

History of a Charism Recommended Approach for Reading the Book

First: Eduardo's writings; Pages 1 – 26; page 54; page 213, and page "v".

It is best to start by reading Eduardo's own writings on the charism and history. This includes:
Foundational charism, Introduction, History of a Charism – pages 1-26
Account of Facts, page 54; Epilogue, page 213
Poems picked out by Eduardo, page "v" of introductory pages

Second: Letters between Fr. Cesáreo Gil and Eduardo Bonnín

The Letters between Eduardo Bonnín and Fr. Cesáreo Gil can be read in succession. Some background: Fr. Cesáreo Gil was a priest in Venezuela who was enthusiastic about Cursillo and well known in South America. He started a Magazine called "Testimonio" and it contained articles written by Cursillo leaders to share among cursillistas. He was also an important figure in communication with Rome and the Pontifical Council for the Laity. He was a key figure in promoting Cursillo in order to get recognition. Eduardo kept all the letters he wrote and received. He realized that the correspondence he had with Fr. Gil outlined the misinterpretation of the charism and the falsified history of the Cursillos. By sharing these letters, it could serve to show the true origins and charism of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement. The letters recount in Eduardo's own words, how he tried again and again and how he was ignored, and not listened to – as a layperson he had no voice, and the authority of the clergy took control of the movement even reinterpreting its history. The letters are the key evidence of the back-and-forth documented history of the movement's misinterpretation of the foundational charism.

**Third: Fundamental Ideas Suggestions and Appendix Letters to World Leaders
pages 59-64; 159-190**

The Suggestions to the draft revision of Fundamental Ideas and the Appendix Letters are written to the World Leaders of Cursillos at that time. These three documents were signed by leaders in Mallorca including Eduardo Bonnín and it shows how those present at the foundation of Cursillos were not listened to and were ignored.

Fourth: Addendum Letters, pages 191-212

There are two letters that make up this Addendum. They are from Canadian cursillistas that give opposite views of what Cursillo is about. The first letter is in opposition to the "Enculturation" letter of the second letter and shows support of using the Fundamental Ideas which are the rules he learned since his Cursillo. The second letter is an explanation of the term "Enculturation" written by a Cursillo Leader who understands what happens when we use the foundational charism. By using these two contrasting letters, it is Eduardo's way of exposing the difference between those who live by the rules of Fundamental Ideas and those who grasp the criteria of the Foundational Charism.

Fifth: Articles (for Testimony Magazine)

Finally, we have the articles written for Testimony magazine. The articles do not pertain to the history, but they have value because they are written by Eduardo Bonnín or by his friend, Francisco Forteza. These articles can be read independently, in any order. They are in the book because Eduardo put them there. I would guess most likely because it shows the reason for the letters in the first place and the sequence of events through the written documents.

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Letters between Eduardo Bonnín and Fr. Cesáreo Gil

LETTER	PAGES	DATE	FROM	TO
1	27-28	March 7, 1990	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Eduardo Bonnín
2	28	May 28, 1990	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
3	39	June 7, 1990	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Eduardo Bonnín
4	40-45	July 4, 1990	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
5	46-47	August 13, 1990	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Eduardo Bonnín
6	48-53	September 30, 1990	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
7	55-57	October 13, 1990	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Eduardo Bonnín
8	58	October 20, 1990	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
9	65-70	November 18, 1990	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
10	71-72	December 12, 1990	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Eduardo Bonnín
11	73	December 13, 1990	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
12	74-77	January 2, 1991	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
13	86-89	March 6, 1991	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Testimony Magazine
14	90	March 6, 1991	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Eduardo Bonnín
15	91	May 24, 1991	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Testimony Magazine
16	92	June 17, 1991	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
17	99	June 18, 1991	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
18	100	September 24, 1991	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Eduardo Bonnín
19	113-114	February 26, 1992	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Testimony Magazine
20	115	September 4, 1992	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
21	125	January 24, 1994	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
22	126-127	May 8, 1994	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Testimony Magazine
23	128	May 12, 1996	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
24	129-130	September 16, 1991	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Testimony Magazine
25	141	February 15, 1995	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Eduardo Bonnín
26	142-143	March 15, 1995	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
27	144-150	May 3, 1997	Fr. Cesáreo Gil	Eduardo Bonnín
28	151-154	August 28, 1997	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Cesáreo Gil
29	155-156	October 19, 1997	Fr. Ramon Viloría	Eduardo Bonnín
30	157	October 20, 1997	Eduardo Bonnín	Fr. Ramon Viloría