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CIRCULAR Letter

May 2010

Our Secretary General has sent in the name of ICCS a letter of condolence to our friends from ZHP Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego (Poland) and to the Polish Episcopate in sympathy with the victims of the airplane crash near Smolensk in Russia who were on their way to celebrate the memory of the victims of Katyn, which have been killed by the Soviet Army in 1940. Some of those officers of the Polish Army that have been killed in Katyn have been active members in Scouting before. In the crash of Smolensk were killed the President of the Polish Republic (**Lech Kaczyński**) and 88 official representatives of all important Institutions of Poland. One of the victims was Bishop **Tadeusz Płóski** who was representative of the Polish Episcopate for the Scouts. He was very well known to ICCS.



Change of leadership in our Foundation (FICS)

On February 26th-27th, 2010, the board of the **International Catholic Foundation of Scouting** met in Rome and elected a new Chairman Mr. **Jean Tiquet** from France.

The former President **Benoit Blanpain** had finished his mandate after being member and President of the Foundation since it started. Benoit Blanpain, Belgian and member of Les Scouts - Fédération Catholique des Scouts Baden Powell de Belgique, has been Regional Secretary of the ICCS E-M Region in the 70's and since 1981 up to 1989 Secretary General of ICCS. Because of his great commitment to ICCS in all his functions the Members of the executive Committee gave Benoit the honour of being Honorary Chairman of the Foundation. As a special sign of thanks he received an old print showing the Church of San Giorgio al Velabro in Rome, traditionally called the church of the scouts.

New member of the executive committee became Mr. **Tobi Takemishi Suzuki** from Yokohama Japan, former member of the WOSM World Committee. We gave him a heartily welcome wishing that he will be most successful for the Foundation.

Baldur Hermans new Chairman of the Inter-religious Forum

At its last meeting in Kampala (October 2009 - Uganda), the members of the Inter-religious Forum elected our General Secretary Baldur Hermans as the new Chairman for the next meeting of the Inter-religious Forum. He will preside over the Forum in the time of preparation for the World Jamboree 2011 in Sweden (Rinkaby near Kristianstad - Sweden, in June 2010)

Mother Marie Alphonsine – Beatified

On the 22nd November 2009 Mother Marie Alphonsine Ghattas, as a girl called Sultana, was beatified in Nazareth (Israel). Mother Marie Alphonsine, born on the 1st October 1843 in Jerusalem, became the founder of the women Congregation of the Rosary which is nowadays all over present in the countries belonging to the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. She died on the 25th of March 1927 in Ein Karem. This event was also a great day for the Catholic Scouts in these countries (Palestine, Israel, Jordan) because the Rosary Sisters have been many times strong supporters and servers to the Catholic Scout Groups in the parishes and at Catholic Schools. What characterizes Mother Marie Alphonsine:



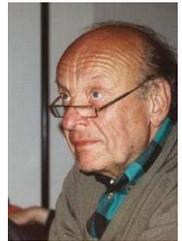
- Teaching the basics of reading and writing;
- Teaching manual work: dressmaking, embroidery, making rosaries;
- Founding confraternities for women and young girls;
- Teaching catechism and religious practice;
- Spreading the prayer of the rosary and stimulating a Marian spirit in homage of

the Holy Virgin, Queen of the Rosary;

- She founded a workshop and an orphanage for young girls in Bethlehem.

Gone home: Laszlo Nagy

At the end of last year we got the message that **Laszlo Nagy**, former Secretary General of WOSM, died on the 18th December in Geneva. As it has been pointed out by the World Scout Bureau Laszlo Nagy, born 1921 in Budapest, played a vital role in reforming the World Scout Movement. There have been a wide range of contacts and discussions between Laszlo Nagy and the representatives of ICCS mainly on the position and structures of Catholics in scouting. This was of great importance when scouting could arise again in the Eastern European countries.



We express deeply our sympathy with his family and we will keep him in mind as a brother in scouting who helped us to develop our own issues.

Visit from Japan to the ICCS Headquarters in Rome

Fr. **Miyazaki**, National Chaplain of the Japanese Catholic Conference of Scouting (JCCS), **Hidekatsu Sato**, International Commissioner of JCCS and his wife **Junko Sato**, Vice Chair person of Program Committee, Tokyo Council Girl Scout of Japan, visited on their Pilgrimage to Assisi, Rome, Lourdes and Santiago de Compostela, the Headquarters of ICCS in Rome in October and have met the General Secretary. Very early on time there was already a first exchange about the presence of ICCS during the World Scout Jamboree 2015 in Japan. The guests have given a good report about activities, conditions and challenges for scouting by young Catholics in Japan.



MSC elections of National Board

The Movimiento Scout Catolico elected at its annual Meeting (Madrid 2009) a new National Board:



Chief Commissioner: **Noelia Palacios Hermida**, General

Chaplain: **Antonio Matilla Matilla**, Vice Chairman and Secretary General: **Javier Mora Guijarro**, Treasurer: **Ignacio Padilla**, YP and AR commissioner: **Gonzalo Pedroche Calleja**, International Commissioner, **Elias Py Rodriguez**

We send our congratulations and we are looking forward to good common activities.

Rev. Donald Hummel resigned

Fr. **Donald Hummel**, who has been appointed in 2009 as Regional Chaplain of the ICCS Inter-America Region had to resign from this work because of too many commitments he has to follow in his Diocese. Donald regrets to take this decision, the same ICCS because Donald started with great pastoral involvement. The Lord may bless his further work in His vineyard.

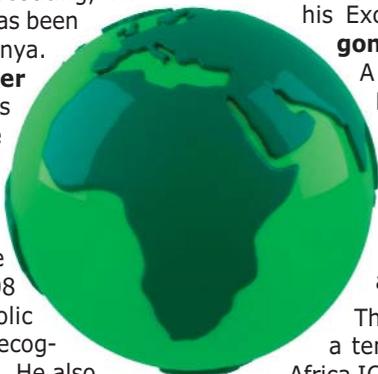
New Chaplain in Tanzania

The National Chaplain of the Tanzanian Catholic Conference of Scouting, Fr.

Emmanuel Mchopa SJ, has been transferred to Nairobi, Kenya.

At his place Fr. **Peter Alphonse Kunambi** has been appointed by the Tanzania Episcopal Conference to the post as our new National Chaplain.

Fr. Mchopa joined the World Council of ICCS 2008 in Rome when the Catholic Scouts of Tanzania were recognized as members of ICCS. He also was participant of the Africa Workshop of ICCS in Kampala (Uganda) in October 2009. Thanks for his service he did to Catholic Scouting, a heartily welcome to his successor.



New ArchBishop of Aix (France).

On March 29th, Mgr. **Christophe Dufour**, a former National Chaplain of Scouts de France, has been appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the new Archbishop of Aix en Provence. He was already coadjutor in Aix after having been Bishop of Limoges. Congratulations and blessings for the new responsibility.

10th Youth Forum in Rocca di Papa (Rome)

ICCS was present in the 10th Youth

Forum, organized by the pontifical Council for the Laity from 24 to 28 in Rocca di Papa (Rome). Our participants have been: Mr. **Luca Ruffino** (from Rome, Italy – AGESCI) and Miss **Christina Dehler** (from Bamberg, Germany – DPSG).

The subject of the Forum was "Learning to love". Steps in the program have been: Vocation to love, Love as a life choice and the Christian view of sexuality. The documentation of this Youth Forum is foreseen and will be published on time by the Pontifical Council for the Laity.

New Director of the WOSM Inter-America Region

Raul Sanchez Vaca, former Chairman of the Asociacion de Scouts de Mexico, has been appointed by the WOSM authorities as the new Regional Director of the Inter-America Region. ICCS has sent its congratulations hoping that Raul who has been in contact with ICCS since some years will be a good supporter of our own Inter-America Region.

Africa Region: Chaplain Seminar and Regional Council

Both events were held in Libreville, Gabon, with the participation of Bénin, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Sénégal and Togo.

The opening ceremony was chaired by his Excellency **Basile Mve Engone**, Archbishop of Libreville.

A solemn mass was led by Fr. **Patrick Mabickassa**, Assistant manager of the pastoral of youth.

The Regional Council dealt with topics on communication, coordination and financial resources.

The Regional Council set up a temporary team to lead the Africa ICCS Region until December 2011. It is made up of:

Regional Secretary: **Douampo Beugret Hubert**

Ecclesiastic Assistant: Fr. **Victor Eusebe Adjamagbo**

Deputy Ecclesiastic Assistant: Fr. **Caesar Matovu**

Regional Treasurer: **Arthur Siahon**

Assistant of the RS: **Georges Biock**

Communication: **Dossou Togbe Sylvain**

Statement of Identity

The Statement of Identity, a guideline for representing ICCS in discussions with the Church, the Scout Movement and in public life, and as a directive on the political platform has been published by World ICCS and been sent in a brochure to all the Member Organizations. The Statement has been translated in all the four languages

of ICCS. It was adopted by the Steering Committee and edited by the World Secretariat of ICCS. (Brochures are available for 3 Euros by the office in Rome)

Seminar Council Slovenia

Brief report on the ICCS-EM Regional Seminar Council Meeting 2009

17 member associations attended the Seminar Council meeting of European Mediterranean Region on 26th to the 29th November 2009, in St Josephs Retreat House, in Celje, Slovenia.

The Seminar Council was formally opened by Archbishop Dr. **Anton Stres**.

This was followed by a seminar/workshop entitled *Evangelisation and Scouting*, facilitated by Fr. **Jonathan How**, with a local perspective being given by Fr. **Burko**.

The working groups were in Arabic, English French and German and given our regional diversity some very interesting perspectives emerged.

The Council of the ICCS European Mediterranean Region has elected in Celje (Slovenia) Nov. 2009 new members for the Regional Committee: **Ines Miranda Santos** from Portugal (CNE), **Pavol Drlicka** from Slovakia (Slovensky Scouting Catholic Committee), and **Alexander Fischhold** from Germany (DPSG) for a second term.

The mandate was finished by **Helene Lacroix** from France (SGdF), **Filippo Guiglia** from Italy (AGESCI) and **Pedro Duarte** from Portugal (CNE).

Congratulations and best wishes for their work to those who have been elected and a huge "thank you very much" to those who left after their service to ICCS E-M.

It was agreed that our next Seminar and Council meeting in 2010 will be hosted by Luxembourg Guide and Scout association; the venue will be Mondorf, located in the south east of Luxembourg.

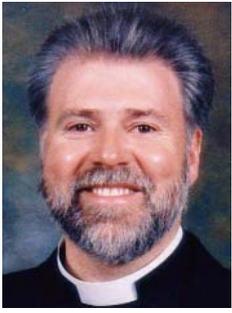
A vote of thanks and warm appreciation was given to our local hosts for the way in which they had organised the local logistics, the contacts with the Church and for the warm welcome they extended to each and every participant.

Mr. Gerry Glynn (Reg. Secretary ICCS-EM)

Change in the position of Regional Chaplain in the E-M Region

Fr. **John Seddon**, having been Regional Chaplain for 6 years finished his service at the end of 2009 and he is followed by Fr. **Rui Silva** from Portugal (CNE) who has





been appointed by the World Chaplain in February 2010. Fr. John Seddon, National Chaplain of the National Catholic Scout Fellowship, the link for Catholic Scouts in England, became very well known to many scouts all over the world by his presence and service during the World Scout Jamboree 2008 in England. John has published a lot of very useful spiritual items as prayer cards, booklets, etc.. We know that they are used by scouts in many countries. Thanks for his



service in the past but we hope that John will be also a supporter of ICCS in other ways. For Fr. Rui we send our congratulations wishing him a good start and a rich experience in ICCS.

Meeting the Pope in his first audience 2010



On the January 13th Pope Benedict XVI. has hold his first General Audience in 2010 in the Audience Hall inside the Vatican. The Secretary General, Baldur Hermans, got the chance to meet the Holy Father

who had been one of his professors when he studied at Bonn University in Germany. He gave as a gift of ICCS the illustrated biography of Fr. Jacques Sevin SJ, written by Sister Madeleine Bourcereau. Fr. Sevin has been one of the founders of *Scouts de France* and initiator of an International Catholic Bureau, the starting point of ICCS and founder of the Congregation of *Sisters of Sainte Croix de Jerusalem*.

The Secretary General expressed the great desire of the Catholics in scouting for the beatification of Jacques Sevin. Pope Benedict mentioned Père Sevin as a great muster for the scouts and assured ICCS his blessings. In his homily before the Pope spoke about Saint Francis, our patron of cub scouts, and the founding of the Franciscan Order. The Pope pointed out a consoling experience of the Church: *In each generation "saints" will be born having the creativity and dynamics of reform. - And we need them today!*

Meeting for the Congress in Korea by the Vatican

(Participation of Fr. **Imad Twal**, member of the ICCS Secretariat)

Round Table in Pontifical Council for the Laity for Asia

Place: Rome on the 31st of October 2009 from 9:30-12;30

Participants: 35 from 18 movements and new communities who are working or have missions in Asia

Goal: preparation for a Congress for Lay people of Asia which will be held in Seoul, Korea on the 31st of August 2010 to 5th September 2010.

The meeting was chaired by Card. **Stanislaw Rylko** and Mgr. **Joseph Clemens**.

Card. Rylko explained the necessity of this Congress: Statistics, mission and identity for the Church.

Fr. Imad Twal was asked to represent ICCS in the meeting as no people from AP was able to do. He spoke about ICCS mission and Role.

Fr. Imad Twal (Member of the ICCS World Secretariat)

American 100th Anniversary of Scouting

"Celebrating the Adventure Continuing the Journey"



The Year 2010 marks the One Hundredth Anniversary of Boy Scouting in the United States of America. Celebrations are planned for the entire year.

Among those were kick off events on Scout Week in February with local dinners and Scout Sunday Masses and other religious observances.

The major event will consist of the National Scout Jamboree from July 26 to August 4 at FT. A.P. Hill near Fredericksburg Virginia where over 35,000 scouts are expected to camp out. Thirty Catholic priests and deacons are expected to be serving the estimated 10,000 Catholic participants as well as scouts, leaders, and staff, of various other faiths.

The Year 2010 promises to be a wonderful and memorable one for all scouts and those with any connection to this marvelous fellowship.

Fr. Leo LeBlanc (ICCS World Chaplain)

Meeting of the World Secretariat

The members of the World Secretariat of ICCS had a working meeting in Charleston (SC- USA) from 10th to 14th March 2010. The meeting took place in Charleston because our former World Chaplain, now Bishop of Charleston, **Robert Guglielmo**, had invited the Secretariat to meet in his house.

The Agenda of the Meeting covered all issues of the running work. Special attention was given to the development of



Scouting in the Regions and to financial issues. Thanks to Bishop Guglielmo for his friendly hospitality.

Next Ecumenical Encounter (Athens 2010)

The second Ecumenical Encounter, organized by DESMOS, the link of the Orthodox Christian Scouts, will take place from 15th to 17th October 2010 in Greece, near Athens. Subjects of the encounter will be: the responsibility of Christians for creation and nature and our mission for the young generation. Details about the event will be sent out by DESMOS on time.

ICCS Asia Pacific Jamboree

Dear friends in Christ and Scouting, In the name of Thailand ICCS and Ratanakosin Scout Association, Thailand, would like to inform you that there will be a Catholic International Jamboree in Thailand in 2010, It was approved by ICCS in the ICCS World Council, 2008.

Let us know each other through this good news (Proclaiming the Gospel for the young people, by the young people and of the young people) of the 1st ICCS Jamboree. Because of the first time we held the Catholic Jamboree in the World, it will be a difference.

We ask you any participation or consider the information by www.jamboreethailand.com. Thank you.

Fr. Vivat Praesiri,

Camp chief and the Chaplain of Asia Pacific Regional Chaplain.

1st ICCS Scout Jamboree to be held in Thailand

The First International Catholic Conference of Scouting Jamboree will be held in Chonburi on 26th December 2010 to 2nd January 2011.

This Jamboree will bring scouts and youth from other organisations from Thailand and across the world to meet, interact and share knowledge, skills and values in a changing and challenging world.

The event will be the first of its kind in the world and is the initiative of Fr. Dr. Vivat



Praesiri of St. Joseph Church who has himself been a scout for over 20 Years. Now he is a chaplain of ICCS-Asia Pacific Region and an advisor and former President of the Ratanakosin Scout Association, Thailand.

The Jamboree will be held at the unique and pristine Vajiravudh National Scout Camp in Sriracha, Chonburi. The venue was chosen because of its easy access to popular tourist destinations and Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport.

Activities at the Jamboree will include Science and Technology, spiritual and community events, as well as exciting scouting activities. A highlight of the Jamboree will be the ushering in of the New Year to a spectacular display of fireworks.

It is expected that over 7000 scouts and youths of different organisations from Thailand and across the world will attend the Jamboree.

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Roma Scout Center

On October 28th, 2009 the Italian Association AGESCI inaugurated the new *Roma Scout Center* in Rome.



The center offers welcome services to youngsters, families, individuals, professionals, scouts and their families.

They will find in Rome a place to stay comfortable and of high quality, but nevertheless cheap. Direction words of this venture are "essential and sustainable".

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Roma Scout Center was born from the Italian Scout Association AGESCI (Italian Catholic Guides and Scouts Association).

It is an initiative which is intended to be a service for the City and one of the ways to create a social enterprise.

Rooms vary from 4 bed rooms with collective services and 2 bed rooms with private services, for a total of about 120 beds. There is also a wide offer of "meeting rooms" from 20 to 300 seats.

Roma Scout Center is at Largo dello Scautismo 1 (formerly Largo S. Ippolito) Rome Italy, nearby Piazzale delle Province (Rome 1 State University). It is close to "Bologna" stop of line B of Rome Underground ("*Metropolitana*"), near the National Rail Roads (FS) Station "Roma Tiburtina" and the A24 Highway junction and also near to the historical centre of Rome.

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