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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The Fundamental Ideas of Cursillo, a text that has proven invaluable in defining what the Cursillo is intended to be, is in the process of being revised. This revision is an essential step in firmly rooting the Cursillo in its foundational charism and in its early history and development under the guidance of its founder Eduardo Bonnin.

The OMCC committee charged with this great work consists of 12 individuals, 3 from each of the 4 International Groups. There is also a subcommittee of 4 persons, one from each International Group, who are charged with the task of preparing a revised text that the group of 12 and the OMCC president will refine into a manuscript that all can support.

We cannot overstate the importance of this work to the Cursillo. For it to proceed in a timely manner so as to produce the much-anticipated results, we need to develop a means whereby the work of these individuals can be financed and supported. Funds are needed to cover the travel of members to and from meetings and for ancillary expenses such as translations, accommodations, communications, and other expenses associated with a task of this magnitude.

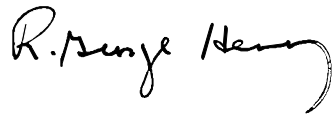
The money to bring these individuals together from Australia, Canada, the United States of America, Spain, Germany, Venezuela, Brazil, and Korea must come from the 4 international groups. We are recommending a simple yet ingenious plan to produce this financial support. It is the Dollar Funding Campaign. A similar campaign will likely run in each of the 4 International Groups. (Asia Pacific has already completed their campaign with great success.

We are asking each secretariat in Canada to appoint one person who will be the contact with the CCCC. That person will organize a team, which will then be responsible for an area or areas of their Movement. The members of the team will approach each Cursillista individually, explain the program, and ask them to donate a dollar to support the efforts of this group charged with the Revision of the *Fundamental Ideas*. The rationale behind this simple approach is the idea that people are not averse to donating, they just don't get around to it if it is a general announcement or if they have to physically send the money themselves. With a person in front of them asking for \$1, it only means putting their hand in their pocket.

The money collected is then sent to the CCCC with the stipulation that it is for the work of the Revision of *Fundamental Ideas*. There are thousands of Cursillistas in Canada and this manner of raising funds in perhaps the simplest and quickest way of doing so.

The first step in this process is for each affiliated secretariat of the CCCC to appoint one individual in their area to head up the Dollar Campaign Committee and send that name into the CCCC. Secondly, this individual is to organize a committee of individuals who will actually make contact with individual Cursillistas with the funding request. The committee should set a timetable for the actual fund raising campaign. When the campaign has been concluded, the money raised is to be sent to the Treasurer of the CCCC. The Treasurer of the CCCC will convey these funds to the OMCC for use in the Revision of the *Fundamental Ideas*.

We invite you to participate in this essential work and ask that you appoint your individual to head up the campaign in your secretariat's area and send that name to CCCC. The CCCC will provide what assistance it can in the form of background materials.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. George Henry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Sincerely,

George Henry, Chair
The Officers Group
Canadian Conference of Catholic Cursillos

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