



1st ENCOUNTER WORLD LEADERS OF THE CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY

Rome, Italy 27th - 28 of May 1966

MINUTES

This, historically considered the 1st World Meeting, was not prepared as a World Meeting, nor had any kind of conclusions. It was at a time when people considered that in Cursillo "there is not to be discussed, but to obey." But it has been assigned this quality and this importance because of the merit of being the first time that MCC leaders will meet, from various countries worldwide, which will discuss in some studio sessions and exchange experiences and ideas. Above all it has merit of opening the door for other similar events.

One of the purposes for which was planned the 1st World Ultreya was to clarify some key points of the method, in order to reach a better understanding of the objectives of the Cursillo Movement and greater loyalty to it.

The Palazzo dei Congressi in Rome would be the appropriate framework for the study sessions of this 1st World Meeting, held on the afternoons of 27 and 28 May 1966. Over a thousand headphones made it possible that the leaders could continue simultaneously - in German, Spanish, English, Italian and Portuguese - the course of the presentations and the fire of the extensive dialogues.

The first paper, on "Purpose of the Cursillo Movement" was in charge of the National Secretariat of Spain, and was presented by Eduardo Bonnin, Rector of the First Workshop of Mallorca in 1949. The second paper "Postcursillo" (Group Reunion and Ultreya), was presented by the National Secretariat of Mexico.

Despite two hours of duration of each session, it had to be interrupted without being able to intervene all who had requested it. The opening of the dialogue, the desire to deepen their knowledge of the methodology of the Cursillo and the desire to contribute solutions were the keynote of these study sessions.

The lack of faith of those who believed that the remoteness of the place and the tight time spent in Rome, would be obstacles to the participation of the leaders in the sessions, collapsed completely as the large number of Cursillistas overflowed in that impressive auditorium .

After the study session on the 27th, Cursillistas gathered in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, for the recitation of the "Apostolic Hour of the Cursillo Movement."