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Your Excellency:

In the temporary absence of the Apostolic Nuncio and at the request of the Secretariat of State of the Holy See, I have the honor to transmit the following message for the participants in the World Ultreya of the Cursillo Movement, taking place in Anaheim, California this coming August 1:

The Holy Father sends cordial greetings and good wishes to all assembled in Anaheim, California, for the Fourth World Ultreya of Cursillo de Cristiandad. He joins Cursillistas from throughout the world in giving thanks to God for all that the Movement has done to enrich the lives of the faithful, stirring in them the fire of love which becomes the energy of mission. At the same time he invites this great international assembly to seek the light and strength of the Holy Spirit in order to respond ever more effectively to the urgent challenge of the new evangelization by offering sound catechesis and continuing formation in the faith to young Catholics who long to know ever more fully Jesus Christ and the power of his risen life (cf. Phil 3:10). Conscious of the immense contribution which the Cursillo Movement has made to the Church's renewal by its promotion of the universal call to holiness and the prophetic witness incumbent upon all the baptized, His Holiness prays that the World Ultreya will inspire in Cursillistas young and old a renewed commitment to Christ and his Church and a more active commitment to the extension of God's Kingdom of truth, justice and peace. With these sentiments, and with great affection in the Lord the Holy Father willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of the Spirit's gifts of wisdom, joy and peace.

Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone
Secretary of State.

Offering to Your Excellency my prayerful best wishes, I remain, with cordial and respectful sentiments,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. Alexander Cifuentes Castaño
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