

CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

February – March 2017

Calendar of Events



- March 10-11, 2017 **Practice Weekend**, St. Patrick School, McCook.
- March 10 or 11, 2017 **Secretariat Meeting**, Either prior to or after the Practice Weekend; St. Patrick School, McCook; watch for agenda and minutes.
- March 16-19, 2017 **Men's Three Day Cursillo Weekend** – St. Patrick School, McCook.
Closing for the Men's Weekend will be 5:00pm March 19, 2017.
- March 23-26, 2017 **Women's Three Day Cursillo Weekend** – St. Patrick School, McCook.
Closing for the Women's Weekend will be 5:00pm March 26, 2017.
- April 8, 2017 **SOL**, - 9:30am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Parish, Doniphan.
- April 21-23, 2017 **Spring 2017 Region VI Encounter** – 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 4th 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/North Platte)

Upcoming Three Day Weekends

Registration forms/information to give the candidates about the Weekend are included in this mailing, or can be found on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage [<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>]. If you are sponsoring a candidate, you will need to obtain the Sponsor Form by sending an email to the Lay Director (John Springer; jejspringer@windstream.net or call 402-826-2699).

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**

If candidates need a ride, contact a Secretariat member to see who else might be headed to McCook; e.g., there are candidates from the Crete area making the trip and others could ride along. 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 ... invite!

From the Lay Director

We have been preparing for the upcoming March Cursillo weekends in McCook. This time of formation isn't just an exercise of preparation, practicing, and studying the rollos; rather, it's more of an encounter with the Cursillo itself, an immersion in the decades-old charism of the Movement. Eduardo Bonnin, the founder of the Cursillo Movement, emphasized that each of us is called "to be a living witness of the Gospel" and that we are to spread the Good News, the best news – that is, that God loves us! To spread the Gospel is the mission of the Church, and it is our mission (yours and mine) ... it is the mission of every baptized person. As laity, our mission is in the world – that small bubble or square meter that forms our environment. This is the place that God has given us to make a difference, and He asks us to go forth and bear fruit ... He asks us to make Him known and loved. For me and others, the Cursillo method has proven to be a very, very good way to live out that mission. God loves us and wants us to be with Him forever, and He wants us to help others to be there with Him as well.

What are you doing in your Fourth Day? Are you active in Group Reunion (i.e., friendship group), participating in Ultreya when you can? Are you praying for others who lived the Weekend(s) with you? Unfortunately, many folks, after leaving the Cursillo Weekend, fall back into the routines they had before Cursillo, not necessarily growing in faith, not living out their Baptismal promises. Most of those who live the Three Days are changed in some way, and hopefully, they become active in some apostolic work. But Jesus never wants us to work alone, pray alone, walk alone. Are you wishing someone would walk this pilgrimage called life with you? There are many out there who are looking for that someone, too ... someone with whom they can share their faith journey. All it takes is a phone call, a conversation after Mass, a few words after a meeting. Reach out ... don't quit rowing, thus letting the current take you where it will ... take command of your faith journey.

I've said this before - I cannot imagine my life without the community of faith I have with my Cursillo friends. All of my closest friends are cursillistas ... we walk the same path and share the same hope. I am so nourished at the Ultreyas when such good friends, united in Christ, come together and share our love for God, our holy Catholic faith, and each other. My prayer daily is that all cursillistas will embrace the love of Christ and desire to be part of the community they experienced on the Three Day Weekend.

Thank you to all those who offer prayers and Palanca for the work of Cursillo ... the lever lifting up the work. Cursillo needs all of us ... Cursillo needs you!! Please come to the Cursillo Closings (5:00pm at St. Patrick Church in McCook: Men's - March 19; Women's - March 26). May God bless you! De Colores!!

De Colores!! John Springer

Palanca Calendar

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



From the Spiritual Advisor

Over the last two months, I read Matthew Kelly's book Resisting Happiness. In this article, I want to quote a selection of Matthew Kelly's thoughts from the book, and then at the end, tie the thoughts together and make connections to involvement in the Cursillo Movement.

- In Resisting Happiness, Matthew Kelly writes: *"For more than twenty years I have been encouraging people to set aside ten minutes a day for quiet prayer. I advise them to put a Post-it note on their bathroom mirror that reads: 'Ten Minutes a Day!' I often wonder how many people who heard this message made prayer a habit in their lives."* (p.42)
- Matthew Kelly meets with business people to assist them in making their businesses more successful. He noticed in one businessman's schedule that *"... at seven o'clock every morning the CEO had an entry in his calendar that was simply labeled 'Bible.' I wasn't surprised that he read the Bible. I was surprised that it was in his schedule ... most people don't put the most important things on their schedules. People tend not to put exercise, prayer, spending time with their spouse and children, going to church, and many other important activities on their schedules. As a result these things often get neglected or pushed aside."* (p.69) Matthew continued later in the book *"... the best of the best – the enduring sports figures, the business leaders, the saints – have better habits."* (p.111-112)
- In the chapter "The Secret to Excellence," Matthew writes: *"If you want to be part of an excellent parish, stop waiting for someone else to make it one. Get involved and make it an excellent parish. Resistance encourages us to take it easy and settle for mediocrity. But God created us for happiness, and he fills us with great joy as we strive for excellence, especially in the spiritual life."* (p.136)
- In another place: *"God wants to move you beyond all these bad habits of the mind, body, and soul, and fill you with his grace and courage so that you can go out into the world and let your light shine."* (p.163) He continued: *"The one thing God needs from you in order to launch you into mission is availability. It's the only thing he needs from any of us. Make yourself available to God and incredible things will happen."* (p.174)
- Near the end of the book: *"... it is not enough for us to be humbled by all the ways God has blessed us. With blessing comes responsibility. Jesus was clear when he said, 'Anyone who has been given much, much will be expected of him' (Luke 12:48)."* (p.184)

Each of us has been given many gifts and blessings by God. Among those gifts are: our life, our faith, and living the Cursillo Three Day Weekend. We were encouraged on our Three Day Weekend to daily build our Christian Life in the areas of Piety, Study, and Action. We were encouraged to meet with other cursillistas in a weekly Friendship Group Reunion, and to participate in Ultreya. Just as Matthew Kelly wondered about how many form a habit of prayer, I sometimes wonder how many cursillistas make Piety, Study, and Action, as well as weekly Group Reunion a part of their lives. Have you written Group Reunion into your calendar, and by doing so, made a commitment to consciously grow in Piety, Study, and Action?

Hopefully, your Cursillo experience made a difference in your life and helped you to form lasting habits. And hopefully, you are allowing God to use you in His plan to Christianize the world. Hopefully, you are letting Christ's light shine through you.

I encourage you to reflect on how Cursillo has helped you. I encourage you to make yourself available to God and available to those in your environments, and hopefully, you will also make yourself available to help with the work of Cursillo, so that God's light will shine through you and that the work of the Cursillo Movement in our Diocese. We need to continue the work of Christianizing our environments, so they will grow and flourish as places/circumstances where the message of the Gospel is lived and spread, and we need to be the leaven in those environments. I invite you to consider helping with the upcoming Three Day Weekends (inviting your friends to experience the Weekend, and/or helping on the Service Team and/or in setting up and tearing down in McCook, and/or in providing some of the food or goodies, and/or in offering Palanca and support). I also invite you to help with the work of Cursillo in general (not just because there are Weekends coming up). You can do this by helping to keep Ultreya active in your area (that means simply setting a time and finding a location ... then inviting, inviting, inviting), and by getting together with your Friendship Group Reunion (if you don't have a Group Reunion, ask me or any other cursillista to help you find one ... go to the Ultreya and meet others you could group with).

So, how ARE you doing in the areas of Piety, Study, and Action? How are you doing in forming better habits and letting the light of Christ shine through you? Thank the Lord for all that He has given you by making yourself available to Him in whatever way He asks, and that may be in the Cursillo Movement.

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker

Upcoming Ultreyas

Beatrice-Hebron-Crete-Lincoln:

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

- **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
- **April Ultreya (April 23)** – John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln

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

Southwestern Nebraska (McCook-Imperial-North Platte):

Location alternates (usually 2nd Sunday of month)

- **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)
- **Combined April/May Ultreya (April 30)** - 2:30pm MT – St. Patrick Parish Hall, Imperial

Contacts: Helen Bieker (308) 340-0268

Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lincoln

- **2nd 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

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

Additional Information for Candidates re: the Cursillo Weekend (2017)

The Coordinators for the upcoming Cursillo Weekends are Greg Vandenberg (308-530-7587) for the Men's Weekend (March 16-19, 2017) and Kathy Springer (402-826-2699) for the Women's Weekend (March 23-26, 2017). Cursillo Weekends are held in various locations around the Diocese. This one is being held at St. Patrick School, McCook, PO Box 1040 (409 East F St); McCook, NE 69001-1040 (phone number in case of emergencies during the Weekend is 308-345-6734).

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.
- ✚ **There are showers 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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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!!

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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

Saint 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

Blessed 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.”

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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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February 2017 Palanca Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; For the Poor Souls in Purgatory; For Catholic Schools <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	2 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; For docility to the Holy Spirit; For Catholic Schools <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	3 For all 3-Day Weekends; For all bishops; For those with chronic illnesses; For Catholic Schools <i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR) - Waverly; Marian Sisters Discernment Retreat - Marcrest Motherhouse, Waverly</i>	4 For the OMCC and NACG; For those struggling with addictions; For Catholic Schools <i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR) - Waverly; Marian Sisters Discernment Retreat - Marcrest Motherhouse, Waverly</i>
5 For freedom of religion; For purity in young people <i>Vietnamese Ultreya (IHM, Lincoln); Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR) - Waverly; Marian Sisters Discernment Retreat - Marcrest Motherhouse, Waverly</i>	6 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For missionaries, especially those who are persecuted in Japan <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	7 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For a deeper prayer life; For those who work in the Catholic media <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	8 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; For Christians persecuted for their faith, especially in Sudan <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	9 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; St Paul/Minneapolis, MN - Men; Fargo, ND - Men; KC, MO - Men; For the homeless; For those who are lonely <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	10 For all 3-Day Weekends; St Paul/Minneapolis, MN - Men; Fargo, ND - Men; KC, MO - Men; For those who encourage us in our spiritual journey <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly; Marriage Encounter Weekend - Lincoln; Unbound Conference, Hastings (StCeciliaSchool)</i>	11 For the OMCC and NACG; St Paul/Minneapolis, MN - Men; Fargo, ND - Men; KC, MO - Men; World day of the Sick <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly; Marriage Encounter Weekend - Lincoln; Unbound Conf., Hastings (StC); Magnificat Brunch</i>
12 St Paul/Minneapolis, MN - Men; Fargo, ND - Men; KC, MO - Men; For those away from the Church <i>Southwestern NE Ultreya (Imperial); Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly; Marriage Encounter Weekend - Lincoln</i>	13 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For increased devotion to the Eucharist <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	14 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For those called to the Sacrament of Marriage; For missionaries <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	15 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; For those serving in the armed forces; Formation of seminarians <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	16 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; St Paul/Minneapolis, MN - Women; Fargo, ND - Women; Dodge City, KS - Women (Sp) <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	17 For all 3-Day Weekends; St Paul/Minneapolis, MN - Women; Fargo, ND - Women; Dodge City, KS - Women (Sp); For those who follow the Servite way of life <i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Jacques Philippe) - Waverly</i>	18 For the OMCC and NACG; St Paul/Minneapolis, MN - Women; Fargo, ND - Women; Dodge City, KS - Women (Sp); Respect for all persons <i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Jacques Philippe) - Waverly; TEC #99 (at Wahoo)</i>
19 St Paul/Minneapolis, MN - Women; Fargo, ND - Women; Dodge City, KS - Women (Sp); For vocations <i>Hastings/Holdrege/Minden Ultreya Center; Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Jacques Philippe) - Waverly; TEC #99 (at Wahoo)</i>	20 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For the Poor Souls in Purgatory; For bishops <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions; TEC #99 (at Wahoo)</i>	21 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For our President and other civil leaders <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas; Priests Study Day</i>	22 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; For faithfulness to the Chair of St. Peter; That we might proclaim the Gospel with our lives <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	23 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; For courage in persecution <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	24 For all 3-Day Weekends; To be confident in prayer <i>Retreat Men (Fr. Sean Kilcawley) - Waverly; Retrouvaille - Schuyler</i>	25 For the OMCC and NACG; For respect for life an end to abortion <i>Retreat Men (Fr. Sean Kilcawley) - Waverly; Retrouvaille - Schuyler</i>
26 That we might deepen our prayer life <i>Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/ Lincoln Ultreya Center; Retreat Men (Fr. Sean Kilcawley) - Waverly; Retrouvaille - Schuyler</i>	27 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For strength of conviction <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	28 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For the needs of the poor <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>				
			SOL=School of Leaders	NACG = North American Caribbean Group	OMCC = World Organization of Cursillo Movement	

March 2017 Palanca Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; For a holy Lent; For the Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis; Women's Day of Reflection (Hastings & Waverly)</i>	2 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; For ongoing conversion <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	3 For all 3-Day Weekends; For all bishops; For those who work with immigrants <i>Retreat Men/Women (Msgr Joseph Nemeć) - Waverly</i>	4 For the OMCC and NACG; For an end to abortion <i>Retreat Men/Women (Msgr Joseph Nemeć) - Waverly</i>
5 For missionaries, especially those who are persecuted <i>Vietnamese Ultreya (IHM, Lincoln); Retreat Men/Women (Msgr Joseph Nemeć) - Waverly</i>	6 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For strong marriages <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	7 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For purity in young people <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	8 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; For those who are lonely; To know God through study <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	9 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; Fargo, ND - Men; That we might proclaim the Gospel with our lives <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	10 For all 3-Day Weekends; Fargo, ND - Men; Lincoln Practice Weekend (McCook); For the Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly; Women's Discernment Retreat - Villa Regina Motherhouse, Lincoln; Unbound Conference (St. Mary, Lincoln); Secretariat Meeting (McCook)</i>	11 For the OMCC and NACG; Fargo, ND - Men; Lincoln Practice Weekend (McCook); That we might better know ourselves <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly; Women's Discernment Retreat - Villa Regina Motherhouse, Lincoln; Unbound Conference (St. Mary, Lincoln)</i>
12 Fargo, ND - Men; For an increase in vocations <i>Southwestern NE Ultreya (Imperial); Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly; Women's Discernment Retreat - Villa Regina Motherhouse,</i>	13 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For those away from the Church <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	14 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; That we might bear our crosses well <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	15 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; For holiness in families <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	16 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; Lincoln, NE - Men (in McCook); For those serving in the armed forces <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	17 For all 3-Day Weekends; Lincoln, NE - Men (in McCook); For peace in Ireland; Respect for all persons <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i>	18 For the OMCC and NACG; Lincoln, NE - Men (in McCook); Formation of seminarians <i>Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i>
19 Lincoln, NE - Men (in McCook); That we might follow the example of St. Joseph <i>Hastings/Holdrege/Minden Ultreya Center; Engaged Encounter Weekend - Waverly</i>	20 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For faithfulness to vows (renewed at the Christ Mass) <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions; Ignatian Retreat with FOCUS Campus Ministry - Waverly</i>	21 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; For the homeless <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas; Ignatian Retreat with FOCUS Campus Ministry - Waverly</i>	22 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; That college students might remain strong in their faith <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis; Ignatian Retreat with FOCUS Campus Ministry - Waverly</i>	23 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; Lincoln, NE - Women (in McCook); Fargo, ND - Women; KC, MO - Women; For increased devotion to the Real Presence <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley; Ignatian Retreat with FOCUS Campus Ministry - Waverly</i>	24 For all 3-Day Weekends; Lincoln, NE - Women (in McCook); Fargo, ND - Women; KC, MO - Women; To be confident in prayer <i>Ignatian Retreat with FOCUS Campus Ministry - Waverly; Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Mark Cyza) - Waverly</i>	25 For the OMCC and NACG; Lincoln, NE - Women (in McCook); Fargo, ND - Women; KC, MO - Women; That we might imitate Mary's Fiat; For the return of penitents <i>Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Mark Cyza) - Waverly; QUEST Youth Retreat (Auburn)</i>
26 Lincoln, NE - Women (in McCook); Fargo, ND - Women; KC, MO - Women; For those who do not believe in God <i>Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/ Lincoln Ultreya Center; Retreat Men/Women (Fr. Mark Cyza) - Waverly; QUEST Youth Retreat (Auburn)</i>	27 National, Regional & Diocesan Secretariats; For all new Fourth Dayers; For strength of conviction <i>For Lincoln Diocese Group Reunions</i>	28 For all SOLs; Rosary for Unity; For Spiritual Advisors; That civil leaders might be just <i>For Lincoln Diocese Ultreyas</i>	29 For all cursillistas; For all Priests; For holiness in families <i>For the intentions of Pope Francis</i>	30 For Apostolic Action of Cursillo Movement; To be confident in prayer <i>For the intentions of Bishop Conley</i>	31 For all 3-Day Weekends; For the Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>Retreat Men/Women (Sr. Ann Shields) - Waverly</i>	Retreat Men/Women (Sr. Ann Shields) - Waverly
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