



Lay Claretian Movement

General Council

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Dear brothers and sisters:

This October -missionary and Claretian- we get in touch with you once more to extend our warmest greetings, send you some formation documents and let you know about some of the General Council visits and meetings.

As you already know, in our last General Assembly held in Granada there were no formative talks or documents, but we enjoyed a beautiful motto: “New wine into new wineskins” from Mark 2, 22. The claretian missionary J. Cristo Rey García Paredes wrote a wonderful book with that title. It is a reflection on the need of a change, that we, believers, should have. A need which won’t allow us to settle. He impels us to discover the novelty of following Jesus. Since our aim is to bring everybody the experience of the Assembly, and not to keep it for ourselves, we asked Fr. J. Cristo Rey to write a comment¹ on this verse of the Gospel, so we would all have a common source of formation. He willingly accepted and sent us the document. The idea is that once you have worked on the document in your communities, you could share your reflections with the bigger community of the movement so that we grow in communion. We will happily welcome your experience in info@seglaresclaretianos.org

We would also like to give you details about the visits we have carried out in June and July.

Last June, Miguel Ángel Sosa, Secretary of Formation and Marta Salazar, delegate for the United States and Canada, travelled to Chicago, invited by the claretians of that province. Once there, they also went to Prescott (Arizona), Fresno and St. Gabriel’s mission (California). At the end of the visit to the United States, Marta headed for

¹ The article will come out soon in English. You will find it in our website.



Mexico. She could attend the celebration where the group from Mexico City joined the movement. She also learnt from Fr. Reagan that in Sherbrooke Parish Church (Canada) there's a group of Hispanic origin people interested in the charisma of the lay claretians which will begin their discernment. You will also find some more information in our web: <http://www.seglaresclaretianos.org/noticias-3/319-cronica-pausada-de-la-visita-a-eeuu-y-mexico>.

In addition, I -Bernardeta- and Iris Vázquez, delegate for Centroamerica, visited Panama and Guatemala. We met the group from Santa María la Antigua in Panama and continued with our work of promotion in different places. We also travelled to Mixco-Guatemala where there was a provincial meeting of youth ministry and vocations. We had the chance to get to know the reality of the six countries of Central America and to present the Movement to the participants of the meeting and to other claretian parishes. We also had some time to meet the group "Itinerantes por el Reino" from Guatemala. You could open the following link to find out more: <http://www.seglaresclaretianos.org/noticias-3?start=8>

Let's hope that both visits will encourage new groups which come to know the lay claretian charisma.

At the end of October and first days of November we, the General Council, will meet some members of the Claretian Missionaries General Government in their Curia in Rome. Our aim will be to work together on some aspects which concern both branches of the Claretian Family. On our side, Edison Chalco shall be absent for work reasons. We will share with you our experience further ahead.

To conclude and on the occasion of Fr. Claret's feast we would like to extend our warmest greetings to you all. May the celebration of this day help us deepen in our charisma in order to be courageous missionaries of the Word fully involved in the transformation of our earthly realities.

Let's rely on our Mother's loving protection and the strength of the Spirit. Let them guide our steps, so that, as for Claret, our "only concern will be the greater glory of God".
(Aut. 494).

And to make it happen, please do not forget to pray for our Movement and for this Council.



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Receive our warm and hearty greetings,

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