

**In this issue:** *Last November we were with about 50 national representatives from whole Europe together in Heiligenbrunn, near a small village in Southern Germany. A report from Darek, chairman of the European sub-committee of ICCRS.*

## SUMMARY OF CCR IN EUROPE TODAY

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We had a great possibility to meet each other and to get to know advantages and weaknesses of Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) in Europe. There is no sense to remind weaknesses – we started with them and we are aware of them. But there are strong points visible in what we are and what we do in our countries. We witnessed a lot of:

- a) miracles and healings;
- b) conversions;
- c) creativity in our charismatic realities;
- d) the power of the Word of God;
- e) worshipping the Lord.

We were able to share all of this but also experience who we are in our practical ministry, talks and prayer during the Heiligenbrunn weekend.

### **Be faithful**

One of the most prevailing feelings I experienced during this weekend was that we really take care of the Church and of conversion of people we meet. Secondly, I experienced very much that we are open to be prophetic, both in what we did in Heiligenbrunn and what we do in our everyday ministry in our countries. In fact the news which came from sharing groups were not very new. The pressure is put on intercession, worship, being faithful to the Word of God, seeking unity inside the CCR and also with other Church realities. That means going into the roots of the Renewal, into the original experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. But there are also many programmes to “follow up”, i.e. discipleship programmes and leaders trainings. Finally, CCR in European countries is involved in new evangelization. So all these elements have been present in CCR since the beginning and what we are doing now is to be faithful. The call to continue came also from sharing groups – it is discerned that we should continue what we do in our National realities.

But we also had Michelle’s talk which had a prophetic dimension (see EUCRIL 243). Three main points which came from last ICCRS Council were very general (fire starters, flaming the flame and spreading the fire). And they are to be implemented in our national and local situation. Nobody will free us from further discernment in the future.

### **Calls**

There were also several calls coming from our time of prayer and praise. Some of them were very general but very important if taken seriously. I mean:

- \* the assertion of God’s love full of zeal and jealousy;
- \* a call for God’s mercy over the Continent which is connected with a call for intercession;
- \* a promise of European Church’s restoration by God;
- \* finally a call not to give up.

## Ready for harvesting

But I also noticed two very important points during our prayer which seem to be new:

a) A vision of the “new wind” over Europe and a call to become open and answer “yes” and to give our hearts for that. That might be not very easy for the majority of leaders on National level because we **are very busy**. So taking up new duties, however inspiring they might be, is very difficult for responsible people. But the vision by Josip about the field ready for harvesting was inspiring. It was a call to be vigilant and ready for harvesting in any time and equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit. And we know it very well that there is no new evangelization without New Pentecost in our ministries. But we still do something different which give small results (remnants from Josip’s vision). What came from other sharings in smaller groups was the focus on the youth and families as areas of main interest. But there were also words about reaching new priests and seminarians and involving them into our activities, proposing them baptism in the Holy Spirit. The other quite concrete possibilities open for us are providing our materials for parishes, reaching people with broken lives who need help, charity and also mutual ministry across the borders.

## Conversion

b) A call for conversion was the second one I want to remind. There is again nothing new in this prophecy but it was complemented by words: “give up your comfortable lives”. And again the word is judging us to what extent we follow this call which might seem not very pleasant.

Finally, the postulates of more active steps of the European sub-committee of ICCRS (ESCI) were heard. Some discernment on this took place before the meeting. And its fruits are as follows:

- a) organizing regional conferences in Europe (the Polish case of international school of deliverance and inner healing prayer - see *EUCCRIL 230* - could be an example but it was not under the ESCI banner);
- b) creating a network of intercessors – Jude Muscat to be a contact person for that initiative;
- c) something what can be a leadership formation event (or events) to raise a new generation of leaders encouraged, having a vision and equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit;
- d) maybe organizing an European bigger event for leaders and intercessors in 2013, probably in Poland. However it will happen only if it is necessary. It means we have to be sure it is **necessary** in European reality (positive feedback from National Service Committees needed) and have a clear topic, which will be discerned by ESCI (the final decision in June 2012).

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