

Cursillo News for Jan. – Feb. 2012

Calendar of Events

January 14, 2012	Secretariat Meeting , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln - 9:30am (9:00am Mass)
February 11, 2012	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE
March 2-3, 2012	Practice Weekend , at St. John Nepomucene, Weston (Secretariat Meeting to follow Practice Weekend)
March 8-11, 2012	Men’s Three Day Weekend , at St. John Nepomucene, Weston
March 22-25, 2012	Women’s Three Day Weekend , at St. John Nepomucene, Weston
April 14, 2012	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am); Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln, NE
April 27-29, 2012	Region VI Spring Encounter (the Spanish cursillistas in the Omaha Archdiocese are hosting ... watch for information on the Spring 2012 Encounter on the Region VI webpage under the “Encounter” link ... http://www.cursillo.org/region6/encounters.htm)
May 12, 2012	Secretariat Meeting , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln - 9:30am (9:00am Mass)

[For your planning purposes, SOL is generally the second Saturday of the even numbered months (Feb., April, etc.), and Secretariat meetings are generally the second Saturday of the odd numbered months (Jan., March, etc.).]

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Merry Christmas!!

May our Lord bless you in 2012!!

1. Ultreya Center News:

Details regarding upcoming Ultreyas are included on the next page and on the outside cover of each Newsletter and are also available on the diocesan webpage:

*<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>.
[NOTE THE NEW WEBPAGE ADDRESS]*

- The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... The **January** Ultreya will be held **January 22** at St. Joseph Parish Center, Beatrice at 5:00pm. The **February** Ultreya will be held **February 26** at Sacred Heart Parish, Hebron at 5:00pm.
- The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. The **January** Ultreya will be held **January 8** at 3:30 pm CT in the basement of St. Patrick Church in McCook, and the **February** Ultreya will be held **February 12** at 2:30 pm MT in the St. Patrick Parish Hall in Imperial.
- The **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden Ultreya Center** will hold its next Ultreya on **Sunday, January 15**, at **2:30 pm** at St. John the Baptist Church in Minden.
- The **Plattsmouth/Nebraska City Ultreya Center** – Check the parish bulletin for Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth (www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com), or contact Terry Little for more information.
- The **Weston-Wahoo Ultreya Center** will continue to hold Ultreyas at St. John Nepomucene School in Weston, normally on the 3rd Sunday of the month. **NOTE THE TIME CHANGE in effect beginning in January 2012 (new time – 7:00pm; old time – 3:00pm)**. The **January** Ultreya will be held on **Sunday, January 15**, at **7:00 pm**. The **February** Ultreya will be held on **Sunday, February 19**, at **7:00 pm**.
- The **Vietnamese-language Ultreya** continues to be held the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:30pm at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lincoln**.

2. Precursillo/Three Days

The next **Three Day Weekends** are scheduled to be held at **St. John Nepomucene in Weston** on the following dates:

- **Men’s Weekend:** **March 8-11, 2012**
- **Women’s Weekend:** **March 22–25, 2012**

Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ ...

Precursillo/Three Days (continued)

If you know of persons who want to grow in their spiritual lives, and you have not yet talked to them about Cursillo, please take the time in friendship to visit with them about the Three Day Weekend. Offer Palanca as you study your environments (those around you) in search of persons who can help Christianize the world ... then, offer Palanca before you invite your friend (“talk to God about your friend before you talk to your friend about God”). Ask our Lord to help you identify the “agents of change”, that they might share in His work (the work the Church). *Christ is counting on you!!!*

PLEASE help the candidates get their registration forms turned in *EARLY* – 2 weeks prior to the Weekends would be much appreciated. Getting information early allows the Coordinator to send a welcome letter (with all the details about the Weekend) to the candidate so that he/she can make appropriate arrangements; the letter also answers questions about what to bring, etc. In addition, getting registration forms early helps the teams to prepare for the Weekend in terms of food, facilities, and supplies to plan. And because each candidate gets a letter from his/her sponsor and/or spouse on Friday of the Weekend, the Coordinator isn’t scrambling at the last minute trying to make sure all of the letters have been received. Early registration can also help the candidates to prepare mentally and spiritually to participate in the Weekend.

As always, registration forms for Three Day Weekends are available from the Cursillo of Lincoln website (<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>). **Please use the most recent forms**, as information has changed. The Registration Form should be filled out by the candidate and returned to you as the sponsor. To get a copy of the Sponsor Form, click on the “Sponsor Form” link at the bottom of the “Three Day Weekend Application Forms” page, and you can request that the form be sent to you. The reason for this protocol is that there are questions on the Sponsor Form that apply only to the sponsor and Parish priest. You should fill out the Sponsor Form (and be prepared to fulfill the sponsor responsibilities described on the back of the form), including getting the candidate’s pastor’s signature, and send the Registration Form and Sponsor Form together with the registration fee (\$20) to the Lay Director (address on the form).

3. Postcursillo

◆ Region VI Spring Encounter (April 27-29)

The **Region VI Spring Encounter** will be hosted by the Spanish Cursillo community of the **Omaha Archdiocese** on **April 27-29, 2012**. The **topic of the rollos** for the Spring Encounter will be related to the work of the Precursillo, including the sponsoring of candidates. As information becomes available (registration forms, etc.), it will be posted on the Region VI webpage [<http://www.cursillo.org/region6/encounters.htm>].

4. School of Leaders (SOL)

At the **December 10, 2011, SOL** (held at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln**), the two Technique Talks came from the book, Study of the Charism. The two talks discussed Eduardo’s writings related to Cursillo’s being a gratuitous gift from God and recognized by the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, as did the Doctrinal Talks that followed.

Both the English and Vietnamese SOLs participated, with the Technique and Doctrine Talks given in both English and Vietnamese. During the work session, the Lincoln Diocese Pastoral Plan was discussed to add action items specifically related to carrying out the work of Cursillo for ALL cursillistas in our Diocese – both English and Vietnamese. Specifically, the work focused on the Precursillo, the Three Days, and the Postcursillo. There were many good suggestions and recommendations, and the day was very fruitful in growing in our understanding of Cursillo and thinking about ways that we might spread the word about Cursillo ... it was very good to meet together!

The next SOL will be held on **February 11, 2012**, at **St. Ann Parish in Doniphan** (see the inside cover of the mailing for more information). The Technique Talks will continue to be Eduardo’s thoughts on Cursillo (from the book, “Study of the Charism”). Again, the book (which is 80 pages in length) may be purchased at SOL for \$6.00, or it may be downloaded/printed from the OMCC webpage (<http://www.orgmcc.org/study/index.htm>).

From the Spiritual Advisor

When you read this newsletter, we will be celebrating the Octave of Christmas and the Twelve Days of Christmas during the Christmas Season. The event of God becoming man and taking on our flesh from the Virgin Mary in the mystery of our Lord’s Nativity is so awesome that we must extend our celebration over the entire season of Christmas.

In fact, there are various days through the Liturgical Year that we celebrate feasts related to the Lord’s Nativity. Forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on February 2nd. At the Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the priest in the Introductory Address prays: “... *forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Outwardly He was fulfilling the Law, but in reality He was coming to meet His believing people. ... let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ ...*” Later at the Collect, the priest prays: “... *by your grace, we may be presented to You with minds made pure ...*”

There is much to reflect on in these words. Jesus came to meet His believing people ... He comes to meet us. Even as He comes to meet us, He wants us to come to Church and encounter Christ, and He wants us to present ourselves to Him with pure minds. His grace is always offered to us, and He invites us to present ourselves to Him and to encounter Him.

The joy of Christmas needs to be extended throughout the year. On our Three Day Weekend, we encountered self, we encountered Jesus, and we encountered others. As we live our Fourth Day, we are called to continue to encounter our self, Jesus, and others. As cursillistas, we must remember that we are to encounter Christ in our Piety, Study and Action. Also, remember to invite others to encounter Christ. May the Lord bless you as you encounter Him in your Fourth Day.

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker

From the Lay Director

I thought a lot in the past few weeks about this article. There is so much I want to say about my good friend – and a good friend to many of you, too – Jon Junkin, who served on the Secretariat for a number of years. I know some of you knew Jon longer than me, spent more time with him than me, saw him more than me. I am so sorry for your loss, sorry for my loss, especially sorry for Joan’s loss. But we go on, as Jon would want us to ...

His passing left an emptiness inside me. We worked a lot of Cursillos together, shared a lot of faith, spent a great time praying, reading rollos, visiting, grouping. People get really close when the crust falls away and friendship grows, a friendship based on common faith and deep beliefs that creates more than friendship. It seems like we’ve known each other for many, many, many years. I keep his last messages and read them, seeing that he accepted what God willed and offered up much for all of us. I talk to him now every day, just like I do with my Dad. Haven’t been talked back to (yet), but it wouldn’t surprise so much if that happened. Jon touched a lot of people. He was a good man, may he rest in peace. He will always be missed and loved.

Christmas is upon us, and as we focus on the birthday of Jesus, the joy of the season is echoed in the Angels’ “Hosanna to God in the highest!” My prayer for you is that you feel this joy, turn to the baby Jesus in His Mother’s arms and know He loves you.

I ask again that you please consider coming to the School of Leaders – it is only a few hours every two months. There is a wonderful joy in the community that is part of the gathering of Cursillistas. Plus Cursillo needs you – the Movement needs your enthusiasm, your involvement, your time if you can give it. Cursillo is a gift, a great gift, but it needs us (you and me) to keep it moving. Thanks to all of you who contribute in any way – it is your prayers, support, and Palanca that give the Movement life. Note the dates and locations of the School of Leaders and try to come. Call your friends and come together. Please continue to pray for the Cursillo Movement, especially in our Diocese. May God continue to bless you. De Colores!!

De Colores!! John Springer

From the Lay Director - Từ Trưởng Nhóm (N.D.Trần Thiên-Huyền “Hàng”)

Trong mấy tuần qua, tôi đã suy nghĩ thật nhiều về tờ thông tin này. Có rất nhiều chia sẻ tôi muốn nói về người bạn thân yêu của tôi và của quý anh chị nữa. Đó là ông Jon Junkins là một Thành Viên và cũng là Thư Ký của Phong Trào Cursillo thuộc Giáo Phận trong nhiều năm qua. Tôi biết rằng có những quý anh chị đã từng biết nhiều về ông hơn tôi, sống gần ông hơn tôi, gặp ông thường xuyên hơn tôi. Tôi rất đau buồn về sự ra đi của ông, nhất là bà Joan là người đã mất mát nhiều nhất. Nhưng chúng ta cần tiếp tục các sinh hoạt như ông Jon mong ước nơi chúng ta.

Sự ra đi của ông đã làm trong tôi cảm thấy bị trống vắng. Chúng tôi đã làm việc chung với nhau trong Phong Trào Cursillo một thời gian dài, đã từng chia sẻ nhiều về Đức Tin, và bỏ nhiều thời giờ sốt sắng cầu nguyện, đọc các Bản Rollo và thăm các nhóm. Người ta đã thật sự gần nhau khi cái nạng bị mất đi và tình bạn hữu tăng triển, một tình bạn đã căn cứ vào sự trung thành thông thường và tạo ra sự tin tưởng hơn nhiều hơn là sự thân thiện. Hình như chúng tôi cảm thấy như đã quen biết nhau thật lâu trong nhiều năm. Tôi còn giữ lại lời nhắn nhủ cuối cùng của Ông và đã đọc đi đọc lại. được thấy ông đã chấp nhận việc Chúa Quan Phòng đã gửi đến và Dâng Hiến cũng như phó thác cho Chúa với tất cả mọi người chúng ta. Tôi đã thường tâm sự với Ông mỗi ngày như tôi đã từng nói chuyện với ba tôi. Nhưng vẫn chưa thấy ông nói lại gì cả, nhưng tôi cũng sẽ không ngạc nhiên nếu điều đó xảy đến. Jon đã rung động trái tim của nhiều người. Ông đã là một người rất tốt, cầu chúc ông được luôn an nghỉ trong sự bình an. Ông sẽ luôn được sự thương nhớ của mọi người.

Lễ Giáng Sinh lại về với chúng ta và mọi người chúng ta đều hướng về Ngày Chúa Hải Đồng Sinh ra trong tiếng tung hô của các Thiên Thần “Vinh Danh Thiên Chúa Trên Trời” Lời cầu chúc của tôi xin được gửi tới quý anh chị là niềm vui hướng về Chúa Hải Đồng và Mẹ Thánh của Ngài ban tràn ơn thiêng cho tất cả quý anh chị.

Mong quý anh chị tiếp tục tham dự khóa của Trường Lãnh Đạo (School of Leaders) - chỉ có ít giờ trong hai tháng. Có nhiều niềm vui tuyệt vời trong cộng đồng khi họp các hội viên Cursillistas. Hơn nữa, Phong Trào Cursillo cần quý anh chị - Sự năng động cần sự nhiệt tâm, bỏ thời giờ tham gia nếu có thể. Phong trào Cursillo là một món quà tặng vĩ đại, nhưng cần (quý anh chị và tôi) giúp cho được linh động. Cảm tạ tất cả quý anh chị đã ban tặng bằng bất cứ phương thức nào – đó là việc cầu nguyện, sự hỗ trợ và palanca của quý anh chị làm cho cuộc sống linh động. Hãy ghi chú những ngày tháng và địa điểm Trường Lãnh Đạo và gắng tới tham dự. Hãy gọi điện thoại cho các bạn bè của các anh chị để cùng nhau tới. Xin các anh chị tiếp tục cầu nguyện cho sự Linh Động của Phong Trào Cursillo, đặc biệt trong Giáo Phận của chúng ta. Nguyên xin Chúa luôn ban phép lành cho các anh chị.

De Colores!! John Springer

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Ultreya Centers

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln** – Location alternates.....
(usually 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm)
January 22 – St. Joseph Parish Center (Beatrice; 5:00pm)
February 26 – Sacred Heart Parish (Hebron; 5:00pm)
- 2) **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden** – Contact Mary Ann Connelly
January 15, 2012 at 2:30pm at Minden
(St. John the Baptist Church Hall)
- 3) **Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group**
Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory, Lincoln
4th Sunday of month, 3:30pm
- 4) **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**
Check parish bulletin at www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com,
or contact Terry Little
- 5) **Southwestern Nebraska**
Location alternates: McCook/Imperial; Usually 2nd Sunday of month
January 8 – McCook (St. Patrick Church basement) (3:30pm CT)
February 12 – Imperial (St. Patrick Parish hall) (2:30pm MT)
- 6) **Weston/David City/Shelby/Wahoo**.....
January 15– Weston (St. John Nepomucene School) (7:00pm)
February 19– Weston (St. John Nepomucene School) (7:00pm)

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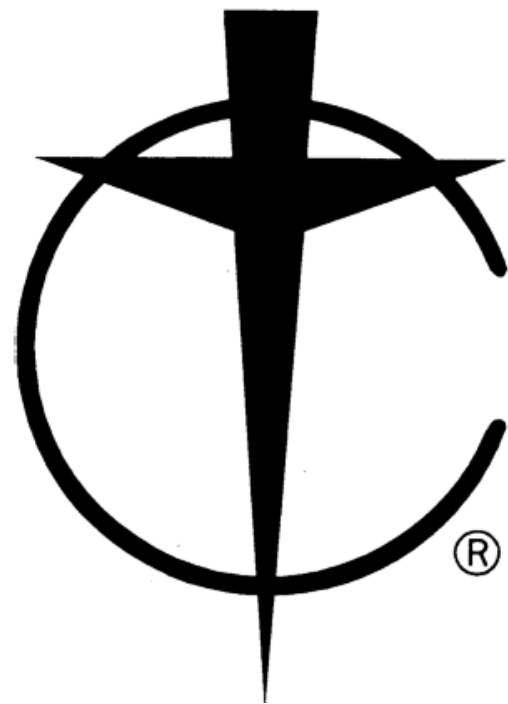
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**Các bộ phận của Bản Tin
Bây giờ tiếng Việt**

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School of Leaders

*February 11, 2012
202 N 5th Street (5th and Cedar Streets)
St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE*

EVERY Cursillista is invited and welcome

School of Leaders Agenda:

- 9:00am --- Mass (for those who wish to assist)
- 9:30am -- Group Reunion, Session #1, Lunch, Session #2, Visit to Blessed Sacrament, Depart.
- 2:30pm --- Clean up and departure (*estimated time* ... may be slightly earlier ... may be slightly later ...).

Topics of Talks

The **Technique Talks** will come from a book published by the North American Caribbean Group (NACG) entitled, "Study of the Charism." The book is a compilation of writings from Eduardo Bonnín as published in a series of monthly mailings from the OMCC (worldwide Cursillo organization) Executive Committee from 2008 – 2009. Eduardo's writings give us insight into his understanding of Cursillo as it was given to him ... this helps us understand it better. The 80 page-book may be downloaded from the OMCC webpage (<http://www.orgmcc.org/study/index.htm>) or you may purchase a copy of the book at SOL for \$6.00.

The **Doctrinal Talks** will continue to relate to topics that will help you grow in your spiritual life.

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

- ◆ **BRING YOUR OWN SACK LUNCH** (to save on time preparing and cleaning up, etc.)
- ◆ **Leaders' Manual**, if you have one (available for purchase at SOL)
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help cover a donation for use of the facility.*