

Euroteam meeting with the World ExCo Rome, February 2010

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Euroteam Meeting Rome, 12-15 February, 2010

Dear friends in the National Communities,
It was a second beginning – with the new appointed EA, Father Pierre Meyers SJ, Luxembourg. So the first step on our agenda was getting together as the complete Euroteam now and sharing our journey since we met last time in July.

Next step: We were invited to meet with the members of the World Exco for an informal sharing of information and on relevant ideas: leadership course, training of group guides, accompanying people through the different stages of life, young adults, communication between Euroteam and World Exco.

Further steps: planning the future dates, drafting the next new(s)letter, review of the website, revising the Eurolink flyer, agreeing on the communication among the Euroteam members. Finally we had a look on our finances.

We spent quite some time on preparing the next Eurolink's meeting which will take place

in Hungary, 4th to 7th Nov 2010. Theme: The role of the Eurolink.

For further informations on this issue please refer to the attachment and the invitation.

A real highlight was the visit to the World secretariat on Monday afternoon. Franklin Ibanez, the new general secretary, his wife Sofia Montanez and Luke Rodriguez, the Vice EA, had invited us to come and see their office. With a cup of Colombian coffee we shared about communication and finances in World CLC. It was a surprise that the outgoing Vice EA Alberto Brito also joined us.

We concluded our meeting by various tasks and the evaluation of our days together in Rome. It was very evident that the common morning prayer and the eucharist in the evening marked our days, to look at pending issues with the eyes of God and helped us to discern carefully the next steps.

The Euroteam

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We welcome our new EA to the Euro team!

Pierre Meyers sj: I have been ordained in 1975. I worked as a group guide with young Christian students, as Ecclesiastical Assistant from 1996 to 2009 of the Ex-Co of CLC Luxembourg and have been spiritual guide of CLC groups in Luxembourg since 1985.

Visit to CLC Lithuania

I had the privilege of attending the recent CLC national assembly in Lithuania where the community gave me a very warm welcome. We met in the Jesuit house in Kaunas and besides several members of the Lithuanian community we also had three representatives from Latvia, where CLC is in its early stages. For me this was a real experience of “community”, yet more than that... an experience of being “family” in the hospitality, the sharing, the reflections, the prayer and the socialising! Thank you CLC Lithuania for a truly wonderful weekend with the added bonus of “snow” and sunshine! May the Spirit continue to guide you in your growth!

Evelyne Maloret

Diary

The diary is to inform you of events taking place in CLC Europe and also to ask for your support in prayer for these events.

Euroteam meeting:
16th – 18th of July,
2010 in Munich

European Holidays:
7th to 15th of August,
2010 in Tannenlohe,
Germany

Eurolinks meeting:
Hungary; November
4-7, 2010
Theme: The Role of
Eurolink

Easter Word: Like Peter, following Jesus, by loving and serving...

Pierre Meyers sj

What generosity on the part of this fisherman from Galilee, who dares leave everything behind “to follow Jesus Christ” (Luke 18, 28) and to become thus a witness to the wonderful deeds of Jesus among the crowds! No obstacle frightens him off (Mt 16, 22; Luke 22, 33; John 18, 11) or prevents him from following his Master, even if, at times, he is completely overtaxed when faced with Jesus’ inner journey (Tabor, Mount of Olives). Yet, when Peter sees his Master sentenced and given over to death, like a criminal, he loses heart, he loses his face. He professes “not to know him” (Luke 22, 60)... simply to save his skin! Bitter tears (Luke 22, 62), through which Peter is able to recognise the tender and liberating look of Jesus Christ, who still loves him...

After Jesus’ death, the rest of the Sabbath and of the hearts!

Jesus himself, had he not said at the Last Supper: “I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers” (Luke 22, 32). The love of God renews everything and never abandons the sinners! Peter seems “to wake up”, too. At none of the later encounters with the Risen Lord will he fail to sense the call to continue Jesus’ work; but not continue it in just any way! One question will still burn in his heart: “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” This question will remind him forever that it is only by relying on the rock of divine mercy that he will be able to love and serve, and gather the Christian communities ... in the name of the Risen Lord.

May Peter help us to receive “This gift of God to us, and our response, which continues to this day through the influence of the Holy Spirit in all our particular circumstances.” (PG 1).

Happy Easter!

Euroteam Meeting
Rome; February 2010
Our new member, Pierre,
is on the far right.

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News from the National Communities . . .

The following is a summary of news which you sent in response to our previous new(s)letter in October of last year. To see the news in full detail, click on the link near each summary. This will take you to the News section of our website which is being revised. We would like these pages on the website to reflect the life, variety and creativity of CLC in Europe. So please send us (euroteam@cvx-clc.net) news of events, initiatives, changes in national ExCo, etc. — anything which you think may be of interest. You can include also related photographs and documents as well as an email address or website where further information can be found.

CLC Austria

“Being stranger - in my town/in the region/in Austria” was a process of awareness launched by the groups as well as a process of receiving new groups as members of CLC. [read more ...](#)

CVX Belgium (French)

National Assembly, 7th March in Louvain. The theme: Would Ignatius invite us to be "Euro sceptic" or "Euro convinced" [read more ...](#)

CLC Flanders

Events and initiatives in CLC Flanders including the promotion of CLC in order to form new communities; the national meeting on September 21, 2009 and reflections in the Exco as a follow up to Alicante, with a focus on quality in the communities (formation and group leaders) [read more ...](#)

CVX France

- Six weekends throughout the country, exploring "commitment" in CLC
- National Assembly - Pentecost 2010 in Nevers. [read more ...](#)

CLC Germany

Since 2009, we have a new Ecclesiastical Assistant, Thomas Gertler sj [read more ...](#)

CVX Italy

- A new Ecclesiastical Assistant, Vincenzo Sibilio s.j.
- Permanent commitment of six members.
- New formation course for group guides.
- *Cura del povero e bene comune* - National Assembly 2010. [read more ...](#)

CLC Lithuania

National Assembly in March 2010, with the presence of Father Luke Rodrigues and Evelyne Maloret, and three members from Latvia. Election of the new council [read more ...](#)

CLC Luxembourg

A simple lifestyle, identified in GP4 as one of the characteristics of CLC life, has been a growing preoccupation in Luxembourg. The inspiring address by Father Nicholas sj at Fatima 2008 invited us to go further (events, projects ...) [read more ...](#)

CLC Poland

There were two important events last summer:

- a) The summer retreat about the Charism of CLC. This retreat will be continued at the regional meetings.
- b) The regional meeting in Zakopane with members from Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary and Slovakia where we deepened our integration. [read more ...](#)

CLC Slovenia

Events and activities including national meetings, advent retreat, monthly mass and a pilgrimage to Croatia. [read more ...](#)

CVX Spain

The National Assembly for CVX Spain took place in Santiago de Compostela, August 2 to 7, 2009. The theme was "Pilgrims like Ignatius, walking as an apostolic community." [read more ...](#)