

Editorial



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I regard each monthly edition

of New City as a miracle of love.

Often, as the deadline approaches

for me to start work on a new

edition, I have a blank sheet of

paper in front of me! I may have commissioned a few articles but I can't help

wonder if they will arrive on time and whether they will be appropriate to

publish. And what about all those blank pages? I then have to remind myself

that New City is a work of God. It is an instrument for building a new world

which reflects the love of God, and which promotes hope rather than despair

- peace rather than violence.

When I have taken this leap of faith I then marvel at the e mails which begin

to arrive from all over the world containing articles which I find uplifting

and often deeply moving. This happens every month. It is a privilege to edit

New City and to witness this monthly miracle. Thank you to all those who

help make this happen, especially our enthusiastic and committed Editorial

Committee.

I was particularly delighted when some of the young people who had

attended 'HombreMundo' in Serbia and Romania in July (See New City

October 2017), sent in experiences of how they are continuing to build a

united world in their schools and with their friends. (see 'Making a difference

in the community' page 8).

Another article which appeared from 'nowhere' is 'Affairs of the heart'

(page 4). This is an important experience shared by an anonymous reader,

who is consecrated to God, and who falls in love. It is relevant to those

celibate and married alike.

All at New City wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmas!

Paul Gateshill

New City is an expression of the Focolare Movement, which takes as its inspiration Jesus' prayer to the Father "May they all be one" (Jn 17: 21). Over the last seven decades Focolare has grown from a small community of around five hundred in Trent, northern Italy, to a world-wide community of several hundred thousand people of all ages and backgrounds. It has also spread beyond the confines of the Roman Catholic Church, to many other Christian traditions, to other faiths and people of good will.

New City works to promote mutual understanding and respect through dialogue.

Together with our readers we want to discover how to 'build bridges' in the different

sectors of society and in personal life. We are convinced that dialogue, based on

mutual love, is the only way to build a more united world which is based on universal values such as justice, equality, truth and peace.