



Rome, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010

To all  
member organizations of ICCS  
and friends worldwide

Dear friends,

When in 1949 the International Catholic Conference of Scouting started as a constant assembly of Catholic Scout Associations and of Catholic communities in national Scout Associations after a long period of more informal communication since 1920 and the interruption of all by World War II it was the common target of the “fathers” of our movement - scout leaders and priests – to connect scouting to the message of Christ and vice versa for their own groups and associations but also as a mission to scouting in general.

Money, means, financial conditions and fees were not the most important vocabulary. But this changed soon. The Catholic Scout Associations started to pay a membership fee per capita like to the World Scout Movement (but much less) and the small Catholic entities ( councils, guilds etc.) paid a minimum fee.

But ICCS experienced a successful mission outside Europe and spread in Africa, America and in the Asia-Pacific Region. Unfortunately - as quickly recognized – very often first in poor countries where only the minimum fee-system could become established. So ICCS was growing but not in the financial sector. We know this very well from the Church’s Mission worldwide too.

All the world secretariats and committees of ICCS tried to find support from foundations and external donators especially for projects. But it was and is never sufficient comparing with our needs and challenges. And finally some of former Catholic Scout Associations turned their identity in a non confessional type and limited their financial contribution to ICCS to the minimum.

Suspecting this financial development personalities with a foresighted sense who had served ICCS for a long time created in 1986 a foundation, the “Fondation Internationale Catholique du Scoutisme”, established in Luxembourg, to get an additional way of income for the work of ICCS on World and regional level. But a foundation needs sponsors and last but not least members who are willingly ready to work for it and to realize the targets of the foundations with their personal contribution in time and means.

Because most of those personalities who created the foundation and worked for it for several years died or left because of age we need urgently new members and supporters.

So we ask you, the member organizations of ICCS and their people in charge and our friends to identify and to name us those personalities who could continue the work of the foundation by a personal and/or financial involvement.

- We need first new board members who could become active in its management, including, in the future, key positions such as chairman, treasurer, secretary, and who also could act as fund raisers among private persons or corporations.



- We also need donators because our Foundation will be only able to give a stronger support to ICCS if we can raise the stock.

We know that in many countries you are looking for this kind of people also for your own interests but we hope you understand the needs of your umbrella organization as Catholics which has to fulfil growing duties and to follow growing needs in a growing movement what is a very positive (and missionary) phenomenon.

If we succeed, you succeed with your educational, pastoral and social mission too!

There are two ways you can go ( or both together) :

1. Speak with people, convince them and send us the names and their addresses, phone, e-mail and so on to our office in Rome (Francesca De Laura : [cics-iccs@cics.org](mailto:cics-iccs@cics.org) )  
or/and

2. Send us names and addresses of imaginable people who could be ready and we will contact them!

If you need the statutes of the foundation, of ICCS or the ICCS Statement of Identity, please let us know. And if people should receive the Circular Letter of ICCS give their mail address to the ICCS office in Rome. We will give additional information also on our web-site.

Finally an announcement: we are close to create a "Saint Paul Fellowship" like the BP Fellowship for WOSM for people who are ready and able to become donators to the work of ICCS.

Please, give us a hand in an attitude of solidarity!

Yours in Christ and Scouting,

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ICCS General Secretary

Jean Tiquet  
FICS President