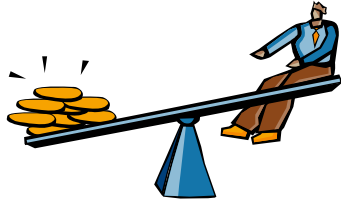


Cursillo News for Jan. – Feb. 2009

Calendar of Events

Jan. 2-3, 2009	Practice Weekend , Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln
Jan 3, 2009	Secretariat Meeting , after Practice Weekend; IHM Parish, Lincoln
Jan 8-11, 2009	Men's Three Day Weekend , Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln
January 11, 2009	Men's Closing , 5:00pm (4pm Mass) Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln
Jan 15-18, 2009	Women's Three Day Weekend , Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lincoln
January 18, 2009	Women's Closing , 5:00pm (4pm Mass) Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln
Feb 8, 2009	Postcursillo Reunion , 3:00 pm (location will depend on where candidates are from)
Feb 27-28, 2009	School of Leaders , (quarterly reunion)-7:30pm Fri-3pm Sat, (St. Ann, Doniphan)
April 24-26, 2009	Region VI Spring Encounter – St. Victoria's in Victoria, MN (details to come)
June 28, 2009	Grand Ultreya (details to come)
July 30 – Aug 2, 2009	National Encounter , California State University, San Bernardino, CA
August 1, 2009	OMCC IV World Ultreya , Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA

Palanca is the backbone of the Cursillo Movement and essential for the spiritual success of each Three Day Weekend, as well as in our living the Fourth Day. As the candidates are living their Three Day Weekend, your spending time with our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament is the best means of helping them encounter Him. Please make sure the assigned hours are covered according to the locations listed below, or contact a neighboring Ultreya Center for assistance ... He's counting on YOU!!!



Lift them up in prayer ...

PRAYER/ADORATION HOURS (by Ultreya Center) for the February 2008 Minden Weekends

Thursday, 7:00pm - Friday, 1:00am	Hastings/Holdrege/Minden
Friday, 1:00am - 7:00am	Beatrice/Crete/Hebron
Friday, 7:00am - 1:00pm	David City/Shelby/Wahoo
Friday, 1:00pm - 7:00pm	Southwestern Nebraska (McCook/Imperial/Grant)
Friday, 7:00pm - Saturday 1:00am	Plattsmouth/Nebraska City
Saturday, 1:00am - 7:00am	Hastings/Holdrege/Minden
Saturday, 7:00am - 1:00pm	Beatrice/Crete/Hebron
Saturday, 1:00pm - 7:00pm	David City/Shelby/Wahoo
Saturday, 7:00pm - Sunday 1:00am	Southwestern Nebraska (McCook/Imperial/Grant)
Sunday, 1:00am - Sunday, 7:00am	Plattsmouth/Nebraska City
Sunday, 7:00am - 5:00pm	Lincoln

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From the Secretariat ...

1. Ultreya Center News:

- ◆ The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... the January Ultreya will be held on the fourth Sunday, **January 25**, at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln, and the February Ultreya will be **February 22** at St. Joseph Parish Center in Beatrice. All Ultreyas will be held at the regular 5:00 p.m. time.
- ◆ Just a reminder that a **Vietnamese-language Ultreya** is held on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln (6345 Madison Ave).
- ◆ **Other Ultreya Centers** will meet as scheduled (see the cover of the Newsletter).
- ◆ **Reminder: Any Ultreya is open to any cursillista.** If your area is not holding regular Ultreyas, consider visiting one of the neighboring Ultreya Centers. Also consider inviting a non-cursillista to experience an Ultreya, as this is one way of helping show/explain what Cursillo is about.

2. Change in Secretariat Positions

Monica Buster was elected as the new **Postcursillo Chair** and **Jon Junkin** was elected to a second term as **SOL Chair**. Monica was just completing the first full year of a 3-year term as Secretary. With Monica's election as the Postcursillo Chair, the Secretariat made the decision to consolidate the Secretary and Treasurer positions (there had been discussion about this for several months). All of these changes become effective January 1, 2009. We thank **Annette Wemhoff** for serving three years as the Postcursillo Chair.

3. Changes to SOL Format

In an on-going attempt to get as many people as possible active in SOL (the harvest is great, but the laborers are few), the Secretariat decided that the format would be altered somewhat. Beginning in March 2003, the Lincoln Diocese has held quarterly SOLs (rather than monthly meetings) in an attempt to minimize the number of times participants were required to travel. However, following the Cursillo Leaders Workshop – I (CLW-I) in

Cortland in August 2008, it was suggested that we should really be having more frequent SOLs and fewer Secretariat meetings. The Secretariat agreed.

Therefore, in an attempt to grow the SOL and make it accessible to as many cursillistas as possible, the format is being changed following the February 27-28, 2009, SOL (scheduled to be held in Doniphan – see the registration form on the inside of the cover page of this newsletter).

The new format (which has not been yet finalized) will feature the following:

- Bi-monthly Saturday meetings of the SOL, each lasting from approximately 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Secretariat will then only need to meet 4-6 times per year (rather than monthly). The second Saturday was selected. Details about the meeting months and locations will be forthcoming in the next Newsletter.
- Each SOL will consist of Mass, Group Reunion, two technique talks, two doctrinal talks, work sessions, lunch (potluck), and visit to the Blessed Sacrament.
- SOL will alternate between two locations: an eastern location (Lincoln-area?) and a western location (Hastings/Doniphan?). SOL will alternate only between the two locations chosen, and will no longer move from parish to parish as in the past.

4. New Group Reunion Sheets

Approximately a year ago, the National Cursillo Center reprinted updated Group Reunion Sheets. We are enclosing one with this Newsletter. You will note that the sharing questions in each area are pretty much the same (with “Holiness”, “Formation”, and “Evangelization” reverting back to the original “Piety”, “Study”, and “Action”). A few other areas are also returning to original wording/activity (e.g., under “Action”, there is a section for ‘Activities of your own group’). There is a beautiful prayer/exhortation on the flip side of the Sheet: *“If I grow cold ... If I fail ... Advise me ... Admonish me ... Manifest the friendship which unites us in the Lord ...”* There is such value in Group Reunion and Ultreya ... the whole reason for your living a Three Day Weekend was for you to learn about these two tools meant to assist you in living the Fourth Day (the rest of your life) in a directed way ... in a way that will help you bring Christ to all those He puts into your life. If you’re not currently grouping, begin again ... Advent (and the new year) are a great time to do just that!!

5. 19th National Encounter

The National Cursillo Center wants all cursillistas to be aware that information about the 19th National Encounter is available on the National Cursillo website [<http://www.natl-cursillo.org>]. The Encounter is being held at the California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) on July 30 - August 2, 2009. *Word from National is that California is planning to have a big contingent at the Encounter, so you may need to register by the end of the year (2008) to secure a spot.*

- The cost is \$360 per person if received by May 31, 2009. The cost is \$410 per person if received from June 1 to June 26, 2009. There is no guarantee there will be lodging available after June 26, 2009. There are accommodations available for only 750 cursillistas (see note above about reservation availability).
- The registration fee includes:
 - Transportation to/from the Ontario International Airport (ONT).
 - Three nights lodging, dinner on Thursday evening, 3 meals on Friday and Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday morning.
 - One ticket to attend the IV World Ultreya. Encounter participants will be bussed to/from the World Ultreya.
- The commuter fee is \$260.
- The keynote address will be on “The Conversion of St. Paul”.
- The three workshop sessions being offered are Piety, Study and Action.

6. IV World Ultreya

The World Cursillo Movement (OMCC) is calling all cursillistas of the world to gather on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 PM, at the Anaheim Convention Center and Arena in Anaheim, California for the IV World Ultreya.

- The Arena has seating capacity for 8,000 persons. OMCC expects seating to fill quickly, so purchase your tickets now (at the time of the National Secretariat meeting, almost 1200 tickets had already been purchased)!
- Cursillistas can purchase tickets online via the National Cursillo website or by downloading an order form and mailing it to the National Cursillo Center in Dallas, TX.
- The ticket price to the IV World Ultreya is \$25.00. The ticket price does not include meals, but you may purchase food from the Arena vendors.
- FYI, Disneyland is located right across from the Anaheim Convention Center Arena.

7. Other News from National (in brief):

The National Staff has completed revisions to several of the workshops provided at both the diocesan and regional level. The status of the various workshops is as follows:

- Diocesan workshops (can be presented by a diocesan team) that have been updated/revised:
 - Precursillo Workshop
 - Cursillo Weekend Workshop
 - Postcursillo Workshop
 - (Brand new) Sponsors’ Workshop (1/2 day workshop with 2 sessions)
- Workshops (which are to be presented by the Region VI Service Team) that have also been recently updated/revised:
 - Cursillo Leaders Workshop I (CLW-I)
 - Cursillo Leaders Workshop II (CLW-II)
- Workshops that are still in the process of being updated:
 - Pastoral Planning Workshop – Diocese or Region presents
 - Cursillo Evangelization Workshop (CEW) – Diocese or Region presents
 - Commitment Workshop – Diocese or Region presents
 - Leaders Formation Workshop (LFW) – Region presents
 - Spiritual Advisors Workshop

The SOL and Secretariat will consider which of the above workshops will most benefit the Movement in the Lincoln Diocese and let you know when they might be offered.

8. School of Leaders (SOL)

The fourth quarter SOL was held on November 21-22, 2008, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln, NE (6345 Madison Ave). The three Sunday rollos were reviewed to report on comparisons between the outlines provided in the “old” pink manual and those provided in the “new” Cursillo Manual. The rollos reviewed included: “Study of the Environment” (used to be “Study and Evangelization of Environments”); “Christianity in Action” (used to be “Developing Christian Community Within Our Environments”); and “Total Security” (used to be “Group Reunion and Ultreya”). Each presenter described/reviewed the changes from the old manual to the new manual. The doctrinal talk related to the life and teachings of St. Paul, who is the Patron of Cursillo.

The next SOL is scheduled for **Feb. 27-28, 2009**, at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan, so mark your calendars now. The technique talks will continue the review of rollos (old v. new manual), this time focusing on the Leaders rollo. **All** cursillistas are invited to deepen their understanding of Cursillo.

9. Precursillo/Three Day Weekend

Dates for the next Weekends are (these Weekends will be in English, not Vietnamese):

- Jan. 8-11, 2009 **Men's** Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln
[Coordinator: John Springer]
- Jan. 15-18, 2009 **Women's** Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln
[Coordinator: Monica Buster]

Did Cursillo affect your life in a positive way? Consider giving the gift of an Encounter with Christ to a *friend*. The basis of Cursillo is personal contact; i.e., make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ. If you know of persons who are hungry to know our Lord better, and who want to grow in their spiritual lives, begin to prepare them for a Three Day Weekend. Continue to offer Palanca, that God might give you eyes to see and ears to listen for those who want to know Him better ... Please study your environments (those around you) to see if there are persons who can help Christianize the world ... *He's counting on you* to use YOUR voice to invite!!!

The most recent registration forms continue to be available from the website. The registration form and informational flyer may be printed off directly, and the Sponsor form is available by contacting Mark Pribyl, Lay Director (see contact information on the cover of the Newsletter). Remember that the sponsor fills out the Sponsor Form separately and then gets the pastor's signature.

10. Postcursillo

Region VI Spring Encounter to be Hosted by Minneapolis/St. Paul Archdiocese

Mark your calendars now ... The Spring 2009 Regional Encounter will be held at St Victoria's in Victoria, MN on April 24-26, 2009. More details/information, along with a Registration Form, will be included in the March/April Newsletter.

- See article on pages 3 and 4 re: 19th National Encounter and IV World Ultreya

From the Lay Director **Trucking for Jesus**

Literally and externally, it might appear that I'm trucking for Jesus ... I say I do, anyway. But as I examine my actions and reactions, I think I need to work a little harder on the heart and soul if my goal is to achieve holiness.

Where am I going? Heaven, I hope! How am I going to get there? Probably not by my truck!!

I am currently reading Magnificat's meditation book entitled "**Praying with Saint Paul**". The December 3 meditation covered the passage 2 Tm 3: 13-15. Jack Sacco did that particular meditation and he talked about an event in his life where he rode a horse in an arena. The instructor told him that the horse would try to go to the wall and drag him off, so to counter the horse's action, Jack was told "NOT" to look at the wall but, instead, to look in the direction he wanted to go. Skeptical though he was, Jack did as he was instructed and it worked. Jack related that experience to life, and concluded that "... *our direction is determined by which way we choose to look.*"

I want to go to toward Jesus, but invariably, I find myself looking away from HIM. I look around my environment and see hatred expressed in various ways. Society seems to be so focused on self that life outside of self has no meaning. At the same time, many are working harder than ever to eliminate life rather than preserve it. It seems to be so hard to persevere in goodness. It, at times, becomes much easier to criticize and ridicule rather than to praise and encourage. Yes, there is right and wrong and I don't think that should be watered down ... truth is truth, whether or not anyone believes it. If our goal is Heaven, then truth is necessary.

Quoting from the monthly Magnificat, the December 4th meditation on the Gospel states (from the writings of Thomas Merton): "*Our task is to see that we do not 'give God's grace an ineffectual welcome'*". A little later in the meditation, Merton states: "... *liberation from concentration on our self is the beginning of a conversion, a metanoia, a real inner transformation*" ...

This Advent let's not allow the trials and obstacles of the present time to take away the Joy that comes from our anticipation of the coming of our Lord. And may you all experience a Joyful Advent and a very Merry Christmas ... AMEN!
Mark Pribyl

From the Spiritual Advisor

During the next two and a half months, as we continue to celebrate the Year of St. Paul, we also celebrate the rest of the Advent Season, the Christmas Season, and begin the season of Ordinary Time. It is important to reflect on the connection of the celebration of the year of St. Paul, the various seasons of the liturgical year, and our living of our Fourth Day as cursillistas. They are very much connected and related to each other.

For centuries (perhaps as many as four), the Jewish people waited for, longed for, and watched for, the coming of the Messiah, Who had been promised after the fall of Adam and Eve. Our celebration of the Advent Season is an opportunity to reflect on that waiting and watching, as we consider the three "comings" of Jesus: His coming in history (2,000 years ago); His coming in mystery (into our hearts and souls at Christmas time, and at every Mass); and His coming in majesty (at the end of the world, to judge the living and the dead). Yet, during Advent, we must do more than reflect on His "comings", we must prepare for His coming. We are to reflect, wait, and prepare in a spirit of joy and hope.

As our Advent preparations come to an end, we celebrate our Lord's coming at Christmas. Christmas is more than a one-day celebration. The awesomeness and joy of the great event of the Incarnation, of God becoming man ... His taking on our flesh ... is too much to celebrate for just one day. So the Church continues the celebration throughout the Octave of Christmas (Dec. 25 – Jan 1), for the 12 Days of Christmas (Dec 25 – Jan 6), and throughout the Christmas Season until the Baptism of the Lord (which is celebrated on January 11 this year).

Throughout the Christmas Season, we hear the Scriptural accounts related to our Lord's birth. These include His birth in Bethlehem, the angels appearing to the shepherds, the shepherds coming to Jesus, the wise men coming to Jesus, the holy family's flight into Egypt, and the massacre of the Holy Innocents. These Scripture passages and the message of Christmas remind us that God became man ... He "pitched His tent among us" ... so that His light might come into our world of darkness and sin, and save us from sin. The Christmas Season concludes with Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, which was the beginning of His public ministry ... His Baptism was the beginning of His reaching out to us, both directly and through all the apostles/disciples He has sent throughout the ages.

After our celebration of the Christmas Season, we enter into the season of Ordinary Time. We will hear, from the Gospel of Mark, the accounts of our Lord calling the twelve apostles, His preaching, and His healing and miracles. Jesus was actively present to the people of His day.

Even though Jesus doesn't walk among us today, He is still very present to us in our lives. He is present through the liturgy of the Church and the liturgical seasons that we celebrate. He is especially present at the Mass and in the Eucharist. He is also present in the individual moments of our daily lives as we live our Fourth Day – He is there to help us to live our faith and to proclaim it to others. He wants us to Christianize our world (that's the whole purpose of Cursillo). To do that, we were given the gift of Group Reunion and Ultreya (the two prongs of the Cursillo Method). We rely on our brother and sister cursillistas to help us live the tripod of Piety, Study and Action. These tools, given to us by the Cursillo Movement, help us live our lives as the followers of Christ that we are called to be, and to imitate Christ.

Therefore, as we live our Fourth Day, and journey through the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Ordinary Time, and as we continue to celebrate the Year of St. Paul (the patron saint of Cursillo), we must see everything as grace. It is all in God's plan, Who is always at work to save us. His grace is always available, but we must cooperate with Him.
De Colores!!Fr. Mark Seiker

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Ultreya Centers

Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln
Location alternates: Crete/Lincoln/Beatrice/Hebron
Normally 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm
[Jan 25 Ultreya – Lincoln; Feb 22 Ultreya – Beatrice]
Contact: John and Kathy Springer

David City-ShelbySt. Mary School (Didier Room), David City
Normally 4th Thursday of month, 7:00 pm.
Contact: Rose Hottovy or Mary Jane Hilger

Hastings-Holdrege-Minden... All Saints’ Parish Hall, Holdrege
3rd Sunday of month, 3:00pm
Contact: Myron Wendland or Kathy Rowell

Southwestern Nebraska
St. Patrick Church basement, McCook
2nd Sunday of month, 3:30pm
Contact: Helen Bieker or Bill and Elaine Swanson

Plattsmouth-Nebraska City
Church of the Holy Spirit (St. Joseph Room), Plattsmouth
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Registration Form

School of Leaders - Quarterly Reunion

February 27-28, 2009

202 N 5th Street (5th and Cedar Streets)

St. Ann Parish - Doniphan, NE

New participants are ALWAYS welcome ...

If you cannot be with us, we request Palanca for the success of the School.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Where and when did you make your Cursillo? _____

Are you able to receive the Sacraments of Confession & Holy Communion? Yes No

To which Organizations do you commit your time? _____

Are you living the follow-up program of Group Reunion? Yes No

Are you living the follow-up program of Ultreya? Yes No

Do you have any physical/medical/dietary conditions to be considered? _____

Please Return this Form with payment to:

Jon Junkin, 7820 Sandalwood Dr, Lincoln, NE 68510

by February 25, 2009 (this allows us to plan for food).

[Suggested donation (if you are able) is \$15.00 per person to cover meals and a donation for facility usage. Please make check payable to "Cursillo of Lincoln" and mail with the Registration Form.]

School of Leaders Quarterly Reunion

February 27-28, 2009

202 N 5th Street (5th and Cedar Streets)

St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE

SOL is the working arm of Cursillo ... May God use your time/talent/treasure in SOL to do the work of Cursillo ... build community with other cursillistas ... spend time in prayer and meditation with the Blessed Sacrament. **SOL is for ALL cursillistas ... men and women, couples, singles, priests and religious.**

FRIDAY, FEB 27th (Retreat Phase ... preparation for Saturday's SOL)

7:30pm --- Registration (**NO Meal Friday evening**)

7:45pm --- Mass

8:30pm --- Meditation, confessions, quiet time

SATURDAY, FEB 28th (School of Leaders Agenda)

7:00am --- Morning prayer and Mass, followed by breakfast

8:30am-3:00pm Group Reunion; three (3) sessions of SOL; lunch

3:00pm --- Est. time of clean up and departure (**might be a little later with three sessions rather than two; supper not provided**)

Please bring the following with you to the SOL (if you have them):

- ◆ Pilgrim's Guide
- ◆ Leaders' Manual (please pray the Leader's Prayer on pg 57 regularly)
- ◆ Technique Talks will continue to review the rollos in the New Cursillo Manual (the "pink Three Day Manual" vs. the new manual)
- ◆ Doctrinal Talks will relate to the life and teachings of St. Paul, who is the Patron of Cursillo.
- "Classic" Cursillo accommodations will be available ... **no showers**
- Advance registrations are requested; it is fine to attend Saturday only (SOL) or Friday only
- Suggested donation (if you are able) is \$15.00 per person to cover meals and a donation for facility usage. Please make check payable to "Cursillo of Lincoln" and mail with the **Registration Form**.
- **Please keep this half of the flyer for future reference.**

Please bring a snack to share, if you like.

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