

Cursillo News for Jan. – Feb. 2015

Calendar of Events

- January 10, 2015* SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Parish, Doniphan. (moved from even month to odd month because of the Three Day Weekends)
- February 14, 2015* SOL was moved to Jan. 10; therefore, there is no scheduled event this day.
- February 20-21, 2015 **Practice Weekend**, St. Mary Parish, Sutton.
- February 21, 2015* **Secretariat Meeting** (to be held at the conclusion of the Practice Weekend; St. Mary Parish, Sutton)
- Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2015 **Men's Three Day Weekend**, St. Mary Parish, Sutton.
- March 1, 2015 **Men's Closing**, 5:00pm at St. Mary Parish, Sutton (please come to the Closing to welcome the new Cursillistas).
- March 12-15, 2015 **Women's Three Day Weekend**, St. Mary Parish, Sutton.
- March 15, 2015 **Women's Closing**, 5:00pm at St. Mary Parish, Sutton (please come to the Closing to welcome the new Cursillistas).
- April 11, 2015 SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Parish, Doniphan.
- April 24-26, 2015 **Spring 2015 Region VI Encounter** – Archdiocese Omaha NE to host.
- May 16, 2015* **Secretariat Meeting**, John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln – 9:30am (9am Mass).
- June 13, 2015 SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Parish, Doniphan.
- June 28, 2015 **Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Cursillo in the Lincoln Diocese** 4:00pm Mass at John XXIII Diocesan Center with Bishop James Conley as the main celebrant and homilist. Dinner to follow in Dawson Hall; reservations required. More details will follow.

** SOL and Secretariat meetings are sometimes adjusted from the normal schedule of having SOL on the 2nd Saturday of even months (Feb., April, etc.), and Secretariat meetings on the 2nd Saturday of odd months (Jan., March, etc.).*

Christ is counting on YOU!! Please offer Palanca for the spiritual success of this and every Cursillo activity. After all, Palanca is the backbone of the Cursillo Movement and essential for each spiritual success - on Weekends as well as in every 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 IS counting on you!!!

Please come to the Men's Closing (5:00 pm) and Women's Closing (5:00 pm) to welcome the new 4th Dayers.



Lift them up in prayer ...

Send Palanca to John Springer (Lay Dir) or St. Mary Church (Attn: Cursillo Palanca) PO Box 406; Sutton, NE 68979

PALANCA (by Ultreya Center) for the February-March 2015 Sutton Weekends

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

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>

Upcoming Ultreyas

- The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations The **December** Ultreya is scheduled for 3:00pm on **December 28** at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln. The **January** Ultreya is scheduled for 3:00pm on **January 25** at St. Joseph Parish Center, Beatrice. The **February** Ultreya would normally be scheduled for **February 23**; however, the **Men's Closing** the following week (**Mar. 1**)

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will be considered the February Ultreya. All are encouraged to gather in Sutton to welcome the new Fourth Dayers.

- The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue its rotation among three locations – McCook, Imperial, and North Platte. The **January** Ultreya will be **January 11** at **3:30pm CT** at St. Patrick Church Basement in McCook. The **February** Ultreya will be **February 8** at **2:30pm MT** at St. Patrick Parish Hall in Imperial.
- The **Doniphan-Hastings-Holdrege-Minden Ultreya Center** will hold its next **quarterly** Ultreya on **January 18** at St. Ann Parish Hall, Doniphan beginning at 2:30pm. For more information about future Ultreyas, please contact Mary Ann Connelly (308) 381-8926 or Patricia Pettz (308) 830-2493.
- The **Vietnamese-language Group** gathers on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:30pm at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church** in **Lincoln**.

Not Currently Having Ultreyas

Please participate in a neighboring Ultreya

For more information, contact John Springer (402) 826-2699, Lay Director

- **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**
- **Weston-David City-Shelby-Wahoo**

2. Precursillo and Three Days

One of the purposes of Cursillo is to be a means of communicating to people the Good News that God loves them. And to do that, we need to not be afraid to speak up in our environments. We simply need to love and do it with joy ... we want others to love our Lord as we do, and the Three Day Weekend has always been a springboard for starting us down that path. Is there someone you know who is hungry for Someone? Then invite that person to know Him better. That may be through a Cursillo Weekend or maybe a different type of encounter ... but God is calling YOU to assist that person.

One of the rollos on Saturday of the Three Day Weekend (it sometimes makes people squirm) is entitled “Leaders.” And one of the main points of that rollo is that we are ALL leaders in those environments in which God placed us ... and He did it for a reason. As we listen to Pope Francis’ “The Joy of the Gospel”, especially in the first part of Chapter 3 (reviewed at the December SOL), we are told that the ENTIRE people of God should proclaim the Gospel ... and from Cursillo, we know that we proclaim it right where God put us. Pope Francis’ thoughts directly related to the discussion that followed from Fr. Salmani’s book “Whom Shall I Send?” [excerpt from Chapter 4 of “Whom Shall I Send?”]:

“... All cursillistas have an important role to bring the world to Christ, regardless what their official ‘title’ might be or not be.

“What is most important is not what position of authority do I have, but ‘where is my heart?’ Is my heart to personal ambition or to God? This is the question that each of us must honestly answer if we are going to be true servants of God. Do I want to be a leader so I can lead or in order that I may serve? Consider the

leadership image we want to convey to the world by listening to Paul’s words in the letter to the Ephesians (Eph. 5:1-2, 9-11) ...

‘Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed Himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma ... for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them’ ...

“When Jesus offered Himself for us, Paul says His presence filled the environment like a pleasing fragrance. This is what being a disciple should do for others. We do not lead others to ourselves, but to Christ. We are not the focal point. We will be known by our deeds and these deeds will either give glory to God or to ourselves. If our deeds only advance our own personal cause, then we do nothing to bring the world to Christ in our Fourth Day. Through the power of the Spirit we can avoid such demons of ambition and focus on serving God alone.

“There is a real freedom in letting go of power and control, and this is the secret of the true leader. The only real leader is the servant, the one who sees the needs of the larger community. The leader does what is right, whether it is popular or not. The true leader is not concerned about holding on to any title or position, but simply working where God wants him or her to be. The true leader does not get discouraged by apostolic failures, nor get bloated by apostolic successes, for it is all God’s work. The struggle against the demons of ambition is a daily struggle and our attitude will make all the difference. Ultimately we will be the leaders God wants us to be by trusting in Him. ... The real disciple and leader is never afraid, always courageous, always trusting in God and finding joy simply in the privilege of being God’s chosen servant.”

So being a leader in **PRECURSILLO** means we try to identify, befriend, and help the person who is “searching” for that “something” that they identify as happiness or fulfillment, which we know is really “Somebody”-- Jesus Christ. We expand and accelerate their search and direct it towards those three essential encounters (Self, Christ and others). And by doing this, we make their previous unrest become the very motivating force for their new found enthusiasm, for a sincere and hopeful conversion.

Then during the **CURSILLO** Three Day weekend, the encounters with self, Christ, and others attempt to focus this unrest, and with the Grace of God, it can be achieved. With the Winter Weekends fast approaching, think about the people God put in your path (your environment). Is there someone He is asking you to invite and walk with? Please pray about this and ask Him ... then follow His prompting.

The **upcoming Three Day Weekends** are scheduled to be held at St. Mary Parish in Sutton on the following dates:

- Men’s February 26-March 1, 2015
- Women’s March 12-15, 2015

Living Cursillo means that we always and everywhere work to build God's Kingdom by proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed ... wherever we are and whatever we're doing ... that place and set of circumstances in which you find yourself at each particular moment of each day. Remember that the work of the Precursillo is often very slow and time-consuming (it can literally take years) ... but if you never make that first effort (which might be as simple as saying "Hello"), how will others come to know Christ as you do ... as a Friend? And keep in mind as well that the Precursillo isn't just about inviting someone to a Cursillo Weekend ... it's about bringing your friend to CHRIST. Ask a friend who has indicated to you that he/she wants to deepen his/her faith to consider Cursillo if that's the way God is leading. Invite your friend to your Group Reunion and/or Ultreya **BEFORE** their Weekend. You shouldn't wait until right before the Weekends to make and be friends, and in fact, the friendship shouldn't be centered on getting the person to a Cursillo Weekend. But if Cursillo could help your friend better know that God loves him/her, then ask. Registration materials are included in this Newsletter for your convenience (make copies if you need more than one, or they are also available on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage). And offer Palanca ... please, offer Palanca for your friend and for the success of the Weekends.

3. Postcursillo

◆ Region VI Spring Encounter (April 24-26, 2015)

The Region VI Spring Encounter will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Omaha, NE on April 24-26, 2015. As details become available, we will keep you updated (but mark your calendars now). It's a great way to meet other cursillistas from our Region and enjoy time spent focused on building His Kingdom through friendship.

4. School of Leaders (SOL)

- ◆ The October SOL was held on **October 18, 2014**, at **St. Ann Parish in Doniphan**. The Technique Talks were from Fr. Frank Salmani's book, "Whom Shall I Send?" This book is a series of stand-alone reflections that address the basic question -- What does God want from me right now? According to an excerpt from the Prologue: "*The book does not attempt to tell anyone where they should be or what they should be doing. That is up to the individual. What the book does tell us is what God expects of anyone who commits themselves to Him in any way. The specific nature of the call is up to each individual to discern.*" The Doctrinal Talks continued to come from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel".
- ◆ The **December SOL** (English and Vietnamese) was held on **December 13, 2014**, at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln**. The Technique Talks continued from Fr. Frank Salmani's book, "Whom Shall I Send?" (Chapters 3 and 4) and the Doctrinal Talks were from "The Joy of the Gospel" (Chapter 3, Part I: "The Proclamation of the Gospel: The Entire People of God Proclaims the Gospel"). There was good discussion and it was good to be together with the larger Cursillo community (both languages) ... and the food was very, very good!!
- ◆ The "**February**" SOL (English and Vietnamese) will be held on **January 10, 2015**, at **St. Ann Parish in Doniphan**. Note that this date is different from the usual 2nd

Saturday of the even numbered months (because of the Practice Weekend in February). The Technique Talks will again be from "Whom Shall I Send?", and the Doctrinal Talks will continue from "The Joy of the Gospel".

From the Lay Director

One thing I have learned through the years since I lived my Cursillo is that every day I have so much to learn about our faith. I also realize, when looking at the "big picture", that I don't know as much as I wish I did. What I do know is that God is patient and He loves me ... He loves us. Several years ago an older man in a witness wondered why he had to wait so long in life before he knew God loved him so much and how just knowing that gave him a peace he had never before known. We recently talked to a young person who was seeking a closer relationship with Jesus and also had anxiety about not knowing the faith and being able to speak confidently about what the Church teaches. Wherever we are in faith and our relationship with Jesus, we must continue to journey toward Him. God loves us with a special love and He continually draws us. The destination is eternal life with God in heaven, but it is in the journey to Him where we learn, encounter, stumble, rise, struggle, find comfort, give comfort, and grow. We must strive for the ultimate prize (which is Heaven), but we have to live in the moment of the journey because that is where God has put us at that time. He wants our souls to be totally united with Him, letting go of the worldly things that prevent total attachment to Him. The letting go is the difficult part, and I have to work consciously every day at it.

In mid-October, I was able to visit my aging Mother in Wisconsin. Her health had been failing and I wanted to be sure to spend time with her. At 92, she was still blessed with a sharp mind and memory. Over the past several years, I have called her several times each week and was blessed to have that connection. During my recent visit, she went to the hospital and there she told me how much she was suffering. It was only a week later that she went into a coma. My siblings there called to tell me that it would probably not be long before she passed. All I could do was pray, and I kept thinking about the promise our Lord made to St. Faustina that if we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the dying, He would stand between the Father and the dying person as the merciful Savior rather than the just judge. All that day I prayed the Chaplet, and Mom died peacefully right at 3:30 pm (during the hour of mercy). I felt sadness, of course, but I also felt a great peace knowing that we can trust in God's great mercy. What a blessing we have in our Catholic faith! (If you haven't read the "Divine Mercy in My Soul - Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska", consider doing so.)

Please pray and offer Palanca for the upcoming Cursillo Weekends in Sutton. Prayer has infinite power ... offer a daily prayer for the work of Cursillo. Are you being called to help? Cursillo needs you to be involved. Think about what your life would be if you had not lived a Cursillo. Someone answered God's call to serve for you; is He calling you to in turn serve another? Please go to your Ultreya, someone there needs to see you, and you will find that you need them. If there is not an Ultreya near you, consider a road trip with some friends. Take note of when the School of Leaders is and try to come, you will be glad you did. Cursillo needs all of us, Cursillo needs you. May God bless you!

De Colores!! John Springer

From the Spiritual Advisor

When you receive this newsletter, we will be journeying through the late Advent Weekends as we make our final spiritual preparations for the celebration of Christ's Birth. After Advent, we will celebrate the Christmas Season (including the "twelve days of Christmas") until the celebration of the Baptism of Our Lord. Following that, we will journey through five weeks of Ordinary Time before we enter into the Holy Season of Lent on February 18. In two and a half months, we will experience four of the five liturgical seasons of the Church.

During these liturgical seasons, we are invited to spiritually journey with Jesus in one year through his thirty-three years of life on earth. Let's take a brief look at each of these liturgical seasons.

During the season of Advent, we reflect on our hopeful longing for our Lord's birth. For 4,000 years after Adam and Eve committed original sin, the human race waited in hope for the promised Messiah to come. As one speaker recently said, "Hope is more than optimism." It is a theological virtue given to us by God through which we rely on God's almighty power and infinite mercy and promises to obtain pardon of our sins, the help of God's grace, and life everlasting through the merits of Jesus Christ. That is what we pray in the Act of Hope prayer: *"O my God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen."* Another way to say that is *"I am counting on Christ!"*

During the season of Christmas, we rejoice that God is with us ... He is Emmanuel. St. John the Evangelist wrote (Jn 1:14) *"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."* One translation of this verse says that Jesus *"pitched His tent among us."* As Jesus physically took flesh from the Blessed Virgin Mary and was born a man, so during every Mass, Jesus' risen and glorified Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity is made present on the altars in our churches. He still comes to dwell among us in the sacraments of the Church. Jesus wants us to encounter Him each day and gives that opportunity in Holy Communion.

During the season of Ordinary Time, we reflect on the words and teachings and life of Jesus during His public ministry. He did not just tell us what we should do and how we should live; rather, He showed us by His example. He wants us to live our ordinary lives (right where we are ... in the environments that He has placed us) in an extraordinary way. He wants us to Christianize our environments. Jesus wants us to encounter others in our environments ... and He wants us to help them know Him as we do ... as a Friend.

The season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, is our yearly "forty day retreat" in which we reflect on how much Jesus loves us. As we reflect on His suffering and His death, we also are called to realize that He endured all of that because of our sins. He loved us while we were His enemies. He calls us to be His friends ... and to be His Friend, we need to do what we are instructed when the ashes are placed on our foreheads – *"turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."* To be friends, we must both know Jesus AND know ourselves ... Lent is a time to reflect on both of these.

After the season of Lent, we will enter into the season of Easter. Through the fifty days of the Easter season, Jesus calls us to rise with Him to a new life. He wants us to stay close to Him in the sacraments of the Church ... so close, in fact, that we can say with St. Paul (Gal. 2:20), *"I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me."* The more that Christ lives in us, the more we will be His hands, His feet, His lips in the world ... the more we will make Him present in the world as we work to Christianize our environments.

These liturgical seasons are given to us by the Church as sacramentals. Remember that sacramentals do not give grace, but rather prepare us to receive grace – sanctifying grace through the sacraments of the Church, or actual grace through the persons, places, and things that God uses as instruments or channels of His grace to us.

As we journey through Jesus' thirty-three years on earth (i.e., through the liturgical seasons), we are reminded that we too have "seasons" in our lives. In Cursillo, we begin in the Precursillo (we recognize a hunger for something ... Someone), continuing through the Three Days (wherein we encounter ourselves, Christ, and others in the cloister of the Cursillo Weekend), and find that we are pointed toward the 4th Day (the Postcursillo), where we continue to encounter ourselves, Christ, and others, but no longer in a sequestered fashion (we have been sent out!!), that we might ultimately be with our Lord for eternity (the 5th Day). We are called to Christianize our environments and to *"make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ."*

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker

Merry Christmas to All and Blessings in the New Year!

Food for Thought ~~In a recent visit to North Platte, Immaculee Ilibagiza remarked:

***"It's not a matter of having the time ...
it's a matter of having the love ..."***

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Upcoming Ultreyas

Beatrice-Hebron-Crete-Lincoln:

Location alternates (**3:00pm**; usually 4th Sunday of month)

- **December Ultreya (Dec. 28)** – John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln
- **January Ultreya (Jan 25)** – St. Joseph Parish Center, Beatrice
- **In place of the February Ultreya, plan to attend the Men's Closing (March 1)** – St. Mary Church, Sutton; **5:00pm**

Contacts: John/Kathy Springer (402) 826-2699

Southwestern Nebraska (McCook-Imperial-North Platte):

Location alternates (usually 2nd Sunday of month)

- **January Ultreya (January 11)** – **3:30pm CT** – Church Basement, McCook
- **February Ultreya (February 8)** – **2:30pm MT** – Parish Hall, Imperial
- **Men's Closing (March 1)** – St. Mary Church, Sutton; **5:00pm** (in place of March Ultreya)

Contacts: Helen Bieker (308) 345-4870, or Elaine Swanson (308) 962-7247

Doniphan-Hastings-Holdrege-Minden:

Location varies, usually **2:30pm**

- **January 18 Ultreya** – St. Ann Parish Hall Doniphan (202 N 5th Street)

Contacts: Patricia Pettz (308) 830-2493, or Mary Ann Connelly (308) 381-8926

Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lincoln at **3:30pm**

- **4th Sunday of each month**

Contacts: Diep Van Nguyen (402) 474-9588, or Canh Nguyen (402) 435-0921

Not Currently Having Ultreyas

Please participate in a neighboring Ultreya

- **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**
- **Weston-David City-Shelby-Wahoo**

For more information, contact John Springer (402) 826-2699, Lay Director

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School of Leaders

*January 10, 2015
202 N 5th Street (5th and Cedar Streets)
St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE*

***EVERY Cursillista is invited and welcome ...
The Cursillo Movement needs your
participation ... will you help?***

School of Leaders Agenda:

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

Topics of Talks

- The Technique Talks will come from the book **Whom Shall I Send? (Discerning the Will of God)** by Fr. Frank Salmani (the books will be available for purchase at SOL for \$8.00). Each chapter presents a stand-alone discussion of a particular topic related to discernment ... in other words, the chapters don't build on one another and your inability to come to an earlier SOL shouldn't keep you away. The following is an excerpt from the Prologue of the book: *"Any community of people will need a retreat for themselves at one time or another. That is the purpose of this book. In this book are the fruits of our discernment process [used by the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Providence, RI]. This book addresses two basic questions: First, What does God want from me right now? And second, Is God calling me to be a Cursillo leader or some other work? Every Christian needs to know what God's will is for him or her. This book is a process to help discern the Lord's call. The book does not attempt to tell anyone where they should be or what they should be doing. That is up to the individual. What the book does tell us is what God expects of anyone who commits themselves to Him in any way. The specific nature of the call is up to each individual to discern."*
- The Doctrinal Talks will be from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation **"Evangelii Gaudium"** (**"The Joy of the Gospel ... On the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World"**).

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

- ◆ **Leaders' Manual**, if you have one (available for purchase at SOL)
- ◆ A sack lunch
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help fund the work of Cursillo.*

What is Cursillo?

CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY

In today's world, can Christianity penetrate the many areas of secular life? Can it live there? Can it grow there? Can it transform the world in a way that is more fruitful than the past and in keeping with the times? The Cursillo Movement thinks so. It proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which a person's spirituality may be developed, lived and shared in any area of human life where there are Christians willing to dedicate their lives to God in an ongoing manner.

Cursillo teaches that the Gospel should be proclaimed in very natural ways; i.e., we should be Christ-like as we go about our daily activities, right where God put us. Unfortunately, while most people would like to live their lives in a Christ-like manner, the pressures of the world often make this difficult. Cursillo provides a method (with tools) to meet the challenges and respond to the opportunities presented each day. The method is introduced by a little course.

FORMAT OF THE EXERCISES

Cursillo (pronounced **kur-see-yo**) is a Spanish word meaning "little, or short, course." It begins on a Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday evening. During the three days, those attending live and work together listening to talks given by priests and laypersons. They also share the Eucharist and pray together.

Titles of the talks indicate their content: Ideal, Habitual Grace, the Layperson in the Church, Actual Grace, Piety, Study, Sacraments, Action, Obstacles to a Life of Grace, Leaders, Study of the Environment, Life in Grace, Christianity in Action, the Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo, and Total Security. Each talk is followed by a discussion period.

THE FOURTH DAY

Cursillo recognizes the importance of persevering beyond the Weekend itself, so its design includes a method for increasing and continuing the conversion process beyond the Three Days by providing a means for living the "fourth day" (each day after the Three Day Weekend is referred to as the "fourth day"). In the Cursillo Movement, the community spirit is continued in the fourth day through a monthly gathering or reunion called "Ultreya", during which we encourage one another to continue to grow in Faith, Hope, and Love (Ultreya means "onward"; we encourage one another onward ... to continue/persevere). In addition, reunions of smaller groups of friends (Group Reunion) are available weekly for fostering spiritual growth in the individual members, helping each to better take Christ out into the world.

CHRISTIANIZING ENVIRONMENTS

The Cursillo Movement can have very positive results in the spiritual revitalization of the world ... the "New Evangelization." The Christ-likeness in a few good people is contagious. The transference of Christ's values to others in one's family, school, place of business, etc., is the Christianizing of environments the Cursillo promotes.

The goal of the Cursillo Movement is that Christ be the prime influence in society. Its primary objectives are to develop in Christians a consciousness of their power and mission to become leaders in the work of Christian renewal, and to sustain them as they provide a Christian leaven in civic, social and economic life. This "Christianizing of environments" is what the Cursillo Movement is all about.

CURSILLO

Cursillistas (persons who have lived a Three Day Cursillo Weekend) believe that Christianity CAN penetrate the many areas of secular life. Cursillo is not a new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which our spirituality is developed and lived – right where we are!!

A Cursillo Weekend's aim is to concentrate closely on the Person and teachings of Jesus Christ. Truly, a Cursillo is an encounter with Christ ... a real meeting with Christ. Cursillo gives those who participate a living understanding of basic Catholic truths and the desire to serve the Church. What's more, it provides a means to continue the Christian formation that begins on the Weekend.

Interested? You are invited ... Come and see!!

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Additional Information for Candidates re: the Cursillo Weekend (Feb-Mar 2015)

The Coordinators for the upcoming Cursillo Weekends are Greg Vandenberg (308-530-7587) for the Men's Weekend (February 26 – March 1, 2015) and Kathy Springer (402-826-2699) for the Women's Weekend (March 12-15, 2015). Cursillo Weekends are held in various locations around the Diocese. This one is being held at St. Mary Parish, Sutton, PO Box 406 (312 S. Saunders Avenue); Sutton NE 68979-0406 (a phone number in case of emergencies during the Weekend is 402-469-2893).

The purpose of this note is to pass along some helpful information, based on questions we're commonly asked. If other questions arise, please do not hesitate to call Greg or Kathy (see contact information below).

- ✚ The weekend will start at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Thursday ... it is best to plan to arrive between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. The Weekend concludes about 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. on Sunday.
- ✚ Someone will be there to meet you, greet you, and help you with your things.
- ✚ Please let us know if you have any special dietary (or other) needs.
- ✚ All meals, snacks, and drinks (tea, soda, water, coffee, etc.) are provided.
- ✚ You will need to bring a pillow and sleeping bag (or sheets and a blanket). We have foam mats and mattresses to put underneath your sleeping bag (these are surprisingly comfortable), and we do have a few cots and rollaway beds available.
- ✚ You may want to bring ear plugs if "background" noise bothers you at night.
- ✚ Bring comfortable clothing and any personal items you need (towels/washcloth, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, a couple of hangers for towels and clothes, flashlight, prescription medications, etc.).
- ✚ Dress is very casual, as most wear jeans and shirts/sweaters/sweatshirts, although we usually dress up a little nicer for the Lord's Day.
- ✚ Don't worry if you forget something, as we can get whatever you need.
- ✚ **Cursillo has portable** (meaning we bring them with us and take them when we leave) **showers that will be available throughout the weekend.**
- ✚ There is usually time for sharing jokes, so please bring a number of your favorite clean jokes with you to share.
- ✚ You may want to bring a Rosary (if you have one) and a Bible.
- ✚ Was it mentioned that we have food?!?!?!?
- ✚ The Lincoln Diocese Cursillo Website is: <http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>

We look forward to spending the Cursillo Weekend with you in the company of our Lord.

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Cursillo Registration Form

Diocese of Lincoln, NE

(Give completed Registration Form to your Sponsor or to your Pastor.)

Name:	Parish (include town)	
Street Address:		
City, State, Zip:	Birth Date	Gender: M F
Email Address:	<u>Current Marital Status</u> (circle one): Married Widowed Divorced Separated	
Home Phone:	Single Religious Priest	
Work Phone:	Spouse's Name:	
Cell Phone:	Is spouse Catholic? Yes No	
Occupation:	If not Catholic, what Religion?	
	Spouse's Occupation:	

Why do you wish to make Cursillo Weekend?

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

Has your spouse made a Cursillo? Yes No <i>(answer follow-up question to the right)</i>	If Yes, where and when? If No, has there been a meeting to explain Cursillo to both spouses? Yes No <i>(this is required regardless of which spouse goes first)</i>
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Activities you are currently involved in (Church, Civic, Professional, Hobbies, etc.):

FYI -- Sleeping arrangements are generally foam mats / mattresses on the floor ... cots may be available.

Do you have any conditions that would require special attention (health, diet, disabilities, allergies, problems with stairs, etc.)? No Yes / explain:

Emergency Contact

Name: Phone:

Do you have questions about the Weekend that your sponsor has not been able to answer? If so, what are they?

Has the recommended follow-up program of Group Reunion and Ultreya been explained to you? Y N

Your Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Sponsor's Address _____

You must have a sponsor in order to register for the Weekend; if you have questions about a sponsor, please contact the Lay Director* or ask your Pastor.

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date _____

(Sponsor: Remember to attach a Sponsor Sheet.)

A \$20.00 non-refundable registration fee should be submitted with the registration. During the Weekend, you will be invited to make a donation to help cover the expenses associated with the Weekend. Those who cannot afford the requested registration fee and/or donation should attend and contribute what they can. Checks should be made payable to "Cursillo of Lincoln" and mailed to the **Lay Director**:

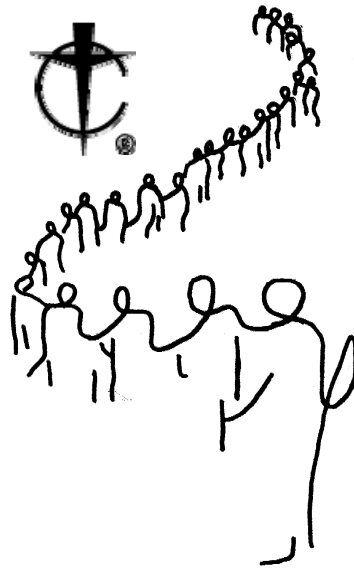
➤ Send to: John Springer, 1410 E 15th St, Crete, NE 68333; 402-826-2699

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The Cursillo

*A Method to
Find,
Form,
Sustain
and
Link
Lay Leadership for Christ
and His Church.*

*One Means of Supporting
Christian Community.*



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Bishop James Conley (Bishop of Lincoln)

February 8, 2014

“The Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Lincoln has my blessing and full support. For many, making a Cursillo retreat can be a trigger moment for a deeper conversion of life and a greater commitment to discipleship in the Lord. The Church is gifted with disciples from the Cursillo Movement who are true evangelists. As Pope Francis stated in *Evangelii Gaudium*, “Jesus wants evangelizers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God’s presence” (EG 259). Cursillo retreats provide the opportunity for

a heart to heart encounter with Christ, whose abundant love and mercy is transformative. Once transformed by a deep encounter with Christ, those involved in the Cursillo movement persevere in this grace through a life of prayer, regular participation in the Sacraments, and fidelity to the “fourth day.” The ready support of fellow Cursillo members and attendance at community reunions are a tremendous help as well. May God grant the Diocese of Lincoln many fruitful Cursillos and a great harvest of souls who have their hearts set on our Lord Jesus!”

Bishop Fabian Bruskwitz (Bishop Emeritus of Lincoln)

April 8, 2003 Pastoral Bulletin to Diocesan Priests

“Cursillo began in Spain in the 1940’s, and has since spread throughout the world (it was also the catalyst for such movements as Marriage Encounter, Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), Christians Encounter Christ, Residents Encounter Christ, and KAIROS, each of which addressed the needs of a specific group.) Through regular reflection on personal growth in the areas of holiness, formation, and evangelization, the Cursillo Movement offers Catholics an authentic means of helping the Church fulfill her mission of bringing the Gospel to the world.

“The Cursillo Movement first came to the Lincoln Diocese in 1965, and has since continued in its efforts to bear fruit in the spiritual lives of those involved, as well as in the environments these persons were sent by God to Christianize (family,

neighborhood, parish, work). Cursillo is a solidly authentic method of deepening a relationship with Christ, a means of putting on the mind of Christ. It is one way to assist Catholics to teach others to do the same.

“The Cursillo Movement is strongly recommended for its authenticity in promoting holiness, formation and evangelization in the spiritual lives of those who faithfully participate and persevere in living the Cursillo Method, especially to the leaders in every environment within the Diocese. The Lincoln Diocese Cursillo Movement enjoys the full endorsement and support of the Bishop and of Pope John Paul II who publicly thanked the Lord for all He has done and never ceases to do in the Church through Cursillo.”

Pope Francis (formerly Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio)

June 13, 2011 Letter to the Cursillistas of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires

My dear Cursillistas:

“The good seed are the children of the kingdom.” (Mt. 13:38)

“As we approach the celebration of the feast of Saint Paul, your patron and model of how to live “de colores”, we give thanks to God for all the fruits that the Cursillos in Christianity Movement has generously given the Church.

“Your service of proclaiming Christ by being his witnesses in your everyday environments, is an embodiment, a concrete renewal of the Baptism that we have received in Him and makes you disciples and missionaries of the Word, as this was expressed in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: “Through their baptism and confirmation all are commissioned to the apostolate by the Lord Himself” (Lumen Gentium no. 33).

“I write to you conscious of the challenge that today’s society presents to the enculturation of the Gospel; but I trust that your audacity and apostolic fervor - born of a personal encounter with self and with Christ - will lead you to make history for the good of all. So that, many brothers and sisters, marginalized or not, who live on the fringe may feel embraced by the love of Jesus.

“To be a pilgrim in our City means not becoming comfortable, but to be open to life and to pay attention to what is happening in our heart - like a good Samaritan confronted with the difficult circumstances of so many brothers and sisters.

“It is necessary that the Cursillos in Christianity Movement, through the participation of everyone, continue its journey of pastoral conversion as proposed at Aparecida (Cf. 5th General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, “Disciples and Missionaries of Jesus Christ”)

“As Cursillistas living through difficult times you need to ask God for the Grace to have many candidates, to have an ongoing precursillo, so as not to fall into the hopelessness that paralyzes and causes anguish. The gift of the Kerigma that you received in your Cursillo sends you on mission as proposed by the tripod of piety, study and action.

“As an Archdiocesan Church, we need the unity of all in Christ, so that He, and only He may reign in our hearts and we may thus be able to recognize him like the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

“In thanking you for your journey as a Cursillista, I ask you not to stop renewing your apostolic zeal and dedication and that of your brothers and sisters in your Group Reunion before Jesus in the Eucharist.

“Today more than ever we need that your nearness in the environments be a source of light and joy for so many brothers and sisters who do not yet know that God is a Father who loves them tenderly.

“Today more than ever we need your presence so that many families may encounter the transcendent love of Christ - a new and greater dimension of human love.

“Today more than ever we need you and your witness at the Ultreyas, so as to go “onward”, to go beyond, in the proclamation and experience of the Kerigma.

“I ask that you pray for me. May Jesus bless you and Our Lady, Mother of Divine Grace, keep you.”

Affectionately, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio SJ,
Archbishop of Buenos Aires

Blessed Pope John Paul II

July 29, 2000 Jubilee Address to Cursillistas, Rome

“Your presence here, so varied and festive, shows that the tiny seed planted in Spain more than 50 years ago has become a great tree laden with fruits of the Spirit. Indeed, it continues to be a successful response to the question asked by my venerable Predecessor Pope Paul VI at the first world Ultreya in Rome: ‘Can the Gospel still win over the mature person ... in urban and rural cultures?’ You transform the world by becoming new men and women. I am therefore delighted to join in your thanksgiving to the Lord for all He has done and never ceases to do in the Church through the Cursillos de Cristiandad. The theme of this world Ultreya – *Evangelizing the Milieus of the Third Millennium: A ‘Challenge’ for the Cursillos de Cristiandad* – demonstrates your efforts to repropose the experience of Christ to the men and women of the 21st century with new means and enthusiasm. This has become ever more urgent, since whole countries and nations, where religion and the Christian life were formerly flourishing and capable of fostering a viable and working community of faith, are now put to a hard test ... as a result of the constant spread of indifference to religion, of secularism and atheism.”

“In view of this situation which challenges believers to remake the Christian fabric of the ecclesial community, the Cursillo method aims at helping to transform in a Christian way the milieus where people live and work through the involvement of ‘new men and women’ who have become such from their encounter with Christ. This is the goal of the three-day ‘little course’ on Christianity, in which a team of priests and lay people, supported by the prayer and sacrifices of the movement’s other members, communicate the fundamental truths of the Christian faith in an especially ‘living’ way. When presented in this way, the message of Christ almost always opens participants in a Cursillo to the gift of conversion and to a deeper awareness of the Baptism they have received and of their own mission in the Church. They feel called to be the prophetic ‘leaven’ which

is kneaded into the dough so that the whole mass will rise to be the ‘salt of the earth’ and the ‘light of the world’ to proclaim to everyone they meet that only in Jesus Christ is there salvation and that it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear.”

“... This is your apostolate, carried out in constant harmony with the Church, to show the ‘strength of communion’ which is at once the style and the very essence of the People of God. As you face the various forms of individualism which fragment and divide your evangelizing ability and resources, join your missionary forces with those of the various ecclesiastical groups raised up by the Spirit in the Church of our time. Endeavor to restore the beauty of the first Christian communities, which prompted pagans to say with admiration: ‘See how they love one another!’ And always be docile to the directives of the Magisterium. No charism, in fact, dispenses you from referring and submitting to the Pastors of the Church, whose discernment is a guarantee of fidelity for the charism, itself. May the Jubilee celebration instill in all of you a renewed fidelity to your original inspiration and a firmer ecclesial communion. Many people are looking to you for the light of faith.”

“... During the days of a Cursillo, the words of [a] popular Spanish song help the participants to reflect on the multifaceted beauty of creation. In encountering Christ, you have learned to look with new eyes at others and at nature, at everyday events and at life in general. You have experienced that true happiness is found in following the Lord. This personal and community experience must be passed on to others. Many men and women of our time, who unfortunately turn away from God, expect from you the light of faith that will help them rediscover the colors of life and the happiness of feeling loved by God.”

Pope John Paul II
July 29, 2000 Jubilee Address to Cursillistas, Rome

Pope Paul VI

• *May 28, 1966 Address to First World Ultreya, Rome*

“Cursillos de Cristiandad, that is the word, purified through experience, affirmed by its fruits, that today travels with citizenship papers throughout the world ...”

“Whether some methods become obsolete, whether new manifestations of the Spirit arise, the permanent task of the layman will continue to be the infusion of Christianity into life through the encounter and personal friendship with God and in communion with his brothers. The layman, upon forming himself in Christianity, reforms his mentality and conforms his life to Christ’s image by means of faith, hope and charity; acting with complete responsibility, he transforms the temporal structures in which he is immersed; guided in his action by the glance of Christ, he continually tries to remake the world according to God’s plan and design ...”

“We know that in your plan of spirituality and apostolate in the Cursillo Movement the ‘Sensus Ecclesiae’ (mind of the Church) is the guiding light that orients you ...”

“Beloved sons and daughters: Our soul is so oppressed by the vision of the evils which afflict the Church and mankind. But permit us to express our overwhelming joy that at this moment floods our soul before the immense

chorus of your manly faith in Christ, your fidelity to the Church, your fervent loyalty to this Chair of Peter and to the ministry of the episcopal hierarchy.”

“Cursillos de Cristiandad! Christ, the Church, the Pope, are counting on you!”

• *Dec. 8, 1975 Apostolic Exhortation on Evangelization in the Modern World*

“TAKE A CHRISTIAN or a handful of Christians who, in the midst of their own community, show their capacity for understanding and acceptance, their sharing of life and destiny with other people, their solidarity with efforts of all for whatever is noble and good. Let us suppose that, in addition, they radiate in an altogether simple and unaffected way their faith in values that go beyond current values, and their hope in something that is not seen and that one would not dare to imagine. Through this wordless witness these Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live: Why are they like this? Why do they live in this way? What or who is it that inspires them? Why are they in our midst? Such a witness is already a silent proclamation of the Good News and a very powerful and effective one.”

For More Information, Contact:

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January 2015 Palanca Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; For increased faith; To Jesus through Mary <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	2 For all 3-Day Weekends; For holy friendships	3 For the OMCC and NACG; Reverence for the Name of Jesus at all times
4 That all persons will seek Him; That Catholic Education might bear fruit; For faithfulness to one's state in life (bloom where you are planted) <i>Schoenstatt Epiphany Open House - Crete, NE</i>	5 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; That Catholic Education might bear fruit <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	6 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; St. Joseph, guide us <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	7 For all cursillistas; For All Priests; For all those studying Canon Law <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	8 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; For those who are lonely <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	9 For all 3-Day Weekends; For those away from the Church <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i>	10 For the OMCC and NACG; Lincoln Diocese SOL; For ongoing conversion; For those in RCIA programs <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i>
11 To accept/bear our cross with love <i>Southwestern NE Ultreya (North Platte); Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i>	12 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For increased efforts at personal contact; For holiness in families <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	13 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; Respect for life and an end to abortion <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	14 For all cursillistas; For All Priests; For an increase in vocations <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	15 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; Formation of seminarians <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	16 For all 3-Day Weekends; For those away from the Church <i>LDCCW Winter Symposium [Fr. Tom Lux & Fr. Tom McGuire (Women)] - Waverly</i>	17 For the OMCC and NACG; To seek Jesus in solitude (spend time in the classroom of silence) <i>LDCCW Winter Symposium [Fr. Tom Lux & Fr. Tom McGuire (Women)] - Waverly</i>
18 For our Holy Father; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>Hastings/Holdrege/Minden Ultreya Center</i>	19 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For those who are hospitalized; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	20 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; For Bishop Emeritus Bruskewitz on his feast day <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas; National March for Life Trip</i>	21 For all cursillistas; For All Priests; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; For purity in young people <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis; National March for Life Trip</i>	22 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; Respect for all persons; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; For those studying for the diaconate; That Roe v. Wade may be overturned (an end to abortion) <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley; National March for Life Trip</i>	23 For all 3-Day Weekends; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly; National March for Life Trip</i>	24 For the OMCC and NACG; That we might live a devout life; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly; National March for Life Trip</i>
25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; For ongoing conversion; For Catholic Schools <i>Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/ Lincoln Ultreya Center; Vietnamese Ultreya (IHM, Lincoln); Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly; National March for Life Trip</i>	26 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; That we might be good apostles; For Catholic Schools <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	27 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For the Poor Souls in Purgatory; For those who follow the Ursuline way of life; For Catholic Schools <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	28 For all cursillistas; For All Priests; For theologians; For Catholic Schools <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	29 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; For the conversion of sinners; For our service men and women; For Catholic Schools <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	30 For all 3-Day Weekends; For the souls in Purgatory; For Catholic Schools <i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. William Holoubek) - Waverly</i>	31 For the OMCC and NACG; For vocations; For Catholic Schools; For young people; To meet Christ in Scripture; that the Nebraska Walk for Life might bear fruit <i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. William Holoubek) - Waverly</i>
			SOL=School of Leaders	NACG = North American Caribbean Group	OMCC = World Organization of Cursillo Movement	

February 2015 Palanca Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 For the souls in Purgatory</p> <p><i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. William Holoubek) - Waverly</i></p>	<p>2 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For ongoing conversion; For docility to the Holy Spirit</p> <p><i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i></p>	<p>3 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For all bishops; For those with chronic illnesses</p> <p><i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i></p>	<p>4 For all cursillistas; For All Priests; For Souls in Purgatory</p> <p><i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>5 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; St. Paul/Minn, MN - Men (in Burnsville); For purity in young people</p> <p><i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i></p>	<p>6 For all 3-Day Weekends; St. Paul/Minn, MN - Men (in Burnsville); For missionaries, especially those who are persecuted</p> <p><i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i></p>	<p>7 For the OMCC and NACG; St. Paul/Minn, MN - Men (in Burnsville); For those who work in the Catholic media</p> <p><i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i></p>
<p>8 St. Paul/Minn, MN - Men (in Burnsville); For Christians persecuted for their faith, especially in Sudan</p> <p><i>Southwestern NE Ultreya (North Platte); Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i></p>	<p>9 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For the homeless; For those who are lonely</p> <p><i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i></p>	<p>10 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For the Poor Souls in Purgatory; For those who encourage us in our spiritual journey</p> <p><i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i></p>	<p>11 For all cursillistas; For All Priests; World day of the Sick</p> <p><i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>12 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; For those away from the Church</p> <p><i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i></p>	<p>13 For all 3-Day Weekends; For increased devotion to the Eucharist</p> <p><i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Steve Thomlison) - Waverly</i></p>	<p>14 For the OMCC and NACG; For those called to the Sacrament of Marriage; For missionaries</p> <p><i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Steve Thomlison) - Waverly; TEC #89 (Wahoo)</i></p>
<p>15 To accept and bear our crosses with love</p> <p><i>Hastings/Holdrege/Minden Ultreya Center; Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Steve Thomlison) - Waverly; TEC #89 (Wahoo)</i></p>	<p>16 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For those serving in the armed forces</p> <p><i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions; TEC #89 (Wahoo)</i></p>	<p>17 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For those who follow the Servite way of life</p> <p><i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i></p>	<p>18 For all cursillistas; For All Priests; For a holy Lent</p> <p><i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>19 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; Respect for all persons; Formation of seminarians</p> <p><i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i></p>	<p>20 For all 3-Day Weekends; For vocations; For our President and other civil leaders</p> <p><i>Lincoln Diocese Practice Weekend; Retrouvaille (at Schuyler); Marian Sisters Discernment Retreat; Regnum Christi Convention</i></p>	<p>21 For the OMCC and NACG; For the Poor Souls in Purgatory; For vocations; For bishops</p> <p><i>Lincoln Diocese Practice Weekend; Retrouvaille (at Schuyler); Marian Sisters Discernment Retreat; Regnum Christi Convention</i></p>
<p>22 For faithfulness to the Chair of St. Peter; That we might proclaim the Gospel with our lives</p> <p><i>Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/ Lincoln Ultreya Center; Vietnamese Ultreya (IHM, Lincoln); Retrouvaille (at Schuyler); Marian Sisters Discernment Retreat; Regnum Christi Convention (Waverly)</i></p>	<p>23 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For courage in persecution</p> <p><i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i></p>	<p>24 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; To be confident in prayer</p> <p><i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i></p>	<p>25 For all cursillistas; For All Priests; For respect for life an end to abortion</p> <p><i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>26 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; Lincoln, NE - Men (in Sutton); That we might deepen our prayer life</p> <p><i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i></p>	<p>27 For all 3-Day Weekends; Lincoln, NE - Men (in Sutton); For strength of conviction</p> <p><i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Mark Cyza) - Waverly</i></p>	<p>28 For the OMCC and NACG; Lincoln, NE - Men (in Sutton); For vocations; For the needs of the poor</p> <p><i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Mark Cyza) - Waverly</i></p>
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