

Cursillo News for Jan. – Feb. 2016

Calendar of Events

January 9, 2016	Secretariat Meeting , St. Joseph Church Basement, York – 9:30am (9am Mass).
February 13, 2016	No SOL due to Winter Three Day Weekend activities.
February 19-20, 2016	Practice Weekend (Men) , St. Mary Parish, Sutton.
February 25-28, 2016	Men’s Three Day Weekend , St. Mary Parish, Sutton.
February 28, 2016	Men’s Closing , 5:00pm at St. Mary Parish, Sutton (please come to the Closing to welcome the new Cursillistas).
March 18, 2016	Secretariat Meeting , 5:00pm (to be held prior to the beginning of the Women’s Practice Weekend; Location to be decided)
March 18-19, 2016	Practice Weekend (Women) , Location to be decided.
March 31-April 3, 2016	Women’s Three Day Weekend , St. Mary Parish, Sutton.
April 3, 2016	Women’s Closing , 5:00pm at St. Mary Parish, Sutton (please come to the Closing to welcome the new Cursillistas).
April 9, 2016	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Parish, Doniphan.
April 22-24, 2016	Spring 2016 Region VI Encounter – Wichita, KS Diocese to host.
May 14, 2016	(tentative) Secretariat Meeting , St. Joseph Church Basement, York – 9:30am (9am Mass).
June 11, 2016	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Parish, Doniphan.
June 26, 2016	Grand Ultreya , details to be announced
August 4-7, 2016	National Encounter , Lewis University, Romeoville, IL (near Chicago).

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Two Reminders from the National Cursillo Center (NCC)

1. Opening of the Cause for Eduardo Bonnin’s Beatification and Canonization

On February 5, 2015, the first step in the process of Beatification and Canonization of Eduardo Bonnin Aguiló was announced by Don Pep Adrover Vallbona, Chancellor of the Diocese of Mallorca. He read the written petition as a first step towards the cause of Beatification of Eduardo Bonnin Aguiló. The announcement took place at the Church of the Capuchins in Palma de Mallorca, one day before the 7th anniversary of the death of Eduardo Bonnin. The National Secretariat invites everyone to join them in praying the Rosary, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, attending Holy Mass, offering Holy Communion, etc. for the Beatification of Eduardo Bonnin, Founder of Cursillos in Christianity.

On February 16, the newspaper “El Mundo” of Mallorca published an interview with Loren Marián, President of the Diocesan Secretariat of Mallorca. Some parts of that interview are shared here:

- Following the request from the three National Secretariats, Italy, Portugal, and El Salvador, and with the approval of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Mallorca, the Diocesan Secretariat began the process of Beatification for Eduardo Bonnin, who founded the movement 70 years ago. He was always concerned that people know God.
- Cursillo Weekends are Three Days of living and sharing, during which one learns that the Gospel is attractive. The movement brings together a diverse profile of people, ranging in age from 17 to 80 years or older, and from all walks of life, ranging from business managers to blue collar workers to stay-at-home parents to unemployed persons. Cursillo uses the Three Days to bring the person closer to Christ through friendship, in total freedom, without anxiety and without imposing.
- Science has allowed mankind to go from the exterior of man to the surface of the moon. Cursillo is trying to achieve something that is immensely more difficult, i.e., to go from the exterior of man to his innermost being, in order to learn to understand himself and to move toward other people, so that he might become more aware of the wonder of his life. **Bonnin told his friends there were three ways of doing so: (1) accept who you are, (2) believe you can be better, and (3) make the journey in the company of friends.** He always believed that faith can be lived in a normal manner even when religion is not in fashion. He preached through personal example, and dedicated his 24-hours to whoever needed them.
- Even after the 7th anniversary of Eduardo’s death (and more than 70 years after Cursillo began), the Movement continues with its same spirit, demonstrating that it is something that enriches and is not contrary to the daily hustle of modern life.

The process of Beatification for Eduardo is only at the preliminary stages and the process can take years. Please pray.

2. \$3/Year Donation Campaign

The National Cursillo Center (NCC) is continually seeking ways to improve its effectiveness in assisting dioceses throughout the country. There are more than one million cursillistas who have lived a Cursillo Weekend in the United States, and if 10% of those cursillistas would donate \$3/year to the National Cursillo Movement, wonderful things will happen:

- The NCC will achieve financial and operational stability.
- The NCC will have the budget to revive dormant diocesan movements and to establish the Cursillo Movements in those dioceses that do not currently have movements.
- The NCC will have the budget to translate good books for each language and establish effective communication channels by means of audio and video technology.
- The National Encounter will be more affordable for every cursillista. Your donation will help to offset some expenses of the Encounter and therefore bring the cost down for participants.
- The NCC will credit back 25% of your donation toward your Lay Director's ticket to the National Encounter. For example, if 400 cursillistas in your Diocese donate \$3/year, the Center will issue a national encounter voucher of \$300 to your Lay Director.
- Similarly, the NCC will credit 3% of your donation toward your Regional Coordinator's ticket to the National Encounter.
- Indeed, your \$3/year donation will send cursillistas from all over the U.S. to the National Encounter so that they can synchronize with the National Secretariat in terms of the Cursillo charism, literature and materials, methodology, policy and future strategic planning for the National Cursillo Movement.
- We're ONE and inseparable in the Mystical Body of Christ. A \$3/year or \$15 donation for the next 5 years will move the Cursillo Movement forward to the next level. It's indeed in your hands ... your prompt action is greatly appreciated! You may donate online at <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/donate>, or if you would prefer to send a check or money order, the donation form is included in this newsletter (white sheet).

1. Ultreya Center News:

*Details regarding upcoming Ultreyas are included here 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 combined (due to the Thanksgiving/Christmas holidays) **November/December** Ultreya was held on **December 6** at St. Joseph Parish Center, **Beatrice**, so there is no end-of-the month Ultreya in December.

- The **January** Ultreya is scheduled for 3:00pm on **January 24** in the **Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Hebron**.
- The **February** Ultreya will be the **Men's Closing** on **February 28** at St. Mary Parish, Sutton. 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 normal rotation is to have Ultreya in McCook the first month of each quarter, in Imperial the second month, and North Platte the third month.*
 - The **January** Ultreya will be **January 10** at 3:30pm at St. Patrick Church Basement, **McCook**.
 - The **February** Ultreya will be **February 14** at 2:30pm MT at St. Patrick Parish Hall, **Imperial**.
- The **Doniphan-Hastings-Holdrege-Minden Ultreya Center** will hold its next *quarterly* Ultreya on Sunday, **January 17**, at **St. Cecilia Centennial Hall, Hastings**, at **2:00pm**. For information about future Ultreyas, please contact Mary Ann Connelly (308) 381-8926.
- 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

The next set of Three Day Weekends are scheduled to be held at **St. John the Baptist Parish in Sutton – February 25-28, 2016, for Men and March 31-April 3, 2016, for Women**. Please try to get applications in early so that the candidate has time to prepare, as do we. Then as you continue to work with your friend/candidate, find ways to continue reminding about the upcoming opportunity to grow in faith. Be excited and joy-filled and enthusiastic ... if you aren't, why should they be?

As we go about the day-to-day work of the Precursillo, we are always aware that a big part of the work can be very slow and time-consuming (it can quite literally take years) ... but if you don't ever begin, quite literally, it won't come to fruition. There is a lot of work to do in the Precursillo (making a friend, being a friend, and bringing your friend to Christ), but the key is to begin the work, always in a spirit of Palanca (talking to God about your

friend before talking to your friend about God), and with a mind/heart/will set “to the highest level” to persevere in winning this person for Christ. And maybe, this person might even be interested in ratcheting up his/her faith by living a Cursillo Weekend!! Registration forms are available at the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage [<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>].

PALANCA for the Upcoming Weekends

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 for the 2016 (Men's and Women's) Three Day Weekends in Sutton

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

3. Postcursillo

◆ **Region VI Spring Encounter (April 22-24, 2016)**

The Region VI Spring Encounter will be hosted by the Diocese of Wichita, KS on April 22-24, 2016. The registration form will be included in the March-April 2016 Newsletter.

◆ **2016 National Encounter (August 4-7, 2016)**

The 2016 National Encounter will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Chicago at Lewis University, Romeoville, IL (near Chicago) on August 4-7, 2016. This was just recently announced, so specific details are not yet available. As information becomes available, we will let you know.

[Much of the following discussion comes from a June 2007 National Cursillo Center newsletter article entitled, "Postcursillo." Slight modifications are made here. The full text of the article is available at <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/resources/postcursillo.pdf>]

Everything that is done in terms of the Cursillo ... has the Postcursillo as its final objective. The Precursillo and the Cursillo are only preliminary steps toward the Postcursillo. Like everything else in life, there is a process:

- In the **Precursillo**, the person seeks Christ.
- In the **Three-Day Cursillo**, the person encounters Christ.
- In the **Postcursillo**, the person follows Christ. It is here that we daily live what is fundamental for being Christian.

The basic purpose of the Postcursillo is to renew, accelerate and continue the conversion of each individual. As a consequence, there should then be a continuous transformation of the environments for which those individuals are responsible, especially their families, neighborhoods, places of work, associations and other secular situations. Since environments can only be transformed from within, we need to orientate new cursillistas toward the environments from which they came, rather than have them find a new apostolate or environment when they leave the Weekend.

It is not the purpose of the Postcursillo to make the Cursillo Movement an organization or an association of those who have made the Cursillo Weekend. Neither is it the function of the Postcursillo to furnish workers for all sorts of church or humanitarian projects, no matter how good these may be. The primary objective of the Postcursillo is to provide the means for each person to persevere in continually striving to live a Christian life, being like the leaven in the yeast within the unique place where God planted him/her ... in each one's own environments. Another way of saying this is that the purpose of the Postcursillo is to

help cursillistas recognize their lay vocation of being Church in the world in a very natural way ... right where they are.

From the very beginning, the Cursillo Movement has provided a community for those who have lived the Cursillo. In order to grow and persevere in the Fourth Day, the tools of Group Reunion and Ultreya are provided to support and motivate cursillistas so they can better grow and share their Christian life together. Although both are community structures, one is primarily for the good of the individual (Group Reunion), and the other is primarily for the good of the community (Ultreya). Since one cannot be realized without the other, both are essential. Both are important if we want to direct our whole life in the light of the Gospel and then share that life with others. Just as “an isolated Christian is a paralyzed Christian,” so, too, if a Group Reunion is not tied to other Group Reunions (i.e., in the Ultreya), it is isolated and becomes paralyzed.

The Postcursillo, through Group Reunion and Ultreya, offers a spiritual community of persons who desire and seek to live lives of progressive conversion. Being first evangelized themselves, Christians should in turn evangelize others by the way they live their lives. This is the only plan that God has for us. It is not a matter of "doing" Christian things, or of doing an apostolate here and there when we have time, or when we do not have anything else to do. The Christian's life is an "apostolate," and thus, all his/her actions should be apostolic ... we need to BE Christian.

The Church will always be the leaven in the world; that is her mission and the reason for the sacramental presence there. We, as laity, have a share and a responsibility in that mission and presence. The Cursillo is a movement which is working toward the building up of the Church in the world, by means of the presence of evangelizing Christian laity in their own environments. The Movement is founded on a basic Christian principle that the holiness of life overflows from the holy person and the Christian community into the persons and situations it touches. The basic thrust of the Movement then is toward establishing groups of laypersons who are anxious to be holy and apostolic so that evangelization may take place.

"The person who has been evangelized goes on to evangelize others. Here lies the test of truth, the touchstone evangelization: it is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the Kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn" (On Evangelization in the Modern World #24). The Group Reunion and the Ultreya are the formation and perseverance process for the cursillistas to use as they leaven their environments. How are you living your Postcursillo? ... your Fourth Day? Are you continuing to grow as an apostle or not? As St. Junipero Serra always said – Always forward!! And as cursillistas say – Ultreya!! Onward!!

4. School of Leaders (SOL)/Fourth Day Retreat

- ◆ The **December SOL** (English and Vietnamese) was held on **December 12, 2015**, at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln**. The Technique Talk was from Chapter 10 (The Make-Up of a Leader) of Fr. Frank Salmani's book, "Whom Shall I Send?" The Doctrinal Talk was the concluding section of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel", entitled "Spirit-filled Evangelizers."
- ◆ **NO February SOL** – Due to formation activities associated with the Cursillo Weekends in Sutton, there will not be a February SOL. Please come to the Closings for the Men's and Women's Weekends in Sutton (5:00pm on Sunday, February 28, and Sunday, April 3, respectively).
- ◆ The **April SOL** (all language groups are invited) will be held on **April 9, 2016**, at **St. Ann Parish in Doniphan**. As usual, there will be a 9:00am Mass for those who would like to participate, followed by the actual SOL beginning at 9:30am. The Technique Talks will continue from Fr. Frank Salmani's book, "Whom Shall I Send?" The Doctrinal Talks will continue from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel".

From the Spiritual Advisor

On December 8, 2015, we entered into the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which was proclaimed by Pope Francis in the Bull of Indiction called *Misericordiae Vultus*. There will be various quotes (italicized) from that document in this article.

Pope Francis desires this Year of Mercy to be "... a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective." He calls us to "... live this Jubilee Year in the light of the Lord's words: *Merciful like the Father.*"

This phrase, "*Merciful like the Father,*" is the motto for the Jubilee of Mercy. As adopted sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, we have experienced His mercy. The Father showed His love for us in sending us His Son. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us that "*while we were still sinners Christ died for us.*" (Rom 5:8). Our adoption comes through our Baptism into Christ's death and a rising to a new life. Having experienced the mercy of God, we are to be merciful ourselves.

Pope Francis also points out that "*Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy.*" It is Jesus who makes God the Father visible and present. Jesus, then, began the Church so that the Church could make Him present in the world. As followers of Jesus Christ, and as members of the Church, we are to experience His mercy in our lives and then show mercy to others. Pope Francis wants the members of the Church to "... *echo the Word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love.*"

On December 8th, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's in Rome, indicating that it would be *a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope*. Each Diocese was also asked to designate special Holy Doors during the Year of Mercy. On December 13th, Bishop Conley celebrated a Mass at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, for the opening of the Holy Door in the Lincoln Diocese for the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis intended that the Holy Door in each diocese would make it possible for most of the faithful to receive the Jubilee Indulgence *as a genuine experience of God's mercy*. Pilgrims passing through the doors can gain a plenary indulgence for themselves or for poor souls in Purgatory, assuming they meet the other requirements for the indulgence. In Lincoln, a large banner hangs over the designated doors, and there are pamphlets and a sign explaining the pilgrimage and the indulgence.

As noted, the practice of making a pilgrimage is connected with the Holy Doors. Pope Francis reminds us that *"the practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life."* It might be helpful to reflect on our lives being a pilgrimage. During our Three Day Weekend, we were given **"Pilgrim's Guides"** to assist us on our pilgrimage. We were told this pilgrimage was *"to journey through Christ ... to the Father ... under the guidance of the Holy Spirit ... with the help of Mary and all of the saints ... as you bring your brothers and sisters along with you."* I encourage you to continue to use your **Pilgrim's Guides** to assist you in your spiritual lives, in your Fourth Day, and on your pilgrimage through life.

During that pilgrimage, we can also experience the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If it has been awhile, make a plan to go to Confession, and do it. Encourage others to receive His mercy, too. In addition to Reconciliation, you can also make the Year of Mercy practical by choosing one or more spiritual or corporal works of mercy and do what it requires ... feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick or prisoners, comfort the afflicted, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses willingly ... or any of the others. Pick one and show others God's mercy through you.

Because every encounter with Christ is an encounter with Love and Mercy Himself, you might even consider inviting a friend to encounter Christ on a "Three Day Weekend." Then journey with that friend (before, during, and after the Weekend) ... be companions on the journey of each Fourth Day ... be God's messengers of mercy and love.

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker

Merry Christmas and many,

From the Lay Director

Another year has gone by, and Christmas is here, and 2016 will be, too. I often reflect on what Jesus was doing 2000 years ago. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, being faithful Jews, may have been celebrating Hanukkah, an eight day celebration commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem (from the Maccabean rebellion around 165 BC). They hopefully were living a peaceful life in Nazareth, going about their daily routine and duties. Joseph would have been teaching Jesus the carpenter's trade. And perhaps, Jesus may have tried his hand at making little gifts for the children out of the small scraps of leftover wood and materials. Joseph had to be a good man – after all, God would not have entrusted the rearing of the child Jesus to anyone but a man with exceptional character and holiness ... and Joseph would have passed this goodness on to Jesus. I think we can learn a lot about charity and love just by pondering that small home from so long ago.

It's December, and peoples' thoughts are in large part Christmas-related ... thinking about what gift might make a friend or loved one happy. But when I think of some of the very best gifts I've received, they don't really have to do with Christmas. I am constantly reminded of the many gifts I have received through Cursillo – friends I can share so deeply with; praying for someone and knowing they are praying for me; the spiritual bond of being together in community; and much, much more. This was so evident at the December 12, 2015 English/Vietnamese School of Leaders at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln. There may have been a language barrier for some (I know about 5 words in Vietnamese), and customs may be different, but the love we share in the one Christ and the friendship we have in community overcome any differences. God is so good to us when we reach out in His name, in His love. Cursillo is such a gift – can you share it?

May you have a blessed and joyful Christmas season. Know that someone prays for you every day. Reach out to your friends ... they would love to hear from you.

May you be blessed for your prayers and Palanca for Cursillo. Please go to your Ultreya – someone there needs to see you, and you will find that you need them, too. If there is not an Ultreya near you, consider a road trip with some friends. Make that phone call, grab someone after Mass, reach out. 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! *Merry Christmas, and De Colores!!*

John Springer

many blessings in 2016!!

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Upcoming Ultreyas

Beatrice-Hebron-Crete-Lincoln:

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

- **No December** – There was a combined Nov/Dec Ultreya on **Dec 6** at St. Joseph Parish Center, **Beatrice**
- **January Ultreya (January 24)** – Sacred Heart Parish Hall, **Hebron**
- **In place of the February 28 Ultreya, plan to attend the Men's Closing (February 28)** – 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 (Jan. 10) - 3:30pm CT** – St. Patrick Church Basement, **McCook**
- **February Ultreya (Feb. 14) - 2:30pm MT** – St. Patrick Parish Hall, **Imperial**
- **Men's Closing (February 28)** – St. Mary Church, **Sutton**; **5:00pm**

Doniphan-Hastings-Holdrege-Minden:

Location varies, **2:00pm** (note the earlier time)

- **January 17 Ultreya** – St. Cecilia Centennial Hall, **Hastings** (301 W 7th St)

For information about future Ultreyas, contact: Mary Ann Connelly (308) 381-8926

Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group:

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

- **4th Sunday of each month**
- **Please plan to attend the Men's Closing (February 28)** – St. Mary Church, **Sutton**; **5:00pm**

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**

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National WebPage: www.natl-cursillo.org

CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

January – February 2016



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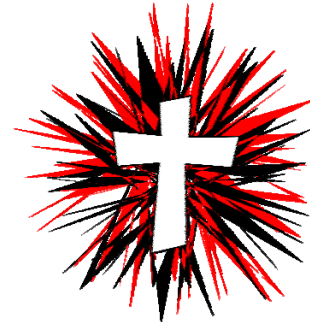
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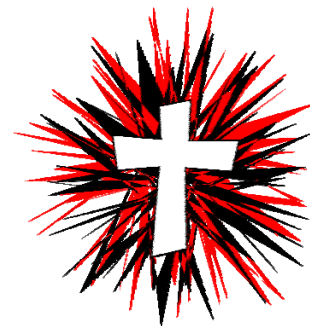
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Make a friend ...

Be a friend ...

*Bring your friend to
Christ*



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.

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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!!

More Information, Contact:

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Additional Information for Candidates re: the Cursillo Weekend (2016)

The Coordinators for the upcoming Cursillo Weekends are John Springer (402-826-2699) for the Men's Weekend (February 25–28, 2016) and Kathy Springer (402-826-2699) for the Women's Weekend (March 31 - April 3, 2016). 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 (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 John 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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January 2016 Palanca Calendar

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

February 2016 Palanca Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For the Poor Souls in Purgatory; For Catholic Schools <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	2 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; The Close of the Year for Consecrated Life; For docility to the Holy Spirit; For Catholic Schools <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	3 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; For all bishops; For those with chronic illnesses; For Catholic Schools <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	4 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; St. Paul/Minn, MN - Men (in Oakdale); For those struggling with addictions; For Catholic Schools <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	5 For all 3-Day Weekends; St. Paul/Minn, MN - Men (in Oakdale); For purity in young people; For Catholic Schools <i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Matthew Eickhoff) - Waverly</i>	6 For the OMCC and NACG; St. Paul/Minn, MN - Men (in Oakdale); For missionaries, especially those who are persecuted <i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Matthew Eickhoff) - Waverly</i>
7 St. Paul/Minn, MN - Men (in Oakdale); For those who work in the Catholic media <i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Matthew Eickhoff) - Waverly</i>	8 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For Christians persecuted for their faith, especially in Sudan <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	9 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For the homeless; For those who are lonely <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	10 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; For a holy Lent; For those who encourage us in our spiritual journey <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis; Newman Institute Lecture Series (Newman Center)</i>	11 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; World day of the Sick; Fargo, ND - Men (in Harvey) <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	12 For all 3-Day Weekends; Fargo, ND - Men (in Harvey); For those away from the Church <i>Retreat Men (Bishop James Conley / Fr. Gary Coultter) - Waverly</i>	13 For the OMCC and NACG; Fargo, ND - Men (in Harvey); For increased devotion to the Eucharist <i>Retreat Men (Bishop James Conley / Fr. Gary Coultter) - Waverly; TEC #94 (Wahoo)</i>
14 Fargo, ND - Men (in Harvey); For those called to the Sacrament of Marriage; For missionaries <i>Southwestern NE Ultreya (Imperial); Retreat Men (Bishop James Conley / Fr. Gary Coultter) - Waverly; TEC #94 (Wahoo)</i>	15 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; To accept and bear our crosses with love <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions; TEC #94 (Wahoo)</i>	16 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For those serving in the armed forces <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	17 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; For those who follow the Servite way of life <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	18 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; Fargo, ND - Women (in Harvey); Formation of seminarians <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	19 For all 3-Day Weekends; Fargo, ND - Women (in Harvey); Respect for all persons <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i>	20 For the OMCC and NACG; Fargo, ND - Women (in Harvey); For vocations; For our President and other civil leaders <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i>
21 Fargo, ND - Women (in Harvey); For the Poor Souls in Purgatory; For bishops <i>Catholic Coffee House (Bishop Conley); Hastings/Holdrege/Minden Ultreya Center; Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i>	22 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For faithfulness to the Chair of St. Peter; That we might proclaim the Gospel with our lives <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	23 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For courage in persecution <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	24 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; To be confident in prayer <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	25 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; Lincoln, NE - Men (in Sutton); For respect for life an end to abortion <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	26 For all 3-Day Weekends; Lincoln, NE - Men (in Sutton); That we might deepen our prayer life <i>Retreat Men (Fr. Mark Cyza) - Waverly</i>	27 For the OMCC and NACG; Lincoln, NE - Men (in Sutton); For strength of conviction <i>Retreat Men (Fr. Mark Cyza) - Waverly</i>
28 Lincoln, NE - Men (in Sutton); For vocations; For the needs of the poor <i>MEN'S CLOSING (Sutton); Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/ Lincoln Ultreya Center; Vietnamese Ultreya (IHM, Lincoln); Retreat Men (Fr. Mark Cyza) - Waverly</i>	29 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; That we might bring our friends to Christ <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>					
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