

# CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

January – February 2017

## Calendar of Events



December 10, 2016	SOL, - 9:30am-2:00pm (9:00am Mass), Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln.
January 14, 2017	SOL, - 9:30am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Parish, Doniphan.
March 10-11, 2017	<b>Practice Weekend</b> , St. Patrick School, McCook.
March 10 or 11, 2017	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , Either prior to or after the Practice Weekend; St. Patrick School, McCook.
March 16-19, 2017	<b>Men's Three Day Cursillo Weekend</b> – St. Patrick School, McCook. <b>Closing</b> for the Men's Weekend will be 5:00pm March 19, 2017.
March 23-26, 2017	<b>Women's Three Day Cursillo Weekend</b> – St. Patrick School, McCook. <b>Closing</b> for the Women's Weekend will be 5:00pm March 26, 2017.
April 21-23, 2017	<b>Spring 2017 Region VI Encounter</b> – Dodge City, KS to host. Details will be available in early 2017.
July 27-30, 2017	Cursillo National Encounter, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers.*



*Lift them up in prayer ...*

*Send Palanca to John Springer (Lay Dir) or St. Patrick Church (Attn: Cursillo Palanca) PO Box 1040; McCook, NE 69001*

### PALANCA for the 2017 (Men's and Women's) Three Day Weekends in McCook

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	Doniphan/Hastings/Holdrege/Minden
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	Doniphan/Hastings/Holdrege/Minden
Saturday, 7:00pm - Sunday 1:00am	Lincoln Vietnamese and English
Sunday, 1:00am - Sunday, 7:00am	Nebraska City/Plattsmouth
Sunday, 7:00am - 5:00pm	SW Nebraska (McCook/Imperial/Grant)

## Upcoming Three Day Weekends

Registration forms and information to give the candidates about the Weekend can be found on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage [<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>]. The Weekends are scheduled to be held at St. Patrick School in McCook on the following dates:

- **Men's**      **March 16-19, 2017**
- **Women's**    **March 23-26, 2017**

Please try to get applications in early so that the candidate has time to prepare, as do we. Be excited and joy-filled and enthusiastic ... if you aren't, why should they be? And remember to "speak to God about your friend before you speak to your friend about God." God relies on you to be His voice ... ask!



Fourth Day Retreat – October 15, 2016 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, North Platte)

## From the Lay Director

This is the time of year many of us look forward to – family gatherings, Advent, Christmas. It is also a good time to reflect on the past year, the gifts God has blessed us with, joys, sufferings, and trials. God showers us with so many graces, and we don't have to look far to see His presence in our lives. We also look forward to a new year and what it will bring. God is faithful, and we should place our lives in His hands and know that He will carry us. May you have a blessed Advent and Christmas season, and I pray that God blesses you in 2017.

Our annual Fourth Day Retreat was Saturday, October 15, 2016, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in North Platte. There were 19 cursillistas there, and it was so good to renew friendships and make new friends. The focus of the retreat was the Three Day Cursillo Weekend, with one rollo about each of the three days (Thursday evening and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). The message of each day was emphasized by explaining the message of the rollos that day, along with short witnesses. Each presentation was followed by a discussion. The message woven throughout the spiritual rollos and chapel meditations was also presented. All of us were able to meditate on the message of the Three Days, as it builds from beginning to end, and in a sense, we were able to re-ignite the fire of wanting to help build the Kingdom in the places God put us. We were reminded of the beauty of the message and purpose of Cursillo, and how living Cursillo in our daily lives DOES make a difference – to us and to those around us.

The 2017 Cursillo Weekends are scheduled to be held in McCook at St. Patrick School: Men's – March 16-19, 2017; Women's – March 23-26, 2017. Have you been thinking of someone to invite to a Cursillo? If so, ask now and get them ready for what (really Who) they will encounter. The best preparation is your living the 4th Day, and they will want what you have. Get the applications in early ... walk with your candidates in the Precursillo ... through the Cursillo Weekend ... and into the Postcursillo. Call or email if you have questions.

May you be blessed for your prayers and Palanca for Cursillo. Remember, Group Reunion and Ultreya provide the "Total Security" Cursillo gives us for persevering in our 4th Day. For the work of Cursillo to be accomplished in the Lincoln Diocese (and beyond) ... that would be helping others to know Christ as we do ... Cursillo needs all of us ... Cursillo needs you. Without you there is no Cursillo. Please consider becoming more active ... there are many, many ways to serve. Try to attend School of Leaders ... it's really just another Group Reunion (the December SOL is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2016, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln). Christ is counting on you!! God bless you!

*De Colores!!* **John Springer**

## **From the Spiritual Advisor**

Every so often it is helpful for each of us to do some personal reflection and ask ourselves how we are doing in our spiritual lives. Some questions that each of us might ask ourselves are: How has Cursillo helped me? In what ways is my life better since I lived my Three Day Weekend? How am I living my Fourth Day? Am I in a regular Friendship Group Reunion? Am I going to Ultreya? Are there others with whom I am friends (or would like to be friends) who I should invite to live a Three Day Weekend?

The purpose of the Three Day Weekend is to move a person from the Precursillo to the Postcursillo, and, in the process, give them the tools they need to live the Postcursillo (the Fourth Day). In order to live our Fourth Day well, we need to be using the tools of Group Reunion and Ultreya. It has been said that an isolated cursillista is a paralyzed cursillista, and similarly, an isolated Group Reunion is a paralyzed Group Reunion. In other words, if we are not meeting with others in a regular Group Reunion, and if we are not gathering in Ultreya, then we as cursillistas can become paralyzed, closed in on ourselves rather than sharing our lives with others and encouraging others, as well as being encouraged ourselves. In both (Friendship Group Reunion and Ultreya), we share our Piety, Study, and Action, and that reinforces our faith and also helps strengthen the faith of others ... it is a wonderful means of helping us and others to remain always hopeful.

Recent Popes and other spiritual leaders have been encouraging Catholics to be a part of the New Evangelization. That means that we look outside of ourselves and use the gifts and talents that God has given us to bring others closer to Christ. Though the New Evangelization has been much talked about in recent years, there are not as many Catholic men and women who are actually talking about Christ. Cursillo is a great tool to help us do just that ... being strengthened in our Group Reunions and Ultreya, we want to truly live our faith and help others to know Christ as we do ... we want to share with others that our joy and peace come from our ever-growing relationship with Christ (and His Church). It should be a natural "bubbling over" from our own lived experience and seeking to be with our Lord in eternity ... and we can begin to live our heaven right here right now (which is a relatively short period of time) in anticipation of being with Him in eternity once our earthly life has ended (and that will be forever).

If the men or women who were on the Rollo Team or on the Service Team for the Weekend that you lived had not been living their Fourth Day and had not been willing to share their time, their friendship, and their experience of Cursillo, then you would not have been able to experience your Three Day Weekend. Please pray about and consider helping with the upcoming Three Day Weekends and with the work of Cursillo in general. For example, would you be willing to help keep Ultreya active in your area (that means simply setting a time and finding a location ... then inviting, inviting, inviting)? If you don't have a Friendship Group Reunion, ask me or any other cursillista to help you find one. Be a part of Ultreya ... it's amazing to see cursillistas you don't see on a regular basis, re-kindling friendships and being interested in one another's lives. And as has been mentioned before, School of Leaders (SOL) is yet another form of reunion ... it's reunion with the purpose of helping Cursillo to be an effective tool of the New Evangelization. What a gift that God lets us be part of His great work!! So, how ARE you doing in your spiritual life? Cursillo can help ...

***De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker***

### **Palanca Calendar**

The Palanca calendar is available for download from the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage:  
<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>



## Upcoming Ultreyas

### Beatrice-Hebron-Crete-Lincoln:

Location alternates (3:00pm; usually 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month)

- Combined November/December Ultreya (Dec. 4) – St. Joseph Parish Hall, Beatrice
- January Ultreya (Jan. 22) – Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Hebron
- February Ultreya (Feb. 26) – Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Crete
- March Ultreya (March 26) – Come to the Women's Closing at St. Patrick School in McCook

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

### Southwestern Nebraska (McCook-Imperial-North Platte):

Location alternates (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month)

- December Ultreya (Dec. 11) - 3:30pm – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, North Platte
- January Ultreya (Jan. 8) - 3:30pm – St. Patrick Church Basement, McCook
- February Ultreya (Feb. 12) - 2:30pm MT – St. Patrick Parish Hall, Imperial
- Instead of March Ultreya - Come to the Men's / Women's Closings at St. Patrick School in McCook (Mar. 19 / 26)

Contacts: Helen Bieker (308) 340-0268

### Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lincoln

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after 9:00am Mass (about 10:15am)

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

### Not Currently Having Ultreyas [*Please participate in a neighboring Ultreya*]

- Doniphan-Hastings-Holdrege-Minden
- Plattsmouth-Nebraska City
- Weston-David City-Shelby-Wahoo

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

### Secretariat Mail

Lay Director – John Springer; 1410 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St.; Crete, NE 68333 (jejspringer@windstream.net)  
*Newsletter is currently published quarterly (trial basis): Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct*

**Lincoln Diocese Cursillo WebPage: [www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html](http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html)**

**Region VI WebPage: [www.natl-cursillo.org/region6](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/region6)**

**National WebPage: [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org)**

### Secretariat Members

Lay Director ..... John Springer (402) 826-2699  
Precursillo .....  
Three Day Weekend .....  
Postcursillo .....  
School of Leaders..... Greg Vandenberg (308) 534-8586  
Secretary / Treasurer ..... Kathy Springer (402) 826-2699  
Spiritual Advisor ..... Fr. Mark Seiker (308) 534-5461

**CURSILLO NEWSLETTER**  
**3301 Echo Dr**  
**North Platte, NE 69101-9608**

***Cursillo Weekends in McCook***  
***Men's: March 16-19, 2017***  
***Women's: March 23-26, 2017***

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Lincoln, NE  
Permit No. 363

# CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

---

Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

Jan. – Feb. 2017

---



---

**Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring Your Friend to Christ!**

---

# School of Leaders

December 10, 2016  
6345 Madison Avenue  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln, NE

AND

January 14, 2017  
202 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street (5<sup>th</sup> 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; Technique Talk; Doctrinal (Spiritual) Talk; Work Session; Lunch (**bring a sack lunch**); Visit to Blessed Sacrament.
- ~1:30pm Clean up and departure (*estimated time* ... may be slightly earlier ... may be slightly later ...).

## Talks

- Technique Talks: **Whom Shall I Send? (Discerning the Will of God)**  
by Fr. Frank Salmani
- Doctrinal Talks: Pope Saint John Paul II's Encyclical "**Dives in Misericordia**"  
("Rich in Mercy").

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

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