

Synodality in the Cursillos in Christianity Movement

“Synodality” is genuinely one of the “words of the moment” in our Church. We are still fully immersed in the process of the Synod of Synodality, in its second phase, and next October 2024, the second part of the assembly of Bishops will take place. And we continue to receive multiple references to this synodal process, in which the whole Church, including ecclesial movements and associations, are immersed. Because if we understand well the proposal that is being made to us, ALL of us, both at the personal level and at the level of the MCC, are called to rediscover a new way of being Church, a new way of walking in the Church and as Church, in which the community dimension is absolutely essential. “Walking together” is the most common translation of “synodality”. And this is what it is all about, that in the MCC, in the light of this ecclesial orientation, we rediscover new ways of walking together, accepting that it is the Spirit of the Lord who, in the Church, is pushing us to this process of searching, reflection, discernment, to concretize today, in all our spaces and all our structures, new ways of being connected, of sharing, of participating, of keeping us united and in movement, walking.

From the OMCC, we want to assume this approach as one of our primary service approaches: ecclesiality and synodality. We are, throughout the world, a single ecclesial movement, one. That is realized in different ways, in multiple dioceses, in multiple diocesan and national Secretariats. But we are one, united in diversity. And we are called, now more than ever, to walk united, together, in tune and harmony. And this is NOT a question of “ecclesial fashion”, but it is an immediate and clear consequence of our charism: the charism of the MCC, which is one, leads us, in the Spirit, to unity, to harmony, to the communitarian and shared dimension. Our charism is a gift of the Spirit that makes it possible to walk together, which becomes a reality in our mentality, in our purpose, in our method, and in our structures: all of this points to and reinforces that original intuition of our initiators, that Christian living is always living together, shared life in friendship.

But like so many dimensions of our Movement, this synodal approach of the MCC, called for today and present since our beginnings, requires a correct understanding, an updated discernment, and a specific and concrete implementation. For this reason, we will propose, from the OMCC, a shared reflection on how to live synodality today, in our Movement, in all its structures. We will do it, initially, through the web (<https://omcc-cursillos.org/>), in which we will incorporate contributions from the different International Groups, as well as ecclesial references and contributions from people especially involved in the synodal process. All this with a unique and clear purpose: that we can, in the MCC, in the whole world and at all levels, learn to walk together in the concrete reality that we live today.

