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Good morning/afternoon

Hello everyone. My name is Margarita/Marga Rado. I come from Palma de Mallorca, I have grey hair, I have a nice family and I am a grandmother.

A few years ago I would start my witness rollo like this: “Well, I want to tell you that I'm nervous. That I am and I think that giving you a rollo myself, this can be a real rollo for you, but as they say in the Movement “Spirit of Charity”.

All this is true today, but not so true, because today my joy of being here is authentic and I thank God for being part of this Ultreya. And I have already made a barter with the One above to inspire me in my sharing and so you don't fall asleep.

Thank you all for inviting me.

I want to share with you today about my personal search, my personal process with Jesus Christ.

How I live Jesus today, the friendly, living and close Jesus that, thanks to the Cursillos in Christianity Movement, I have discovered and today walks with me and at my speed.

Many years ago I made my cursillo and it did not cause any change in me, not because I did not need it. I attended several Ultreyas and then due to my lack of enthusiasm after a few months I did not return, I honestly do not remember much more.



Twenty years passed.

Although my contact with the Movement has never been lost because my father, also a Cursillista, tried it with his enthusiasm and dedication. At home and very often there was a Cursillista movement, meals, meetings, some more serious than others, celebrations and I have always felt very well, but they were friends of my father's.

My father, who loves me very much, put his plan into action and asked me to collaborate with the Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló Foundation. Naturally I accepted with enthusiasm.

After some time of collaborating with the Foundation, I began to question my collaboration, my dedication, my interest and my work with the Foundation and at the same time, my little or no contact with Cursillos was incongruent.

And I began to ask myself

“What hadn't happened in me, in my Cursillo?”

“What had I missed?”

I thought that to enter where one day I had left, could be right, it seemed fair, and I came one Monday to Ultreya, and so on several Mondays. Today I am aware that the desire to search comes and it is by the Grace of God who is good to us.

You will understand how important Ultreya is for me, where I have been able to learn so much.

- I have been able to reflect
- I have prayed hand in hand with my brothers and sisters
- I have improved, and I have felt as one more, happy to feel and live Jesus among us.
- I am a true fan of the Ultreya.



“When 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, I am here with them” and what Christ promises in the Gospel becomes a reality.

In the Ultreya we *are not*
In the Ultreya we *are*

This coexistence with my Cursillista brothers and sisters was contagious, many very fortunate conversations, I read all the books by and about Eduardo and Cursillo, I was enjoying it, they asked me to be a leader and this was really my Cursillo.

Not long ago a priest friend whom I admire very much told me **“You know that God loves you very much”** and I answered, **yes**. Today I really know that God loves me and this fills my heart and my life is more joyful, but then I ask myself the same question the other way around, **am I capable of loving God? ...and be true?** And the answer is immediate, **“Not as much as He deserves”**, but I have a lifetime to learn because He is in my life.

I remember, more than a memory it is a feeling, when you feel and perceive God the Father through Christ, friend and brother.

(Now is when I would like to know how to express myself better and have more facility with words, but I'll try)

- It is consciousness. Consciousness enlightens you, your soul opens up. God exists in me, because I am able to feel his company, his generosity, his love. Loneliness does not exist. Nothing and nobody can teach you something like this, you can't learn it in books.

It is Grace that has found you and that has been given to you as a gift. And it lets you understand that you are more than a character, that you are a person with an inner reality, unique and free, from my freedom and possibilities I want to try to be a better person and in an attitude of search, attentive and awake in my Faith.

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The moments of clarity (as I call them) are these moments with God the Father that enlighten you, open your path in your walk through life, day by day, because you no longer want to turn back and you do not know if you will get to that life, or be that person that you have been able to sense, but you want to try. Learning will take you a lifetime and I ask:

When do we look for meaning in life?

Are we already giving meaning to our life?

Jesus says: “You are living temples of the Holy Spirit”. He also said: “The Kingdom of God is within us”.

Jesus invites us, he invites me to look inside me, not outside me.

Faith can only be experienced from the heart because it is our personal experience with Christ.

Our conversion will begin and it is in our heart, within us... not outside of us. I am very convinced, and more and more so, that we waste a lot of time looking for answers outside of us and not in us. The problem, whatever it is, the solution will always be within us, because it is we ourselves who contaminate ourselves, and therefore, we need to be more contemplative with ourselves, to learn to look at ourselves and to observe ourselves more, and not so much to the standards of the world. It is not about being good, not even with the reality that I have had to live, whatever it is, my mother, my school, my environment, because my problem is not in them, it is in me. This has upset me and will upset me a lot, but it also frees me because it teaches me that I have the capacity to renew myself and what better way than by the hand of Jesus.

The Jesus who said that we are living temples of the Holy Spirit and that the Kingdom of God is within us.

The one who gave his life for me.



Jesus believes in us, how can I not believe in me, or at least try to. And the fact is that knowing yourself, having knowledge of yourself, leads you to Jesus because we are making personal experience and we have an enormous force that pushes us to want to be like Jesus, to love like Jesus, to look as He looked.

The encounter with others has also been benefited by the hand of Jesus' love, also my Group Reunion has worked hard, we are all working.

I have discovered that the person of Carmen, Susana, Cristina and Paquita is the most important thing, it is more important than their deeds. This continually resituates me, because I always look at what the person does (I am very observant and I like to observe a lot), to know who he/she is.

Today I am interested in the person first, and then, of course, in their actions. The order has changed, because what is really wonderful about a person is him/herself:

not for what she is

not for what she has

not even for what she knows

The illusion is in knowing the person and being able to relate, simply from person to person, which sometimes can be getting along well and not so well, but always trying to foster the atmosphere of Group Reunion in friendship. Never the acts of a person will be more important than him.

Because, who has not been at some point in his life the prodigal son or the lost sheep?

Today I pray, and almost every day, (before I almost never prayed) although this is not the most important thing. Today I pray from the heart, not from the mind (obligation, devotion, superstition) I do not have many liturgical habits (and that someone who knows me says that I have more capacity, well everything will go). But I have a nice habit and that is that in the mornings when I get up and prepare my coffee, I sit behind the window, and savoring the coffee, I read the gospel and I have my five minutes with Jesus.



I always end up asking him:

May he help me to never lose his presence in my day to day life.

To be awake, attentive and willing to the day that begins and to my surroundings.

And to be able to do so in your company.

As my good friend says, thank you Jesus for so much and so much that you give me.

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