



November 8th, 2020

Dear companions in the Lord!

*You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand
You shall see the face of God and live*

*Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come follow me, and
I will give you rest*

(Lyrics from the song “Be not afraid” by John Michael Talbot)

As we already did in spring, the Euroteam had to cancel its physical meeting scheduled at the end of October in London. So we decided to meet for a day in “virtual London” on Zoom... Fernando Vidal, a member of the World Exco and its “Eurolink” joined us for some hours in our brainstorming session on concrete ways we can be of service in the emerging reality of “new normal”.

After a time of praying and sharing, we worked on some of the priorities of our mandate. Writing this letter, we want to keep you updated about some of the topics we discussed and important projects that we would like to propose to you.



1. Ecclesiastical Assistant

We are very happy to inform you that the Euroteam has got an Ecclesiastical Assistant from this week. Most of you know him: It's Nikolaas Sintobin SJ whom many of you met at our Assembly at Vilnius last year and who celebrated the online Eucharist for the World CLC day in March 2020.

Welcome, Nikolaas! May God bless you and your service to CLC in Europe!



2. Youth

"Each experience of a single human life is already an encounter with God..."

Youth is definitely a priority to us since Vilnius.

That's why we are setting up a Youth Coordination Team (YCT) in Europe.

We would like to gather young people across the borders of our National Communities and explore together how we can create places for communal discernment, companionship and hope.

Within the Euroteam, Jean-Benoît will coordinate this Youth initiative.

Could you indicate **one contact person in your National Community** and send her/his coordinates to **Jean-Benoît** [jean-benoit@clc-cvx.eu] by **November 22nd**?

In this way, we will coordinate with one another and keep you updated about the initiative.

And also, a big youth **gathering** is being organised in **Loyola**, Spain next **July 2021**. You should have received some information about it from the World Exco.

As we already mentioned, we dropped our plans for a youth/young adult meeting next summer to join forces and energy with CLC in Spain and actively support them in the organisation of this gathering.

3. Advent calendar

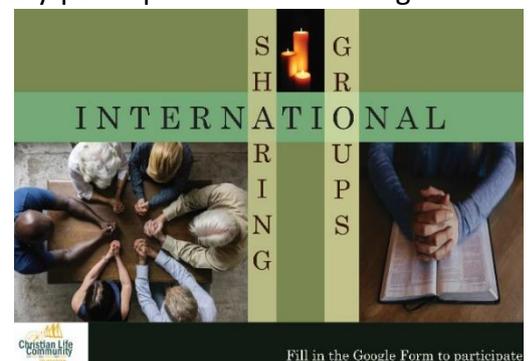
The youth initiative of CLC in Spain is preparing an Advent Calendar – as they already did last year. You are going to receive further information soon.

4. Online-Sharing groups

During the lockdown in spring, we started the first online sharing groups with CLCers from 10 national communities. The feedback we got was amazing. Many participants of the sharing groups told us about their deep experience of CLC community, worldwide.

As many people asked us to organize a "second round" of sharing groups, we have sent you the invitation in our last letters. It's still possible to sign up if someone wants to be part of new sharing groups. We would like to ask you to inform all your members that we postponed the deadline to **November 22nd** so that new groups could start their online meetings in Advent. Each CLC member (not only Eurolinks) can register using the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBsj1eyihW9VsbRU0_I9VU2LeK9-OqDiTwetZN7F3bGO09A/viewform?usp=sf_link



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Fill in the Google Form to participate

See the attached poster that you can share with all your members. Please send them the link as well.

5. Online meeting for Eurolinks (5th of December, 4-6 pm)

As we already wrote to you in one of our letters, we are planning a Zoom meeting with the Eurolinks on **5th of December, from 4 – 6 pm**. Some days before we will send you further information and some inspirations for your preparation.

If the Eurolink is not available on this date, please make sure that another member of your National Community can join our meeting.

6. Meeting for Eurolinks and Ecclesial Assistants in Warsaw (Pentecost 2021)

As you already know, we are planning a meeting for Eurolinks and Ecclesial Assistants in Warsaw (Poland) from the 21st to 24th May 2021. Due to the pandemic, we still don't know if the meeting is going to take place. But we decided to meet anyway – if a face-to-face meeting is not possible we will organize an online event.

So please save the date anyway!

7. “At the frontiers”

The winter edition of the ATF cannot take place due to the pandemic. We will keep you updated about summer 2021.

We especially want to thank Eleonora Milazzo and the whole ATF-Team for all the efforts and energy they have put into this great project.

8. Communication

Some National communities raised some questions about the letters from the Euroteam and the Newsletter. So, we just want to remind you about our intentions when creating those two ways of communication:

- The “**letters from the Euroteam**” (after each meeting of the Euroteam and on other occasions) are mainly addressed to the National Excos and CLCers involved in international relationships. This is a way to keep you updated about the work of the Euroteam and our current projects. You may of course translate them into your language and send it to your members – if they are interested, but they are internal communication with you.
- The “**newsletters**” (twice a year) are addressed to all CLC members. So they should be translated to your languages and sent to the members – or put on your website, your Facebook page or on an internal communication platform. The copyright for all the photos should be ok.

Please do send us articles, links, photos etc. about some events, gatherings, projects of your National community.

Let us stay united in the deep communion of prayer in these difficult times!

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