## Cursillo News for Mar - Apr 2010

## **Calendar of Events**

March 13, 2010	Secretariat Meeting, 9:30 am; Sacred Heart, Hebron (9:00am Mass)
	Postcursillo Reunion, 1:00 pm; Sacred Heart, Hebron (12:00pm Lunch)
April 10, 2010	SOL - 10:00am – 3:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. James Parish, Cortland
April 23-25, 2010	Region VI Fall Encounter (St. Bernard Parish Center, Belfield, ND)
	[Registration form enclosed in both Spanish and English]
May 8, 2010	Secretariat Meeting, 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)
June 12, 2010	SOL - 10:00am – 3:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE
June 27, 2010	Grand Ultreya (details to come)
July 10, 2010	Secretariat Meeting, 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)
July 29 – Aug 1, 2010	<b>20<sup>th</sup> National Encounter</b> , at Rockhurst University, Kansas City MO
August 14, 2010	SOL - 10:00am – 3:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. James Parish, Cortland

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## Welcome New Fourth Dayers (Winter 2010, Sacred Heart Parish, Hebron)

Welcome to the 4th Day! \*\*\* We welcome David Chasten, Luke Deaver, David Hovorka, Chris Jacobe, Patrick Kenner, Rick Larson, Thai Nguyen, Patrick O'Hanlon, Michael Szydlo, Joyce Bethscheider, Teri Chasten, Janet Fear, Pat Hergott, Cammy Jacobe, Carlece Kenner, Cris Larson, Rose Rauner, Elizabeth Swezey, Toni Szydlo to the Fourth Day!! It is in being a community and sharing with your brothers and sisters in Christ 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.

Ultreya ... Onward!!

## **Comments from New Fourth Dayers**

(Cammy Jacobe, Sacred Heart, Hebron, NE): I appreciate your prayers. I was always very proud to be a Catholic Christian, however I never realized how I was just surviving being a Christian and not thriving as one. The weekend really opened my eyes how I want to live my life, for myself and for those around me, the way God truly wants us to live. My husband and I are already starting to make some small changes in our attitudes towards our faith in relation to our environments surrounding us and with God's grace eventually they will be huge changes.

(Carlece Kenner, Sacred Heart, Hebron, NE): What I experienced at my Cursillo was God's Grace through his Sacraments and through his people. I learned that there is so much more to my Catholic Faith that I was missing out on. I learned how to have a closer relationship with God. As simple as it sounds, I also learned that everything I do must always have the ultimate goal of getting to heaven and helping others do so. I also feel blessed to have been called to His mission and to have the love and support from God's other messengers to carry out His work.

## From the Secretariat/SOL ...

### 1. Ultreya Center News:

- ◆ The Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center continues its rotation of locations ... The <u>February</u> Ultreya will be held at 5:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Crete on Feb. 28. The <u>March</u> Ultreya is scheduled to be held at 5:00 pm in the Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln on March 28. The <u>April</u> Ultreya will be held at 5:00 pm in the St. Joseph Parish Center in Beatrice on April 25.
- ◆ The Southwest Ultreya Center will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. The <u>March</u> Ultreya will be held on March 14 at 3:30 pm CT in the basement of St. Patrick Church in McCook. The <u>April</u> Ultreya will be held on April 10 at 2:30 pm MT in the basement of St. Patrick Church in Imperial.
- ◆ Until further notice, the Plattsmouth/Nebraska City Ultreya Center's monthly Ultreyas will be announced in the Church of the Holy Spirit's bulletin and on its web page (www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com).
- ◆ The Vietnamese-language Ultreya is held on the <u>FOURTH</u> Sunday (changed from the third Sunday) of each month at 3:00 pm at <u>Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory Basement</u> in <u>Lincoln</u> (6405 Madison Ave).
- See the outside cover of the Newsletter for scheduled Ultreyas.

### 2. Precursillo/Three Day Weekend

The next Three Day Weekends have not yet been scheduled. However, the work of Cursillo continues ... we should be praying for the spiritual success of Weekends going on around the world (just as they prayed for us), as well as those that will occur in our Diocese in the future.

- ◆ 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 ...

## 3. <u>Postcursillo</u>

#### ♦ News from Region VI

The **Spring 2010 Region VI Encounter** will be held on **April 23-25, 2010 at St. Bernard Parish Center in Belfield, ND.** Regional Encounters begin at approximately 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening (registration prior to opening) and conclude with the Ultreya on Saturday evening (Sunday morning Mass and breakfast are provided on Sunday morning; sack lunches for those traveling are also provided). *See the enclosed Registration Form, which has additional details/information.* 

The **20th National Cursillo Encounter** (*Registration Forms available at www.natl-cursillo.org/*) is scheduled to be held **Thursday**, **July 29 – Sunday**, **August 1, 2010. Region VI** (our Region) will be hosting the event at **Rockhurst University** in **Kansas City, Missouri** ... they don't get too much closer than this!!

The keynote speaker will be **Fr. David M. Knight**. Fr. Knight wrote the book, **Cursillo Spiritual Formation Program**, published by the Cursillo for use in School of Leaders, and his book, **His Way** (which the Lincoln Diocese studied in SOL), is widely used by Cursillistas and quoted in Cursillo literature. **His Way**, a book on the spirituality of the laity, has been used in renewal programs in dioceses throughout the country, as a follow-up by the National Cursillo Movement.

Participating in the National Encounter would be a wonderful way for cursillistas, especially the new Fourth Dayers, to become more familiar with what is going on in Cursillo. As a matter of fact, our new Episcopal advisor, Bishop Elizondo, is personally encouraging cursillistas to make the effort and sacrifice to attend this Encounter in order to be as well informed as possible in order to promote an authentic Cursillos of Christianity (see Bishop Elizondo's letter on the back of English Registration Form at the National website). Christ is counting on us!!

#### 4. School of Leaders (SOL)

The next SOL will be **April 10, 2010**, at St. James Parish in Cortland (*see the enclosed registration form on the inside of the mailing cover*). As usual, the day will begin with Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by 10:00am Group Reunion, the technique talks and work sessions, and the doctrinal talk. <u>All</u> cursillistas are invited to deepen their understanding of Cursillo, especially those who are just beginning their Fourth Day. The more participation we have, the greater the joy ... the more we can accomplish with and for our Lord ... We all come away with a better understanding of the Cursillo Movement and its specific charism in the life of the Church.



Lift everything up in prayer ...

## From the Spiritual Advisor

As we continue our journey through the season of Lent and then begin our Easter journey, it might be helpful for us to reflect on the question: What is the purpose of Lent? It is not just a period of 40 days during which we try to observe various acts of penance and mortification as an end in themselves ... as something to be endured, or accomplished, or lived through. Rather, during the season of Lent, we are to die to ourselves, to selfishness, and to sin, in order that, as St. Paul would say: "it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). We are to live the 40 days of Lent, in a sense, walking the Way of the Cross beside our Lord ... learning to be more obedient to the Father, striving to be more and more open to the life of grace.

After we have let the graces of the Lord work in us to bring about the dying of our old selves, our old ways of living, then we are more "fertile soil" for the life of Christ to blossom in us. So, Lent has always been seen as a preparation for Easter ... a preparation for Baptism by those who are seeking entrance into the Church. It has also been seen as a preparation for the second Baptism, the sacrament of Penance ... and, thus, a period for interior purification. However, the focus or goal is not just receiving the sacrament of Baptism or the sacrament of Penance, or even receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion. Reception of the sacraments is very good ... and through the sacraments, we receive God's Divine Life. But there has to be an openness on our part, too, to be transformed, and to be so transformed that we desire that all the world be transformed as well. The more we are open to God's Divine Life in us and the more that we allow His Divine Life to replace our old life ... the ways of the world ... the more that we can say with St. Paul that "it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me." Then, in a very real sense, we have been "Christianized" ... we have been made into Christ. The more that we encounter Christ in the liturgy of the Church and receive His grace in the sacraments, the more that His Divine Life will be present within us and the more that we will be perfected and be more like Christ. Dr. Pius Parsch said that "in divine life we have the essence and the end of all Christian piety".

Reflecting on the purpose of Lent and the purpose of Easter ... that we might be drawn closer to Christ and through the graces of the sacraments that we might be Christianized ... leads me to reflect on the purpose of the Cursillo Movement ... which is the Christianization of the world. Just like we do not only focus on Lent for the sake of Lent, or Easter for the sake of Easter, so we should not focus on Cursillo ... or the Three Day Weekend ... for the sake of Cursillo, or the sake of the Three Day Weekend. Rather, the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is the Christianization of the world. These thoughts were made clearer to me as I was reading one of the publications of the National Cursillo Center from 1974 entitled The Purpose of the Movement. That book says (pages 49-50): "By understanding the analysis the founders made of the problem facing the Church, and by understanding the strategy they adopted to achieve a solution to this problem, we are in a position to ask the question: How can we tell when a Cursillo Movement is successful? When will we be able to tell whether a Cursillo Movement is achieving the end for which it was designed? If we have a large number of cursillistas? If there are a large number of converts to Christianity as a result of the Cursillo? If there are a lot more

members of apostolic organizations? If there are many more apostolic organizations in the Church?

All these things might be and should be results which come from a healthy Cursillo Movement, but they are not the way of judging the Cursillo Movement, because the Cursillo Movement was not designed to do these things. As Eduardo Bonnin put it (<u>How and Why</u>, p.37): 'The Cursillos do not aim at increasing the number of devout Christians, nor do they aim at converting unbelievers or the weak minded or saving lost souls, nor do they aim at increasing the membership of existing organizations, nor do they aim at creating new organizations.' Or, as he said at the Austin convention 1963, "The goal is not 'to have Cursillistas all over'."

The standard of judgment for a Cursillo Movement is, simply, to what extent are the various environments in the city being Christianized, being transformed in Christ? To what extent is Christian life being structured? To what extent are there active Christian leaders in many environments who are actually working to draw men to Christ and to form Christian life among them? If a Cursillo Movement is doing this, it is successful as a Cursillo Movement. If a Cursillo Movement is not doing this, it may be doing something good, but it is not successful as a Cursillo Movement.

Thus, as we journey through the seasons of Lent and Easter striving to die to ourselves so that we might better live for Christ, we must remember that the purpose of Lent and Easter is that we become more like Christ. Similarly, we might also spend time reflecting on the purpose of the Cursillo Movement, and allow the Lord to help us to see that it is really about the Christianization of our environments. How are we doing in becoming more like Christ? How are we doing in Christianizing the world?

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

#### From the Lay Director

Some of my favorite inspirational readings are the writings of Saint Ephraim the Syrian. St. Ephraim lived in the 4th century and by his writings, struggled with sin and temptation and sought strength and forgiveness from Our Lord in the same way as we do today. He also had a great devotion to Our Blessed Mother, the "Theotokos" (God bearer) and prayed to her for strength and help in time of temptation. He asked for her help in loving Jesus, recognizing his (and our) great limitations as a person. Many of his writings follow the theme of this quote: "We must seek Thee above all else, and not seek anything else but Thee, for he who seeks Thee finds all in Thee."

The Cursillo teaches us to do as St. Ephraim - seek Jesus always, recognizing that He is our Ideal and we will find all in Him. Love Jesus, work to love Jesus. Saint John Neumann wrote "How much I love You, O my Jesus, I wish to love You with my whole heart; yet I do not love You enough."

As we enter Lent, may we all recognize our need to love Our Lord more and more, and, even with our limitations, strive to empty ourselves of all that prevents our total giving, our total loving. No matter how much we love Jesus, tomorrow is another day to love Him more.

De Colores! John Springer

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Location alternates: Crete/Lincoln/Beatrice/Hebron				
Usually 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm				
February 28 5:00 pm Ultreya at Sacred Heart in Crete				
March 28 – 5:00 pm Ultreya at Blessed John XXIII Center in Lincoln				
April 25 – 5:00 pm Ultreya at St. Joseph Parish in Beatrice				
2) David City-Shelby Contact: Rose Hottovy or Mary Jane Hilger				
3) Hastings-Holdrege-Minden All Saints' Parish Hall, Holdrege				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, 3:00pm				
4) Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group				
Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory, Lincoln				
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month, 3:00pm				
5) Plattsmouth-Nebraska City				
See Church of the Holy Spirit's bulletin and web page				
(www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com) for day/time				
6) Southwestern Nebraska				
Location alternates: McCook/Imperial; Usually 2nd Sunday of month				
March 14 – Ultreya in McCook (3:30pm CT)				
April 10 – Ultreya in Imperial (2:30pm MT; 3:30pm CT)				
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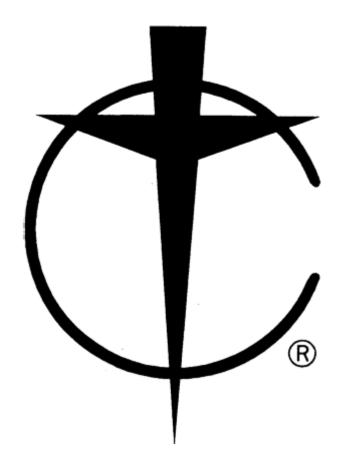
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## School of Leaders

## April 10, 2010 500 West Girst Street St. James Parish, Cortland, NE

## Please come ... Deepen your understanding of Cursillo ... ALL are welcome !!!

If you cannot be with us, we request Palanca for the success of the School.

## If not you, then who?

God wants to use your time/talent/treasure ... He wants you to be a good steward of that which He has given you. SOL, which is the working arm of Cursillo and is entrusted with the work of Cursillo in a diocese, needs the help of good stewards, such as <u>YOU</u>, to help with the work of Cursillo ... the harvest is great ... but the workers are few ...

SOL is a time to build community ... to spend time with others who deeply love our Lord and want others to love Him as well. SOL is an opportunity to work with others who know the very great value of Cursillo, and who want to make sure that others might have the opportunity to live a Weekend ... those who are concerned with the specific mission given to <u>ALL OF US</u> at our Baptism ... those who want to answer the call to Christianize the world.

SOL is for ALL cursillistas ... for all who have a desire to share their love of God with others ... it is for ALL men and women, couples, singles, priests and religious, young and not-so-young .... If you wonder if it is for YOU, God may be prompting you to become more involved ... at least, come and see ... you already know that He is counting on YOU!

#### **School of Leaders Agenda:**

9:30am --- Mass (for those who wish to assist)

10:00am -- Group Reunion, Session #1, Lunch, Session #2, Visit to Blessed Sacrament, Depart.

3:00pm --- Clean up/departure

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

- ♦ BRING YOUR OWN SACK LUNCH (to save on time preparing and cleaning up, etc.)
- ♦ Pilgrim's Guide
- Leaders' Manual (please pray the Leader's Prayer in Chapter 6 daily)
- We ask that you consider making a \$15 donation to help cover a donation for use of the facility.
- ♦ Please bring a snack to share, if you like.



## DIOCESE OF BISMARCK, ND SPRING CURSILLO REGION VI ENCOUNTER REGISTRATION FORM

Date:	April 23 - 25, 2010						
Location:	St. Bernard's Parish Center 404 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave NE Belfield, ND 58622	er	Contact:	<b>Doug Dukart-Home 701-573-4525</b> cell (701) 260-2283 E-Mail: dsdukart@ndsupernet.com			
Emergency phone number while the Encounter is going on: 701-260-2283 or 701-260-2169							
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## DIOCESIS DE BISMARCK, ND FORMA DE REGISTRACION PARA EL ENCUENTRO DE PRIMAVERA DE LA REGION VI

Fecha:	Abril 23 - 25, 2010		
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