

CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

February 2018



Calendar of Events

March 10, 2018	Secretariat Meeting , St. Ann Church, Doniphan – 9:30am (9:00am Mass).
April 20-22, 2018	Spring 2018 Region VI Encounter – Omaha, NE Spanish to host. (This Spring Encounter takes the place of the April SOL. Please come.)
May 12, 2018	Secretariat Meeting , St. Joseph Church, York – 9:30am (9:00am Mass).
June 9, 2018	SOL - 9:30am – 1:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Church, Doniphan.
August 2-5, 2018	Cursillo de Cursillos - at St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Seward.
August 16-19, 2018	Cursillo National Encounter, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.

Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC) in the Lincoln Diocese

The Secretariat is excited to announce that an English-language CDC is being held **August 2-5, 2018**, at **St. Gregory the Great Seminary** in Seward, Nebraska. A CDC is for those who have already lived a Three Day Weekend. CDCs were developed by Eduardo Bonnin to give Cursillistas a better understanding of the foundational charism of Cursillo itself (it has only been since 2009 that CDCs have been given in English). Simply stated, CDC is a short course on the foundational charism of Cursillo for Cursillistas who are searching for something beyond the Three-Day Cursillo Weekend. CDC Weekends have provided many Cursillistas with an opportunity to discover the immense possibilities that Cursillo has to offer the person and the Church. While the Three Day Weekend gives a keyhole view of the Cursillo Movement, the CDC opens the door allowing participants to enter fully into what it means to “live Cursillo.” The CDC begins on Thursday evening at 7:00pm (registration at 6:00pm) and concludes on Sunday afternoon at 2:30pm. Each day creates a different environment in and through the participation of the Cursillistas in friendship. The CDC provides a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of time for breaks, reflection, personal contact, and daily Eucharist. Recently, you received a mailing with details about the CDC (see the Lincoln Diocese webpage for the flyer and registration form, both of which were included in the recent mailing). ***Christ is still counting on you!!***

Region VI Spring Encounter (April 20-22, 2018)

The Region VI Spring Encounter will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Omaha, NE on April 20-22, 2018. The Encounter is a week earlier than normal due to facility availability. The location is not yet known; additional information (including fee and registration form) will be available on the calendar of the Regional web site soon <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/region6/> It's a great way to meet other cursillistas from our Region and enjoy time spent focused on building His Kingdom through friendship.

School of Leaders (SOL)

The February 10 SOL was cancelled due to bad weather. The next SOL will be held at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan on June 9, 2018. 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. Please consider coming and helping with the work of Cursillo. The SOL is NOT a school in the sense of someone learning to be a leader ... it is a community of cursillistas who have a heart for Cursillo and want it to be available for those who have not yet had the opportunity to encounter Christ on a Weekend. Please come ... *Christ is counting on you!!*

Always Keep in Mind What Cursillo is About:

- In the **Precursillo**, the person seeks Christ.
- In the **Three-Day Cursillo**, the person encounters Christ.
- In the **Postcursillo** (which is what all of us are now living), the person follows Christ. It is here that we daily live what is fundamental for being Christian.

To learn more about Cursillo, come to a CDC or the SOL or explore “My Resource Center” on the National website: <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/resource-center/> Ample resources exist to help you continue to grow in your life of faith ... take advantage of them.

From the Lay Director

De Colores!

Eight years have passed since I wrote my first “From the Lay Director” message. A lot has happened in those eight years. Since 2010, the Lincoln Diocese has held 14 Cursillo Weekends. Over 50 newsletters and mailings have been sent. We celebrated 50 years of Cursillo in our Diocese in 2015. A Grand Ultreya was held every year. We have had diocesan Fourth Day Retreats and attended many Regional and National Cursillo Encounters. Our Diocese has faithfully followed the Cursillo method and is faithful to the Movement. Our School of Leaders and Secretariat are alive and well. We have studied the writings of our founder Eduardo Bonnin and various other Cursillo materials so that we can better understand the Charism of Cursillo. For those of you who have been around for many more years – even longer than 50 years – you have seen and experienced much more.

I am so thankful for the many ways that Cursillo has blessed me. Our family has received many graces from living Cursillo, thus putting God in the center of our home and our lives. My dearest friends are Cursillistas from all over the world (I even met a young man from Spain who grouped with Eduardo). There are friends from the state of Washington all the way to Florida. Cursillo is such a blessing!!

I am now stepping down as the Lay Director, and Greg Vandenberg from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in North Platte will be the new Lincoln Diocese Lay Director. The Secretariat, although composed of several positions/functions, really operates together as one. We all work together – a continual Group Reunion living Cursillo on a daily basis and together as friends. Whoever holds the position is really an extension of everyone. The Secretariat lives Cursillo in friendship so that others may come to understand that God in Jesus loves us! As someone once said, that is pretty good news!! Remember that God still wants us to spread this good news to all we meet in our environments on a daily basis. No matter where our environment is, we still have the mission to “bear fruit”.

Our Diocese will hold a Cursillo de Cursillos in August 2018 in Seward at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. You should have received information in an earlier mailing. PLEASE consider participating!! May God bless you and keep you!

De Colores!! **John Springer**

From the Spiritual Advisor

Part of the Gospel for the Mass on Sunday, January 14, 2018 (John 1:35-42) says: “*the two disciples ... [ask Jesus] “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.*” Notice the word staying and stayed is repeated in this short passage. Bishop Robert Barron writes in the January Magnificat: “*One of the most important words in the Gospel of John is menein (to remain, or to stay, or to abide). Phrases containing this word sound like a refrain throughout the fourth Gospel: Remain in my love; Remain in me as I remain in my Father; If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples; Whoever does not remain in me is thrown away like a branch and withers.*”

This Greek word *menein* that is translated as “*to remain*” or “*to stay*” or “*to abide*” presents a very important point for us as followers of Jesus Christ. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus asks his followers and us to stay with Him, to abide with Him. After the Resurrection, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus asked Jesus to “stay with them”. Like these two disciples, we should also ask Jesus to stay with us. We should set aside time each day to *abide* with Jesus in prayer, especially prayer in His Presence in the Blessed Sacrament (if possible).

The more that we intentionally choose to spend time with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament, the more we will be drawn to a deeper relationship with Jesus. This deeper relationship with Jesus will change our lives and we will begin to recognize that our lives have been changed by our time spent with Jesus who is present in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus will fill us and change us, and He will draw us to spend more time with Him and get to know Him even better. Then He will send us out into the world as His witnesses to invite others (our friends) to come to spend time with Jesus and get to know Him better ... to encounter Him.

This encounter with Jesus was one of the three encounters on our Three Day Weekend. We were called to encounter ourselves, Jesus, and others. Now, that we are living in the Postcursillo, we are still called to these three encounters. We are invited to deepen each of these encounters, and to invite others to come closer to Jesus. That often means that we must respond to Jesus’ grace and stay with Him, but we are also called to invite others to “come and see,” that they, too, might come to know Him as we do. That is how most of us ended up on a Three Day Weekend ... someone invited us to go on the Weekend.

As the Three Day Weekend was concluding, we were told that “Christ is counting on you.” We responded, “And I am counting on Him.” That counting on each other (Jesus and the Cursillista) often takes place during our time of abiding with Him in prayer, getting to know Him better through Study, and bringing our friends closer to Jesus through Apostolic Action.

However, sometimes, the busyness of our day and of the world might keep us from spending more time with Jesus, and we might be less intentional in the way we live Cursillo. Perhaps the best way to spend more time abiding with Jesus is just to choose to do it ... to choose to spend more time in prayer, in study, and in action. Perhaps, it might also help to set aside some time to come away with Jesus, and kindle again your relationship with Him and with other Cursillistas. I encourage you to prayerfully consider giving our Lord three days to participate in a Cursillo de Cursillos that will be held at St. Gregory the Great Seminary, in Seward, August 2 – 5, 2018. There is more information in this newsletter and in the flyer that was mailed to you a week or so ago that will explain the Cursillo de Cursillos a little more. I invite you to come to abide with Jesus and with other Cursillistas at the Seminary. **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 (2:00pm; usually 4th Sunday of month)

- **January Ultreya (January 28)** – Sacred Heart Parish Hall, **Hebron**
- **February Ultreya (February 25)** – Sacred Heart Parish Hall, **Crete**
- **March Ultreya (March 25)** – John XXIII Diocesan Center, **Lincoln**
- **April Ultreya (April 22)** – St. Joseph Parish Center, **Beatrice**

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

Southwestern Nebraska (McCook-Imperial-North Platte):

Location alternates (usually 2nd Sunday of month)

- **February Ultreya (February 11)** - 2:30pm MT – St. Patrick Parish Hall, **Imperial**
- **March Ultreya (March 11)** - 3:30pm CT – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, **North Platte**
- **Combined April / May Ultreya (April 29)** - 3:30pm CT – St. Patrick Church Basement, **McCook**

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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Lincoln Diocese Cursillo WebPage: www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html

Region VI WebPage: www.natl-cursillo.org/region6

National WebPage: www.natl-cursillo.org

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CURSILLO DE CURSILLOS (CDC)

REGISTRATION FORM

August 2-5, 2018

Location: St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Seward, Nebraska

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Cell Telephone:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Diocese: _____ **Parish:** _____

Gender: Male _____ Female _____ **Spouse attending?** Yes _____ No _____

Do you have a roommate preference? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, provide name _____

Do you need any special accommodations? (dietary/physical/walking/etc?)

Date you lived your Cursillo and where:

Payment required by July 16, 2018

Make checks payable to "Cursillo of Lincoln" (\$200 per person; \$300 for married couple)

*There are a limited number of scholarships available for Lincoln
Diocese cursillistas who need financial assistance (see contacts below).*

Send completed registration form with payment to:

Kathy Springer (Cursillo Treasurer)
1410 E 15th St
Crete, NE 68333

If you have any questions, please contact:

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