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Message from the Secretariat for Lent 2008

Dear friends,

We are already in the time of Lent and it's a chance also to make some reflections on our doing in the family of ICCS. Maybe it is very useful to read the last Encyclical Letter "Spe Salvi" of Pope Benedict XVI and specially the Chapter 24 (a) :

"The right state of human affairs, the moral well-being of the world can never be guaranteed simply through structures alone, however good they are. Such structures are not only important, but necessary; yet they cannot and must not marginalize human freedom. Even the best structures function only when the community is animated by convictions capable of motivating people to assent freely to the social order. Freedom requires conviction; conviction does not exist on its own, but must always be gained anew by the community."

If we read this we have to ask ourselves what is our aim and mission, when we look on our structures in Scouting and specially in ICCS. It helps to read our Charter and to have a meditation on it.

Secretariat Meeting (Berlin 10 – 13 January 2008)

The Members of the World ICCS Secretariat had their annual meeting in Berlin for planning and preparing the activities in 2008. The Secretariat members got a nice welcome by the Chief Commissioner of the DPSG in the Diocese of Berlin, Alexander Dannenberg, and by the former National Chief Commissioner of DPSG and former Chairman of the European WOSM Committee, Dr. Anton Markmiller, who is representing the government of the Saar State in Germany to the federal Government. He offered an excellent excursion to the new governmental buildings in Berlin (Reichstag and so on). The Committee joined the Holy Mass in the St. Hedwig Cathedral. Beside the ICCS Agenda the Secretariat

Members got a good insight of the social problems which exist in a multicultural metropolis like Berlin. Berlin is the entrance of Eastern Europe.



ICCS Study Centre (LUMSA)

On the 12th of February the General Secretary of ICCS, Baldur Hermans, Francesca De Laura, ICCS Secretary and Mimmo Sorrentino, author of the ICCS History, had an appointment with the Rector of the Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta (LUMSA) in Rome, Prof. Giuseppe Dalla Torre del Tempio di Sanguinetto, discussing the idea of establishing a centre of studies and researches about Catholic scouting. This could be part of the educational faculty of LUMSA. This study centre could include also the archives of ICCS and a library of Scout literature, including audio-visual materials. ICCS will work out ideas how to realize this study centre as a common activity.



Congratulations to new Cardinals

The General Secretary and the World Chaplain have given their congratulations to two new Cardinals who were in special relationship with ICCS: Card. Paul Josef Cordes, who has been Vice-President of the Pontifical Council for Laity (PCL). He called Baldur Hermans and Jacques Carton, when they were Regional Secretaries of ICCS E-M as Consultors of PCL. Cardinal Cordes is a running President of the Pontifical Council "Cor Unum" which is the coordinating body of the Vatican for worldwide caritas activities. Card. Cordes was one of the initiators of the World Youth Days.

Congratulations were also given to Card. Stanislaw Rylko who is the actual President of PCL. ICCS had several Meetings with him since 2003 when he became President.

Both new Cardinals have sent heartily thanks to ICCS with best wishes to our work.

Support for Iraq activities

The collection of youth pilgrimage to St. Korbinian in the Arch-diocese of Munich in 2007 was given to ICCS to start scout activities for young Catholics in Iraq. ICCS gave special thanks to the initiators of this idea.

FICS Meeting (Paris – 23 February 2008)

The annual Meeting of the Foundation of ICCS will take place in Paris. Very important subject of the discussion will be about new ways of rising money for the growing activities of ICCS worldwide.

The special thanksgiving badge

Was given to all helpers for the ICCS activities during the World Jamboree in England in 2007 and to those who assisted to run the Seminar "Ways of Justice for Peace" in Santiago de Compostela in 2007. The badge honours the

outstanding service of scouts and non-scouts to activities of World ICCS.



Special badges

The World Secretariat of ICCS decided to produce and to offer a strip pocket badge that can be used alternatively to the round uniform badge of ICCS. The new badge can be put on uniform above the pockets.



For cars' windows is foreseen to have a plastic sticker with the Logo and the colours of ICCS. For selling we will give information in time.

Brotherhood Saint George

The World Secretariat of ICCS decided to handle over to Rodolphe Jabbour (Lebanon) and Fr. Imad Twal (Jordan) the editing of a booklet containing the biographies of all living and passed members of the Brotherhood Saint George. The booklet will also contain the Statutes of the Brotherhood and a special prayer.

New publications

The documentation about the Inter-religious Dialogue as number 7 of our Notes (Cahiers, Apuntes, Hefte) is now available. Our member organizations will get copies free. More exemplars can be bought by the ICCS Headquarters in Rome for 5 Euro plus mailing costs.

Members of the Secretariat are working on two new publications: "Ways of Justice for Peace", documentation of our Seminar in Santiago de Compostela in 2007 and Contributions by participants of the WYD 2005 in Cologne and of the World Jamboree in England in 2007.

A second booklet is foreseen: "Models for Scouting, Saints and personalities"

Some of our publications could be published by the support of former scouts and private institutions as sponsors.

New concept of CICO

The International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS) is full member of the Conference of the International Catholic Organizations (CICO). By intervention of the Holy See CICO has made deep reflection on its effectiveness and ways of cooperation. As a result of this reflection CICO will change its character and create an International Catholic NGO's Network. ICCS will be part of it and participate in the next extraordinary General Assembly that will be held in Paris from 01 to 02 April 2008.

Ecumenical Event in Canterbury

(Aylesford, 07 – 09 March 2008)

For the first time there will be an Ecumenical encounter of Christian Scout Associations and entities. ICCS invited for this by the Convent of the Carmelite monks in Aylesford. The place has been chosen of its near distance to Canterbury which has already a famous ecumenical tradition. The participants will be from member organizations of ICCS, from Orthodox entities organized in DESMOS and from protestant Associations and groups. Key note speaker will be Fr. Jonathan How, professor of Theology.

Beside the discussion about better cooperation between ICCS, DESMOS and the Christian Conference, the Seminar will have a critical review on Scouting nowadays with regards to its Christian roots and looking ahead to the challenges that will face the movement in the future.

The Participants will have a visit to the Canterbury Cathedral and a moment of prayer during the "evensong". In the Canterbury Cathedral in 1170 Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered who became a saint of the Catholic Church with a wide spread of devotion.

The Seminar expects about 25 participants.

World Seminar in Korea

(Jeju Island – Korea 10- 13 July 2008)

Four days before the WOSM World Conference in Korea, ICCS will run a World Seminar on Jeju Island. The subject of the Seminar will be: "The Pastoral challenges in education through Scouting".

The Key-note speaker will be Mr. Chainarong Montienvichienchai from Thailand who is the Vice Chancellor of the Saint John's University in Laprao, Bangkok - Thailand and expert on our subject because of his wide and deep involvement as a responsible lay person in the Church on national and international level. He will speak about how to help young people to grow in their faith

through Scouting in a multi-cultural society.

The second subject of the Seminar will be: "The role of ICCS Regions in the development of Catholic Scouting."

The Catholic Scouts of Korea will host the Seminar. The official invitation will be sent out soon.

ICCS World Council

(Rome, 21 – 23 November 2008)



The next World Council of ICCS will take place from 21 to 23 November 2008 in Rome and will be hosted by Casa La-Salle. The main subject of the Council will be the future plan of ICCS which includes the program on Regional and World level, relationships and cooperations and finally financial consequences for the future work. The World Council will be preceded by a Pilgrimage for Chaplains that is open also to lay people. The dates of the pilgrimage will be: 18 – 20 November.

World Youth Days 2008

Catholic Scouts who will participate in the World Youth Days from 15 to 20 July 2008 in Sydney (Australia) are invited to meet friends and representatives of ICCS in a "meeting point" that ICCS will run together with other International Catholic Youth Organizations. More information will be sent out as soon as possible directly to the Associations and will be available on our web-site www.cics.org



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