

Cursillo News for May – June 2009

Calendar of Events

May 9, 2009	Secretariat Meeting , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)
June 13, 2009	SOL - 10:00am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE
June 28, 2009	Grand Ultreya – Van Dorn Park in Lincoln ... 11:30 a.m. Mass ... see the green insert in this Newsletter for details of the day
July 11, 2009	Secretariat Meeting , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)
July 30 – Aug 2, 2009	National Encounter , California State University, San Bernardino, CA
August 1, 2009	OMCC IV World Ultreya , Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA
August 8, 2009	SOL - 10:00am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. James Parish, Cortland
September 12, 2009	Secretariat Meeting , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)
Sept. 25-27, 2009	Region VI Fall Encounter (Dodge City, KS Diocese to host, info TBA)
October 10, 2009	SOL - 10:00am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE (may have a Fourth Day Retreat in October in place of SOL)
November 14, 2009	Secretariat Meeting , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)

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19th National Encounter ... It's not too late ... 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. The keynote address will be on "The Conversion of St. Paul". The three workshop sessions being offered are Piety, Study and Action. 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.

IV World Ultreya ... The IV World Ultreya is planned for **Saturday, August 1, 2009**, from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 PM, at the Anaheim Convention Center and Arena in Anaheim, California. 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.

From the Secretariat ...

1. Ultreya Center News:

- ◆ The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... the April Ultreya will be on Sunday, **April 26**, in Crete (Sacred Heart Parish Hall); the May Ultreya will be on Sunday, **May 24**, at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln; and the June Ultreya will be the **Grand Ultreya** at Van Dorn Park in Lincoln on **June 28**. Regular Ultreyas begin at 5:00pm; see enclosed insert about the Grand Ultreya.
- ◆ The **Southwest Ultreya Center** is usually held on the second Sunday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church basement in McCook. However, the May Ultreya will be held on the **first** (rather than the second) Sunday, **May 3**, beginning at 3:30 p.m. as usual.
- ◆ The **David City Ultreya Center** has suspended its Ultreya for the time being. Cursillistas are invited to take part in Ultreya in any of the other Ultreya Centers.
- ◆ 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).

2. School of Leaders (SOL) ... *Comments from Jon Junkin, SOL Chair:*

First, I would like to explain the changes to the SOL that are coming (note that much of the following has been previously published in Cursillo Newsletters). *In an on-going attempt to get as many people as possible active in SOL (the harvest is great, but the laborers are few), the Secretariat decided that the format would be altered somewhat. Beginning in March 2003, the Lincoln Diocese has held quarterly SOLs (rather than monthly meetings) in an attempt to minimize the number of times participants were required to travel. However, following the Cursillo Leaders Workshop – I (CLW-I) in Cortland in August 2008, it was suggested that we should really be having more frequent SOLs and fewer Secretariat meetings. The Secretariat agreed.*

Since this is a new endeavor, I am quite sure there will be changes and adjustments as we move forward, with the goal of growing the SOL in the Lincoln Diocese and always keeping in mind what works best for all that participate. I am excited about this change and am optimistic that we can have more Cursillistas involved. The new format will feature the following:

- Bi-monthly Saturday meetings of the SOL, each lasting from approximately 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Mass at 9:30 a.m.). The Secretariat will then only need to meet 4-6 times per year (rather than monthly). The second Saturday of every even-numbered month (i.e., February, April, June, etc.) was selected. Details reminding about meeting months and locations will continue to be included in the Newsletter.

- Each SOL will consist of Mass, Group Reunion, two technique talks, two doctrinal talks, work sessions, sack lunch, and visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

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• SOL will alternate between two locations: an eastern location (Lincoln area -- likely Cortland) and a western location (Hastings area -- likely Doniphan). SOL will alternate only between the two locations chosen, and will no longer move from parish to parish as in the past.

I can recall several times in the past when the SOL was explained in the Newsletter; what it is, and what is the purpose. Rather than taking portions from the Leaders Manual or other doctrine, I will explain what the SOL means to me and its place in my faith journey. We could call the SOL a working group, a study group, or even a prayer group. Each of these terms would be correct, but there is more. When we gather for the SOL, we are gathering with Jesus Christ too, in an effort to further His Kingdom by working with fellow Fourth Dayers to plan future Cursillo activities, and to guide the Secretariat in its work.

The size and membership of the Secretariat is restricted by bylaws and National directives, but the SOL can be of unlimited size. The SOL is the ideal place to gather with fellow Fourth Dayers from other parts of the Diocese. The greater the number at a SOL, the greater the number of ideas, personalities, and most importantly, the greater the number of prayers offered as Palanca for others. The Secretariat relies on the decisions made and work done during a SOL to give direction and support in the effort of growing the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Lincoln. I look forward to the fellowship, work, and Palanca with fellow Cursillistas that I might otherwise only see momentarily during the Closing of a Weekend. Fleeting contact with someone that I have shared a Weekend with is not enough for me, that is why I look forward to each SOL and pray for active participation by all Fourth Dayers. May our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you during the Easter season.

Jon Junkin, SOL Chair

Just a reminder:

- The next SOL is scheduled for **June 13, 2009**, at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan. The day will begin with Mass at 9:30 a.m. (optional), followed by 10:00am=Group Reunion; 10:30am=1st Session; 12:00pm=Lunch (each participant should bring his/her own sack lunch); 12:30pm=2nd Session; and End=visit to Blessed Sacrament (approximately 2:00 p.m.).
- The August 8 SOL will be held at St. James Parish in Cortland.
- **All** cursillistas are invited to deepen their understanding of Cursillo, especially those who are just beginning their Fourth Day.

The technique talks for the June SOL 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).

3. Precursillo/Three Day Weekend

The **next Three Day Weekends** are *tentatively* scheduled for **January/February 2010** at **Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron**. As always, the most recent registration forms are available from the website. The registration form and informational flyer may be printed off directly, and the sponsor form is included in this Newsletter (blue sheet). Remember that the sponsor fills out the Sponsor Form separately and then gets the pastor's signature.

Now is the time to be studying your environments ... asking our Lord who to invite and how to invite. Remembering that the basis of Cursillo is personal contact --make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ ... the best way to invite candidates to live a Cursillo Weekend is truly for them to invite themselves. Others should see the way you live your life, and want what you have, and that's when you can share with them how Cursillo has helped you to grow in your own spiritual life.

If you know of persons who are hungry to know our Lord better, and who want to grow in their spiritual lives, begin to prepare them for a Three Day Weekend. Continue to offer Palanca, that God might give you eyes to see and ears to listen for those who want to know Him better ... We should be studying environments (those around you) at all times in search of persons who can help Christianize the world ... be looking for and talking to the "agents of change" ... *He's counting on you!!!*

4. Postcursillo

- **Grand Ultreya ...** Our annual Grand Ultreya will be on Sunday, June 28th, at Van Dorn Park in Lincoln, NE (see the green insert in this Newsletter for details).
- **National Cursillo Center Visit to the Lincoln Diocese** -- Cef Aguillon, the English language Coordinator from the National Cursillo Center, is visiting all the dioceses in Region VI from May 4-22, 2009. The meeting for the Lincoln Diocese is scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2009 at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Crete, NE. 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.

From the Spiritual Advisor

In Archbishop Dolan's homily at the Mass of Installation as the Archbishop of New York on April 15, 2009, he talked about the Lord's appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: ". . . are we not at times perhaps like those two dejected disciples on the road to Emmaus? They were so absorbed in their own woes, so forlorn in their mistaken conclusion that the one in whom they had placed their trust was dead, so shocked by the shame, scandal, and scorn of last Friday . . . that they failed to recognize Jesus as He walked right alongside of them!

I say to you, my sister and brother disciples now on the road to Emmaus, let's not turn inward to ourselves, our worries, our burdens, our fears; but turn rather to Him, the way, the truth, and the

life, the One who told us over and over, 'Be not afraid!', Who assured us that He 'would be with us all days, even to the end of the world,' and Who promised us that 'not even the gates of hell would prevail,' the One Who John Paul the Great called, 'the Answer to the question posed by every human life,' and recognize Him again in His word, in the 'breaking of the bread,' in His Church.

Let Him 'turn us around' as He did those two disciples, turned them around because, simply put, they were going the wrong way, and sent them running back to Jerusalem, where Peter was, where the apostles were, where the Church was.

For three weeks in July, 1992, I was on pilgrimage in Israel. I had a wonderful Franciscan guide who made sure I saw all the sacred places in the Holy Land. The day before I departed, he asked, 'Is there anything left you want to see?'

'Yes,' I replied, 'I would like to walk the road to Emmaus.'

'That we cannot do,' he told me, 'You see, no one really knows where that village of Emmaus actually was, so there is no more road to Emmaus.'

Sensing my disappointment, he remarked, 'Maybe that's part of God's providence, because we can now make every journey we undertake a walk down the Road to Emmaus.'

My new friends of this great Archdiocese, would you join your new pastor on an 'adventure in fidelity,' as we turn the Staten Island Expressway, Fifth Avenue, Madison Avenue, Broadway, the FDR, the Major Deegan, and the New York State Thruway into the Road to Emmaus, as we witness a real 'miracle on 34th street' and turn that into the road to Emmaus? ..."

Those words of Archbishop Dolan should provide encouragement and a challenge, not only to those from the Archdiocese of New York, but to all Catholics. All of us are called to be disciples or students of Jesus. We are called to walk with Him in our daily lives. We are called to let Him open our eyes through our study of the Scriptures, so that we can better recognize Him in the Breaking of the Bread. Then we, like the apostles, are to take His message into the world, to the persons we meet each day.

As cursillistas, that image of seeing every road as the road to Emmaus should remind us of the purpose of the Cursillo Movement ... to Christianize the world. Sometimes that might seem like a huge task. Perhaps it would help to remember that we don't have to walk down every road at the same time, or even every road in the course of our lifetime. We are asked to "bloom where we are planted" ... to see the road that we are on right now as the road to Emmaus. Then as we go about our daily activities, our focus will be on recognizing Christ on that road ... in our daily life.

When we focus our efforts on looking for Christ in our daily lives, and resist the temptation to turn inward and focus on ourselves and our problems, then we are about the work of Christianizing the world. That work is not the work of a great defense, but rather it is the work of an offensive team. It is the work of each one of us ... it is the work of "Christ and I ... an overwhelming majority."

On your road to Emmaus when you find situations in the world that are not Christian, follow the example of St. John of the Cross, who said something to the effect of: 'Where there is not love, bring (put) love and you will find love.'

May you rejoice each day that you are on the road to Emmaus with other disciples ... friends you have made and brought to Jesus, as well as those who continue to help bring you (each day) to Christ. May the peace and love of our risen Jesus be always with you.

De Colores!!Fr. Mark Seiker

From the Lay Director Graduation Day (Commencement)

They say that God's time is not our time, and that a split second to God is likened to a lifetime for us. Also, if we wait on God, He will provide the perfect time for everything.

Well, I lived my Cursillo in January of 2001, and it has taken work in the areas of Piety and Study up until the present day to be able to make my actions and reactions become natural apostolic act ... that is, to boldly and joyfully share, in love, with others my faith in God (those others being the persons God has placed in my environment).

The first day of the Cursillo Weekend, we talk about the ideal and knowing ourselves. The Ideal rollo suggests that to get to know yourself, you need to honestly ask yourself what is important to you ... where are you going with your life and how are you going to get there?

The second day of the Cursillo Weekend, we talk about God and what He expects of us. We are presented with some tools (the tripod ... Piety, Study, and Action) that might help us get to know God better, as well as ourselves. We are challenged to apply what we have learned to our own lives and then to pass it onto others.

IS IT REALLY THAT SIMPLY? The third day comes and the team gives examples of how they are living the Cursillo Method of Group Reunion and Ultreya to help them be apostles. It often begins to make the candidates a little uneasy as they are thinking more about ... the Fourth Day ...

And then the Fourth Day comes with a reality check!!! We can pray our hearts out; we can study until we are blue in the face, even to the point of reciting from memory all that we have learned. We desire in our hearts to tell all those who will listen what we have learned, but it sometimes seems that our message is not accepted or welcomed. But perseverance pays off and then Graduation Day ... commencement ... comes ...

We won't know the time or day because it's not like a high school or college graduation, where so many credits are required to receive a diploma, and when you complete them, you graduate ... move on ... The graduation I am referring to is when we are finally able to proclaim the Gospel message to everyone, without fear of ridicule or punishment ... we are finally able to fulfill that deep desire of wanting others to know Him as we do. This day comes without initials being added to our names, and there are no actual ceremonies or parties. But it does come with a heart filled with joy!

God says it's time (to commence), and if we cooperate with His Grace, then it becomes a very natural Action to communicate to others why suffering is a blessing, and to tell someone that goodness is from God, and that when goodness is not there, it is from the enemy, Satan ...

When this day comes, are filled with great joy in our recognition of it, increasing our Faith, reinforcing our Hope, and then touching our hearts with overwhelming Love.

I have diplomas from high school and college ... I have received medals and ribbons for various accomplishments in my life ... But nothing compares to the joy that I felt when I overcame those worries and doubts that come from the lack of trust in God, allowing me to boldly and joyfully proclaim my love for Jesus and how He is my Best Friend. Like all graduations, it is not an end ... it is a beginning (a commencement) ... a beginning of something greater. To me, it is the fulfillment of life.

No the world hasn't changed ... BUT I HAVE!

De Colores

Mark Pribyl

A Grand Ultreya



JUNE 28, 2009

VAN DORN PARK IN LINCOLN, NE

What?

- † This is a diocesan-wide, family-oriented event.
- † There will be a **potluck picnic**, with each family bringing a dish to share.
- † Paper plates, napkins, glasses and plastic-ware will be provided.
- † Iced tea/water/orange drink will be provided.

Where?

- † **Van Dorn Park** is easily accessible at approximately 9th and Van Dorn.
- † There are restroom facilities, running water and grills, and an enclosed shelter for Mass and the picnic (so the event will go on ... rain or shine).
- † There are open areas for games ... there is also playground equipment ...

When?

A **Grand Ultreya** is planned each year for the last Sunday in June.

This year, on **June 28**:

- † The day **begins at 11:00am, with Mass at 11:30am.**
- † Following Mass, we will have our **picnic potluck meal.**
- † Then, we'll spend time getting to know one another ... either for the first time, or renewing old friendships ... Ultreya (during this time, the young people will have the opportunity to play). There is time for visiting ... and for fun ...
- † The day will conclude around **4:00pm.**

Why?

- † Our diocese is widespread geographically and it is rare that cursillistas from the east and west all get together.
- † A **time for cursillistas AND THEIR FAMILIES** to take part in a Cursillo event.
- † **Past years have been great fun -- please come!**

How much?

- † There will be a jar for donations to cover the cost of using the park shelter, if you'd like to help. The fee for the rental of the shelter is \$100.
- † No park sticker is needed for your vehicle.

School of Leaders

June 13, 2009

202 N 5th Street (5th and Cedar Streets)

St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE

New participants are ALWAYS welcome ...

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

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.***

School of Leaders Agenda:

- 9:30am --- Mass
- 10:00am -- Group Reunion, Session #1, Lunch, Session #2, Visit to Blessed Sacrament, Depart.
- 2:00pm --- Clean up and departure (estimated time).

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

- ◆ **A sack lunch**
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help cover a donation for use of the facility.*
- ◆ *Please bring a snack to share, if you like.*

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Ultreya Centers

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln**
Location alternates: Crete/Lincoln/Beatrice/Hebron
Normally 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm
[April 26 -- Ultreya in Crete; May 24 -- Ultreya in Lincoln;
June 28 – GRAND ULTREYA at Van Dorn Park in Lincoln]
Contact: John and Kathy Springer
- 2) **David City-Shelby**Contact: Rose Hottovy or Mary Jane Hilger
- 3) **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden**..... All Saints' Parish Hall, Holdrege
3rd Sunday of month, 3:00pm
Contact: Myron Wendland or Kathy Rowell
- 4) **Southwestern Nebraska**
St. Patrick Church basement, McCook
Usually 2nd Sunday of month, 3:30pm; however May 3, 3:30pm
Contact: Helen Bieker or Bill and Elaine Swanson
- 5) **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**
Church of the Holy Spirit (St. Joseph Room), Plattsmouth
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- 6) **Wahoo**..... Contact: Mark Pribyl

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