

Cursillo News for Mar. – Apr. 2013

Calendar of Events

February 21-24, 2013 **Men's Three Day Weekend**, at St. John the Baptist, Minden.

[If cancelled due to winter storm, watch Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage (<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>) for re-scheduled dates]

- February 24, 2013 **Men's Closing**, 5:00pm at St. John the Baptist, Minden (no longer a 4pm Fourth Day Mass prior to the Closing, but please come to the Closing to welcome the new cursillistas).
- March 7-10, 2013 **Women's Three Day Weekend**, at St. John the Baptist, Minden.
- March 10, 2013 **Women's Closing**, 5:00pm at St. John the Baptist, Minden (no longer a 4pm Fourth Day Mass prior to the Closing, but please come to the Closing to welcome the new cursillistas).
- April 13, 2013 **SOL** - 9:30am–2:30pm (Mass, 9:00am). IHM Parish in Lincoln. The afternoon work session for SOL will be a **Secretariat Meeting*** (approx. 1:30pm)
- April 19-21, 2013 Spring 2013 Region VI Encounter – Dodge City, KS (registration enclosed); note the change in date (previously April 26-28).
- June 8, 2013 **SOL*** - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Parish, Doniphan.
- June 30, 2013 **Grand Ultreya** – Location to be announced.

** [Due to the February/March Weekends and the busy-ness of May in terms of graduations, etc., there have been some adjustments in the normal scheduling of SOL and Secretariat meetings. Specifically, there will be a Secretariat meeting in February at the close of the Practice Weekend, and in April (the second work session of SOL); there will be no May Secretariat meeting. The normal rotation between SOL and Secretariat meeting will begin again in June. That said, SOL is generally the second Saturday of the even numbered months (Feb., April, etc.), and Secretariat meetings are generally the second Saturday of the odd numbered months (Jan., March, etc.).]*

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***Come to the Three Day Closings (Men's and Women's) ...
Welcome the new cursillistas to the Fourth Day ...
Renew friendships and make new friends!!***

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:
St. John the Baptist
Attn: Cursillo Palanca
P.O. Box 245,
Minden, NE 68959***

PALANCA (by Ultreya Center) for the February-March 2013 Minden Weekends

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	Southwestern Nebraska (McCook/Imperial/Grant)
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	Southwestern Nebraska (McCook/Imperial/Grant)
Saturday, 7:00pm - Sunday 1:00am	Lincoln Vietnamese and English
Sunday, 1:00am - Sunday, 7:00am	Nebraska City/Plattsmouth
Sunday, 7:00am - 5:00pm	Hastings/Holdrege/Minden

1. Ultreya Center News:

*Details regarding upcoming Ultreyas are included on the next page and on the outside cover of each Newsletter and are also available on the diocesan webpage:
<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>.*

- The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... The **February** Ultreya would normally be held at 3:00pm on **February 24, 2013**. However, since this is the date of the **Men's Closing** in Minden, ALL cursillistas in the Lincoln Diocese are encouraged to come to the Closing and welcome the new cursillistas into the Fourth Day (rather than have Ultreyas). The **Women's Closing** on **March 10, 2013** in Minden, ALL cursillistas in the Lincoln Diocese are encouraged to come to the Closing and welcome the new cursillistas into the Fourth Day (rather than have Ultreyas). The **March** Ultreya will be held on Sunday, March 24, at **3:00pm** at Sacred Heart, Crete. The **April**

Ultreya will be held on Sunday, April 28, at **3:00pm** at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln.

- The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. The **March** Ultreya would *normally* be held at 3:30pm on **March 10, 2013**. However, since this is the date of the **Women's Closing** in Minden, ALL cursillistas in the Lincoln Diocese are encouraged to come to the Closing and welcome the new cursillistas into the Fourth Day (rather than have Ultreyas). The **April** Ultreya will be held **April 14** at 2:30 pm MT in the St. Patrick Parish Hall in Imperial.
- The **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden Ultreya Center** is holding quarterly Ultreyas (the most recent Ultreya was on Feb. 10, 2013) . The next Ultreya will be **May 5, 2013**, at **2:30pm** at **St. John the Baptist Church, Minden**.
- The **Plattsmouth/Nebraska City Ultreya Center** – Contact Mary Lou Salazar or Terry Little for more information.
- The **Weston-Wahoo Ultreya Center** is currently not having Ultreyas. Please participate in Ultreya in one of the other Ultreya Centers (Lincoln is close).
- The **Vietnamese-language Ultreya** continues to be held the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:30pm at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lincoln**.

2. **Precursillo and Three Days**

Keeping in mind that the work of the Precursillo is NOT about preparing friends to live a Three Day Weekend, but rather, it is about making friends, being friends, and bringing our friends to CHRIST, we also need to remember that preparing candidates/friends to live a Three Day Weekend IS one part of the work of the Precursillo. It is now past time to register for the Men's Weekend (*unless the Weekend gets re-scheduled due to weather ... see webpage*), but the Women's Weekend is still ahead of us, and there IS room for more candidates. However, we need to know how many to plan for in terms of meals, supplies, etc., so please let John Springer (Lay Director) or Roddy Spangler (Rectora for the Women's Weekend) know ASAP that an application is coming. May we accept our Baptismal commitment to live the Gospel and do our part in building up the Body of Christ!! Living Cursillo and inviting others to do so, too, is a great way to do just that. Ask a friend who has indicated to you that he/she wants to deepen his/her faith to consider Cursillo. You will find application forms and information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage <http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>.

***Please offer Palanca for the Women's Weekend in Minden
and for the work of Cursillo in our Diocese
and throughout the world.***

Consider sending a general Palanca letter for the candidates and team to read during the Weekend. Palanca has a powerful means of opening hearts and minds to hear what God wants to tell us, and the women will surely benefit from your Palanca offered on their behalf.

3. **Postcursillo**

Region VI Spring Encounter (April 19-21, 2013)

The Region VI Spring 2013 Encounter will be hosted by the Dodge City, KS Diocese is now scheduled for **April 19-21, 2013** (~~previously announced as April 26-28~~). A registration form is included in this Newsletter (with the schedule of activities on the back). The focus of most of the rollos will be on the Precursillo phase of Cursillo. In fact, the three phases of Cursillo are like an eternity band, in that the work of Precursillo seems like it's really Postcursillo work, and vice versa. So in discussing one phase, we are really gaining a better understanding of the whole.

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

The **January SOL** was held at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan on January 12, 2013. The Technique Talk came from the third chapter of *The Leaders Manual*, entitled "**The Strategy of the Movement.**" If the purpose of Cursillo is to vertebrae Christianity (provide a backbone), then it is important to understand Cursillo's strategy for achieving that purpose. We are reminded that the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is to provide a backbone for Christian life in every environment, that is, to provide men and women around whom Christian life can form in every environment ... men and women who will be dedicated apostles ... who will be vertebrae for the formation of Christian life in every situation. To form Christian life means to bring people to Christ, to bring them into contact with each other as Christians, and to thereby change the tone and direction of the environment. That's what this world needs!!

Further, we can see that the work of vertebrating Christianity really involves two fundamental tasks: (1) To find and to mold the necessary and indispensable parts (the work of Precursillo and the Three Days), and (2) to situate them in the right place and link them among themselves so that they may work efficiently (the work of Postcursillo). Thus, we see the work of Christianizing environments as being the specific task of the Precursillo, the Three Days, and the Postcursillo. This is how we can ensure that Christ will be present in our families, our workplaces, our country, the world ... in each and every environment ... And we do this by being faithful and faith-filled witnesses in the world of the truth that GOD LOVES US ... each and every one of us!

The Doctrine Talk came from the third section of Pope Benedict XVI's Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini* ("**On the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church**"). This ties in with what was discussed in terms of Cursillo's strategy. The work sessions were used to review/update the Three Day Binder that is used on Three Day Weekends, especially in terms of the role of the Service Team. There was wonderful sharing of friendship and thoughts and ideas ... please consider coming.

The next SOL (open to both English and Vietnamese) will be held on **April 13, 2013**, at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln**. In upcoming SOLs, we will continue to review *The Leaders Manual*. Thus far, this study has proved to be very valuable and energizing in terms of understanding how we can make the best use of the tools given us in Cursillo to better carry out the joyful work of helping to build God's Kingdom here on earth. It has proved to be a

wonderful way to deepen our understanding of Cursillo, since we understand it better each time we gather to study and share. The Doctrinal Talks will continue to come from Pope Benedict XVI's Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini* (“*On the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church*”).

From the Lay Director

Each night I read a letter from Saint (Padre) Pio from a collection of 365 reflections from letters he wrote to his spiritual director and various other people. I have a special devotion to St. Pio. Many of these readings move me to reflect deeply on my spiritual life and help me to direct my piety, as well as action. St. Pio received the visible stigmata on September 20, 1918, and I am always conscious of that date when I read the reflection for the day (each is dated when written). If you have read much about St. Pio, you know he had many mystical experiences, talked to his angel and used his angel as a messenger, saw souls from purgatory, and so on.

As an example, the reflection for January 26 was from a letter written to one of his spiritual directors (Fr. Benedetto) dated July 7, 1913. He wrote of seeing the Lord, which both put his soul at great peace and consumed him with a desire to please God. He wrote of being filled with disdain for anything that did not help him come closer to God, and he felt obliged to serve and love the Lord more than any other person. Wow – I stopped and prayed right there for that love and desire. This is something we should all seek and want – to put our love and desire to serve Jesus above all things. This is our ideal – this is what we are called to in Cursillo. We don't neglect our responsibilities or our families or our friends; instead, we just do all in our power to do everything for the love of the Lord. I am only a weak and undeserving person, but God continues to send His grace and help to reach that ideal. Every day should be a metanoia as we always need to turn to God, to align our lives with His will.

We are quickly approaching the upcoming winter Cursillo Weekends. Pray for these Weekends -- the candidates, the teams, the work of Cursillo in our Diocese and throughout the world. We can all give something, especially prayer and Palanca. I ask that you pray and offer what you can for the Weekends ... if you'd like to make a monetary donation or a donation of food, that would be great!! Always remember that we are a community of believers and we know that even if God asks much, He rewards with more. Do your best to pray during the Weekends, especially during the times assigned to your Ultreya Center. Try to come to the Closings – it is a great witness to the new 4th Dayers.

I continue to ask that, if you are not already going, you please consider participating in School of Leaders. Cursillo needs us (you and me) to remain strong and functioning in our Diocese. It is also a fun and joyful time, and it only takes a few hours every two months. Please attend your Ultreyas – there is someone there who God wants you to see. If you are not grouping, find someone and get back in a group. Please continue to pray for the Cursillo Movement and pray for leaders in our Diocese to come forward and give some time to keep the Movement alive and faithful. God bless you!

De Colores!! **John Springer**

From the Spiritual Advisor

In his Apostolic Letter *Porta Fidei*, Pope Benedict XVI has encouraged all Catholics to “*an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord*” (#6). These words about an authentic and renewed conversion might remind us of the metanoia that was talked about on our Three Day Weekend. This metanoia or conversion needs to be on-going. The Lord wants us to continue to respond to His grace and to continue to move closer to Him in our spiritual life.

Pope Benedict XVI also wrote in paragraph #9: “*We want this Year to arouse in every believer the aspiration to profess the faith in fullness and with renewed conviction, with confidence and hope. It will also be a good opportunity to intensify the celebration of the faith in the liturgy, especially in the Eucharist, which is ‘the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed; ... and also the source from which all its power flows.’ At the same time, we make it our prayer that believers’ witness of life may grow in credibility. To rediscover the content of the faith that is professed, celebrated, lived and prayed, and to reflect on the act of faith, is a task that every believer must make his own, especially in the course of this Year.*”

These words about the Eucharist being the summit of our activity and the source of grace, reflecting on the act of faith, and the believers’ witness of life, remind us of the three legs of the tripod of our Christian life: Piety, Study, and Action. During this Year of Faith, we have an excellent opportunity to deepen our prayer life, to strengthen our study, and to be a better witness of the Lord through our apostolic action. The Lord is counting on you and the Church is counting on you!

Also, in this Year of Faith, during the months of March and April, we will be journeying with our Lord in the Liturgy of the Church through the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter. These liturgical celebrations, especially the Sacrifice of the Mass, are opportunities to join our lives more closely with Jesus, to be open to His graces, and allow Him to help us to continue to die to ourselves and the world and to live His new life in the ordinary events of our life with the persons in our environment.

Also, please remember that we are members of the community of the Church and the community of the Cursillo Movement. We shouldn't only consider ourselves in an individual relationship with the Lord, but also as a member of a community. Pray for your brothers and sisters in the Cursillo Movement and in the Church.

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

Ultreya ... Onward!!!

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Ultreya Centers

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln** – Location alternates.....
(usually 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm)
February 24 – Men’s Closing, Minden (5:00pm)
March 10 – Women’s Closing, Minden (5:00pm)
March 24 – Sacred Heart, Crete (3:00pm)
April 28 – Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln (3:00pm)
- 2) **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden** – Contact Mary Ann Connelly
February 24 – Men’s Closing, Minden (5:00pm)
March 10 – Women’s Closing, Minden (5:00pm)
May 5 at 2:30pm at Minden (St. John the Baptist Church Hall)
- 3) **Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group**
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lincoln
4th Sunday of month, 3:30pm
- 4) **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**
Check parish bulletin at www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com,
or contact Terry Little or Mary Lou Salazar
- 5) **Southwestern Nebraska**
Location alternates: McCook/Imperial; Usually 2nd Sunday of month
February 24 – Men’s Closing, Minden (5:00pm)
March 10 – Women’s Closing, Minden (5:00pm)
April 14 – Imperial (Parish Hall) (2:30pm MT)
- 6) **Weston/David City/Shelby/Wahoo**.....
Not currently having Ultreya; please participate in a neighboring Ultreya

Secretariat Mail

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Lincoln Diocese Cursillo WebPage
<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>
Region VI WebPage: <http://www.cursillo.org/region6>
National WebPage: www.natl-cursillo.org

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Feb. 21-24, 2013
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St. John the Baptist, Minden

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School of Leaders

April 13, 2013

6345 Madison Avenue

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln, NE

***EVERY Cursillista is invited and welcome ...
The Cursillo Movement needs your
participation ... will you help?***

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.

****[Note: The work of the second SOL session will be a Secretariat Meeting, beginning at approximately 1:30pm]**

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

Topics of Talks

The Technique Talks will come from chapters in **The Leaders Manual**. This will be a good way to deepen our understanding of Cursillo, since we understand it better and better every time we study any of the Cursillo literature. The Doctrinal Talks will be from Pope Benedict XVI's Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation "*Verbum Domini*" ("*On the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church*").

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

- ◆ Lunch will be provided.
- ◆ **Leaders' Manual**, if you have one (available for purchase at SOL)
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help fund the work of Cursillo.*

WHAT: Spring Regional Encounter for Cursillistas
WHEN: April 19-21, 2013 (Friday-Sunday)
WHERE: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall
805 Avenue J
Dodge City, KS 67801
LOCAL CONTACT: Rene Paz (620)255-1632 or
Luciano Retana (620)225-0652

Please plan to attend the Spring Regional Encounter for Cursillistas. Make your reservations by mailing the attached form to John Jelinek- 513 John Street, Hopkins, MN 55343. The cost is \$60.00 per person or \$100.00 per couple for reservations.. Checks should be made payable to Region VI Cursillo. Reservations are strongly encouraged so that the proper amount of food can be prepared.

There are many motels in the area if you prefer to stay at a motel.

You will need to bring your personal items with you, such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. You must bring sleeping bag or sheets and covers. They have 70 cots for the first 70 to arrive. They have room for 70 people to stay at the school. There are showers at the facility. Please bring your Pilgrim Guide.

We ask that everyone please try to arrive on Friday between 5:00-7:00PM. If arriving at a different time, please let us know your anticipated arrival time. In addition, if you are running late or need help finding the facility, please do not hesitate to call. This will also be your emergency number for friends and family to contact you in case of emergency. Your registration fee will include a Friday evening snack (fruit and cookies), Saturday (breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late snack) and Sunday breakfast. A bag lunch will be provided for those traveling on Saturday evening or Sunday morning after Mass.

Cut form below and mail; please include registration monies for each participant. Again please register so we know how much food to prepare for.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Will you be sleeping at the facility? Yes: _____ No: _____
Will you need a box lunch for Sunday? Yes: _____ No: _____
Are Special Accommodations Needed? If yes, please explain:

Mail completed form and money to: John Jelinek
513 John Street
Hopkins, MN 55343

Agenda for Encounter

FRIDAY, April 19, 2012

7:30-8:30 pm Registration
8:30 pm Welcome – Explain Facility
8:45-10:00 pm Meditation and Reconciliation

SATURDAY, April 20, 2013

6:30 am Arise
7:00 am Morning Prayer/Mass (we need to be prompt)
8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Precursillo Workshop Session # 1- Carol
9:40 am Discussion
10:00 am Break
10:15 am Precursillo Workshop Session # 2- John
10:55 am Discussion
11:15 am Break
11:30 am Precursillo Workshop Session # 3- Jim
12:10 pm Discussion
12:30 pm Lunch
1:30 pm Spiritual Talk- Father Steve
2:15 pm Break
2:30 pm Lay Director's Meeting – Regional Secretariat
3:30 pm Break
3:45 pm Region VI Meeting
5:00 pm Mass (anticipatory for Sunday)
6:00 pm Supper
7:00 pm Ultreya – Night Prayers – Fiesta

SUNDAY, April 21, 2013

6:30 am Arise
7:00 am Mass (Optional if went Saturday night)
8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Depart