Three days-**

- a) The necessity to prevent the dilution of the proclamation of the message.
- b) The inclusion of nonessentials on the three days that distract from the message dynamic of the three days.
- c) the use of leaders who are neither living witnesses to a life in Christ nor to the use of the Cursillo methods of perseverance (group reunion and Ultreya).

### **Post Cursillo-**

- ai Establishing and sustaining authentic schools of leaders that will be responsible for providing overall formation of Cursillo leaders.
- b) Strengthening the Group Reunions and Ultreyas so that they challenge the spirit of evangelization in the Cursillistas.

## **IV. ANSWERS TO THESE CHALLENGES**

The Cursillo Movement's answers to the challenges of today's world require that we be faithful to the purpose of the Movement which is to facilitate the continuous conversion of men and women so that they will be agents of the evangelical fermentation of their environments. (cf F.I., 103, 139-143)

The evaluation that we have made of our Cursillo Movement has shown that the efforts made to evangelize the environments could have been more effective. Our answer must aim to improve what can be done to achieve the purpose. That is why we commit the Cursillo to:

1. To plan activities that allow study and selection of the influential environments in order to be more effective in our evangelization.
2. To select and prepare key leaders in those influential environments by integrating them in environmental group. Also to provide support and assistance for them.
3. To incorporate young adults into the movement who can gradually move into positions of leadership.
4. To insure that our Leaders' Schools instill in our leaders:

- an attitude of humility
- an authentic life of prayer, sacrifice, palancas, and corporal works of mercy.
- a personal challenge to live the Gospel in a radical manner,
- an integral, gradual, and ongoing formation so they can discern their role as evangelizers in their environments;
- a zeal and enthusiasm in the pursuit of holiness.;
- to foster responsibility of the leaders in the creation of environmental groups.
- to promote in our leader's schools, groups that maintain a thinking attitude within the Movement, that with their initiative and creativity promote the evangelical leavening of the environments.
- that our Ultreyas and Group Reunions serve as a means to promote the evangelization of the environments.

## **V. CONCLUSION**

On the threshold of the 3rd millenium, the leaders of the Cursillo movement as active members of the Church and confronted by the new challenges of our times, we have evaluated our evangelization efforts in light of our Foundational Charisma and our rich experience and history. We ask God to enlighten and help us to achieve the revitalization of our Movement so we can more efficiently achieve the goals of the New Evangelization. With the intercession of Mary, Our Mother, we offer our enthusiasm and hope in our work to extend the Kingdom of God in the world.