

Some suggestions for a better organization of the CLC.

1. The spiritual journey of Saint Bruno is characterized by the search for God in solitude, this God he knows to be intimately present in his heart. It would be desirable that the members of the CLC consecrate every day, according to their possibilities, a few moments to silence for: prayer of the heart, meditation or reading.
2. CLC officials will provide, at the disposal of their members, a few essential elements to help in the development of this prayer (texts, life of St. Bruno, order history, excerpts of the Statutes of the Order).
3. It is important to encourage a regular sacramental practice, depending on the possibilities of each one (the Eucharist and confession), as well as to make an annual retreat to better be impregnated of silence and solitude.
4. Contacts between members are to be encouraged, indirectly through the internet forum, but also through small groups when this is possible. Leaders will organize these internet contacts within a frequency which can vary between two and four weeks (video conferencing?). It is advisable to set themes and 'helm' the exchanges.
5. An executive board consisting of about seven members (including a priest and at least two women) is to be put in place, who jointly decides which path to follow.
6. This executive board also prepares the creation of a private association of the faithful. To properly set everything up, one must take time and hasten nothing.
7. Serious discernment, if not severe, must be put in place for the admission of members into the second degree. They must clearly know what they undertake and what are their obligations (see 1.2.3.)
8. Regular contact with the hierarchy of the Church (the best is a bishop) is to be sought and maintained.
9. The forum, which is not an end in itself, but a means to help some people develop their spiritual life, in the example and with the help of Saint Bruno, must be cleansed:
 - a. Avoid unnecessary chatter and discussions that are far from the aim of the CLC.
 - b. The ecumenical openness must be conducted according to the norms of the Church and you will exclude any tendency to religious syncretism.
 - c. You also avoid to compromise with pressure groups of ideas either integrist or avant-gardist. To the spiritual path in accordance with Saint Bruno, is appropriate great sobriety and modesty, remote from any controversy.
 - d. We progress, all together, in the respect of the Magisterium of the Church.
 - e. The role of the moderators is very important; they must work and intervene according to clearly defined rules.
10. The name of the CLC: it would be desirable to make an explicit reference to Saint Bruno, rather than to the Carthusian Order. "International Fellowship of Saint Bruno" is good; otherwise "Saint Bruno Lay Contemplatives".
11. To obtain an official support from the Order, the time is still premature. It becomes possible only after the establishment of the association and to the extent where this one, in its organization and practice, truly reflect the spirit of Saint Bruno, in an adaptation to the condition of laity living in the open world. This may take several years, which is not at all serious, since we are working on the long term.

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