Dear friends:

It is with joy that we share the news of the appointment of Fr. José de Pablo S.J. as the new Vice-Ecclesiastical Assistant of the Christian Life Community. Welcome José!

Many will remember José for his presence at the last General Assembly in Buenos Aires in 2018, where he shared with the delegates present, as part of the ESDAC team (Exercices Spirituels pour un Discernement Apostolique en Commun) that guided the process and the experience of discernment in common that we lived there.

José is 50 years old. He was born in Spain. He completed a degree in Philosophy and Literature at the Pontifical University of Comillas and a degree in Theology at the Miltown Institute in Dublin. He has a Master's degree in Journalism. For the last seven years he has been living in Brussels, working as assistant (socius) of the President of the Conference of European Provincials. Previously, Jose has worked in Spain in education and youth ministry. He is fluent in Spanish and English and, to a lesser extent, in French.

The dialogue and discernment in common with Fr. Arturo Sosa S.J., in his capacity as Superior General of the Society of Jesus and as our World Ecclesiastical Assistant has been very pleasant and fruitful. We have traveled with wisdom, dedication and responsibility a path that encourages us to continue growing as a lay and Ignatian apostolic body. And this is cause for gratitude.

Fr. José will begin his responsibility as World Vice-Ecclesiastical Assistant from the 1st of September 2020 and will develop his new mission by living and collaborating at the Saint Ignatius' Santa Cova Sanctuary in Manresa (Spain).
We join in prayer for the life and mission of José as a member of the World Executive Council. We pray that this time of learning and journeying together will encourage us to continue to take steps as a mature apostolic body that wants to continue exploring the development of a fruitful relationship between the Society of Jesus and the Christian Life Community (CLC).

May Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, accompany us on our journey.

On behalf of the World Executive Council

Rome, 28th August 2020

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