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Hunger for God

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The Cursillo Movement pursues, and by the grace of God, manages to provoke the hunger for God in the person, and if the person continues along the same lines of the Cursillo, it will keep his appetite stimulated, so what is fundamentally Christian in life, will orient, give meaning and be projected in life itself. Hunger for God means a desire and necessity for God. The person discovers that he is - in Christ - the only one that takes himself seriously.

And since it is the person - the whole person - who is saved by Christ, an awareness of the necessity and the desire for Christ is what brings about faith, hope and charity in him in a way that will illuminate his path in order to become what God expects of him.

The person who lives a Cursillo, experiences a great impact. If the Cursillo, the three days, proposes a truly Christian option, it will awaken the hunger for God.

The hunger for God does not develop to be satisfied in the person but rather to be magnified according to the extent of how the person is driven to fidelity. At the same time, the person recognizes that he is being presented with new horizons and new goals that will increase the hunger and therefore, put him within the boundaries of what is possible.

Does everyone who attends a Cursillo actually experience this type of impact, beyond the surface of what is evident or simple intellectual knowledge, that moves the deepest part of the person's being to transform it and cause it to reawaken towards a new fundamental attitude before the meaning of life?

To answer this question, we should keep in mind that the Christian attitude is manifested in three aspects which presents one reality: faith, hope and charity.

From the evangelical perspective, faith, hope and charity, should not be considered separate from each other. In other words, faith and hope without charity, are neither faith nor hope, nor charity.

The Christian attitude that has emerged in Cursillo will therefore be lacking consistency if one of the three aspects of faith, hope and charity breaks down.

FAITH: Contact with a personal God. Christ. Piety. Robustness and Continuity.

HOPE: To feel loved by God. Energy. Joy. Initiative.

CHARITY: Effectiveness and fair play. To act out of love is not about doing something to have a clear conscience or increase our worthiness. However, an effective and liberating commitment

with the demands which awaken the hunger for God will be evident in the double aspect of loving God and loving others.

POSSIBLE FAILURES: Piety without faith. A joy or initiative without hope and altruism without charity.

QUESTIONS: What is true in the Cursillo; can it continue being true afterwards? To what extent? A possible illustration of the intelligence with a view to exposing true criteria that can be the basis of deep convictions; does it restrict freedom or facilitate its free application?