

# Cursillo News for Mar. – Apr. 2009

## Calendar of Events

Feb 27-28, 2009	<b>School of Leaders</b> , (quarterly reunion)-7:30pm Fri-3pm Sat (St. Ann, Doniphan)
Feb. 28, 2009	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , after SOL (3:00pm); (St. Ann, Doniphan)
April 11, 2009	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , 9:30am (NO MASS – Holy Saturday), Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln
April 24-26, 2009	<b>Region VI Spring Encounter</b> – St. Victoria's in Victoria, MN (registration enclosed)
May 9, 2009	(Tentative) Secretariat Meeting; Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln.
June 13, 2009	SOL (tentatively) - 10:00am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); Location TBA.
June 28, 2009	<b>Grand Ultreya</b> (details to come)
July 11, 2009	(Tentative) Secretariat Meeting; Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln.
July 30 – Aug 2, 2009	<b>National Encounter</b> , California State University, San Bernardino, CA
August 1, 2009	<b>OMCC IV World Ultreya</b> , Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA
August 2009	SOL (tentatively) - 10:00am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); Location TBA.
September 12, 2009	(Tentative) Secretariat Meeting; Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln.
Sept. 25-27, 2009	<b>Region VI Fall Encounter</b> (Dodge City, KS Diocese to host, info TBA)

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*“For God’s Word offers different facets according to the capacity of the listener, and the Lord has portrayed His message in many colors, so that whoever gazes upon it can see in it what suits him.”* [St. Ephrem]

## Welcome New Fourth Dayers (January 2009, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln)

**Welcome to the 4th Day!** \*\*\* We welcome Ronald Boden Jr., Nhuong Dinh, Michael Krondak, Canh Nguyen, Diep Nguyen, Hao Van Nguyen, Tom Terryberry, Kenny and Janet Tomky, Jeff and Mariah Webinger, Hang Bui, Louann Cao, Jean Hovorka, Helen Huynh, Lien Nguyen, and Cam Tran to the Fourth Day!! It is in being a community and sharing about your attempts to grow (in baby steps, at first) in piety, study, and action that you will persevere and progress in the spiritual life ... that’s where you will find “total security”!! Remember that **Christ is counting on you**, and you said that you would count on Him. He gave you the gift of the Cursillo Method of Group Reunion and Ultreya to help you in the Fourth Day ... these tools will help you live each day in a more focused way ... that focus being Christ.

## From the Secretariat ...

### 1. Ultreya Center News:

- ◆ The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... the March Ultreya will be held on the fourth Sunday, **March 22**, at Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron, and the April Ultreya will be **April 26** at Sacred Heart Parish in Crete. Currently, all Ultreyas begin at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Just a reminder that a **Vietnamese-language Ultreya** is held on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln (6345 Madison Ave).
- ◆ **Other Ultreya Centers** will meet as scheduled (see the cover of the Newsletter).
- ◆ **Reminder: Any Ultreya is open to any cursillista.** If your area is not holding regular Ultreyas, consider visiting one of the neighboring Ultreya Centers. Also consider inviting a non-cursillista to experience an Ultreya, as this is one way of helping show/explain what Cursillo is about.

### 2. Changes to SOL Format

Just as a reminder, the Secretariat decided that the format would be altered somewhat to allow for more participation. In an attempt to grow the SOL and make it accessible to as many cursillistas as possible, the format is being changed following the February 27-28, 2009, SOL. The new format (which has not been yet finalized) will feature the following:

- Bi-monthly Saturday meetings of the SOL, each lasting from approximately 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (with Mass at 9:30 a.m.). The SOL will be held on the second Saturday of the even-numbered months. Because the second Saturday of April is Holy Saturday, the first bi-monthly SOL will be on Saturday, June 13.
- Each SOL will consist of: 9:30am=Mass (optional); 10:00am=Group Reunion; 10:30am=1<sup>st</sup> Session; 12:00pm=Lunch; 12:30pm=2<sup>nd</sup> Session; and End=visit to Blessed Sacrament.
- Location of SOL will alternate between the eastern and western parts of the Diocese.

### 3. 19<sup>th</sup> National Encounter

The National Cursillo Center wants all cursillistas to be aware that information about the 19th National Encounter is available on the National Cursillo website [http://www.natl-cursillo.org]. The Encounter is being held at the California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) on July 30 - August 2, 2009. **Word from National is that California is planning to have a big contingent at the Encounter.** The cost is \$360 per person if received by May 31, 2009. The cost is \$410 per person if received from June 1 to June 26, 2009.

- The keynote address will be on “The Conversion of St. Paul”.
- The three workshop sessions being offered are Piety, Study and Action.

### 4. IV World Ultreya

The World Cursillo Movement (OMCC) is calling all cursillistas of the world to gather on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 PM, at the Anaheim Convention Center and Arena in Anaheim, California for the IV World Ultreya.

- Cursillistas can purchase tickets online via the National Cursillo website or by downloading an order form and mailing it to the National Cursillo Center in Dallas, TX.
- The ticket price to the IV World Ultreya is \$25.00. The ticket price does not include meals, but you may purchase food from the Arena vendors.

### 5. School of Leaders (SOL)

The next SOL is scheduled for **Feb. 27-28, 2009**, at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan. The technique talks will continue the review of the Sunday rollos in the new Cursillo Manual (the rollo name from the old Three Day Manual is in parentheses): (1) “Study of Environments” (Study and Evangelization of Environments); (2) “Christianity in Action” (Developing Christian Community within Your Environments); (3) “Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo” (this used to be given at the Closing, but different content with revision); and (4) “Total Security” (Group Reunion and Ultreya). **All** cursillistas are invited to deepen their understanding of Cursillo, especially those who are just beginning their Fourth Day.

### 6. Precursillo/Three Day Weekend

The next Three Day Weekends have not yet been scheduled. However, we still play an important part in the work of Cursillo ... we can be praying for the spiritual success of Weekends going on around the world (just as they prayed for us).

- ♦ The new Fourth Dayers may not be aware that **EACH WEEK** cursillistas in our Diocese promise to offer Palanca for Three Day Weekends going on in our Diocese and throughout the world. The recent Three Day Weekends in our Diocese are a powerful reminder that Palanca is the lever of the apostles. In particular, cursillistas have agreed to assist at Mass each Friday and offer Holy Communion for the intention of all Cursillo

activities taking place throughout the world, and, in addition, to pray an extra decade of the Rosary on Sundays. You are also encouraged to offer additional personal prayers and sacrifices to the spiritual bouquet our Diocese offers to other dioceses.

- ♦ Also included in this Newsletter is a Palanca calendar (purple sheet) for our Diocese. For those of you who are new to Cursillo or if you never knew why the Palanca calendar is included with each Newsletter, it contains intentions specific to our Diocese, for our Region (Region VI), and for the Cursillo Movement as a whole. The calendar always includes the Three Day Weekends that will be going on in Region VI, and it also includes other general prayer intentions. We encourage you to keep the calendar in a place you will see it each day and to offer some type of Palanca daily for the suggested intentions or for intentions of your own choosing. *“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst of them”* ... Even if there is distance that separates us ... we are united in prayer for common intentions ...

### 7. Postcursillo

- **Region VI Spring Encounter ...** The Spring 2009 Regional Encounter will be held at St. Victoria's in Victoria, MN on April 24-26, 2009. More details/information are provided on the enclosed Registration Form.
- **Grand Ultreya Planned for this Summer ...** Plans are being made to hold our annual Grand Ultreya on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. This is an event for the entire family ... so mark your calendars now and watch for more details in the May-June Newsletter.

### From the Spiritual Advisor

As we journey through the holy season of Lent, the Church encourages us to practice prayer, fasting and works of mercy (almsgiving) ... a tripod!! St. Peter Chrysologus connects these three traditional Lenten practices in one of his sermons (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for the Office of Readings in the Liturgy of the Hours, on Tuesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Lent):

*“There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.*

*Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.*

*When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.*

*Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.*

*Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.*

*Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: 'A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.'*

*Offer your soul to God, make Him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give Him yourself you are never without the means of giving.*

*To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.*

*When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others."*

As Lent begins, it is good to reflect on the words of St. Peter Chrysologus. I am reminded of similarities between his exhortations to prayer, fasting, and works of mercy, and Cursillo's understanding of the Christian life, which is made up of the tripod of piety, study, and action. Prayer and fasting relate to piety, and in a way, to study as well (becoming more Christ-like) ... and works of mercy are what Cursillo refers to as apostolic action. As prayer, fasting, and works of mercy cannot be separated and each give life to the others, so piety, study, and action give life to one another. Remember some of the quotes from your Three Day Weekend:

- *"Talk to God about your friend before you talk to your friend about God"* – Piety comes before action (praying before talking). At the same time, action depends upon piety. In addition, you can't give what you don't have (you put on the mind of Christ through study before you can share Christ through action ...).
- *"Christ and I are an overwhelming majority.* – We should have an awareness of who we are and Who God is (piety and study working together will shape us), and this will then have an effect on our action. We should be constantly reminded that we need to fully rely on God (FROG), but also that He calls us to be active ... to be His hands and feet in the world.
- *"Make a friend, be a friend, and bring your friend to Christ"* – Our action (making a friend and being a friend) will be facilitated by our piety and study; and, as our friend sees the Christ in us (resulting from that piety and study), he/she will also desire to know Him either for the first time or in a deeper way.

Sometimes, it might seem that one of the legs of the tripod is weaker or more difficult for us than the other two. Perhaps, we need to spend some time truly trying to understand how the three legs are

related to each other ... how each is absolutely necessary ... We should then look for ways to connect them in our daily lives. Perhaps, this season of Lent is a good opportunity to strive to better live our piety, study, and action as it was intended ... all for one and one for all!! Ask St. Peter Chrysologus and St. Paul to intercede for you as you continually seek to turn away from sin and turn toward God in your life of piety ... to intercede for you as you seek to grow in your spiritual life through a program of study ... and to intercede for you as you seek to be faithful to the Gospel, living an active apostolic life just as His first followers did. ***De Colores!! .....Fr. Mark Seiker***

### **From the Lay Director    The Joy of Being Christian**

It has always amazed me how many of the martyrs expressed their joy for Christ by dying for Him, trusting that their reward would be eternal life. But amazing me even more is how that joy and trust of those witnesses of faith have somehow been lost. For some reason, we put all our stock in ourselves and very little in Christ. Christ tells us, to "seek first the kingdom of God and the rest will be given to you".

Of course, it is because of original sin that we want to try to control our own destiny. We don't like to be told what to do ... and what if what we are told offends us?

I heard a reflection on Catholic Radio the other day that was given by the late Father Al Lauer of Presentation Ministries. He was talking about the Beatitude that begins, "Blessed are the poor in Spirit ..." Father Al stated that all Christians are called to give all that they can to others. He said that being poor in spirit means not collecting material things to have for ourselves, but giving to others where there is a need to the point of poverty ourselves, if necessary.

For me, that wasn't a message I welcomed. I thought, "What about my wife and our son ... don't I have a responsibility to care for them?" I want to be a good provider for their needs. And then, there is that old adage about saving for a rainy day ... But as I continued to meditate, I thought that not only am I called to give of what I have to my family and provide for them, but when I recognize a need, I must trust in Christ that even if I give all that I have, like the woman that gave a few small coins, God will provide.

The joy of being Christian means giving of oneself to another. It means loving one another for what God made us to be and living the Gospel, even when we don't really feel like it or isn't convenient.

If you remember on your Cursillo Weekend, you were told that we, the lay faithful, are the Church. When we are joyful, it intrigues others around us and draws them many times to us to ask, "Why are you so happy?" We should be able to respond, "Because I love Jesus."

I have never encountered so many Critics and Einsteins as I have in the last decade. And when someone expresses joy, it seems odd. But if my joy makes me odd, then odd is what I'll be.

Pope John Paul II often said, "Be not afraid". Take the joy that comes from your love for Christ and trust that, if you pass it on, you will never be poor, but rather very rich, as you are filled with the joy that only Christ can give! ***De Colores!!!*** ***Mark Pribyl***

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### Ultreya Centers

**Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln** .....  
Location alternates: Crete/Lincoln/Beatrice/Hebron  
Normally 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm  
[Mar 22 Ultreya – Hebron; Apr 26 Ultreya – Crete]  
Contact: John and Kathy Springer

**David City-Shelby** ....St. Mary School (Didier Room), David City  
Normally 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month, 7:30 pm.  
Contact: Rose Hottovy or Mary Jane Hilger

**Hastings-Holdrege-Minden**... All Saints' Parish Hall, Holdrege  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, 3:00pm  
Contact: Myron Wendland or Kathy Rowell

**Southwestern Nebraska** .....  
St. Patrick Church basement, McCook  
2nd Sunday of month, 3:30pm  
Contact: Helen Bieker or Bill and Elaine Swanson

**Plattsmouth-Nebraska City** .....  
Church of the Holy Spirit (St. Joseph Room), Plattsmouth  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month, 7:00pm; Contact: Terry Little

**Wahoo**..... Contact: Mark Pribyl

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**Lincoln Diocese Cursillo WebPage** .....  
<http://webpages.charter.net/seas/cursillolincoln.html>  
**National WebPage:** [www.natl-cursillo.org/](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/)

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Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

March – April 2009



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

*School of Leaders  
Quarterly Reunion  
February 27-28, 2009  
202 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street (5<sup>th</sup> and Cedar Streets)  
St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE*

SOL is the working arm of Cursillo ... May God use your time/talent/treasure in SOL to do the work of Cursillo ... build community with other cursillistas ... spend time in prayer and meditation with the Blessed Sacrament. SOL is for ALL cursillistas ... men and women, couples, singles, priests and religious.

**FRIDAY, FEB 27<sup>th</sup> (Retreat Phase ... preparation for Saturday's SOL)**

- 7:30pm --- Registration (**NO Meal Friday evening**)
- 7:45pm --- Mass
- 8:30pm --- Meditation, confessions, quiet time

**SATURDAY, FEB 28<sup>th</sup> (School of Leaders Agenda)**

- 7:00am --- Morning prayer and Mass, followed by breakfast
- 8:30am–3:00pm Group Reunion; three (3) sessions of SOL; lunch
- 3:00pm --- Est. time of clean up and departure (**might be a little later with three sessions rather than two; supper not provided**)

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

- ◆ Pilgrim's Guide
- ◆ Leaders' Manual (please pray the Leader's Prayer on pg 57 regularly)
- ◆ Technique Talks will continue to review the rollos in the New Cursillo Manual (the "pink Three Day Manual" vs. the new manual)
- ◆ Doctrinal Talks will relate to the life and teachings of St. Paul, who is the Patron of Cursillo.

**As always:**

- "Classic" Cursillo accommodations will be available ... **no showers**
- Advance registrations are requested; it is fine to attend Saturday only (SOL) or Friday only
- Suggested donation (if you are able) is \$15.00 per person to cover meals and a donation for facility usage. Please make check payable to "Cursillo of Lincoln" and mail with the Registration Form.
- Please keep this half of the flyer for future reference.

*Please bring a snack to share, if you like.*

**Coming Event ... *Visit from National Cursillo Center* ...**

**Cef Aguilon**, the English language Coordinator from the National Cursillo Center, is visiting all the dioceses in Region VI from **May 4-22, 2009**. He is in the process of putting together a schedule, so **watch the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo web-site** for details of the date/time/location (<http://webpages.charter.net/seas/cursillolincoln.html>).

All cursillistas are welcome and invited. The purpose of the gathering is to discuss Precursillo, Cursillo, Postcursillo, Secretariat, and SOL ... sharing ideas and working together. **Please plan to come if you are able.**

**Diocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis, MN  
Spring Cursillo Region VI Encounter Registration**

**Date:** April 24-26, 2009

**Location:** St. Victoria Catholic Church  
8228 Victoria Drive  
Victoria, MN 55386  
Web Site: www.stvictoria.org

**Contact:** *Wayne Waldera; 763-350-2010*

**Directions to St. Victoria Catholic Church:**

- ✠ From Interstate 494, take MN-5 West approx. 10-11 miles to Victoria. Take a left at the stoplight (County Rd 11) and proceed up the hill about three blocks. The Church is on your right with parking and entrance on the far side of the building.
- ✠ From the Southwest, take US-169 to MN-41. Take MN-41 North approximately 7.5 miles through Chaska to MN-5 West. Take MN-5 west approximately 2.5 miles to downtown Victoria. Take a left at the stoplight (County Rd 11) and proceed up the hill about three blocks. The Church is on your right with parking and entrance on the far side of the building.

**Alternative Sleeping:** Americinn  
570 Pond Promenade  
Chanhassen, MN (this is 7 miles east of Victoria); 952-934-3888

Holiday Inn Express  
7855 Century Blvd.  
Chanhassen, MN (just east of Hwys 5 and 41; about 3 miles east of Victoria); 952-401-8850

The Peacock Inn (upscale B&B)  
314 Walnut St. N  
Chaska, MN (downtown Chaska off city park—about 8-10 minutes away); 952-368-4343

**Cost:** \$50.00 per person. Send check payable to **“Region VI Cursillo”** along with the application to James Newkirk (Region VI Treasurer) at 104 NW Lakewood Blvd, Lee's Summit, MO 64064.

Accommodations are true Cursillo style. Bring your own sleeping bags, air mattresses, pillows, blankets, towels, and linens, etc. If arriving after 10:00 PM on Friday, please let us know so arrangements can be made for you to gain access. There will be showers at the facility.

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**Send registration form/payment to:** James Newkirk, Treasurer, 104 NW Lakewood Blvd, Lee's Summit, MO 64064  
Make checks payable to **“Region VI Cursillo”**

Please register by Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to allow time to purchase food.. **Remember to bring your Pilgrim's Guide.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sleeping at St. Victoria YES NO Box Lunch for Sunday? YES NO

Special Accommodations or Dietary Needs (please explain):

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