

Cursillo School of Leaders: October 2014

Background Reading: Evangelii Gaudium, Chapter 3 (Joy of the Gospel)

The Encounter

Taking the first step, being involved and supportive, bearing fruit and rejoicing

The Church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast.

Holy Father Francis, Evangelii Gaudium (EG), Chapter 1; paragraph #24

- What is meant by lay ecclesial movements in the Catholic Church?
- As one of the ecclesial movements, how would you describe the Foundational Charism of The Cursillo Movement? How can we enhance our understandings of our Charism to better live out our call as Cursillo Leaders and to become the *Joy of the Gospel* for others?
- What similarities do you see in Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, and the Charism of The Cursillo Movement in preparing us as missionary disciples to the world?
- What would you say are the basic similarities in the charisms shared by lay ecclesial movements in the Catholic Church? What are some of their basic differences? How can our diversity as lay ecclesial movements build unity towards enhanced communion in the Church and mission?
- As you reflect upon today's talk and our discussions, what new paths do you believe are in order for your own life, the life of your parish, Cursillo and our Catholic church?