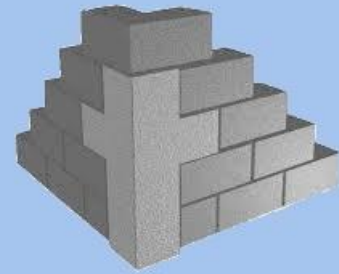


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Cursillo Movement of the Roman
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Cursillo Raffle Winners

Deacon Jerry Driscoll

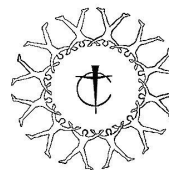
Bonnie Day

Georgette Routhier

Our thanks and appreciation for all of those who participated in the sale and purchase of the raffle tickets. You have helped to raise over \$1500 to defray the cost of the Cursillo de Cursillos

Continuing Fund Raising efforts for Cursillo de Cursillos - FLOWERS

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Witness:

Please see Scriptural references Mk 5:35-42, Mk 13: 1-5, and Mt 17: 1-4.

On our Cursillo weekend on Sunday the talks discuss the Cursillista after the weekend and how to live and grow in our piety study and action. There are two group reunions that aid us in this effort. The Ultreya and the Small group reunion. Both are equally important.

About one year after I lived my weekend Fr. Fred at one of our Ultreyas suggested that we should form small friendship groups. Well I didn't have the courage to ask anyone, fortunately for me Daisy did. We; Daisy, Richard, and I started to small group. Later Linda and still later Carol, Karen, and Judith joined the group.

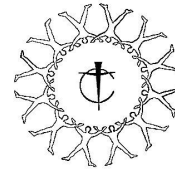
For the last ten years of so the 3, 4, or 7 of us have met each week to discuss what we have done for our piety study and action. During that time we have brought up topics of family and personal tragedies, and conflicts. We have talked about, and discussed ways to improve what we are doing to become more pious in our prayer and spiritual life, we have taken some pilgrimages, and retreats. For study we help each other by mentioning what we are doing to learn more about our faith which ranged from attending classes, reading, attending retreats, and giving talks at retreats and cursillo events. Action bringing Christ to others, that always seems to be difficult to talk about but for me my small group has helped me to stretch my envelop a little – with their encouragement and help. I have started bringing communion to shut-ins. I have increased my intercessory prayer for others and tried to change the way I deal with others.

Small grouping has without question helped me to become a better person and a better Christian. I have come to believe that small grouping is the heart and soul of being a Cursillista, but then I should have expected that since our Lord Jesus also seems to have used that method with his apostles.

If you are not small grouping I would greatly encourage you to gather some friends and to start.

DeColores

Dan Daigler



Lay Directors Corner

As I think about these past few months I am reminded of a song of my youth that includes the words of “times they are a changing”

There is a lot of activity going on with in the Cursillo Movement of Vermont and all of it needs the Palanca and Prayers of all of us.

Father Royer’s term at our Spiritual Advisor is coming to an end, a search has begun for his successor. We hopefully will be able to introduce you to him in the next news letter. Please keep Father Royer, his successor, and all of the priests in the diocese in your prayers. In the mean time Deacon Jerry Driscoll has temporarily agreed to advise us on spiritual matters.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg—our neighbor to the west has expressed a desire to initiate a Cursillo Movement within their diocese. They have asked for our help in presenting the initial weekends (both Men’s and Women’s). We have agreed to help by supplying some of the team members needed, and also providing some advise on starting up a movement. I will be the Rector for the Men’s Weekend and Diane Geoffroy will be the Rectora for the Women’s Weekend. At this point in time the weekends are planned for middle to late August. Please keep us in your prayers as we attempt to form our teams for this weekend.

Vermont Cursillo Weekends— planning has already started for holding Cursillo Weekends for the Diocese of Burlington. At this point we are negotiating with Mountain Meadows to hold the weekends there in April of 2015. The Rector and Rectora have not, at this point been approved. Please keep the members of the Secretariat in your prayers as they go forward in planning and implementing these weekends.

Cursillo de Cursillos Workshop—The contracts with Green Mountain College have been signed, we will

be holding the weekend workshop there. The Regional service team has been notified and have agreed to present the workshop on AUGUST 7-10 of this year. Fundraising continues to defray some of the registration fees. Our goal was to have 100 Cursillistas attend the workshop at a cost of under \$100 per person. To do this the Secretariat felt that we would have to raise \$5000.

So far the fundraising effort is going a pace. To date we have raised \$ 500 selling flower bulbs last winter, \$ 1800 in the raffle that was held—Our thanks to all of you who have participated in selling and buying those tickets. We have also received about \$1100 in private donations for this effort. We have also applied for a grant from the Bishop DeGrosbriand Fund for Human Advancement, and have started another fund raising effort of selling flower seeds and bulbs to raise the rest of the funds needed.

So far about \$ 3,400 raised, only \$1,600 to go.

VICTORY IS WITHIN OUR GRASP.

Our Thanks for all of those who have participated thus far in this effort. Our encouragement as we continue this fundraising effort.

My prayers are offered continually for all of you and your families.

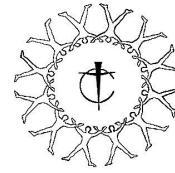
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Dan Daigler



Pre Cursillo Corner

I would like to introduce an amazing, and amazingly active new Cursillista to you: picture to the immediate left. Last January during the election of officers for the movement. No eligible person was willing to be the PreCursillo Coordinator. At that point Tom Middleton spoke up and indicated he was willing to perform that function. In accordance with our Bylaws the Pre Cursillo Coordinator is a member of the



Secretariat. And the bylaws state that to be on the Secretariat you must have been in the School of Leaders for one year. The problem was that Tom lived his weekend last November. So we made the rational decision to make Tom the Acting PreCursillo Coordinator. You know what that means—he gets to do all the work but doesn't get paid for it. In our case that means he gets to express his opinions at the Secretariat meeting, he just can't vote until he meets the requirements to be on the Secretariat.

The effort of our movement to assist Ogdensburg was initiated by Tom and a large part of that work has been done by him. There is other work on the horizon to be done that Tom will have an large and active hand in.

By the way he will also be writing this section in future issue. Let us all welcome and thank Tom for his willingness to serve this movement.

Please keep Tom and all of us in your prayers.

DeColores



Dan

Weekend Corner



"Christ is counting on you and I on Him."

Recall these words repeated in love by each of us when we lived our weekends? My heart was full of love at that moment.

Love is not easy. It can entail suffering, trials and self sacrifice. It really requires entering into Christ's passion and death.

I don't believe mature love can be entered without prayer. Prayer creates a heart crying out to the heart of the Triune God. Prayer helps us overcome idealism, dualistic thinking, being judgmental or not being understanding.

These trials when discerned show us our need to recognize how much lack of personal strength each of us struggles with. We need to learn to rely on God. Trusting only in Him. When we are truly

honest with our selves the second half of our prayer." And I on Him." Has a solid impact. God never changes. His love is constant. He wants us to seek Him out. He wants us to come before Him and to bring others along with us as well. Our source of strength will be prayer. Entrusting our prayers to the Holy Spirit who knows our weaknesses and needs. He will provide the means and the fire to help us to draw others to Him.

Jesus is inviting us on a journey. He is counting on us. He knows our weaknesses and never intended we make the journal alone.

I feel certain you will agree our times call for an infusion of love, literally a Spiritual Revolution. We are called to a vocation that will build a culture of life and a civilization of love. Cursillo gives us the foundation we need to become fully and authentically human. When we participate in God's glory here on earth. We are then fully alive. The secret is prayer.

"Christ is counting on you! And I on Him!"

Decolores

Judi Hussey

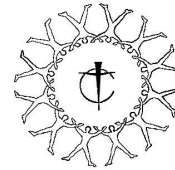


Post Cursillo Corner



We have just completed two weekends and I hope you were able to make it to the closings to meet the wonderfully spiritual people that made the weekend. As we know our job is not over we have to continue to support these new Cursillistas with palanca and to make sure they are welcomed into small group and ultreya. You may not be these Cursillista's official sponsor but we all have the duty of sponsorship as Cursillistas ourselves.

Also now is the time to begin making a friend, being a friend, and bring a friend to Christ for the next weekends.

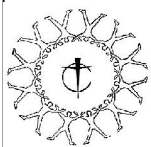


Don't put it off! If you don't have a candidate now, do palanca for the Cursillistas that do have candidates.

Palanca! Palanca! Palanca! will help make the Vermont movement strong.

DeColores

Linda Cagney



SOL/Sec Corner

"Current Items"

School of Leaders

Elected Servants for 2014

Lay Director Dan Daigler

Assistant Lay Director Linda Cagney

Post Cursillo Coordinator Heather Cagney

Weekend Coordinator Judi Hussey

Acting Weekend Coordinator Tom Middleton

Secretary Carol Bemis

Treasurers Anthony DiBlasi, Bonnie Day

At Large Fred Letourneau, Pauline Sanville,

Diane Geoffroy

Study of books "Structure of Ideas"

PreCursillo Section

Diocese of Ogdensburg formation of Cursillo Movement

Assistance to Ultreyas

Increasing participation in Section meetings

Weekend Section

Assisting in Ogdensburg Weekend Team formation

Modification of Vermont Three day Manual.

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

Increasing participation of Section meetings

Secretariat

Planning and funding of next Cursillo Weekends

Coordinating and assistance for the Diocese of Ogdensburg Cursillo Movement

Planning and funding of CdC in 8/14

Fundraising for CdC



Oldies but Goodies

April 1997

[Organizations] OTHER THAN CURSILLO

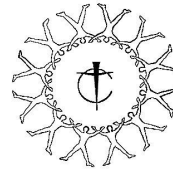
There are many other organizations that use something similar to the Cursillo method. The National Office recognizes the work that they do and respects their efforts.

It is difficult for us to keep up with all the organizations that continue to sprout up. For instance, at the Convocation 1997 a priest from Springfield, IL stated that he belonged to a group called "Kairos." He also stated that "Kairos" was an adult version of TEC (Teens Encounter Christ). It was difficult to refrain from laughing. After all, TEC came about as a youth version of the Cursillo Movement. In addition, in 1980 the National Secretariat helped form a Prison Ministry Program called: Kairos. More on Kairos, later in this mailing.

Some of the more widely-known groups are:

Walk To Emmaus, Tres Dias, Via de Cristo Kairos, and Kairos Outside

For the past four years, the national leaders of most of these groups have met with the



The purpose of these meetings is to provide a better understanding of what is being done in the various groups and Movements, and also to provide assistance to each other as we seek the common bond of Christianizing our various environments. In addition, through these meetings we are focusing on being more respectful of the various candidates that go through these different Cursillo Movements and other groups.

As leaders, it is important that we send the candidates to the Movement or group that can provide them with the best foundation for their particular relationship with Christ. In other words, send Catholics to Catholic Weekends, send Episcopalians to Episcopal Weekends, Lutherans to Lutheran Weekends, Presbyterians to Presbyterian Weekends, and others to the group that is best suited for them.

Cursillo de Cursillo's Fundraising FLOWERS

Beautify your yard or Garden
Grow your own herbs and vegetables
Raise some delicious Strawberries this year

The flowers include:
Peonies, Buttercups, Bleeding Heart, Gladiolus, Lilies, Hosta, and Summer Bulb flowers.

The Herbs include:
Sweet Basil, Summer Savoury, Dill, Oregano, Parsley, and Thyme

And of Course STRAWBERRIES.

1/2 of the cost of each order will benefit Vermont Cursillo (for the Cursillo de Cursillos)

Google "Flower Power" or use the following URL:
(www.flowerpowerfundraising.com)

Then Select "Place Order" upper right hand of page;

Then for Organization type "Vermont Cursillo" then select the "Search" button.

Select Vermont Cursillo—Friends of Cursillo-Lowell, VT

Cursillo Calendar of Events

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

REGIONAL ENCOUNTER (SPRING)
May 16th—18th 2014 St. Thomas' Seminary
Bloomfield, CT **Note Change in Date**

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

VT Cursillo de Cursillos
Aug 7—10th 2014 Green Mountain College, Poul-
tney, VT

For information on any of the above events

Dan Daigler
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From the Staff of the Cornerstone

The next deadline is April 15, 2014. 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

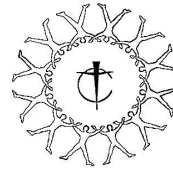
For a list of Ultreyas,

please visit our website at www.vtcursillo.org.

Request for Prayers

Please send prayer requests to

dad@svcable.net



VERMONT CURSILLO de CURSILLOS REGISTRATION FORM

Vermont Cursillo de Cursillos August 7-10, 2014

Green Mountain College

One Brennan Circle

Poultney, VT 05764

Please copy and submit a separate form for each attendee.

Name: _____

Address: _____ M F (Circle One Please)
Street

Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Full Weekend - 3 nights & 8 meals \$120 per person - Registration due by July 20, 2014 (Double Occupancy)

A limited Number of single Occupancy rooms are available \$150 per person Registration due by July 20, 2014 (first requested basis)

If a specific room mate is being requested please note on each form and submit the forms together - Thanks!

Please eat before arriving Thursday evening as there will be no food available that night

Anticipate eating on the journey home Sunday evening as the last meal served on Sunday will be the Noon meal.

***Registrations will not be accepted after July 20, 2014

Make Checks Payable to "Vermont Cursillo"

***Please Return Registration Form and your NON-REFUNDABLE \$55.00 deposit by July 20, 2014.

Return to:

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