

September 2017



It was on this enchanting Brazilian island of Florianopolis, that the International Leading Team (ERI) and International College meetings were held. Unfortunately, there was very little time available to take advantage of the beach!



The International Leading Team (ERI) was delighted to get together to pray, work and map out together the key points for the Movement's future...

Mahassen & Georges Khoury were not able to attend because of Mahassen's health issues; we will continue to keep her in our prayers...



The International College at "Recanto Champagnat," where they were wonderfully welcomed by the Service Team made up of Brazilian Team members...

Life of the Movement

Colloquium on Father Caffarel – College des Bernardins, Paris – December 8th & 9th 2017

The programme has been definitively adopted, as per the details given in the previous newsletter.

The SR/RR enlisted to think up and put together the clips responded perfectly to the request: these clips will express in a lively manner how Father Caffarel's influence spread throughout the world.

Le Colloquium will continue on December 10th with a pilgrimage to Father Caffarel's tomb at Troussures.

Registration is already open (80€ per person) from September 1st on the website of The Friends of Father Caffarel: www.henri-caffarel.org, so do hurry and register...

International College in Florianopolis July 2017

During this College, **numerous subjects and topics** were raised. We will highlight the following ones:

“For without me, you can do nothing,” by Father Jacinto; *“Love in Marriage,”* by C & F Gil, T & A Leclerc; *“Spirituality & Sexuality,”* by Father Flavio, O & A Arango, M & LC Nogueira; *“The Church in Brazil,”* by Mgr Jamil Alves de Sousa; *“The Charism, Mystique and Pedagogy of the Teams of Our Lady,”* by To & Zé; *“Ways of Improving in the Teams of Our Lady,”* by P & D Chodzko-Zajko, S & E Borgi, S & C Pontes; *“Protecting Nature,”* by H & P McCloskey; *“All Love bears fruit,”* by To & Zé; *“Announcing the Joy of Love in the Family,”* by M & E Calsing, Father Renato; *“Experiencing a War Climate,”* M & R El Abd, Father A Kassar; Evocation of the Intercessors...

☞ *After our Syrian friends' talk, it was agreed that Team members all over the world would form a prayer chain on the 15th of the month for peace in the world, and in Syria in particular ...*

High points: beautiful liturgical celebrations; dynamic presentations of the four world zones; Sit-Downs; an Evening of Friendship; mixed Team meetings; the General Assembly of the International Teams of Our Lady Association; presentations of all the work in progress (cf. below); beautiful slideshows illustrating essential moments; without forgetting a touristic visit and evening organised by the Brazil SR, which was a wonderful moment of discovery and friendliness.

Zone meetings enabled each zone to explain what it is up to and for information to be passed along.

A wonderful **gathering with the Brazilian Team members** assembled more than 400 participants and enabled, using questions asked by the Brazilian Team members, a great exchange on the big subjects that face the Movement.

An Update on Work in Progress or Completed

Satellites Teams: *Work presented by Clarita & Edgardo Bernal*

The booklets on **Listening to the Word, The Rule of Life** and **The Spiritual Retreat**, together with **the dossiers on Spirituality and Sexuality** are finished and translated into the five languages. They were distributed to the Responsible Couples so that they can be widely circulated in the SR/RR.

The platform for **Christian Formation:** translation remains rather complicated, but there is hope that all the work will be finished by the end of 2017. A call will be launched to the relevant SR to help with the translation of the remaining documents (4 in English, 2 in French and 1 in Italian)

The **Database** is finished and operational: a letter was given to SR/RR Responsible Couples concerning its use. The organisation of its maintenance will be undertaken by the International Secretariat together with the SR/RR.

The Spiritual Counsellor/Priest

This official document from the ERI was distributed to all College members and constitutes significant progress in the notion of spiritual accompaniment and guidance and the presence of a Spiritual Counsellor in the Team. Each SR/RR will be able to put in place the ideas expressed in it, depending on their local situation.

Guide for the Liaison Couple

The pamphlet, accessible to all and easy to reproduce, was distributed in the five languages to the Responsible Couples, who will be able to ensure that it is widely circulated within their SR/RR...

Long-Standing Teams

The Booklet on Long-Standing Teams has been completed and distributed to all those responsible for disseminating it in the SR / RR.

For the Theme on this subject, four chapters are already finished, the remainder will be discussed by the ERI in December.

Perspectives

Preparing for the Gathering in Fatima (Portugal), July 16th-21st, 2018

The motto for the Gathering has been chosen. It will be “**Reconciliation, a sign of love.**”

For more details, please look at the following websites:

www.end-international.com or www.fatima2018.pt

Registration will be open on the Fatima2018 website from September 15th onwards. Confirmation of registration will be sent to you by your SR or RR as soon as the calibration of those registered has been done taking in to account the quotas given to each SR/RR. Registration will be considered to be complete once full payment of the 500€/person is received.

Please note: **All** liturgical texts, talks, different speeches (except homilies) must be sent to the International Secretariat **before December 15th, 2017.**

Please remember to set up a kitty to enable solidarity for all.

Work in Progress

- A document on the Mission entitled: “**Vocation and Mission in the Teams of Our Lady at the beginning of the Third Millennium**”

- The re-reading and updating of the **Guide to the Teams of Our Lady**

- A **Guide for the Pilot Couple** based on the same model as the previous guides (for the Responsible Couple, the Information Couple and the Liaison Couple) that have been edited in recent years.

Diary – Upcoming Deadlines:

ERI Meeting, December 2nd-7th, 2017 in Paris, before the “Father Henri Caffarel” Colloquium on December 8th & 9th.

Fatima (Portugal) July 2018

ERI Meeting, July 7th-11th / **International College**, July 11th-15th / **International Gathering**, July 16th-21st / **International Training & Formation Session**, July 21st-24th

A view of the room where the ERI meeting with the Brazilian Team members took place, last July 29th.

Other Team members were in another room watching it on a video broadcast and there was no lack of human warmth and serious attention and focus...



And now, we're on our way to Fatima 2018!!!

