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ERI NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

Here is the latest news from the ERI...

The second ERI meeting took place and was held in the **Region of Lebanon** as planned. From **9th to 14th April**, the International Team worked on topics listed in the agenda, in particular, preparation of the Valencia College; it listened and interacted with the **Lebanese Teams** (and others from other Middle Eastern countries); and it had an audience with the **Patriarch of Antioch**, along with several other cultural visits.

We will tell you about all that below, and from now on we have decided to place the **Valencia College** under the protection of our Heavenly Mother, so that it may bear much fruit.

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- The Week of 9th to 14th April 2019

2nd ERI Meeting – Lebanon

During this week, 7 of the 8 couples who make up the ERI, together with their Spiritual Counsellor, gathered together in Lebanon, in a retreat house, called Notre-Dame du Mont in Fatka (near Beirut). The ERI was very grateful to the Lebanon Region for all they did and warmly thank them for their great efforts to welcome and look after the whole International Team. The Regional Responsible



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Diary 2019

July

**SPAIN / VALENCIA - Meeting n°3
of the ERI & International College,
from 10th to 21th**

October

**PARIS - Meeting n°4 of the ERI,
from 8th to 12th**

**Celebrating the 80th
anniversary with photos from
all over the world...**

Thousands of Teams throughout the world were delighted to celebrate the **80th anniversary of the 1st Teams of Our Lady Meeting, on 25th February.**

Thank you to all those who took the trouble to send us their **photos of this special meeting.** Hundreds of pictures came in and were published on social media.

Now, they are all gathered together in a lovely **PHOTO ALBUM PHOTO** on **Flickr.**

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Couple, Josette & Fadi, as well as several other couples, were of great service. Thank you so much!



Notre-Dame du Mont – Fatka

- The Week of 9th to 14th April 2019

The ERI in Lebanon: Diary

Several points were dealt with in the meeting and here are some of them...

1 – Clarita & Edgardo reviewed all the points linked to the overall general life orientation of the Movement for the period 2018-2024, in the light of the Word of God that accompanies the Movement's goals.

2 – The Valencia College was examined step by step.

3 – The issue of translations was addressed in order to put together a memorandum that will be revealed in due course.

4 – A short document on "Spiritual Advisors" was discussed. It will be published and distributed shortly, so that all Teams members may be consistent on this subject and that there may be no

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misunderstanding.

5 – The upcoming study topics, until 2024, were discussed individually.

6 – The importance of the ERI's contact with the Holy See, through the secretaries of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, was underlined, so that, amongst other issues, an audience with the Pope can be organised during the Regional Gathering of 2021.

7 – The location of the 2020 College will be revealed in Valencia.

8 – All the Zone Liaison Couples presented their reports, that explained their main goals and the principal difficulties encountered in their SR and RR.



The Working Meeting at Notre-Dame du Mont

Between the meetings, there were moments of fellowship and prayer, both very important to strengthen the links between the couples, but also to not lose sight of the reason for our service.



Stations of the Cross in the Church of Notre Dame du Mont



Cultural visit in Byblos

- The Week of 9th to 14th April 2019

Various Cultural Visits in Lebanon / Patriarch of Antioch

During our Lebanese stay, we were lucky enough to be able to visit different cultural sites and thus, get to know the country and its inhabitants better.

Byblos, a Phoenician port, considered to be the oldest port in the world, is one of the places we visited. We also visited the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lebanon, in Harissa.



Visiting Byblos



Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lebanon

On Thursday, 11th April 11th the ERI together with some Lebanese couples and the Regional Responsible Couple, were received in the Episcopal Palace of the Maronite Catholic Patriarch of Antioch, Béchara Pierre Raï, who in his speech encouraged the work of Teams of Our Lady in the Middle East, underlining the structural importance of its presence and the importance of well-formed families in society as well as within the Church.



ERI's meeting with the Patriarch of Antioch in the Episcopal Palace

- Saturday 13th April

A Day spent meeting Couples from Various Middle Eastern Sectors and Regions

The ERI spent Saturday meeting with base team couples from the Lebanon and Syria Regions, as well as couples from Sectors in Jordan, the United Arab Emirates and Dubai. The different couples and their Spiritual Counsellors spoke to us about their experience as Team members in these regions, the greatest difficulties they encounter and the goals they hope to achieve. Clarita & Edgardo, as the International Responsible Couple, presented the main points that define Teams of Our Lady, its charism and mystique. A couple from the International Leading Team, Bernadette & Sylvestre, presented the "Vocation and Mission" document.



Presentation & training session with couples from the different Middle East Sectors and Regions



Clarita & Edgardo



Bernadette & Sylvestre

We also had time for invaluable Mixed Teams meetings that gave rise to a very rich exchange of experiences; as well as a Question and Answer session.



Mixed Teams Meeting



Question & Answer Session

The Party Night ended with a beautiful moment of prayer.



Party Night





Party Night



...and moment of Prayer

The International Leading Team will meet the Spiritual Counsellors and Responsible Couples of the SR and RR in Valencia, Spain, 14th – 20th July. Until then, may God bless you all!