

## **Cursillo Reflections – (8-10-19)**

### **August 25, 2019**

A **Cursillo** (pronounced **kur-see-yo**) is an encounter with Christ (the full name is “Cursillo de Christiandad”, meaning “a short course in Christianity”). As a child, you probably accepted your Catholic faith at an age-appropriate level, mainly because your parents expected you to accept their faith. But have you ever truly made that faith your own? Have you grown in your faith over the years, or is your faith pretty much what it was when you were younger? Cursillo offers the opportunity for personal growth in your faith, thus allowing you to better share your faith with others. 2019 Weekends are scheduled at Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron, NE, October 24-27, 2019 (Men) and ~~November 7-10, 2019~~ Women’s Three Day Cursillo Weekend – Postponed until Spring 2020; watch the Lincoln Diocese website and future newsletters for dates/location.. The Weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. If you would like more information about Cursillo or the 2019 Weekends, call or email Greg Vandenberg, Men’s Weekend Coordinator (308-530-7587; [glvandenber@charter.net](mailto:glvandenber@charter.net)), or Kathy Springer, Women’s Weekend Coordinator (402-826-2699; [ks90710@windstream.net](mailto:ks90710@windstream.net)). There is also information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>.

### **September 8, 2019**

Are you where you want to be in your faith life? **Cursillo** is a great way to stop and take the time to reflect. Who are you? Where have you been? Where do you want to go? Ralph Martin, international Catholic speaker and author, commented that before he lived a Cursillo Weekend, he “knew that what attracted me to the Church wasn’t the buildings, wasn’t the stained glass, but it was the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the mystery of the Church ... Jesus Christ is the heart of the Church ... and I knew that I needed to develop that personal dimension of relationship with Jesus if I was going to persevere ... that it wasn’t going to be enough to just be part of the crowd ... I needed to know Him ... I needed to be with Him ... I needed to let that grow.” How about you – do you need a better relationship with our Lord? Cursillo may provide the encounter you are looking for. Cursillo Weekends are scheduled at Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron, NE, October 24-27, 2019 (Men) and ~~November 7-10, 2019~~ Women’s Three Day Cursillo Weekend – Postponed until Spring 2020; watch the Lincoln Diocese website and future newsletters for dates/location.. If you would like more information about Cursillo or the 2019 Weekends, call or email Greg Vandenberg, Men’s Weekend Coordinator (308-530-7587; [glvandenber@charter.net](mailto:glvandenber@charter.net)), or Kathy Springer, Women’s Weekend Coordinator (402-826-2699; [ks90710@windstream.net](mailto:ks90710@windstream.net)). There is also information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>.

### **September 15, 2019**

**Cursillo** teaches that conversion is not limited to one experience. Though conversion does have a starting point, it is ongoing and, thus, occurs during every minute of every day. Cursillo gives you the tools to better understand your Catholic faith and then share it with those in your everyday life. Many of us have experienced a profound conversion on a retreat intending to make changes in our lives, but over time, we fall back into the same ol’ ruts. Cursillo’s follow-up tools help the cursillista to continue daily down the path of conversion and growing closer to Christ ... and we bring others with us, so that they, too, can encounter Christ! Cursillo Weekends are scheduled at Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron, NE, October 24-27, 2019 (Men) and ~~November 7-10, 2019~~ Women’s Three Day Cursillo Weekend – Postponed until Spring 2020; watch the Lincoln Diocese website and future newsletters for

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### **September 29, 2019**

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### **October 6, 2019**

Are you being called to a **Cursillo** Weekend? Still undecided? How has Cursillo affected others?

- **Jeff Cavins**, a regular on EWTN and Spirit Catholic Radio, refers to Cursillo as “the best-kept secret in the Catholic Church.”
- International speaker and author **Ralph Martin** says that “the most important thing that happened to me (other than birth), was to live a Cursillo ...” In an interview on **The Journey Home**, Ralph shared that toward the end of his Cursillo Weekend, “... in some ways, my vocation was born there, and I didn't even know it.” **Marcus Grodi** (also a cursillista), founder of the **Coming Home Network** and host of **The Journey Home** then commented, “And you're still living that vocation today” (more than 40 years later).
- See what **Bishops Conley** and **Bruskewitz** have to say about Cursillo. Also see what **St. Pope Paul VI**, **St. John Paul II**, and **Pope Francis** have to say about Cursillo  
<http://www.seas-np.org/PopesBishopsCommentsFlyer081319.pdf>

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### **October 13, 2019**

Would you like to have an encounter with Christ? That's what **Cursillo** is all about. Cursillo came to the Lincoln Diocese in 1965 with the first three-day weekend being held at Pius X High School in Lincoln on July 22-25, 1965. Born out of a spirit of renewal in the Church that preceded the Second

Vatican Council, the Cursillo Movement originated in Spain in the early 1940s, which is why many Cursillo terms are of Spanish origin. Cursillo came to the U.S. in 1957 and spread rapidly throughout the United States, and provided the catalyst for such movements as **Marriage Encounter**, **Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)**, **Christians Encounter Christ**, **Catholics Encounter Christ**; **Residents Encounter Christ (REC)**, and **KAIROS**, each of which addressed the needs of a specific group. Cursillo Weekends are scheduled at Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron, NE, October 24-27, 2019 (Men) and ~~November 7-10, 2019~~ Women's Three Day Cursillo Weekend – Postponed until Spring 2020; watch the Lincoln Diocese website and future newsletters for dates/location.. If you would like more information about Cursillo or the 2019 Weekends, call or email Greg Vandenberg, Men's Weekend Coordinator (308-530-7587; [glvandenberg@charter.net](mailto:glvandenberg@charter.net)), or Kathy Springer, Women's Weekend Coordinator (402-826-2699; [ks90710@windstream.net](mailto:ks90710@windstream.net)). There is also information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>.