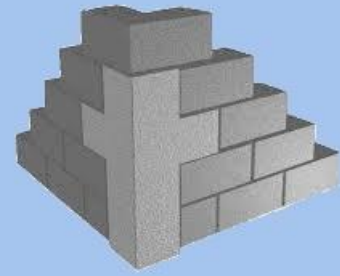


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Witness

“A moment close to Christ”



At the last School of Leaders meeting, Fr. Royer reminded us about today’s second reading, specifically about Abraham’s trust in Gods call. Is the one who made the promise trustworthy? Is there something holding us back from accepting the call? The implication is that God used Abraham’s trust to further His mission. If we say yes, He will use us.

What are we trusting? God loves us, He sent His son to redeem us, He comes to us in the mass. Why should we say yes? Saying yes comes with responsibilities. We need to be ready for the experience of God working in our lives and through our lives.

Fr Royer asked each of us “Are we ready to fully accept God as trustworthy?” My answer was that “Mentally I could say that I trusted God, but if I were to leave the meeting and on reaching home discover that my house and family had been destroyed I am not sure that at that moment, I could say God is Good and I trust in him at the center of my heart”

During this past week I lost something (material item) that was emotionally important to me but not something that was significant. My first response was disbelief (how could this be done to me) and then anger. Fortunately my wife Susan was present and made a simple statement of “You really don’t need that” In that simple statement I heard the words that Fr. Royer told us that God asks of us, “Do you trust in me?”

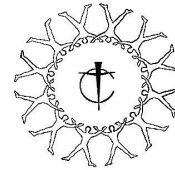
As I look back on the event, I see I was being given a small training exercise so that someday, when I am asked,
“DO YOU TRUST IN ME?”

I will from the depths of my heart and will all of my being be able to answer with an unqualified YES.

As I continue to struggle please keep me in your prayers, know that I keep all of you in mine.

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From Our Spiritual Advisor

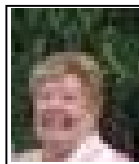
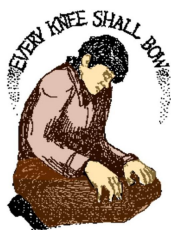
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to begin by asking a question! If you knew someone was actively searching for food or someone who needed some food and you knew where it was would you lead them to it right away or would you make them wait 18 months?

Most likely your answer is that you would lead them to that which they need and desire immediately! It is with this in mind that I am asking that each one of you reach out to those who are searching for or in need of some spiritual food. As you know the next set of Cursillo week-ends will take place at the end of October. (the Women's Week-end is October 24th – 27th and the Men's Week-end is October 31st – Nov 3rd) Reach out to your friend, neighbor, fellow parishioner, child, spouse, parent and invite them to these week-ends so that they can discover or rediscover what the Lord is offering to them because of their Baptismal Call. Why put off this important invitation? Our week-ends only take place every 18 months. Do you want them to be denied the Graces of the week-ends that long.

Remember at the Closing Ceremony we were reminded that the Lord is counting on us to be a make a friend, be a friend, and to bring that friend to Christ. There is no better day than today to do so. The cut off to sign up for the week-end is one week before it begins so please invite and sponsor your hunger neighbor now. Know that as you do so the Lord will be smiling down upon you.

Peace,
Fr. Yvon Royer



Pre Cursillo Corner

“Now is the time”

Now is the time... Time to think about the next Cursillo Weekends

The Women's 104th Cursillo is scheduled for Oct 24th—27th, and the Men's 94th Cursillo is scheduled for Oct 31st—Nov 3rd. Both will be held at Mountain Meadow Lodge, Killington, VT.

Now is the time to “Make a friend, Be a friend and Bring a friend to Christ.

Do you know someone in your family, among your acquaintances, in your parish, workplace, community, school or business that you could befriend and bring closer to Jesus Christ.

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity

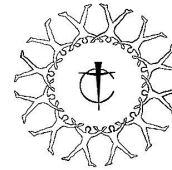
It starts with three days of meeting yourself, meeting Christ, and meeting Community, and continues the rest of your life.

What does Cursillo Offer?

It is a simple method to seek and develop Christian Spirituality, Mentality, Activity, and Community.

The Cursillo Movement: What is it?

“Cursillos in Christianity is a movement that, through a method of its own tries to, and through God's grace manages to: enable the essential realities of the Christian to come to life in the uniqueness, originality, and creativity of each person. In becoming aware of their potential and while accepting their limitations they exercise their freedom by their conviction, strengthen their will with their decision, to propitiate friendship in virtue of their constancy in both their personal and community life. The Cursillo Movement consists of proclaiming the best news of the best reality; that God, in Christ, loves us. Communicated by the best means, which is friendship towards the best of each one, which is his being person and his capacity of conviction, de-



Consistency. And what needs to be emphasized today, now and immediately in order to be on the cutting edge of today's debate is to facilitate and make possible for every person to encounter oneself always and absolutely essential in order to be able to encounter God and others. "

If you wish to learn more about the Cursillo Movement, Please go to <http://www.cursillo.org/> to order "Cursillo—What is it?" from the onn-line Cursillo Bookstore or contact your diocesan Cursillo Movement Secretariat.

Now is the time! Make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ! Invite that friend to a Cursillo Weekend.

Information, Brochures, and applications are available.

If any of the Ultreyas want a visit from the Pre Cursillo section Contact:

Jeanne Penoyar 802-253-3956

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Weekend Corner

"The importance of a good sponsor"

My sponsor and I were neighbors for more than a decade. We went to the same church, the same post office, the same town meetings, but nothing more would have happened. We were each traveling along our own paths. Gradually, over the course of years, we began to talk more, to get to know each other, to do things together. She first approached me about Cursillo at a very tumultuous time of my life. I was tempted, but not ready. I just had too many demands on my time and attention.

Over the next year she continued to "be there" and never gave up on me. She was patient and kind, supportive and gently persistent. She showed her real willingness to be my friend.

When I was hurt and could not drive she took me to church. When I was frantic over the loss of my home she talked me through.

The next time she asked me about doing a Cursillo weekend I agreed. I made my weekend, and still could have used what I learned to improve my environment, while going back to being a Sunday catholic. That did not happen. My sponsor connected me with our local Ultreya and helped me get in the habit of attending. It was not a habit too difficult to make. Imagine, a whole room full of people who love and accept me for who I am! I don't know about your world, but in my world true friends are precious, an offer of friendship not to be taken lightly.

And the story goes on. We meet weekly for small group sharing and bi weekly for Ultreya. And I continue to be ready to back into my shell when I encounter some unexpected bit of nastiness from Cursillistas. There have been a number of times over the past couple of years where I would have gladly quit. My sponsor has been an immeasurable help in getting over the bits of rough road.

I my book a good sponsor, a true friend is the most important element of the Cursillo movement.

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Bonnie Day

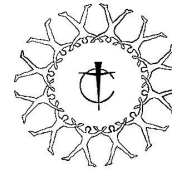


Post Cursillo Corner

"The Cursillo de Cursillos (CdC), What is it? Moreover, why should I go?"

I lived my weekend in 1998, The weekend rollos addressed the aspects of the life of a Cursillista.

Your weekend talks about the need to be a part of a friendship group, and to participate in an Ultreya. It also talked about some of the responsibilities of being a Christian.

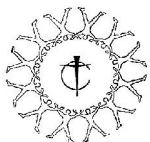


In 2010 and again in 2011 I had an opportunity to attend two Cursillo de Cursillos workshops. I heard some of the most exciting information about Cursillo since I joined the movement. The CdC talks about why we form Reunions and Ultreyas, it talks about the responsibilities of the Cursillista, the Ultreya leader, the School of Leaders and Secretariat member, and the roles of the Spiritual Advisors.

A Cursillo weekend and a CdC are very similar in length and in agenda with three major exceptions. Unlike a Cursillo weekend you can attend as many CdC's as you wish. Unlike a Cursillo weekend, there are no posters. In addition, unlike a Cursillo weekend, both men and women attend the same workshop.

A Cursillo de Cursillos weekend is a weekend of fellowship, spirituality, and discussions of how to make the Cursillo movement more effective in fulfilling its purpose. EVERY CURSILLISTA OWES HIMSELF OR HERSELF AT LEAST ONE CURSILLO de CURSILLOS WORKSHOP.

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SOL/ Sec Corner

“Current Items”

School of Leaders

Study of books “Structure of Ideas”
“Cursillo Manual”

PreCursillo Section

- Modifications to Cursillo applications
- Assistance to Ultreyas
- Study of College Environments
- PreCursillo pastoral plan
- Increasing participation in Section meetings

Weekend Section

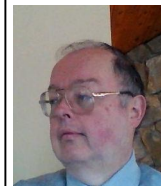
- Assisting in Weekend Team formation
- Discussion with A. Gonyeau re: younger people attending Ultreya and weekend.
- Increasing participation at Section meetings

Post Cursillo Section

- Offering assistance and info to Ultreyas
- Encouraging formation of Small Groups
- Planning of CdC in August 2014
- Improvement of VT Cursillo Website
- Increasing participation of Section meetings

Secretariat

- Planning and funding of next Cursillo Weekends
- Planning and funding of CdC in 8/14
- Investigation of Green Mountain College as location for CdC
- Funding raising

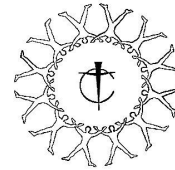


Lay Directors Corner

*“24th National Encounter
Chapman University, Anaheim, CA
July 31-Aug 3 2014.”*

I have just returned from attending the 23rd National Cursillo Encounter. There were 650 people attending who were staying at the site, and a few hundred more who were commuters. We spent a weekend worshipping, praying, learning about Cursillo, and partying.

The best part of the weekend for me was sharing the experience with friends in the Movement. With Lynn from the Vietnamese community in California, Jim, John, and Martha from the English speaking community in New York, Maria, Ana, and Adriano, from the Portuguese community in



Massachusetts, and Anna, Jorges, and Carlos from the Spanish community in New York. It was a joy to reunite with all of these and many more at the National Encounter.

Come and join us at the next National or Regional Encounter. Share with us our joy and friendship, and prayers.

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Dan

It is only a Nickel More

When I was in service my Battalion Commander would say that most people will do 98% of a task, and then he would go on to say it only costs a Nickel more to do 100% of the task.

For \$3 per year donation (about 5¢ a week) to the National Cursillo movement from each Cursillista miraculous things can happen.

The National Cursillo Center (NCC) will achieve its financial and operational stability.

The NCC will have the budget to revive dormant diocesan movements and help establish Cursillo in areas where it is needed

The NCC will have the budget to translate good books for each language and establish effective communication channels by means of audio and video technology.

The annual encounter will become more affordable for every Cursillista (cost could be reduced by as much as half. Think of it a National Encounter with a registration fee of \$200 instead of \$400.

It will be possible to have scholarships distributed at the diocesan level to allow people to attend the National Encounter.

Is Cursillo and its purpose of getting souls to heaven worth “ A Nickel more per week” to you? It is to me! Come join me in donating \$3 per year to the National Cursillo Center, by going to the National Cursillo Web-site at <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/donate/> or by sending a check to the National Cursillo Center, PO Box 799, Jarrell, TX 76537.

The National Cursillo Movement is a 501(c)(3) entity and as such donors may deduct contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Cursillo Calendar of Events

SCHOOL of LEADERS Meeting
Second Sunday of the month 1:30 pm at
ST. Andrews church in Waterbury, VT

Women’s Cursillo Weekend
Oct 24-27, 2013 Mountain Meadow Lodge
Killington, VT

Men’s Cursillo Weekend
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2013 Mountain Meadow Lodge
Killington, VT

REGIONAL ENCOUNTER (FALL)
Oct 18-20th St. Thomas’ Seminary Bloomfield, CT

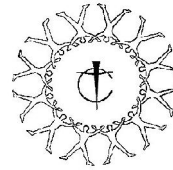
REGIONAL ENCOUNTER (SPRING)
April 2014 St. Thomas’ Seminary Bloomfield, CT

NATIONAL ENCOUNTER
July 31st—Aug 3rd 2014 Chapman University An-
aheim, CA

VT Cursillo de Cursillos
Aug 7—10th 2014 Green Mountain College,
Poultney, VT

For information on any of the above events

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From the Staff of the Cornerstone

The next deadline is October 15, 2013. Please mark your calendar and send us your Ultreya news, prayer requests, and articles by this date. We invite you to share your Ultreya witness talks by emailing them to dad@svcable.net

For a list of Ultreyas, please visit our website at www.vtcursillo.org .

Request for Prayers

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