



“Yet we Christians are very much aware that “if the music of the Gospel ceases to resonate in our very being, we will lose the joy born of compassion, the tender love born of trust, the capacity for reconciliation that has its source in our knowledge that we have been forgiven and sent forth. If the music of the Gospel ceases to sound in our homes, our public squares, our workplaces, our political and financial life, then we will no longer hear the strains that challenge us to defend the dignity of every man and woman”. (FT 277)

Dear companions in the Lord!

As the summer holidays have already started in most of our countries, the Euroteam wants to keep you updated about some current activities.

1. Some information about the work of the Euroteam

Our work in the past months focussed on two aspects: The Pentecost meeting with the Eurolinks and the Ecclesial Assistants and the start of two new networks.

a) “Fratelli tutti - called to be co-creators of a world in transition” (Pentecost meeting)

Our meeting for Eurolinks and Ecclesial Assistants at Pentecost was a great opportunity to pray, share and meet. We were very happy to take part in the session on Fratelli Tutti, delivered by Fr Paul Pace who helped us to deepen our reflection and our sharing!

We also want to thank all of you for being online with us! We felt a deep communion of prayer.

Our next Eurolink meeting is planned for a Saturday afternoon in late autumn (November, December). We'll inform you about the exact date as soon as possible.



b) Networks

As you know we are in the process of setting up two new networks. Jean-Benoît is responsible for the Youth initiative and Chris met several times with CLCers and friends from several countries to discern the need for an Ecology network.

c) Some more online meetings

In May, Angelika and Kasia met women from CLC in Spain and talked about women in the church and their initiatives in Spain, Germany and Poland. The role of women is an important topic in the church and society, - so We were very grateful for the meeting.

In June, Jean-Benoît and Angelika joined via Zoom a meeting with the “Conseil de communauté” of CLC in France which met face to face at the retreat centre of Hautmont (Lille). It was a great gift for us to be part of their sharing and to be witnesses of the diversity of initiatives and working groups of CLC in France.

Also in June, the European Migration Network had its online meeting which was an introduction to the gathering planned for the 24th – 26th September in Lille. The theme of the gathering is ‘One Body – One

Spirit'. The online meeting had two parts: sharing best practices and challenges as well as looking at the future of the network. In the first part, we had a chance to see many great initiatives and projects implemented in different parts of Europe and also many challenges we face when accompanying migrants. The participants' sharing allowed us to see a great diversity of the reality which migrants face in Europe. In the second part, we initiated a process of discernment by asking where we are called as CLC in Europe in the field of migration in the next years to come. The meeting will be continued in Lille, including the election of the new Migration Core Team.

2. Embrace the World in an Ignatian way

The Ignatian Youth Meeting "Embrace the world in an Ignatian way" is starting soon. CLC in Spain and the World Exco are organizing this gathering which is a great opportunity for young people from all over the world to meet. Unfortunately, it cannot be held face to face in Loyola, but the team has prepared a great online event.

The team is still looking for some English speaking guides for the sharing groups. If you are interested, please contact misionjoven@cvx-e.es as soon as possible.



You can follow parts of the event on <https://youtube.com/user/CVXESP>

3. Invitations to CLC members from other countries

As you surely remember, CLC in England and Wales invited members from all over Europe to their National Assembly in July. Thank you very much for this great initiative which allowed some of us to meet your community and be part of it!

This experience might perhaps encourage National Communities to invite CLCers from other countries to their online events! So don't hesitate to send your flyers, invitations etc. to the Eurolinks and the Euroteam! We'll be delighted!

4. Newsletter

The next edition of the European Newsletter will be released in September. So we are looking forward to your articles about events, gatherings, initiatives of CLC in your country - and to invitations for European CLC members to join your events!

Please send us your articles by September 5th!

5. Invitation to an International Conference about Ignatian spirituality

We are attaching a flyer with an invitation to an International Conference for the Ignatian Year 2021/2022 about "Creative Fidelity - The spirituality of the Ignatian Exercises and its significance for ecumenism and interreligious dialogue today" which is going to take place in Switzerland at the end of October.

We wish you a blessed summer - and some rest during your holidays!

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Chris

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Jean-Benoît