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I AM A CLC MEMBER

There are many members of CLC, but the phrase "being a member" is not enough. Every one has to express his/her commitment and identity in daily life, by fulfilling some basic conditions.

As a CLC member

- I belong to a steady community whose members meet regularly to pray, share their lives, and discern their missions.
- I make the effort to practice my Ignatian awareness examen every day.
- I live an intense sacramental life - Eucharist, Reconciliation, that goes beyond the Sunday commitment.
- Every year, I dedicate sufficient time to renew, in one way or another, my Ignatian Spiritual Exercises (I was not content simply to experience an initiation into the process).
- I identify myself with the CLC as a lay apostolic movement, in my country and at the world level. For me, it is not enough to participate in the small group, isolated from the wider community. Even more, I bring something by my presence to the meeting and activities of the larger community; I offer my contribution to help the community itself and support it economically.
- I know well the "CLC General Principles" and I try to live them out in my family, professional and social life.
- I take seriously my vocation as a lay person, my concrete mission in the world, which requires constant activity of spiritual discernment, taking always into account the preferential option for the poor and the Ignatian sense of the Church.

This life-style is what CLC expects from its members.

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been serving as Atlantic regional rep. on the Exco and has met with them several times over the Fall. Duncan, along with Harry and Jeanie Beks represented us at the National Assembly this year.

Since last September, we welcomed four new people to our community. John and Theresa MacInnis (also from Judique like Duncan) and Gerard and Marcella Cameron from Mabou. They have expressed desires to deepen their spiritual lives to serve their families and wider community. We are very fortunate to have received their wonderful affirmation and desire to continue in the formation process (Phase I-revised) which we began again this year. We are truly aware of the power and presence of Christ in our efforts in their yes to continuing the CLC journey with us.

Fr. Shea, our ecclesiastical assistant injured his neck which necessitated surgery on the spine in November. He is recuperating very well but has had to wear a heavy neck brace and weight on his head. Our group guide, Sr. Eileen Tobin has been posted to Sydney Mines so has been unable to meet with us too often.

In some ways it is very quiet here in our little corner of the world, although we are ever thankful for the many small miracles that the Lord has given us. The journey in building the Kingdom is but a series of small steps. As long as they proceed in the right direction, we remain hopeful in our mission.

Cathy Gillies

FR. LOUIS PAULUSSEN, SJ Born: 27/08/09
Born to Eternal Life: 30/10/89

Our dear friend, Fr. Louis Paulussen, died on the morning of the 30th of Oct. at 4:30 a.m. in the infirmary of the Jesuit Curia, Rome. He had celebrated his 80th birthday on the 27th of Aug. He was still guiding people through the Spiritual Exercises up to the last week of his life.

He retained a great interest in CLC and his many friends during these last years even though failing eye sight made communication difficult. Many will remember him as a man of God. He was utterly hopeful and said on a number of occasions: "There is no reason to be a pessimist in the world today".

Before coming to Rome, Fr. Paulussen was Moderator of the National Secretariat for the Marian Congregations in Holland from 1948 to 1950. In Feb. 1951 he was made head of the Jesuit Secretariat for the Marian Congregations at the Jesuit Curia. He remained in Rome until he died.

NOTE: The World CLC President Brendan McLoughlin, on behalf of the World Community of CLC sent a message of condolence to Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, Superior General of the Society of Jesus.

UPCOMING EVENTS:-Eastern Regional Assembly

P.E.I., June

-Regional Assembly

Lethbridge, Alberta

-World Assembly

Guadalajara, Mexico

August 28th to Sept. 8th, 1990

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