



HUNGER FOR GOD

The Cursillo Movement pursues, and by the grace of God, manages to provoke the HUNGER for God in people, and, if they continue along the same line as the cursillo, to keep their APPETITE awakened, so that what is FUNDAMENTAL to being a CHRISTIAN penetrates into life, guides it and gives it meaning that is fulfilled with life itself. HUNGER FOR GOD which means DESIRE AND NEED FOR GOD, of discovering that HE is –in CHRIST- the only one who takes MAN seriously.

And since it is MAN - and ALL MANKIND - who has been saved by CHRIST, THE AWARENESS of the need and the DESIRE of CHRIST is what can produce in man the FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY that will illuminate his path to becoming what GOD expects from him.

People go through the Cursillo, and it makes an impact on them. If the Cursillo, the three days, proposes a truly Christian OPTION, it awakens the HUNGER for GOD.

THE HUNGER FOR GOD does not arise to be satisfied but to be increased or made better: to the extent that the MAN who is moved by its force tries to be faithful to it, he realizes, also in that same degree, that new horizons and new goals are presented to him that increase it (-the hunger-) and that tend to place him within reach of what is possible.

Beyond the surface of what is evident or simple intellectual knowledge, does everyone who attends a Cursillo ACTUALLY receive this impact that moves the deepest part of their being so as to transform it and cause it to REAWAKEN to a new FUNDAMENTAL ATTITUDE with regard to the meaning of life?

Does a person always make a commitment?

To answer these questions, I think it is necessary to bear in mind that this CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE is manifested in THREE ASPECTS of the same reality: FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY.

FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY, in the evangelical sense do not make sense when considered in ISOLATION. So that FAITH and HOPE without CHARITY are neither FAITH nor HOPE, nor CHARITY.



The CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE that emerges in the Cursillo will therefore lack consistency if it fails in one of the three aspects of FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY.

FAITH: Contact with the personal GOD. CHRIST. PIETY. SOLIDITY AND CONTINUITY.

HOPE: Feeling loved by GOD. MOMENTUM. JOY. INITIATIVE.

CHARITY: EFFICACIOUSNESS AND FAIR PLAY (when we cooperate with the Lord). Acting out of LOVE is not doing so in order to have a clear conscience or to boost one's ego. It is an efficacious and liberating commitment to the demands awakened by the HUNGER FOR GOD in its double aspect of LOVE of GOD AND LOVE of OUR BROTHERS.

Possible failures: Piety without faith. Joy or initiative without hope and altruism without charity.

QUESTIONS: Can what is true in the Cursillo continue to be true later? To what extent? Does a possible illustration of intelligence with a view to exposing (to him) true criteria that can be the basis of deep convictions restrict freedom or facilitate its free exercise?