

# PAX ROMANA

## INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT OF CATHOLIC STUDENTS

GENERAL SECRETARIAT  
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Circular C.D. No. 12/1955

To Directing Committee members 1955/1956  
To Directing Committee Candidates 1956/1957  
To directors of the Sub-Secretariats



My dear friend,

You have already received a circular letter from the General Secretary requesting your aid on certain specific problems. He had presented these problems to you because you had a right to know them and he had a right to receive your help in solving them. I would like to believe that all the people to whom the circular letter was addressed have done their best to make the task of the General Secretary easier and more agreeable by giving him their suggestions.

As Thom Kerstiëns had mentioned in his letter, whether they contribute positively to the overcoming of certain difficulties, or they ask only for further clarification, your letters are bound to be a source of encouragement for the staff in Fribourg, who often may feel a certain isolation. Our interest in the Movement has to find expression in concrete things and not just words alone. If you find yourself not capable of giving the General Secretary the help he asks for, please have the goodness to tell him so and give him the reasons, so that he on his part could try to make your task easier in the future. If persons who have a duty to help refuse even an answer when help is asked for, it could be a source of terrible discouragement.

We have become Directing Committee members and thereby have assumed a special responsibility in furthering God's plan on Earth. We had asked to be closely associated with Christ in this task and when he has accepted our services, are we going to refuse to do the little He asks of us? We may feel that our ideas are not mature and that they will not be useful to the Movement. But let us never forget that if ever we do anything, it is not because of ourselves, but because God is working through us. So let us in all humility contribute our 'mite' to the Movement. May I earnestly request you to write to the General Secretary and myself as often as you would feel like on any point you would like to raise regarding the Movement. All that you may have to say is very precious for Pax Romana. Little drops make the mighty ocean. Left alone we may do nothing. But working together, Christ will be amongst us and we will be able to do everything.

The Minutes of the Interfederal Assembly must have reached you by now. I hope that you have already read them and refreshed your memories regarding the tasks we have set forth for this year.

I shall not try to enumerate here the various tasks of the Directing Committee. The Minutes of the Interfederal Assembly and of the Directing Committee meetings

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will help to remind you of the responsibilities each one of you undertook. Instead of trying to suggest additional work, I would prefer to insist here that you all make at least a beginning of the tasks you undertook. Some of these tasks should result in concrete projects for the next Directing Committee meeting and I hope the members who took up these ones will prepare their reports sufficiently in advance so that the General Secretary can distribute them to the members well in advance of our next meeting. It may perhaps help you if I enumerate here the names of the persons who are expected to present reports at the next meeting towards the end of December.

Laslo de Marothy  
Dupriez and Tradt

Zygmunt Marsys  
General Secretary

Journal  
Foreign Students - Study theme  
for the next Interfederal Assembly  
Reform of the Statutes  
Formation Seminar

Other members are requested to help these particular persons with their suggestions. I had already asked members to do this in my previous letter, but I feel it is worthwhile repeating it. Further I expect each member of the Directing Committee to present the work he has done up until the time of the meeting in order to discharge the special responsibility that he has undertaken. This will help us to exchange views and continue our work with more efficiency.

The reaction I had to my previous letter gives me all the more reason to request you not to feel hesitant at all to write to me on any point you would like to raise regarding the Movement. If you do not know my address, I am including it at the end of this letter for your benefit. I am aware that personal discussion is better than correspondence but if we could exchange some of our ideas -however imperfectly- in advance, we will be able to have a more fruitful discussion when we meet.


I would like to remind you once again of the request made by Thom that we associate ourselves spiritually with the staff members on Tuesday. While they assemble together at the Altar and offer the Divine Sacrifice, let us try to associate ourselves with them by assisting at Mass on that day. This will certainly help to build up the community we all desire to build and make us realize the role God wants us to play.

In addition, I would like to make a suggestion which would enable us to show our interest in the Movement in a concrete manner. The members of the Directing Committee receive the Journal 'gratis'. It would be an excellent manner, both to help the Journal as well as to show that we believe in it, if we all subscribed to the Journal. Could I request you all to send in your subscriptions so that in the future the Directing Committee members will receive the Journal not just because they are on the Directing Committee but because they want to get it.

Specific problems that are facing the Movement are raised in the circular letters sent out by the General Secretary. If I have not raised any special points except to insist that you do your best to discharge the special tasks you undertook, it is only to give you the fullest liberty to take up any point concerning the Movement with me. Please help me to discharge my duties as well as you would expect me to discharge them, by giving me your counsel.

Once again, may I remind you that your silence can be very discouraging to all who expect to hear from you, especially the General Secretary and myself. I pray that God will bless all your endeavours.

Yours devotedly in Christ

  
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