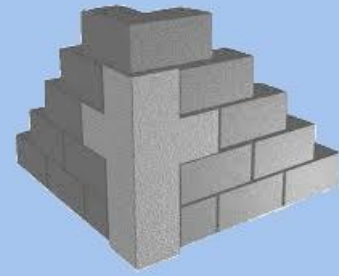


# CornerStone

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Diocese of Burlington

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## **Cursillo de Cursillos**

The Cursillo de Cursillos Workshop is just around the corner.

**August 7-10<sup>th</sup> at Green Mountain College in Poultney.**

Everyone has done the work of fundraising to help make this weekend as affordable as possible to as many Cursillistas as possible. Please come and join us! The registration form may be found at the end of this issue of the CornerStone AND on the Vermont Cursillo Web Page ([vtcursillo.org](http://vtcursillo.org)).

### **WHY SHOULD YOU GO?**

You meet the nicest people at Cursillo Activities.

You learn more about Cursillo and about living a life that is more fully Christian.

You will be able to talk to members of the School of Leaders and the Regional Service Team.

You get to spend time at the beautiful campus of Green Mountain College.

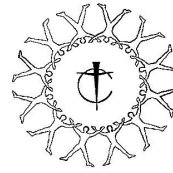
Where else can you spend a three-day weekend including meals for only \$120?

### **WHY SHOULD I REGISTER TODAY**

It will help us to better plan the weekend, to increase your enjoyment of it.

Because you meet the nicest people at Cursillo Activities.

At the end of June, the Workshop will be opened to Cursillistas from other dioceses, and you would not want to miss this event.



## Lay Directors Corner

### Cursillo – A Movement Whose Time HAS NOT Passed

Cursillo is a movement that through friendship, proclaims the Good News that God loves us.

What in any of the above statement may be considered an idea whose time has passed?

If you pass a stranger on the street, who carries a sign saying, “Repent, Christ is coming,” are you likely to change your life? Are you not more likely to change your mind set, your life actions, if a friend talks to you, if that friend demonstrates through his life actions of talking the talk and walking the walk?

St. Francis exhorted his followers to “Proclaim the Gospel always! Use words if you must.” We must walk the walk, and be prepared to talk the talk.

Certainly, the Good News (the Gospel) that God loves us is not an idea whose time has passed, for as Jesus said, “These words shall never pass.”

Cursillo offers us, through the method of Group Reunion, an opportunity to examine our own lives, to check in with ourselves and with our friends, to assure that we are walking the walk. In the Ultreya through our witnesses and echoes, we proclaim Christ in our lives, and practice proclaiming Christ in our lives, and practice proclaiming Christ in our lives in preparation of proclaiming the Good News in our environments.

A priest, active in our movement has said, “The foundational charism of Cursillo leads us to the Gospel, and does not make us Cursillistas. It makes us Christians responding to the call of our baptism and the call of the Church.”

Cursillo is a movement whose time *has not* passed.

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

De Colores,

Dan Daigler



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## Pre Cursillo Corner



Greetings from the Pre-Cursillo section!

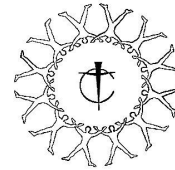
What an exciting time to be involved in the work of our Lord through Cursillo!

Dan Daigler and I just returned from the

Regional Encounter held in Connecticut. While there, we met in prayer and fellowship with our counterparts from around our Region, including the Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese and English language folks. It was really something to have a Mass celebrated by a bishop in five languages! We learned much about best practices currently used by other dioceses.

Vermont Cursillo is putting both on a men’s and a women’s retreat this summer, specifically for the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg NY. Bishop Terry Lavalley of Ogdensburg is supporting our efforts to start up a diocesan Cursillo movement there, and he has named Father Patrick Mundy of Plattsburgh as the Interim Spiritual Advisor, and me as the Interim Lay Director. We plan to have our first organizational meeting coincide with our reunion, to be held this fall. The plan is to form a school of leaders and elect a secretariat at that time. Interim by-laws have already been approved by the Bishop.

I’ve been visiting parishes in NY, speaking at masses, and talking with prospective candidates. Last weekend I visited St Augustine’s parish in Peru, NY



and enjoyed the warm hospitality of Father Allen Schnob. He is going to serve as the spiritual advisor for the women's retreat.

We will be starting small groups and a new ultreya in the Plattsburgh NY. We have several Cursillistas from that area who have stepped forward and volunteered to serve on teams. A wonderful diocesan movement is starting to take shape. Our plan is to invite prospective candidates to come and visit a small grouping or an ultreya so they can see first-hand what it is that we do.

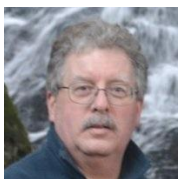
At this point, volunteers for Pre-Cursillo work are needed, and are asked to contact me. We need folks willing to visit NY parishes to speak after masses. Volunteers are also needed to handle palanca, and this can be done from home, with no travel involved.

For those willing to evangelize in Vermont, we would like to form a robust Pre-Cursillo section. Goals are to recruit candidates for our spring 2015 Vermont Cursillo Weekends, in our parishes and in our college communities.

Decolores!!



Thomas Middleton,  
Pre-Cursillo Coordinator,



## Weekend Corner

"What if you gave a Cursillo and nobody came?"

Do you sometimes get the feeling that everyone you ask to participate in a Cursillo turns you down? Are you experiencing long dry spells before finding an ideal candidate? Yeah, it gets like that for me too.

What is the purpose of Cursillo? Well, Cursillo is a movement of the Catholic Church so it gets its'

purpose from the Church. In addition the purpose of the Church is to evangelize. It is what Jesus said to His disciples.

Remember the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:19-20 19. "***Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations***, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

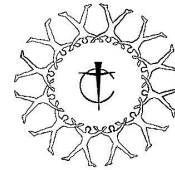
So first we need to 'make disciples of all the nations'. How do we do that? We need to bring the Truth of Jesus Christ to them. We can do this by word and action. I would like to reflect on something here for a minute. The Cursillo encounter (weekend) is open to Catholics, who are able to receive the Sacraments.

How do we allow them to change so that all of us are in 'Full Communion' with the True Body of Christ? A short course in Christianity might be a good start. But they have to want to go, not just, because you want them to go. They need to capture a desire to have what they see in you.

I (we) need to be the inspiration that lights the flame of desire in their hearts, so they crave to be spirit-filled like you. And we need to keep on our mind, that the first person on the list to evangelize should be ourselves. Are we Christ in others' lives? Are we working on our piety, our study, and are we actively doing the action?

We are the hands and feet of Christ. Our Holy Father Francis is a shining example of Christ in action here on earth.

We need to be out there active and participating. Make a friend, Be a friend, then bring that friend to Christ. Are we involved in not only our family and our parish, but how about our communities. Do we live the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy?



And I believe if we live these works, then people will be clamoring to fill the ranks of the spirit-filled Cursillistas.

God bless you and DeColores.

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## Post Cursillo Corner

**August 7-10**

Three full days!! Do you remember thinking about the three days away when you were making your Cursillo weekend? I remember looking forward to it but there was also a certain amount of apprehension I only knew the person I drove up with. Oh but what a weekend! As soon as I arrived, there were people already there and they introduced themselves and helped me with my bags and finding my room. I immediately felt at ease and among friends. That is the same thing that will happen at the CDC. Have you been away from Cursillo events for a while and afraid you won't know anyone or that they are more involved than you. Don't worry all that matters is you made your Cursillo Weekend. Still not sure? The Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC) is a short course in Cursillo. You will learn the why and how of the Cursillo Weekend. The CDC has a similar format as we experienced on the Cursillo Weekend (but no posters) and a much more relaxed atmosphere. There will be 5 meditations, 15 talks, daily Mass and time for reflection. What more could you ask for?

Grab a friend and come join me as we revitalize our knowledge of Cursillo meet old friends and make new ones. Don't wait, sign up today there is a registration form on page 7 of the Cornerstone or on the VT Cursillo Web page under the Cursillo de Cursillos tab.

DeColores, Linda Cagney

## SOL/Secretariat Corner

*"Current Items"*

### School of Leaders

Current Literature being Studied:

"Study of the Charism"

### Pre Cursillo

- ⇒ Assisting Diocese of Ogdensburg to establish their Cursillo Movement
- ⇒ Plans being made to bring Cursillo to colleges in Vermont.

### Weekend

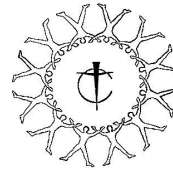
- ⇒ Completion of Vermont 3 Day Handbook
- ⇒ Recommendations for Rector/Rectora for Vermont Cursillo Weekends in April 2015
  - ⇒ Rectora Bonnie Day
  - ⇒ Rector Dan Daigler
- ⇒ Completion of outlines for the "next step" program to be held about 1 month after the weekend

### Post Cursillo

- ⇒ Planning for CdC advertising, and registration
- ⇒ Completion of outlines for the "next step" program to be held about 1 month after the weekend.

### Secretariat

- ⇒ Fundraising for the CdC is completed about \$ 3,500 were raised, cost of CdC will be \$120.
- ⇒ Financial and Physical support planning for Ogdensburg Cursillo Movement Weekends
- ⇒ Planning for the VT Cursillo Weekends in April 2015.



## ***Oldies but Goodies***

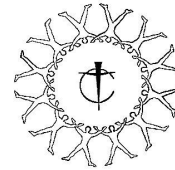
### ***Steps in being a Sponsor***

Once you have made a friend and been a friend, be sure to talk to Christ about your friend before you talk to your friend about Christ. After you have brought your friend to Christ, it may be time for you to sponsor your friend to a Cursillo weekend. Consider asking your Group Reunion to co-sponsor your friend with you.

Responsible sponsorship is an absolute necessity in faithful Cursillo Ministries. Please consider the following steps in sponsoring a candidate. Not one of them is optional. Each one is equally important, not only in gaining candidates, but also in ensuring their continued growth in the Fourth Day.

1. **PRAY.**
2. **CONSULT HIS/HER PARISH PRIEST** Is this person at a point in his/her life where Cursillo will be helpful? Is his/her priest willing to recommend this person?
3. **PRAY AGAIN.**
4. **SHARE AND INVITE** Share what Cursillo has meant to you - your personal experience. If the individual is married, make sure to talk with the spouse as well. Avoid unnecessary secrecy about the weekend, remember each weekend is as unique as the individuals involved. Make every effort to get the prospective candidate(s) into a Group Reunion and to Ultreya for 2-6 months prior to the weekend. Always make the invitation in person, at your home or theirs, or over a meal.
5. **COMPLETE ALL PAPER WORK FOR THE APPLICATION.** Please remember to get spouse's paperwork ready as well and send both together.

6. **HELP WHERE HELP IS NEEDED.** Will the candidate need child care, pet care, or elder care? Are you called to help in the cost of the weekend?
7. **PRAY AGAIN AND AGAIN.** "Lord, open those doors and remove those obstacles. Prepare my candidate and help me support him/her all the way through the Fourth Day." Enlist others in your prayers.
8. **FOLLOW UP** - Has the candidate received a postcard letter with weekend date? Will that work? What does he/she need? 1 - Do not assume because you or your candidate has not heard anything, that they have been accepted. Weekends fill up fast, and your candidate may have to wait till the next one
9. **WATCHFUL** - Just know that obstacles almost always befall the candidate a week or two prior to the weekend. Be prepared. Persevere in PRAYER and persist in helpfulness.
10. **PALANCA** - Be sure to write a note explaining your Palanca. Enlist personal Palanca from the candidate's spouse, priest and Palanca posters from the candidates
11. **DRIVE YOUR CANDIDATE TO THE WEEKEND LOCATION.** Be sure to attend sponsor's meeting before your leave (even if you have been to one before) they are very important for receiving last minute information about your candidates weekend (such as possible time changes for closing, a need for special help, etc.).
12. **PRAY AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN.** Consider a special fast or visits to the Blessed Sacrament for the weekend.



13. **ATTEND CLOSING AND DRIVE YOUR CANDIDATE HOME.** If your Ultreya community offers a special event after the closing please attend, even if it's for a few minutes. If your candidate has never attended an Ultreya, this is a great time for them to know that there is a community that desires to support them on their Fourth Day journey.

14. **PERSONALLY ESCORT** the new Cursillistas to the next Ultreya and Group Reunion, remind them of these meetings for a year thereafter.

15. **PRAY AND** if your candidate is not in a Group Reunion, **WORK HARD** to secure one that is good for him/her.

16. **NOW RETURN TO STEP ONE.**

You may have experienced an effective sponsorship without some of these steps. However, using all of these steps make us far better sponsors, especially in the Fourth Day, without which Cursillo bears no lasting fruit.

Good sponsorship does not just happen. It requires persistent prayer and persevering in planning

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### ***Calendar of Events***

SCHOOL of LEADERS Meeting  
Second Saturday of the month 10:00 AM at  
ST. John the Evangelist church in Northfield, VT

NATIONAL ENCOUNTER  
July 31st—Aug 3rd 2014  
Chapman University Anaheim, CA

VT CURSILLO de CURSILLOS  
Aug 7—10<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT

VT CURSILLO WEEKEND (MEN'S)

April 16th—19th

Mountain Meadows Lodge

VT CURSILLO WEEKEND (WOMEN'S)

April 23rd—26th

Mountain Meadows Lodge

REGION 1 CURSILLO ENCOUNTER

Oct 18

Our Lady of Fatima, Ludlow, MA

For information on any of the above events

Dan Daigler

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### **From the Staff of the Cornerstone**

The next deadline is August 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](mailto:dad@svcable.net)

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### **For a list of Ultreyas,**

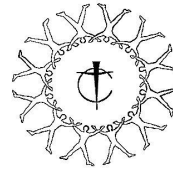
please visit our website at [www.vtcursillo.org](http://www.vtcursillo.org) .

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### **Request for Prayers**

**Please send prayer requests to**  
**[dad@svcable.net](mailto:dad@svcable.net)**

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## 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:

Linda Cagney

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Brookline, VT

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