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Who hasn't dreamt in their heart about six million inhabitants of the planet in love with Jesus and raising their hands to give him Glory?

This is the call of Jesus Christ: To preach the Gospel to all mankind in every part of the earth. The immediate answer for those who receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour of their life is to enliven the work of preaching the gospel to the Church.

In these times, in which humanity groans in pain because of the horrors of indifference, inequality and hopelessness, our Lord tells us in the same words that he says to Moses: "I have heard the clamor of my peoples". Now more than ever, when there is a suicide every nineteen seconds in Latin America, when just thirty percent of catholic people go to church, the Lord calls us to stand up and go to the rescue of many desperate hearts.

One important word that Pope John Paul II repeated to us constantly was "TO LIVE IN COMMUNION". He knew deep in his heart that the mission of Charismatic Reorganization in the church and in the world, was to testify to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power, from our own pascal experience.

The word of God tells us in the Acts of the Apostles (4:32-25):

"The crowd of believers had just one heart and one soul. Nobody had their own possessions, but they shared everything in common. The Apostles testified with great power to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And all of them were received and recognized by the people. There was nobody among the crowd who was in need, because they sold all their possessions and brought the money and offered it to the Apostles. This money was distributed to each member of the crowd according to their needs.

Why did the Apostles testify with great power about the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Why did these members sympathise with the crowd? Why was there nobody in need among them?

The answer is clear and strong: because they had just one heart and one soul. What does it mean?

Let's remember some words from Pope John Paul II: "The unity of all of damaged humanity is the Will of God. That is why God sent his Son, to die and rise again for us, to give his Spirit of love. The night before the sacrifice on the Cross, Jesus himself prays to his Father for his disciples and for the people who will believe in Him to be one thing, a living communion. From this we derive both duty and responsibility before God, before his intention for those who through Baptism become the Body of Christ, a Body which must be achieved completely in communion and reconciliation. How is it possible to be divided if we, through Baptism have been immersed in the death of the Lord, that is to say, in the act itself? In the very core of his Son, God has pulled down walls of divisions. Division contradicts the will of Jesus Christ, it is a scandal to the world and damages the call to preach the Gospel to every creature" (Ut Unum Sint, N°6).

The words of the Father reaffirm this. To have one heart and one soul contradicts division, underpins the evangelized and underpins their testimony.

The Pope tells the CCR: "The church hopes to obtain from you the mature fruits of communion and compromise" (Rimini, 27 April 2000).

"It is in the Church home and school of communion that we must oppose the culture of hatred and revenge, may the groups and



communities of the Renewal be significant places and model of brotherhood and love, of patience and reciprocal welcoming.

May the experience of forgiveness and the value given to every spiritual gift help everyone to build a fellowship nourished by the breath of the Spirit of the Risen Lord" (to the CCR of Italy, 28th April 2001).

Without any doubt, these words leave us a great challenge: communion and the ecclesial maturity.

Just one heart and one soul mean to be one in Jesus, it means to give life as Jesus gave it to his Church. The body has many parts, but it has just one heart. Can you imagine a body with two hearts pumping blood independent ways? Surely that would kill the body? The body requires just one heart to live. It is the same among us, we have thousand of brothers and sisters in our communities in the whole world and all of us are unique but we do not need to have different hearts. We need to have just one heart in which emanates life.

Dear brothers and sisters of the entire world, how can not transmit the message of the Lord and the words of He who is shepherd and prophet of the whole humanity. We live in communion. We should not waste our time with nonsense, quarrels and divisions. On the contrary, we make a life a true communion so that the fire of Pentecost may burn in five continents.

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AFSCI: A blessing for the Charismatic Renewal in Africa

by Jean Pliya

"...The AFSCI is an organization for coordination and communication in which the Holy Spirit will bless Africa for a new beginning, according to the prophetic visions of unity and humility..."

The Africa subcommittee of ICCRS was formed on August 17, 2005 at the meeting of the English and French speaking African regions for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. The Director of ICCRS was present. This event took place in Accra, Ghana.

The AFSCI is an organization for coordination and communication in which the Holy Spirit will bless Africa for a new beginning, according to the prophetic visions of unity and humility that He gave us to serve the Church, Africa and the world.

The AFSCI is composed of 9 members, 4 to represent sub regions of Anglophone Africa, 3 to represent 3 sub regions of Francophone Africa with two Counselors from the ICCRS: Fr. Emmanuel Tusiime, vice President and Jean Pliya as President.

A. The four English speaking sub Regions are:

1. Sub Region of North East Africa: Tanzania, Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia and Egypt.

2. Sub Region of South Africa: subdivided in two groups:

South Africa 1: Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique and

South Africa 2: Namibia, Botswana, Angola, Swaziland, Lesotho and South Africa

3. Sub Region of West Africa: Liberia, Gambia, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Nigeria.

B. The three French speaking sub Region are:

1. The sub Region of West Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Togo, Guinea Conakry, Mali, Niger and Senegal

2. The Sub Region of Central Africa: Cameroon, Gabon, Republic of Congo, Chad, Central African Republic.

3. The sub Region of Austral Africa: Burundi, Democratic Congo, Rwanda.

The AFSCI is directed by a sub committee called Africa Coordinating Team Service that will choose a Secretary and a Treasurer. The sub committee formed in Accra is an Ad Hoc Committee charged to organize the election for the members by 2007, after consulting leaders present in Accra during the Pan African Event. The members of the AFSCI Committee will be elected up to two terms of three years.

On the financial side, a subscription of \$ US 500 a year per country has been agreed for the functioning of the African sub-committee on the one hand and of ICCRS on the other.

May God bless us and give us the grace of a sincere commitment, both at the personal and community level. May we work in love and humility so that the will of God on Africa is fulfilled. ✠

ICCRS through the world

2006 is an especially busy year of travel for the President and the Director of ICCRS. In April they attended the centennial celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the poor Mission on Azusa Street in Los Angeles-USA, which was the humble but miraculous beginning of the modern Pentecostal/Charismatic movement.

Then on to Rome for the Congress of the Ecclesial Movements and for the meeting of the Holy Father with the Movements on the eve of Pentecost. This was followed by the ICCRS Pentecost Celebration in Marino (Rome), and the International Conference and Leaders' Colloquium in Fiuggi. After this, the meeting of the full Council of ICCRS took place.

Shortly after his return to Australia Allan attended the bi-annual National Training School in Canberra, sponsored by the National Service Committee. In August Oreste will visit South Africa and then, in September, he will visit Finland with Fr. Renato Tisot. Also in September Allan will return to Rome to attend the meeting of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. Then Allan and Oreste will travel together to Romania for the first National Conference in that country on September 30. In October/November both will visit Brazil, Peru and Argentina, and will attend the CONCLAT meeting of 23 nations of Latin America in Santiago, Chile.

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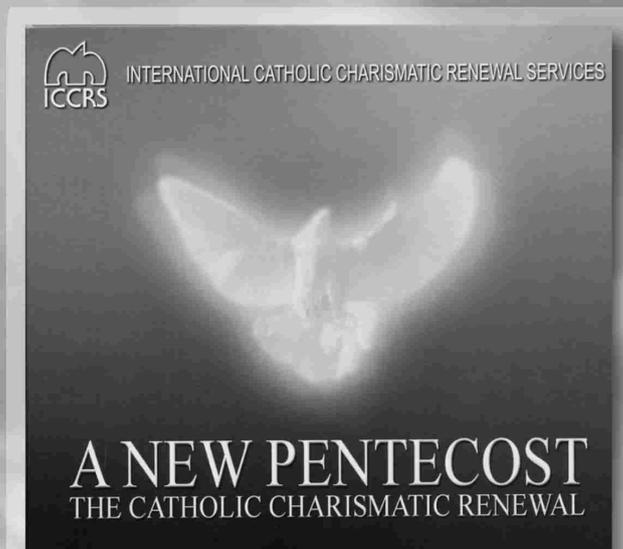
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Cyril John Member of the ICCRS Council

Cyril John was born in 1957 in Kerala, South India. Is married to Elsamma and has two sons and two daughters.

As part of God's plan, his service in the Indian Parliament Secretariat as Under Secretary brought him to New Delhi, the capital city in North India, in 1980. Cyril was baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1982, but was called to CCR leadership only in 1991. He was chosen as Chairman of the Delhi Diocesan Service Team in 1994.

Cyril became a member of the Indian National Service Committee (NSC) in 1995 and was entrusted with the responsibility of networking intercession at national level. He was instrumental in establishing the National Intercessory Network with more than 10,000

committed intercessors and regional units all over the country. He was chosen as Vice-Chairman of the NSC in 1998 and continues to serve the CCR in India as Chairman of the NSC since 2001. He is an ardent promoter of intercession ministry.

Cyril started intercession before the Blessed Sacrament in New Delhi in 1999 as an initiative of the Diocesan Intercession Ministry, "Delhi Crusaders" and started perpetual adoration and intercession at the National Charismatic Office in March, 2004. He is the Publisher of the national charismatic English monthly, Charisindia.

He joined the ICCRS Council in 2004, and represents the Middle East and the Southern Asia.

"A new Pentecost" DVD

NOTICE

During the Pentecost events many people purchased the DVD "A New Pentecost".

The master of this DVD was prepared in PAL TV standard which means that outside of Europe the DVD can be played on all PCs but not on all DVD players (not all DVD players support PAL standard).

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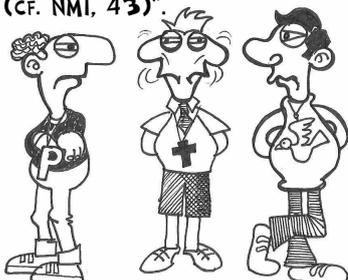
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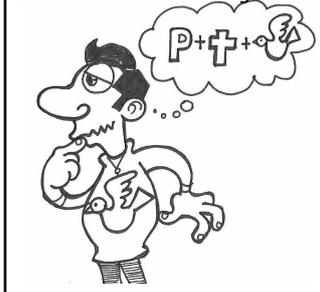
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THE GREAT CHALLENGE FACING US IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM..... "TO MAKE THE CHURCH THE HOME AND THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNION" (CF. NMI, 43)"



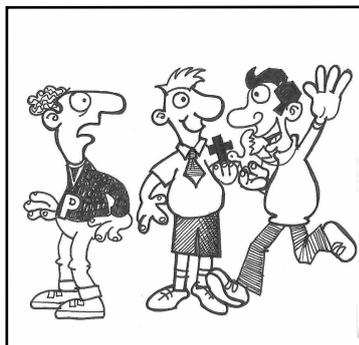
If the foot should say "As I am not the hand I do not form part of the body." Being part of the whole, surely this would not be so?

If the whole body were the eye, where would the hearing be?



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LET THE MOVEMENTS AND COMMUNITIES OF THE RENEWAL BE SIGNIFICANT PLACES AND EXAMPLES OF BROTHERHOOD AND LOVE, PATIENCE AND MUTUAL SERVICE.



LET THE EXPERIENCE OF FORGIVENESS AND COURAGE WHICH GOES WITH EACH SPIRITUAL GIFT HELP EVERYONE TO BUILD A BROTHERHOOD NOURISHED BY THE BREATH OF THE SPIRIT FROM THE RISEN LORD.



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