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INVOCATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Just as we have already said that Eduardo dedicated his whole life to the wonders of the Charism of Cursillos and that as many people as possible discover the love of God, we can say the same of the Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló Foundation, an organization that contains and encompasses all of Eduardo's work.

The Foundation is determined that this marvel of Charism that the Lord wanted to deposit in Mallorca in the person of Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló, for the good of his universal Church, remains faithful and that as many people as possible can discover and live it.

The Foundation is also committed to the Church recognizing in Eduardo a life of holiness, dedicated to the Lord and to others.

Someone told me that, in his first years as a Cursillista, he sometimes had the feeling that we were following Eduardo, that we had to do what Eduardo said and that it was him we were following as a movement and this made him uncomfortable.



Then he realized something obvious: this is the opposite of what Eduardo always wanted and the opposite of what he really is. If we look for a reference to Eduardo, to his way of doing things, his way of relating and being a Christian, it is not to follow Eduardo because the one we Christians follow is Christ, if we look at Eduardo it is because EDUARDO INCARNATES THE CHARISM, because without Eduardo Bonnín the Cursillos of Christianity would not exist, surely one cannot understand in depth and in all its greatness the charism of Cursillo without knowing something about Eduardo, either personally or through his rollos, his writings, interviews, books, etc. It is as simple as that, but he always avoided any protagonism and this attitude has also made some things difficult, although this humility is a behavior of those who follow the Lord, which is fantastic and another lesson.

Eduardo could be friendly with anyone, without strategies, but with the purpose of “making friends”, to make them friends of Christ.

Eduardo, who is the Founder of Cursillo?

Founder is a brand of cognac and who created the Cursillos was the Holy Spirit.

The same thing happens with the Foundation, when it is said that we want protagonism, we can assure you that it is not so. Cursillos was born in Mallorca and that makes us the home of all, it is like that family home where all the brothers gather around the table, nothing more than that, a place to barbecue and sit together to talk, a meeting place for everyone, because Mallorca and the Eduardo Bonnín Foundation is the home of all.

This is how the Foundation was born, a group of friends very close to Eduardo, one day eating around a table they thought how they could

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protect Eduardo's legacy and mentality so that nobody, not even us, could manipulate it, distort it, which as you well know has already been tried.

Eduardo wants his legacy to be for you who are in DETROIT, MILWAUKEE, GRAND RAPIDS, LANSING, ROCKFORD, JOLIET, PEORIA, LEMONT...; we have in our hands a legacy that is not for the cursillistas of Mallorca but for all the cursillistas of the WORLD. And the work of the Foundation is to keep the ember of the fire alive in order to make it available first of all to the new cursillistas that are coming to Mallorca, but also to any cursillista in the world who wants to deepen in the charisma of cursillos. That is why we are here, to tell you that this is the Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló Foundation: AT THE SERVICE OF CHRIST, OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE PERSON, THE PLACE TO PRESERVE THE FLAME AND THE FIRE TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE CURSILLISTAS OF THE WORLD. That is the work of the Foundation.

Have you ever thought what would happen to Cursillo if the Foundation ceased to exist and we ceased to be faithful custodians of what we have received?

Surely little by little the Cursillos of Mallorca and of the different parts of the world would be distorted until it would become something else, which perhaps would be fine, but it would be something else that would not be Cursillo.

The Foundation is so that the Charism is preserved and known as it was received, because the Charism is not ours, it is of the Lord and therefore it is necessary to take care of it and to pamper it.

This coming January the Foundation will celebrate its first 25 years and during this time we have been taking steps according to the means and

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resources we had, but above all thanks to the joy and faith in a worthwhile project.

But reality has imposed itself:

The beatification process that is required of us from all corners of the world has overwhelmed us.

To be at the service of all the cursillistas with all the material that Eduardo left us.

A headquarters capable of receiving all the documents and working with them.

And to be, as our friend said, up to date with the current trends, are impossible undertakings just depending on Mallorca.

The Foundation's current space has not only become obsolete and small, but almost dangerous considering the fragility of many of the documents we have at our disposal.

The Foundation, like all things that have to do in some way with the Lord, cannot be thought of in a small way, and at this moment, the impulse of all is more necessary than ever.

To be honest, we Mallorcans will never fail to respond to this need, but at a level that will not reach beyond the sea and reach every corner.

It is clear that we need all of you.

THE FOUNDATION IS A CALL TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THE MOVEMENT. PEOPLE IN LOVE WITH THE CHRIST, WHICH THEY DISCOVERED IN THEIR CURSILLO AND TRANSFORMED THEIR LIVES.

The Foundation has the good fortune to SAFEGUARD, DEEPEN, DEVELOP AND SPREAD THE THOUGHT OF EDUARDO BONNIN, a person totally

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dedicated to the mission that as many people as possible discover that God loves him.

Just as Eduardo said that the Gospel is yet to be unveiled, the Foundation is also yet to be unveiled. The Foundation is not for you or for me, it is so that my grandchildren and your grandchildren can also discover through Cursillos that God loves them and is capable of transforming their lives, this is what we intend from the Foundation.

Can you imagine how the Cause of Beatification could advance with more means? Because the whole cause depends on the work of the Foundation. Now Carmen will talk to us about these new possibilities.

PARTICIPATION CARMEN

As you have seen, the Foundation has been quite small up to now, but with this reality, the time has come to take a step forward.

If you think it is worth it, we are willing to continue working hard and to fly thousands of kilometers around the world to tell you about it because we have an immense dream that the Foundation will go from being a series of tasks for a few to a project for many, and that you will be among them.

**MATTERS OF GOD ARE SO WORTH IT,
THE FOUNDATIONAL CHARISM IS SO WONDERFUL,
THE CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY ARE CAPABLE OF TRANSFORMING
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THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TRANSFORM OUR LIVES! THE EDUARDO
BONNÍN FOUNDATION HAS SO MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE!**

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The project is a wondrous endeavor and needs the help of many; that is why we all need people who want to get involved. If you agree and believe that all this that we have told you about: the diffusion and protection of the Charism, the Cause of Beatification of Eduardo, keeping the fire alive for any Cursillista in the world who wants to go and look for it, that Cursillos remain faithful to the Charism received, if you believe that all this is worthwhile, welcome to the project!

And we are also here to be at your service, **COUNT ON US! KEEP US IN MIND!** Do not doubt that the new platform is made for you, that the work of cataloging, digitalization and dissemination is for you to have access to this documentation and thus, to know in a truthful way the authentic Foundational Charism. What the Foundation wants to mean for the cursillistas is not to be a museum, but a living place where they can grow in company and understand this Movement, which most of us are filled with the love of God.

We are here for you to meet us and get to know the project first hand and to make friends.

Now, we have prepared a short four-minute video about the Foundation.

DE COLORES!

[VIDEO LINK](#)

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