



## LETTER FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LEADING TEAM

Dear Team members,

Firstly, we sincerely hope that in this year of 2016, the Lord and Mary, our Mother, fill your homes with blessings and bring us the peace that the world so needs. Every New Year is a time to make assessments as well as to set goals. During our last meeting with the ERI in Paris in December, the Satellite Teams reviewed the work accomplished and established a programme in order to concentrate our efforts over this year now beginning. At the last world meeting of responsible couples held in Rome in September, we presented the work done up until then by 4 Satellite Teams (Pedagogy, Reflection and Research, Theology of Sexuality and Christian Training) that we coordinate. The enthusiasm and expectation that this work aroused amongst the Rome participants filled us with joy and at the same time filled us with a certain "controlled fear," due to the great responsibility that we have vis-à-vis the Movement's over 135000 team members and spiritual counsellors.

At the beginning of this New Year, the International Leading Team (ERI) and the Satellite Teams will make available to the Movement the following aids to the integral training process of each of its members.

**PEDAGOGY SATELLITE TEAM:** In Rome, we distributed the new booklet on the *SIT-DOWN* or conjugal dialogue. This is the first of the six Endeavours that this team is working on to give a new perspective and to revitalise the use of these aids, which make up the basis of our Movement's pedagogy. The document on *PERSONAL PRAYER* is ready and the one on *CONJUGAL PRAYER* is being re-read and formatted; during this year, the booklet on *LISTENING TO THE WORD*, currently being written, should be finished, together with the one on the *RULE OF LIFE* and the *ANNUAL RETREAT*.

**CHRISTIAN TRAINING SATELLITE TEAM:** The idea of offering online classes on basic

catechism using an e-learning platform is already up and running, thanks to the precious technical help of a working group at the University of São Paulo, Brazil. This course initially offers eight modules on the following subjects: *Liturgy, Old Testament, New Testament, Ecclesiology, Sacraments, Spirituality, Morals* and *Christology*. They are like an entry point that shows the application of each module for the resolution of anxieties that can arise about everyday subjects. For the moment the module for *Liturgy* is finished, translated into the Movement's five languages and uploaded to the server; the *Old Testament* and *Ecclesiology* ones are finished and are being translated, while the *Spirituality* and *Morals* ones are under construction and the two others have not yet started.

**REFLECTION AND RESEARCH SATELLITE TEAM:** The universal database of the Movement's publications is already operational, but for now is only available to the Super-Regional Responsible Couples; it is a tool that will enable the great extant documentary richness to be accessed. During this coming year and after a trial period with the Super-Regional couples, the database will become available to a greater number of Team members.

**THEOLOGY OF SEXUALITY SATELLITE TEAM,** the final team to be put together, after a process of discernment and much research. We are in the process of elaborating a dialogue booklet for couples on the various aspects of their sexuality. These aspects will be treated in 12 independent topics with a text to reflect on and concrete aids that aim to help dialogue and exchange. This booklet, after the necessary revisions of its theological and doctrinal content, will then be translated.

It is fascinating to see the unifying action of the Holy Spirit, who undoubtedly guides and illuminates our whole service when we submit to his wish, in these multidisciplinary, multicultural and multilingual work groups.

We ask the Lord and our Mother Mary to reward the work and dedication of all the Satellite Team members and above all that this work be a source of richness and growth in the maturity of the faith and spirituality of all the members of our beloved Movement.

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