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Euroteam Meeting Munich: March, 2011

For the second time we met in Munich. After the starter round on Friday afternoon we updated our agenda and started with a first working unit. On Saturday morning we took the time to evaluate our team cooperation thus far. Under the attentive and expert direction of Herbert Rieger SJ we gained deeper insight into our cooperation which certainly will benefit our future cooperation. How can we facilitate and design communication - with each other, between Euroteam and the national communities as well as among the individual national communities? How can information be forwarded more effectively to interested CLC members and CLC communities? How can the Euroteam support this process? We spent the afternoon discussing this topic.

Further topics: the planning of the EA's meeting 3-6 November, finances and the leadership course.

The common morning praise and the eucharist in the evening made us aware of how everything comes from HIM leading to his mercy - including our helpless, wordless prayers in the face of the dreadful events in Japan.

A concert....with sounds of Easter

On Sunday evening we visited a concert with Giora Feidman. The way he makes his clarinet talk, sing, sob and jubilate is unique. His gentle tones touch you deeply and strike chords. "I play the clarinet to share my emotions with people".

Listening to this music reminded me of our morning praise, where it was said:

"The gifts and talents that God has given to each of us are not ours to keep. They are God's gift, and they are meant to be shared" and to transform the lives of others like yeast.

Jesus asked, "What shall I compare the Kingdom of God with? It is like this. A woman takes some yeast and mixes it with forty litres of flour until the whole batch of dough rises (Luke 13, 20-21).

I remember my grandmother baking bread once a month. The sourdough starter rested in an earthenware pot next to the stove. On the evening before baking day she would sift the flour into the big wooden hod, adding the yeast starter. After that it was time to let the dough rise, rest and ferment.

Jesus compares us with yeast. Each one of us is like yeast that should be mixed with the dough of our everyday life. Prayer, reading the bible, again and again orienting towards HIM which allows the dough to rise.

Giora Feidman shares his musical talent with the many people who visit his concerts. Each human being has got other talents, other abilities, other notes, other dough needed by the world. Jesus invites us not to keep our dough for ourselves but to share it and distribute it in the same way he devoted himself to us by dying on the cross and the way he shares himself with each word he speaks and in the bread and wine in the celebration of the eucharist

**‘To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’
(Luke 13, 20-21)**

Prayer to the Lord who became for us the Bread of Life

- Jesus Bread of Life broken that we may be hope for the world.
- Jesus Bread of Life broken that our lives may be a passionate outpouring of love for the world.
- Jesus Bread of Life broken that we might learn to honour the death in our lives that is being transformed into wells of wisdom for our world.
- Jesus Bread of Life broken that we may learn to be obedient to what needs solitude and rest in us.
- Jesus Bread of Life broken that we may learn to honour the Divine in us.
- Jesus Bread of Life broken that we may learn to honour the centre of our being that place from which You rule the world.

We wish all the CLC members and friends to deeply feel the Easter Spirit and so become bread for others.



To all our national communities.

Greetings from the Euro team.

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of communication as we try to strive to improve lines of communication between ourselves and you our national communities in Europe. We are very grateful to those of you who do keep us informed of what is happening in their communities but there are many national communities who remain silent! We would like to encourage you to share with us your news and consider the possibility of inviting CLC members from outside your country to participate in any activities you are planning for your own community even if it only your close neighbours. There is a richness in sharing who we are and what we have with others.

We have made changes to our website and this can be a real source of interaction between our communities in Europe but it needs you to let us know what is happening!! Please keep this in mind! We would also ask that if at all possible the new(s)letter we send to you periodically is sent out to your members so that they can begin to get a sense of belonging to a wider community. Thank you for all you are doing.

The Euro team

Diary

A diary to inform you of events taking place and also to ask for your support in prayer for these events.

Euroteam meeting: Slovakia.
September 30 - October 3, 2011

EA Meeting. Lithuania.
November 3 - 6, 2011

For further information, and more events look at the CLC Europe website:
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My life has been connected to CLC since my early youth. 2006 I have become member of German National Exco.

Two times I led as a team member international CLC holidays, last time 2010 in Tannenlohe, Germany. Here I have had very good experiences in contact with CLC-members of other countries. Therefore and to learn from their own way of CLC-life I was enticed to come into contact with CLC-members from many different countries.