

BULLETIN



Message from the President

I write to you with a heavy heart as the death of our dear Pope has just been announced. I thank God for the gift of John Paul II a true and human servant of God and His Church. I believe that his words, writings and deeds shall remain a deep source of inspiration and guidance for us all. I encourage us all in CLC to become more familiar with his writings in our continual search to be Apostolic Communities. I am reminded of the 'mission statement' he left us Maltese during his 1990 visit: to bear witness to Europe and the World of the deep Christian values that we inherited from St. Paul and from our forefathers. I believe that we CLCers must be committed to this throughout our lives. May the joy of Easter remain with you all and your families as we are sure it is also now with the Pope.

Leadership Community (LC) decisions taken in the month of March

- ✦ Roberta Pace Balzan (Stepping Stones) - as Eurolink; and Andrew Mercieca (Collage) were co-opted to the Leadership Community.
- ✦ Alex Mamo was named Head-Secretariat. Sean Sciberras (Fuego) was confirmed Treasurer. Sarah Degaetano shall be involved with the Secretariat. Alison, Fuvvy and Sarah shall focus on Formation. The Vice-President has not yet been decided.
- ✦ Julienne Musu` (Fuego) was named LC Secretary.
- ✦ **A mass for members of all communities shall be celebrated on Sunday April 10th (11.00am at the University Chapel) as our celebrations of World CLC Day. Each community shall prepare a one-minute presentation during the prayers of the faithful. This minute should include a short presentation of the state of the community (possibly using a symbol) and a prayer. A collection for charity will be held during the mass.**
- ✦ The members of the Young Communities Team are to continue in their role. Alison Vella shall now be the Team's link with the LC, Simone Vella Leniker shall continue as co-ordinator.
- ✦ Dr. Lorna Mifsud Cachia (Fuego) has assumed the responsibility of receiving, proposing and streamlining amendments to the statute.
- ✦ Initial steps to substitute Sandro Rossi (Bethel) in representing CLC at the Church Forum have been taken.
- ✦ Steps have been taken to strengthen the collaborative ties with Jesuits.
- ✦ A three-year budget is to be drafted immediately. A clear breakdown of expected expenditure is to be made so encourage more members to contribute. It must be reminded that communities meeting in Jesuit homes should contribute towards the upkeep of those homes.
- ✦ The attached calendar of events was decided upon ([click here to view calendar of events](#)).
- ✦ CLC has started to raise its voice in the press on current affairs of interest to CLCers. Our first article in the press was published in the Sunday Times on Easter Sunday. ([click here to view the article](#))
- ✦ A process was started to identify concrete ways of fulfilling the mandate document.
- ✦ Communication within CLC shall be taking this format in an effort to reduce the numbers of emails sent by the LC. An attachment from the Eurolink is included with this Bulletin. ([click here to view the attachment](#)). Should you wish more details please contact Roberta Pace Balzan.

Condolences

In the past month, in your name the LC extended condolences to:

- ❖ Theresa & Josef Bonello on the passing of David Westacott, Theresa's Brother.
- ❖ Fr David Cefai sj on the passing of his mother.
- ❖ Tonio and Anna Fenech (Exiles) on the passing of Dr. Joe Fenech, Tonio's Father.
- ❖ Conrad and AnneMarie Thake (Loyola) on the passing of May Thake, Conrad's Mother.
- ❖ The Jesuit Community on the passing of Fr Galdes sj.

Other Items

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Approved Calendar of Known Forthcoming CLC Events (2005)

(Please mark these dates on your diary)

DATE	EVENT
April 7 th	You are invited to a Bible Study Course on The Acts of the Apostles. 7th April -12th May (every Thursday) 6.30pm - Dar Manwel Magri. Fr. Mario Jaccarini sj will lead a reflective Bible Study Group through this fascinating book in the Bible - often known as the 'Gospel of the Holy Spirit'. If you would like to participate please write to chaplaincy@um.edu.mt or phone on 2340 2341. (click here for flyer)
April 10th	Mass to celebrate World CLC Day (all communities).
April 14 th	Full day Seminar on Racism and Xenophobia organized by the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice (click here for programme). I encourage you to attend and ask for an application form and return it by post by not later than Friday, April 8. For further details please write to conferences@jesuit.org.mt
April 15 th	Commencement of the parenting programme (children ages 0-5) organized by Bethel: 2-hour (18.30 – 20.30) sessions by Ms Joyce Callus every Friday for six weeks. Price: Lm 6 per person – child minding provided at around 75c per child. sdegaetano@vol.net.mt (click here for application form)
April 18 th	Meal organized as a fund-raising activity for the Mount St. Joseph renovation project. (click here for flyer)
April 30 th	Deadline: statute amendment report from Dr. Lorna Mifsud Cachia.
May 4 th	Launch of three-year budget and statute amendments to communities.
May 15 th	Activity of Jesuit-Lay collaborators (details to be announced)
June 12th	Extra-ordinary AGM: Agenda: Statute & Budget.
June 30 th	LC internal Deadline: theme for forthcoming Seminar and Seminar preparation Team selection.
September 1 st	Launch Seminar preparation material for all communities.
September 16 th – 18 th	Weekend for guides. (Details to be announced)
November 4th – 6th	Annual CLC Seminar 2005.

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