

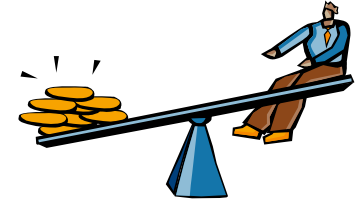
# Cursillo News for Mar. – Apr. 2011

## Calendar of Events

February 24-27, 2011	<b>Women's Three Day Weekend</b> , at St. John the Baptist Parish, Minden
March 12, 2011	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln
March 24-27, 2011	<b>Cursillo de Cursillos</b> in Rapid City, SD
April 8-10, 2011	<b>Region VI Spring Encounter</b> (Wichita, KS; Mt. St. Mary's Convent, Magnificat Center)
April 16, 2011	<b>SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am)</b> ; St. James Parish, Cortland, NE
May 7, 2011	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln
June 11, 2011	<b>SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am)</b> ; St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE
June 26, 2011	<b>Grand Ultreya</b> -- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, North Platte, NE.
July 9, 2011	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln
July 28-31, 2011	<b>21<sup>st</sup> National Encounter</b> (St. Mary University in San Antonio, TX)

*Just a reminder ... Palanca is the backbone of the Cursillo Movement and essential for the spiritual success of each Three Day Weekend, 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's counting on YOU!!!*

*Please come to the Women's Closing (5:00 pm) to welcome the new 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers (4:00 pm Mass for those who would like to assist).*



*Lift them up in prayer ...*

*Send Palanca to:  
St. John the Baptist  
Attn: Cursillo Palanca  
PO Box 245  
Minden, NE 68959*

### PRAYER/ADORATION HOURS (by Ultreya Center) for the February 2011 Minden Weekend

Thursday, 7:00pm - Friday, 1:00am	David City/Shelby/Wahoo
Friday, 1:00am - 7:00am	Beatrice/Crete/Hebron
Friday, 7:00am - 1:00pm	Lincoln
Friday, 1:00pm - 7:00pm	Southwestern Nebraska (McCook/Imperial/Grant)
Friday, 7:00pm - Saturday 1:00am	Nebraska City/Plattsmouth
Saturday, 1:00am - 7:00am	David City/Shelby/Wahoo
Saturday, 7:00am - 1:00pm	Beatrice/Crete/Hebron
Saturday, 1:00pm - 7:00pm	Southwestern Nebraska (McCook/Imperial/Grant)
Saturday, 7:00pm - Sunday 1:00am	Lincoln
Sunday, 1:00am - Sunday, 7:00am	Nebraska City/Plattsmouth
Sunday, 7:00am - 5:00pm	Hastings/Holdrege/Minden

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**Observation** (on the rollos from the new Cursillo Manual) by **Fr. Jeremy Hazuka**, Spiritual Director for Women's Cursillo Weekend, St. John the Baptist Parish in Minden, Feb. 24-27:

*What I seemed to have observed with the revisions of the rollos is that they more clearly present a direction for the candidate to take after they leave the 3 Day Weekend. The rollos, especially the personal witnesses, not only inspire, but it appears that the new cursillistas will be better able to follow the Cursillo Method because it was laid out in a logical, step-by-step manner through the outlines given for the rollos by the weekend manual. Basically the candidates are inspired and then are given the tools and encouragement needed to go inspire others.*

### 1. Ultreya Center News:

*Details regarding upcoming Ultreyas will be included in each Newsletter and are also available on the diocesan web page:  
<http://webpages.charter.net/seas/cursillolincoln.html>*

- ◆ The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... The **February Ultreya** would normally be held on **February 27, 2011**; however, ALL cursillistas (not just those from this Ultreya Center) are encouraged, instead, to come to the **Women's Closing** in Minden to welcome the new Fourth Dayers. The **March Ultreya** is scheduled for **March 27** at the St. Joseph Parish Center in Beatrice. There will NOT be an **April Ultreya**, as April 24 is Easter Sunday.
- ◆ The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. The **March Ultreya** will be held on **March 13** at 3:30 pm CT in the basement of St. Patrick Church in McCook and the **April Ultreya** will be held on **April 10** at 2:30 pm MT in the basement of St. Patrick Church in Imperial.
- ◆ The **Plattsmouth/Nebraska City Ultreya Center** – Check the parish bulletin for Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth ([www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com](http://www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com)), or contact Terry Little for more information.
- ◆ The **Vietnamese-language Ultreya** continues to be held the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:00pm at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory Basement** in **Lincoln** (6405 Madison Ave).

### Just a reminder about Ultreya (especially invitations to non-cursillistas):

- **Any Ultreya is open to any cursillista and even non-cursillistas.**
- If your area is not holding regular Ultreyas, consider visiting a neighboring Ultreya Center.

## 2. Precursillo

*There's still time to invite your friend to live the Women's Cursillo Weekend ... by NO LATER THAN Tuesday, February 22, 2011*, you should have candidate information (name, address, phone number, email address, sponsor information) to Kathy Springer, Coordinator for the Weekend (email is fine ... ks90710@windstream.net). However, **the registration form still needs to be submitted by Thursday** (the form reports important information for health and emergency situations, and has been essential on past Weekends). Remember that the Sponsor needs to write a Palanca letter that will be given to the candidate on Friday evening of the Weekend, so that will need to be in Minden when the Weekend begins Thursday evening.

Who is God counting on you to invite? Registration forms are available from the Cursillo of Lincoln website (<http://webpages.charter.net/seas/cursillolincoln.html>). **Please use the most recent forms**, as information has changed. The Registration Form should be filled out by the candidate and returned to you as the sponsor; you should fill out the Sponsor Form (and be prepared to fulfill the sponsor responsibilities described on the back of the form), including getting the candidate's pastor's signature, and send the Registration Form and Sponsor Form together with the registration fee (\$20) to Kathy (because the Weekend is only a few days away – 1410 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St., Crete, NE 68333; normally registration materials would go to the Lay Director).

## 3. Three Day Weekend

The **Women's Three Day Weekend** will be at **St. John the Baptist Parish in Minden**. The Weekend is:

- **Women's Weekend: February 24–27, 2011**  
[Coordinator: Kathy Springer; Spiritual Director: Fr. Jeremy Hazuka]

*See the "Precursillo" section above for information about registration forms.*

## 4. Postcursillo

### ◆ Region VI

The **Region VI Spring Encounter** is scheduled for **April 8-10, 2011, in Wichita, KS** (see the Region VI webpage: <http://www.cursillo.org/region6/index.htm> for details and Registration Form). Regional Encounters are normally held the last full weekend in September and April (to allow for consistency in planning); however, in 2011, Easter Sunday is the last weekend in April. The topic for the Region VI Spring Encounter will be **"The Cursillo Weekend"**. Again, there is much to consider on this topic – *if you have questions about why the Weekends are the way they are, come and find out*. Cursillistas are invited to participate in this Encounter to learn more about the various roles involved in the Three Day Cursillo phase of the Movement. It's a wonderful opportunity for cursillistas throughout the Region to ask questions about the Three Days and learn and share with cursillistas from the other dioceses that will be participating.

### ◆ Cursillo de Cursillos

The **Rapid City, SD Diocese** is inviting all Region VI Dioceses/Archdioceses to an English-language **Cursillo de Cursillos** the weekend of **March 24-27, 2011**. A registration form is available on our Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage as well as the Region VI Cursillo webpage: <http://www.cursillo.org/region6/index.htm>. We have wanted to hold a Cursillo de Cursillos ever since they began in October 2009. There is a very good article from the National Newsletter entitled, "Cursillo de Cursillos – What is it?" (the article can be accessed in its entirety by going to the National webpage <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/> and clicking on the School of Leaders link – it is one of the articles listed there). During the Practice Weekend, one of the team members commented that there should be a Cursillo for cursillistas ... that's what a Cursillo de Cursillos is!! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

### ◆ 21<sup>st</sup> National Encounter

Make plans to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> National Cursillo Encounter, which is Thursday, July 28 – Sunday, July 31, 2011, at St Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas. The Encounter registration fee is \$370 if you register by May 31, 2011. The registration form is available on the National Cursillo webpage [www.natlcursillo.org](http://www.natlcursillo.org) (you may also register on-line). The capacity is 600 persons, and rooms are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. The registration fee includes three nights lodging, dinner on Thursday evening, 3 meals on Friday and Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday morning. Shuttle service from San Antonio International Airport (SAT) will be provided on Thursday, July 28, 2011. Departure shuttles will be available on Sunday, July 31, 2011. Watch the webpage and future newsletters for more details.

## 5. School of Leaders (SOL)

At the January SOL, held on January 8, 2011, at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan, the technique talks focused on insights from Eduardo Bonnin, the founder of the Cursillo Movement as we know it today, about the origins and purpose of the Cursillo Movement. In the last newsletter, it was noted that Eduardo believed his greatest asset was the knowledge he was given of the Cursillo Movement. In his book, he says: "... *the knowledge of the 'Cursillos in Christianity Movement' is the most important property that I own. At the time of making my will I think that the best thing I can pass on to those who come after me is to leave in writing and in detail what this Movement consists of, and what its purpose is, and what are the aims to be achieved by the Movement*" (hence, his "spiritual testament").

Since Eduardo is gone, we need to be responsible custodians and it behooves us to learn about and better know this Movement in order for us to use it to its best potential. Come to SOL and learn more ... we will continue the study of Eduardo's spiritual testament at the April SOL on April 16, 2011 at St. James Parish, Cortland. The next School of Leaders was moved from the second Saturday (April 9), which is when it is normally held, to April 16 because the Spring Region VI Encounter is scheduled for April 8-10 (it had to be moved up because Easter is the last Sunday in April, when the Encounter is normally held).

Those planning to participate should remember to bring a sack lunch. Also note that for all future SOLs, the Mass that precedes SOL will begin at 9:00am and SOL will start at 9:30am.

## **From the Spiritual Advisor**

In a couple of weeks, we will begin the holy season of Lent. Each year the Church invites us to enter into this 40-day journey with our Lord. We are encouraged to choose to discipline ourselves ... our minds and our wills, as well as our bodies ... to focus more on the Lord and less on ourselves. We are to take up our cross and follow the Lord. We are to die to ourselves, to selfishness, and to sin, in order that we might make more room in our lives for the Lord and for all the graces that He wants to give to us.

This process of dying to ourselves and being more open to the Lord's graces will deepen our life of Piety. Really, it is the Lord who deepens our life of Piety, but we need to let Him do that in us. Letting the Lord into our lives, is another way of saying that we enter into a deeper encounter with Him. This requires our growth in humility ... our growth in knowledge of ourselves, both our strengths and our weaknesses, and recognizing our need for the Lord in our lives. It is a process of recognizing that we need to encounter the Lord in a deeper way.

Each of us encountered the Lord through our Baptism, and we encountered Him again through our Three Day Weekend. We need to remember that while our Baptism had a profound effect on us, it was not a one-moment event; instead, we are called to continue to live out our Baptismal promises each and every day ... we are called to live as baptized persons throughout the rest of our lives. Similarly, our Three Day Weekend had a significant effect on our lives, but there, too, we need to continue to live out in our daily lives what we learned and experienced during our Three Day Weekend.

In our Fourth Day, through our Piety, our Study, and our Action, we can continue to deepen our encounter with Him. But we must remember that our Piety, Study, and Action are not "ends in themselves" ... they should go beyond simply producing a "warm feeling" ... through our efforts to grow in Piety, Study, and Action, we should be letting the Lord draw us to a deeper encounter with Him, and letting Him use us to Christianize our environments and bring others closer to Him. So too, during Lent, we are encouraged to pray, to fast, and to give alms. We are encouraged to do penance. But prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penance are not an end in themselves, but rather opportunities for us to focus more on the Lord and less on ourselves.

In encouraging you to continue to grow, I want to remind you that there are a number of opportunities in the next two months for you to let the Lord help you to grow more in your knowledge of the Cursillo Movement and to let Him use you to bring His Gospel to the world. Earlier in this newsletter you read about the Cursillo de Cursillos that is being hosted by the Rapid City, SD Diocese on March 24-27. This is a great opportunity to let the Lord expand your understanding of the Cursillo Movement and to deepen your Piety, Study, and Action. On April 8-10, the Diocese of Wichita, KS is hosting the Region VI Spring Encounter. The topic is the Three Days, and you will learn more about the depths of the Cursillo Movement by learning how the Three Day Weekend was designed to give us all the tools we need to live our Fourth Day well ... apostolically. Then, on April 16, our Diocese is hosting our bi-monthly School of Leaders (SOL) at St. James Parish in Cortland ... ALL are invited to join together in friendship as we do the work of Cursillo together.

So, as you journey through the season of Lent, and as you live your Fourth Day, I encourage you to keep the focus on the Lord. Remember His love for you and that He wants you to show your love for Him by putting Him first in your life and by letting Him use you to do His work ... and that may very well entail doing His work through Cursillo.

*De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker*

## **From the Lay Director**

Just a couple of months ago (mid-December), the celebration of Christmas was coming quickly and with that, our lives just seemed to get busier and busier. As I get older, the saying "the good old days" certainly takes on a new meaning. Of course, when I was young, my parents were probably saying the same thing, although their days at that time (when I was young) were most likely better than their "good old days" because of the depression and hard times. In any case, it always seems we rush around and when the holidays come, there is hopefully an "ahhh" time when the quiet moments come and we can sit back and enjoy the present as well as reminisce about the past.

I put events in my computer calendar and every day reminders pop up. I tend to procrastinate, so my reminders are usually one week in advance (that way I can count down – snooze one day at a time). The other day the reminder I had entered for what would have been the Men's Cursillo Weekend popped up, and this caused me to sit back a moment and think about not having this Weekend. It caused me to think about Weekends in the past that I helped with in some way – David City (always so cold in the winter time), Wahoo (the bell tower ringing the hour – a new meaning to God's time), Beatrice (small gym, cold walk in the snow to the showers), Shelby (such a nice cozy place, even if it was a little cramped), St. John's in Lincoln (the hot water coming out of the cold water faucets), Hebron (the dividing wall and those cozy chairs), Holdrege (hot in the summer with the air conditioning out – at least for the Men), Minden (Palanca team in the rectory), and other places I don't immediately recall. You may remember these and other places, too. All of these memories are so special to me ... if you are able, sit down with someone who you were on a Weekend with and it will bring back wonderful memories.

Cursillo is such a gift!! For me, it put structure in my Christian life and removed the line between my life of faith and my other life, so that there is only one life (even still, a struggle at times). Cursillo has given a community of friends that are more than friends ... they are true brothers and sisters in Christ. Every grouping, whether it be Group Reunion, Ultreya, a Regional Encounter, or the National Encounter, provides this same community of love and friendship. Where would I be without these precious friends? For me, Cursillo has strengthened every part of my life.

I hope as you read this, you think back to your Weekend, the special memories, the friends you made. Take a few moments and write a note, make a phone call, let those you shared the Weekend with know that they are still special in your life. Thank you for remembering me.

Finally, please come to the Women's Closing at Minden (Sunday February 27 at 5 p.m.). There are many who will be so glad to see you. Welcome the new cursillistas so you can know and support them in their 4th Day, and they can know and pray for you. Thank you for your Palanca, please continue to pray for the Cursillo Movement, especially in our Diocese. May God continue to bless you.

*De Colores!! John Springer*

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**Ultreya Centers**

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln** – Location alternates.....  
(usually 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month, 5:00pm)  
Feb. 27, 2011 -- Women's Closing (Minden) in place of Ultreya  
Mar. 27 - Ultreya at St. Joseph Parish Center, Beatrice  
Apr. 24 (Easter Sunday) – NO Ultreya
- 2) **David City-Shelby** .... Contact: Rose Hottovy or Mary Jane Hilger
- 3) **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden** – .....Contact Kathy Rowell or  
Mary Ann Connelly; Mar. 13, 2011 at 2:30pm at Minden
- 4) **Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group** .....  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory, Lincoln  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month, 3:00pm
- 5) **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City** .....  
Check parish bulletin at [www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com](http://www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com),  
or contact Terry Little
- 6) **Southwestern Nebraska** .....  
Location alternates: McCook/Imperial; Usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month  
March 13 – Ultreya scheduled for McCook (3:30pm CT)  
April 10 – Ultreya in Imperial (2:30pm MT; 3:30pm CT)
- 7) **Wahoo**.....Contact: John Springer

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Women's: Feb. 24-27, 2011  
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**(See Fr. Hazuka's comments inside)**

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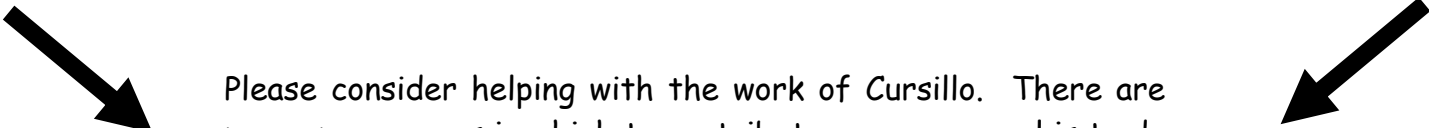
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# *School of Leaders*

*April 16, 2011  
500 West First Street  
St. James Parish, Cortland, NE*

*Please come ... Deepen your understanding of Cursillo ...  
ALL Cursillistas (Veteran and New) are invited and welcome*

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



Please consider helping with the work of Cursillo. There are many, many areas in which to contribute ... our one goal is to do that which is necessary to keep Cursillo alive and well in the Lincoln Diocese, and we need willing spirits and open hearts to assist in helping others encounter Christ through Cursillo. The best part of SOL is the community, and working together ... it is the friendship. Please join us!!

## School of Leaders Agenda:

9:00am --- Mass (for those who wish to assist)

9:30am -- Group Reunion, Session #1, Lunch, Session #2, Visit to Blessed Sacrament, Depart.

2:30pm --- Clean up and departure (*estimated time* ... may be earlier ... may be later ...).

The **Technique Talks** will again come from Eduardo Bonnin's "My Spiritual Testimony" [available for purchase at SOL (or from Kathy Springer) for \$5.00, plus postage, if applicable]. According to the back cover of the book, "*By means of these pages a discovery is made of the Foundational Charism of the Cursillo in Christianity Movement. Every line leads to contemplation of the 'living water' that has flowed from this Charism. After 67 years the water is still clear and life giving because of its authenticity and truthfulness. It is a charism that encourages people to encounter Christ in the normality of their life without abandoning the place where God has placed them by discovering a Christ who is alive, natural, personal and close to us and to the people in our environment ...*" The **Doctrinal Talks** will continue to relate to topics that will help you grow in your spiritual life.

## 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, if you have one (available for purchase at SOL)
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help cover a donation for use of the facility.*