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The Grace and Peace in the Holy Spirit will be with us forever!

Dear MCA members, brothers and sisters in the Family:

The MCA General Council meeting took place on August 4 – 8, at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center in Philadelphia. During these days the Regional Custodians and their Assistants participated on the first open dialogue on What does the word leadership mean to the MCA? This dialogue was facilitated by Sr. Brenda Hermann, MSBT. We spoke about the characteristics and qualities of a leader, in service to the MCA – based in our experience as leaders. The reflection will help us to have things clear in the future, being able to see the responsibility we expect to have in our future leaders in the regions, so that MCA leadership in general can assume with greater knowledge the task and their service.

Other points presented by the General Custodian and her Assistant were:

An Evaluation of the work performed by the Council during 2006-2010, as well as some recommendations for next year, 2011.

- The new Rule of Apostolic Life was delivered to the regions that did not have it yet. If you don't have them, please ask your Regional Custodians. A written copy of the Formation Manual was included.
- A computer was purchased for Penny Krautter, to whom we express our appreciation for her voluntary service in the Communication Committee not only to the MCA, but also to the Family.
- Pat Regan submitted the financial report and also received the contributions from Puerto Rico, Mexico and Costa Rica. Once more we applaud the Holy Spirit Region, which with all economic difficulties keeps up with their contribution. We will all keep our commitment to make real the words of the gospel "your treasure is where your heart is". Great admiration goes to Mexico and Costa Rica for their continued effort in the Stewardship and co responsibility in financing our apostolate.
- The Committee working on the 2011 Leadership Assembly has begun on their work. Soon, all the members of the MCA will be part of this Assembly. We have responsibilities to take on before, during, and after the Assembly takes place.
- Each MCA member will reflect on the information received from the Assembly Committee, each region has been assigned a month to pray the novena, and will choose their delegates according to the qualities and characteristics pondered in this Council. The Regional Custodians will present a visual of their region in a 3 minute presentation during the Assembly.
- **As you can see, we are very enthusiastic, and: we keep marching in the light of God!**
- **More News....**
- It is good news to hear our leaders focused in working as a family in the Family Area Council. We realize we are beginning with a new commitment and will be growing and learning to Give and Take Counsel.
- The MCA General Council has taken counsel regarding the Jesus of Nazareth Cenacle in Colombia: this cenacle will be supported and accompanied by the Saint John the Baptist Region. They are welcomed into the Family!
- We keep praying for the candidate cenacle in El Salvador. We also pray for Ana Barquero, Marlen Orozco and Martha Vega, who have the responsibility of guiding and accompanying these members within our charisma.
- The book Growing in the Spirit will be revised, and this task has been assigned to our Spiritual Guides.
- They will be having a telephone conference in October.
- **Each one of you was summoned to the Altar and you were present in the communion, we count on having your prayers.**

In love and service;

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