

Madrid, 7th February 2010

FROM: CLM European steering committee

TO: to the CLM communities of America, Africa and Europe

Dear brothers and sisters,

on behalf of the Consolata Lay Missionaries (CLM)' communities in Europe we are writing to submit to you a proposal of an international meeting of the Consolata Lay Missionaries. After the meetings already held in Europe (Lisbon 2007, Lisbon 2008 and Madrid 2010) in Africa (Kenya 2009) and Latin America (Sao Paulo 2010) we believe that time has come to dare “dreaming” a meeting of the CLM of the three continents.

The main purposes of this meeting would be:

- to make acquaintance among us and share the experiences and steps of growth realized by the CLM in the different Regions where we are present;
- to provide the IMC and MC Institutes approaching their General Chapters with a strong sign as to the meaningful presence and growth of the CLM experience in the continents, in the family spirit that unifies us, though in a variety of styles and in the diversity of contexts and groups that characterize our way of being Consolata lay communities;
- to pay a visit to the places representing the roots of the Consolata Family (namely the places where the Founder was born and raised and where he has founded his missionary institutes, Turin and surroundings) and those of Christianity as a whole, in Rome.

The meeting will take place in Italy from the 9th to the 16th of January 2011. The program will include a few days visit both in Turin and in Rome. The European CLM, work duties allowing, will try to accompany during the visits, yet will be fully present especially in the week-end from the 14th to the 16th of January.

It would be best if at least one representative (even better if two) for each Region takes part in the meeting, and he/she should be chosen among the native CLM belonging to a lay local community/group.

As a preparation to the international meeting, CLM of each Region should prepare a presentation of its own CLM context, including the following points:

- the history of the Consolata Lay Missionaries in their Region;
- the communities/groups existing at present and their members;
- if there is any Regional and/or continental CLM organization;
- the CLM “*ad intra*” activities (animation, peace and justice, lifestyles, ...);
- the current and previous “*ad extra*” missionary experiences;
- the expectations for the next three years, always at regional level.

To make the event's organization easier, you are kindly asked to communicate to us your desire and availability to take part in the meeting (one or two representatives) by end of June 2010. We will do our best to take into account any possible economic difficulties of some of you, in order to allow all the Regions, willing to participate, to be represented in the meeting.

The program of the meeting, the invitation letter, the registration form and all the necessary information will be uploaded on the CLM section of the www.ismico.org web site as soon as possible.

For any doubt, clarification, request, suggestion or question you might have, please feel free to contact the following persons:

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- sister Cesariana Corioni, cesariana.mc@gmail.com
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In wishing you all that this Lent might truly be for everyone of us a path to the real conversion and that Easter might bring us the joy of the Resurrection of Christ, we are looking forward to receiving your comments, proposals and adhesion

A fraternal greeting of peace and consolation.

The European Steering Committee of the Consolata Lay Missionaries.