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# INFO

## 1. ICCS-CICG-Agesci Vigil

During the World Youth Days in Rome, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, thousands of Scouts from all over the world participated in a vigil organised by ICCS-ICCG-Agesci for the cancellation of developing countries' national debt.

Every participant was given an ice cube symbolising the money lent to the countries and hats of three different colours: yellow for a NGP between 20% and 40%, red between 40 and 80%, blue between 80 and 500%. A large white sheet was spread out and boys and girls wrote their wishes. All these messages were entrusted to the United Nation Representative in Italy, Mr. Staffan De Mistura. To close the event a big blue balloon, with the 5 continents in green, flew from Piazza di Siena symbolising a world free from the burden of national debt.

Mons. Renato Boccoardo, Francesco Rutelli, Mayor of Rome, and Riccardo Moro, Economist, (co-ordinator of the ecclesiastical campaign for debt reduction) attended the event.

From 10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August at the Church of St. Giorgio al Velabro, in the center of Rome, the Agesci/CICS and CICG organized a **SCOUT POINT**. It was first a praying area with animation, Sacraments and Meditation. It was also a meeting point with different stands regarding italian scouting, ICCS and ICCG, Rome and the Jubilee; information about tours and jubilee pathways were distributed.

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## 2. VII International Youth Forum, Rome August 12-14, 2000

The International Youth Forum was created on the occasion of the World Youth Days in Buenos Aires (1987). It is a meeting organised by the youth section of the Pontifical Council for Laity.

Two young delegates, Ms. Clara In-sil Han, 22 years old, from ICCS APR, Catholic Scout of Korea, and Salvatore Rimmaudo, 26 years old, from Agesci-Italy, represented ICCS.

At the Forum, 300 youth were called to make an experience of faith and be protagonists of this event; they met to discuss the theme "I tell it to everybody: lets walk along Christ's footpath".

During the meeting, the delegates worked out a message addressed to the youth from all over the world, read during the World Youth Days in the presence of the Holy Father.

## 3. 11<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot, Mexico

The 11<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot met in Mexico from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. The event took place in 5 different sites: Haidalgo, Puebla, Michoacán, Querétero and Morelos. During the last days, participants met together in Villa Moot, Teotihuacan, Mexico City.

ICCS was represented by F. Pedro Olea (Italy), Rodrigo González Cao, Fabián Grasetti, Claudio Salvador (Argentina), J. María Marisquirena (Regional Secret.) and the Chaplains, F. François Cordier and F. Manuel Silva of french and portuguese associations. They worked together for the Catholic Animation Program, under Mr. Ezequiel Agüero's general co-ordination.

Each site was equipped with a Prayer's Quarry where Ministers took care of the religious needs of the Moot participants. An ICCS information stand was organized in a special area settled by OMMS.

**5. News from Regions and Associations**

**Europe-M**

1. Mons. R. LaRocque has appointed Father Bernard GILLES to be the Ecclesiastical Assistant for the Europe-Mediterranean Region of ICCS. Father Bernard, a diocesan priest ministering in Belgium, is the national chaplain of Federation Catholique des Scouts - Baden-Powell de Belgique (FCS). He brings with him to ICCS a wealth of experience gained from working in the areas of Rover Scouts, International Department, Overseas Development and, indeed, local Scouting. We are pleased to welcome Fr. Bernard aboard and wish him every success in his important new role, which took effect, for three years, on July 1 2000. We thank Father Antonio Matilla

most sincerely for his work for ICCS/EM and wish him well for the future.

2. Lithuania: has received an application for ICCS membership by Lithuanian Scouting. Apparently, over 80% of the Lithuanian population are Catholic. We await developments on this welcome matter, since Lithuanian Scouting has been a member of WOSM for more than three years.

3. Jordan: Catholic Scouts of Zooka (Jordan) hosted to an International Wood Badge training course for leaders from various Scout associations throughout the Middle East. This historic event took place from May 29 to June 3, 2000 and involved over thirty leaders. Father Twal is the General Chaplain of the Catholic Scouts of Jordan. The training course was, to a large extent, organised by him and catered to the practical scoutcraft,

spiritual and planning dimensions of Scout leadership.

4. The Seminar/Council ICCS-E/M will meet next November from 9-12 in Paris. Just before the Council/Seminar members of associations interested are invited to a pilgrimage programme in Lourdes.

**America**

1. ICCS Seminar, El Salvador October 11-14 2000. Agenda:

- Introduction to ICCS
- Pastoral Animation in a Scout/Association group
- Activities of Pastoral Animation in a Scout Group (Work Shop)
- How to organise a Catholic Committee and a Faith Animation Plan in a Scout Association.

2. The World Chaplain, Mons. Richard LaRocque, named Father Leo A. LeBlanc as Regional Chaplain. Father LeBlanc is parish priest of Saint John the Baptist Parish. We warmly thank F. J. Fischer for his excellent work in the region for many years.

3. The Regional Committee meeting, Montevideo June 10-11 was chaired by the Regional Secretary, José Marisqueña, with the presence of Maria Isabel Tongu (Brazil), Julian Domergue (Argentina) and Robert Oldowsky (USA). Also Roberto Linn, Deputy Secretary General, took part in the meeting. Many topics were discussed.

4. The National Conference of the National Catholic Pastoral Committee in Scouting, Scouts of Argentina, met in Buenos Aires from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2000, with the participation of more than 100 Catholic Scout Leaders from all parts of the country to discuss a very intense agenda. The Regional Secretary, José Marisqueña also attended the meeting.

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*Emmett Doerr passed away, July 20<sup>th</sup>. He made significant contributions to Scouting, NCCS and ICCS. He was a great contributor to Catholic education and services. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.*

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**AFRICA REGION**

**ICCS Regional Meeting  
Yaoundé, Cameroon  
July 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2000**

The ICCS Africa Regional Meeting met in the Welcome Centre of Mount Fèbé Benedictine Monastery of Yaoundé, Cameroon from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2000.

The meeting was attended by ICCS Secretary General Enrique López, Deputy Secretary General Baldur Hermans, World Chaplain Mons. LaRocque, Regional Ecclesiastical Assistant F. Victor Adjamagbo, President of the Episcopal Commission for Laymen to the CEN of Cameroon, Mgr. André Wouking, Archbishop of Yaoundé, Ministry for Youth and Sport of Cameroon and several Scout Heads and Ecclesiastical Assistants of each ICCS Association Members and observers of Africa Region.

In particular the meeting gathered together about 20 participants from 8 different countries.

With the commitment of Mr. François Nguene, General Commissioner of *Scouts du Cameroun* and Hubert Douampo, co-ordinator *Ouest-Africa Scouts Catholiques de Côte d'Ivoire*, the Regional work has been revised in order to develop the region in expectation of the next regional Council.

Brother Marcial, Senegal, has been appointed to the provisional Regional Committee.

We warmly thank F. Victor Adjamagbo for his excellent work in the region for many years.

**We are preparing the next issue of Info. Please, send us information, news, activities to come, ideas for sharing.**