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Thy Kingdom come!

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To the delegates to the Regnum Christi Joint Territorial Assembly

Dear friends in Christ,

I send you greetings and assure you of my prayers. Thank you for having accepted to serve as territorial assembly delegates. I appreciate the great act of service to the whole Movement you are doing by offering your time and energy for the good of everyone. This is an extremely important moment for the future of Regnum Christi. I am grateful that you accepted the invitation the Lord made through your brothers and sisters to take part.

I know that many of you feel what a great responsibility this is. At the same time, I hope you feel inspired by great hope. The Lord has put us on this journey; it is he who impels us to set out and discover the future, the land that he has prepared for us. I invite you, therefore, to reflect on this particular moment of grace. Today we are once again experiencing the call, ever new, to collaborate humbly and confidently with the Lord himself. He entrusts us with this work of his and asks us to bring it forward, travelling the path of maturing in the Church. We travel this road with the Church at our side.

The territorial assemblies are called to be a quest we all undertake to know what the Lord is asking of us. The fruitfulness of such a moment depends to a large extent on how prepared the delegates are. We have to open our minds and hearts to be docile instruments of the Holy Spirit.

To make sure you are ready to receive the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, there are three things you have to do: pray, study and dialogue.

Pray

Pray to God for the entire Movement, for the delegates at your own assembly and for yourself. I attach a short prayer to this letter. I hope it will help you beg God for a heart open to the task he has entrusted you with. Meditate upon and contemplate what we have experienced as Regnum Christi members, the gift we have received and the mission we have to serve a world in need of Christ.

Study

It is also important to study the draft Statutes and the background documents so as to understand the proposed text and what it means, and see the various options available. Reflecting on these texts will require time. In this part of the preparation, which has more to do with reasoning and analysis, look for the deep reasons that speak for or against each proposal. We have to move beyond the level of comments such as “I like that because it’s new,” “We have always done it that way,” or “I don’t know... I’m not convinced.”

On [the RC Statutes website](#) you can find helpful information related to the Draft Statutes.

Dialogue

The Holy Spirit also speaks to us when we dialogue with others. Dialogue demands both attentive listening and the effort to express our own opinion clearly and respectfully.

Why do I think that fraternal dialogue among the members of all branches is so important? We have the beautiful task of giving Regnum Christi statutes that contain the charism common to all even as each branch lives according to its own specific vocation. The richness and evangelizing force of the Movement lies precisely in this characteristic, so typical of the Church of our time: various vocations that share the same spirit and mission. Each branch is unique, living out its specific vocation, while at the same time in communion with the other branches. True communion does not dilute the identity of any vocation or the typical characteristics of each branch, but rather sheds light on them and nourishes them. The General Statutes will be fruitful to the extent that they spring from a discernment process in which all have really participated.

I propose, and in fact I beg you, to try and organize fraternal meetings, be they formal or informal, at which members of the different branches can share their convictions, expectations, hopes, worries and fears about the future of the Movement. The concrete way of getting together will depend on the circumstances of each place and the concrete situation of each delegate. There are, however, many possible ways to come together. There can be meetings between the communities in a locality or between the delegates from different branches. Members of all the branches in a locality could gather together. Alternately, the lay members in a locality could gather together, inviting the consecrated delegates from the area to be present. You can arrange sessions with members of the territorial committee or friendly get-togethers in small groups. The important thing is not how the get-togethers are set up but rather that they enable the delegates to get to know how others see things, especially those who have—or seem to have—divergent opinions.

Reflecting on the Draft Statutes puts a large variety of questions on the table, some more spiritual in nature, others more technical. These questions and the diversity of opinions, at times quite divergent, could make some nervous and cause them to close their hearts and even become a bit aggressive. However, if we look each other in the eyes and listen to the reasons others give for their points of view, and if we express our own position clearly and calmly, we will be able to

understand what lies behind the positions of those whose views differ from our own. The goal is not merely to reach agreement or find a solution acceptable to all but something much greater. Fraternal encounters in truth and charity permit God to send the gift “that comes from on high” (see Luke 24:49; James 1:17, 3:17) on those who “were all in one place together” (Acts 2:1). Dialogue in charity does not in itself produce solutions. It is necessary, though, so that the Lord who is love can unite and enlighten us as a spiritual family and as a body, bringing us wherever *he* wants us to go.

I attach the transcript of a conference about community discernment. It should help all of us to celebrate the assemblies in a way that allows us to reap the fruits the Lord wants to grant us.

The joint territorial assemblies are an important milestone. There will be a large number of themes to cover in a very short time. Let us do everything we can to prepare our minds and hearts for the work at hand. God will surely bless it; let us ask him to be present with us every step of the way.

Let us also entrust our work, our meetings and our proposals to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. With maternal love she teaches us to trust firmly in Christ and meditate in our hearts on the designs of God’s Will.

I thank you in advance for your generous surrender and ask that you pray for me.

Your brother in Christ and the Movement,

Fr. Eduardo Robles Gil, LC

First attachment: Prayer for fraternal dialogue

Second attachment: Conference of Fr. Elias Royón, SJ, on community discernment