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Subject: Fw: Hi from CLC Rwanda

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Hi all!

For Cos, Kitty and Paula: while in Fatima, Liem, Angelique and I were struck by how powerfully we felt part of One, global community as we gathered with our CLC brothers and sisters from around the world in over 60 countries. In fact while we were discussing how great it would be for the delegates from Rwanda to come to our National assembly next year, the delegates from CLC-Rwanda approached us with a similar idea of somehow connecting our two national communities. We shared together how valuable such a connection would be. So as we began brainstorming, we shared with them the possibility of their delegates coming to our national assembly next year to share their story with CLC-USA.

The note below is from Yvonne, one of the CLC-Rwanda delegates who is a medical doctor in Rwanda as well as a wife and mother. She and Martin (the other delegate along with Fr. Ganza their EA) are interested in coming to the US next year, but would need some financial help with transportation. I just had a look at airfares, and the cheapest I could find is in the ball park of \$2,700 each round trip--and that's about a 25-hour trip with 3 stops! Their EA is in California, so his trip would be substantially cheaper!

As you know from the World Report, the idea of "twinning" with another international CLC is encouraged. Before we get back to Yvonne, we should discuss how our national community should discern 1.) whether to bring the Rwandan delegates to our Assembly next summer--whether we twin with CLC-Rwanda or not, and 2.) how we approach this idea of twinning with another national CLC.

Please share your opinions on this.

Thanks!

Ann Marie

--- On Fri, 9/19/08, yvonne umurungi <umurungy@yahoo.fr> wrote:

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Hi Ann Marie, Angelique and Liam,

How are you? Hope you are well; your families (including the twins!) as well as your CLC communities.

Thanks God there were not much damage to you in the time of Hurricane Gustav and those which followed.

I am writing this email on behalf of the 3 of us (Martin, Ganza and Me) and of CLC Rwanda.

We all greet you in Christ name. One of our traditional kinyarwanda greeting formula is: "Yezu akuzwe" meaning: Jesus be glorified (praised) and the answer is "Iteka" meaning forever. This is our greeting to you and to all the CLCs in USA.

It has been nice to meet you all and share experiences,

We have already shared our experience of the world assembly with our community; they were all happy that we were affiliated and we felt blessed to be part of the one apostolic body.

We appreciated the interest you showed for our community and also for our common apostolic mission.

We would like to stay in touch with you and at one stage after you have shared with your communities, we may see which orientation to give to the partnership we both wanted during our sharings in Fatima.

Regarding the invitation to come to your National assembly next year, we would be very glad to come and share your experience but I think we need to plan it well administratively, as well as financially.

By administratively, I mean visas (this should not be a big problem if we get all required papers) and in terms of finances which I think will be the problem:

We have engaged about 7000\$ for Martin and Me to go to Fatima (we have 1000\$ still being payed), we are organising training for members engaged in our apostolic mission in October, our National Assembly in November, we are planning for 2 participants to attend a course on

leadership in Cote d'Ivoire sometimes between April and July next year. I think by July, which is when your assembly will take place,our budget may be tight unless you help us with the travel cost.

Let us put all in God's hands Whom we all serve.

En union de Priere

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