

BULLETIN



Message from the President

“To the man who thinks that faith by itself is enough I feel inclined to say, ‘So you believe that there is one God? That’s fine. For, my dear short-sighted man, can’t you see far enough to realise that faith without the right actions is dead and useless? Think of Abraham, our ancestor. Wasn’t it his action which really justified him in God’s sight when his faith led him to offer his son Isaac on the altar? Can’t you see that his faith and his actions were, so to speak, partners - that his faith was implemented by his deed?’ (Letter of James: 2, 18 – 21)

Dear friends,

I invite you to reflect upon this passage from the letter of James. I believe that it really places our mandate of formation into the fullness of its perspective. We remain called to be apostolic. That is the nature of our Spirituality. Each of us lives this calling throughout his or her daily life, within the choices of everyday. Some are apostolic in the silence of the family; others are more vocal or visual. This is of no real importance. Each is called to respond to serve the risen Lord as He served the Father.

I write this to you as in the past month the Leadership Community worked at remodelling the formation team to respond to the needs raised in the mandate document. It has become clearer to me that responding to needs of formation is really fulfilled once each of us becomes more and more a servant of God and His Church. Otherwise, unfortunately, we may become, as James says, short-sighted.

In the future there shall surely be many ways we can invite each other be of greater service. In the coming month, the Leadership Community shall be meeting Jesuits to exchange ideas on a deeper and closer collaboration. So far what we need are persons to serve our youth and others to work on a radio programme. (respond via the clc email address – info@clcmalta.org) It is with these invitations that I come to you:

(1) Any member who is or wishes to be a guide or coordinator of a community, please come forward. We are organising a weekend formation course in September for you. We need your response quickly in order to prepare details.

(2) Also any member who wishes to form part of a team working on the production of a radio programme, come forward. CLC has been offered to produce a Radio programme on RTK once weekly from October of this year. The programme is to be a voice for positive values in society.

For now, I’ll just mention these two initiatives. More shall follow. I encourage you, to be generous and if you could give time and energy to the service of the Lord, please do.

John

Extraordinary General Meeting

Dr. Lorna Mifsud Cachia completed her work related to the required and proposed amendments to the statute. ([click here to view the covering letter](#)). The amended Statute ([click here to view the proposed statute](#)) is to be presented (considered read) at the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at **Dar P. Manwel Magri sj, Paul VI Hall**, on **Sunday June 12, 2005** between **9.00am and 12.30pm (including mass at noon)**. John Busuttill is proposing the Statute to stand as amended; Saviour Borg is seconding that proposal. Please note that communities are invited to quote only those clauses they disagree with. Only these shall be discussed. Finally a vote to approve the amended Statute shall be taken. May we remind you that the Extraordinary General Meeting should be attended by three members from each community (and this gives the community its voting rights according to the current statute). One of these members is to be the community guide or his/her representative ([click here to view the current statute](#)).

Leadership Community (LC) decisions taken in April and May

- ✚ The World CLC day mass (April 10) was very well attended and considered an enriching experience for the National Community. Thanks for your co-operation. The Lm100 collected during World CLC Day Mass was donated to JRS.
- ✚ Although the Community remains responsible for the formation of members, a formation strategy in response to the mandate document was decided.
- ✚ We shall be holding a special formation weekend: 16th, 17th & 18th September for guides, coordinators and prospective guides. Interested persons please send an email (to avella@franksalt.com.mt) by May 31st. Regarding Guides an exercise, we are calling a stock-take is to take place during the summer months. ([click here to view the invitation](#))
- ✚ A brief for the new Formation Team was formulated and prospective members are being approached.
- ✚ CLC information will be passed on to members through a monthly bulletin sent via bulletin@clcmalta.org.
- ✚ Urgent CLC e-mails and other information will be sent out by e-mail as usual. However, we are changing the sending address to (info@clcmalta.org).
- ✚ The Community Magis is to help out in the Secretariat – Thank you.
- ✚ Roberta Pace Balzan as Eurolink shall attend Eurolink meeting in Germany 13th-16th October 2005 and submit a report.
- ✚ Miriam Bezzina from Magis has been nominated for the 'Premju San Nikola minn Torentino'.
- ✚ In the name of the National Community the President has sent a letter to the Deputy Prime Minister supporting the proposal that the Law forbidding abortion be entrenched in the Malta Constitution. ([click here to view the letter](#)) Furthermore another letter to the relevant office supporting the enactment of a Law regulating NGOs was also sent. ([click here to view the letter](#))
- ✚ Carlo Calleja Mercieca has joined the Young Communities Team

Announcements

- There are still places available for male volunteers to join the group who shall serve poor children in Algeria. The Group is to be led by Fr. Edgar Busuttill sj. The dates of the project are: **13th July – 3rd August**. The Group organises a summer camp for poor children together with the Missionaries of Charity and a small group of Algerian youth volunteers. Interested persons should contact Fr. Edgar (Tel: 21694583)
- A Similar project in Egypt shall be led by Fr. Jimmy Bartolo sj. The group is complete but, as with all such projects monetary assistance by means of donations would be appreciated. You can make a deposit in HSBC account number 008-044364-050, or ask for the "Mission to Muqattam 2005" account. ([click here to view the flyer](#))
- The 'Review of Ignatian Spirituality' offers a number of articles and features on the spirituality rooted in the Spiritual Exercises, as well as experiences of faith doing justice, spiritual evangelisation, interreligious dialogue etc. It appears three times a year and is published by the Society of Jesus through its Secretariat of Ignatian Spirituality. All correspondence with the Editor (Fr Eddie Mercieca sj), manuscripts and subscriptions should be mailed to: Secretariat of Ignatian Spirituality, C.P. 6139, 00195 Rome Prati, Italy. Email: cissect@sjcuria.org The yearly subscription rate for 2005 is Euro 23.00 (bank cheque).

Condolences

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

- ❖ Saviour Bianco (Kalkara) and family on the passing of Saviour's mother.
- ❖ Sandro Rossi (Bethel) and family on the passing of Sandro's grandfather.

Other Information

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