Cursillo News for May – June 2011

Calendar of Events

Secretariat Meeting, Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln
SOL - <u>9:30am</u> – 2:30pm (<u>Mass at 9:00am</u>); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE
<u>Grand Ultreya</u> – Details to come in a special mailing in mid-June (see
Newsletter page 4) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church may not be done!
Secretariat Meeting, Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln
21st National Encounter (St. Mary University in San Antonio, TX)
Fourth Day Retreat Church of the Holy Spirit, Plattsmouth, NE (more later
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Welcome New Fourth Dayers (Winter 2011, St. John the Baptist Parish, Minden)

Welcome to the 4th Day! *** We welcome Tuyet-Hong Dao, Karla Lara, Be Thi Mai, Brenda Miller, and Shirley Murphy 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 a New Fourth Dayer

(**Brenda Miller**, St. John Parish, Cambridge, NE): My weekend was very uplifting, humbling, and left me with a yearning to know God more and to surrender my will to His. It makes my day easier, yet with a fight of my will, to move through my day leaving behind the things that used to get to me. At the Ultreya, I was so humbled with the knowledge that this woman prayed so fervently for just me. She said she focused on me, and it still brings tears to my eyes. My relationships are stronger and more loving, yet I fear losing the spirit of the weekend, so I pray everyday, read scripture everyday, say the rosary and chaplet everyday, and try to figure out what God has in store for me, or wants of me. Maybe one day it will come to my 'door'.

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 ... Because April 24 was Easter Sunday, the <u>April</u> Ultreya is being held <u>May 1</u> at Sacred Heart in Hebron (scheduled for 5pm; however, there may be a slight delay for an activity ending at 5pm). The <u>May</u> Ultreya would normally be held on either <u>May 22 or May 29</u> (watch for the monthly postcard and/or the webpage). The <u>June</u> Ultreya is the <u>GRAND</u> <u>ULTREYA</u> scheduled for <u>June 26</u> at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in North Platte (see details in this Newsletter).
- ◆ The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. The <u>May</u> Ultreya will be held on <u>May 15</u> at 3:30 pm CT in the basement of St. Patrick Church in McCook (this is <u>one week later</u> than usual because of Mother's Day), and we will join the other Ultreya Centers for the <u>GRAND ULTREYA</u> in place of our regularly scheduled *June* Ultreya (usually the 2nd Sunday of the month).
- ♦ The Hastings-Holdrege-Minden Ultreya Center will hold its next Ultreya on Sunday, June 12, at 2:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Church in Minden. At the June Ultreya, plans for future Ultreyas will be discussed. When the information becomes available, it will be posted on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage.
- ◆ The Plattsmouth/Nebraska City Ultreya Center Check the parish bulletin for Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth (www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com), or contact Terry Little for more information.
- ◆ The Weston-Wahoo Ultreya Center will continue to hold Ultreyas at St. John Nepomucene School in Weston. The <u>May</u> Ultreya will be held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>May 15</u>, at 3:00 pm. The <u>June</u> Ultreya is the <u>GRAND ULTREYA</u> scheduled for <u>June 26</u> at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in North Platte (see details in this Newsletter).
- 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).

2. Precursillo

The work of Cursillo continues ... we should be praying for the spiritual success of our Postcursillo and also for 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 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 (pink sheet) for our Diocese. For those 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 ...
- ◆ During the Three Days, we all learned that if we want to work on Christianizing our world, we must begin right where we are ... we need to study our immediate environments. Cursillo's methodology of "make a friend, be a friend, and bring your friend to Christ" should be a natural part of your everyday life. Who in your environments can become part of the "backbone" that will give structure to living a Christian life? How might you help that person understand how he/she can be an "agent of change" in a particular environment to help it become more influenced by Christ's vision for the world? Friendship is the key ... it is the beginning, middle, and end of what will help bring about change. Remember, Christ is counting on you!! St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila) said: "Christ has no body on earth but yours ... no hands but yours ... no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now" ... He IS counting on you!!

3. Postcursillo

♦ Grand Ultreya

Our annual Grand Ultreya was planned for **Sunday, June 26**th, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in North Platte, NE. <u>HOWEVER</u>, the new Church may not be finished and contractors may not allow visitors while construction is on-going. <u>So</u>, you will receive a special mailing in mid-June that will provide details about the location and schedule for the Grand Ultreya. It usually runs from about 11:30am-4:00pm, includes Mass, potluck picnic lunch, and an Ultreya; the final schedule will be fairly similar. A Grand Ultreya includes lots of time for conversation and catching up and fun!! Again, watch for a special mailing about mid-June.

♦ Region VI

The Region VI Spring Encounter was held on April 8-10, 2011, in Wichita, KS. 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 was "The Cursillo Weekend". It was 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. Five cursillistas from the Lincoln Diocese participated. The Region VI Fall Encounter will be held in Rapid City, SD on September 23-25, 2011. The topic of the rollos for the Fall Encounter will be on "The Postcursillo." As more details become available, we will pass them along.

♦ Cursillo de Cursillos (CdC)

The **Rapid City, SD Diocese** held an English-language **Cursillo de Cursillos** the weekend of **March 24-27, 2011**. It is only recently that Cursillo de Cursillos have been presented in English (October 2009 was the first in the U.S.), and the Rapid City CdC was only the 7th one presented in English in the United States. The team was led by Cef Aguillon, the National English Language Coordinator, and it included Victor Lugo, National Executive Director of the Cursillo Movement in the United States.

Eduardo put together the CdC – he used to go to Houston frequently and he would put on the entire CdC by himself. A CdC is a working Three Day Weekend for cursillistas who have a heart for Cursillo and who want to pass on the truth of Cursillo to others. Just as during the Three Days, it is about personal contact, strengthening and renewing friendships, and sharing and learning from one another. We were reminded that we should not be the same person tomorrow that we are today, especially if we are praying ... we should be growing and moving closer to Christ and to our brothers and sisters.

The CdC was about experiencing a renewed enthusiasm and attitude of service to the other, and about a spirit of community and encounter, and it included meditations (given

by the priests) and rollos given by both laypersons and priests. Among other things, the rollos gave a fuller understanding of the purpose, method, essence, strategy, and mentality of the Cursillo Movement, and provided an integrated understanding of each of the three phases of the Cursillo Movement – Precursillo, Cursillo, and Postcursillo. After first fully explaining what is fundamental to being a Christian, it talked about how we might live and share it. The whole of Cursillo and its vision were covered and all came away with a deeper understanding of the Movement and our place in it. As more CdC's are offered, we will keep you informed ... what a great way to spend three days!!

♦ 21st National Encounter

If you haven't already considered participating in this year's National Encounter, think about it. The 21st National Cursillo Encounter (2011) is scheduled for Thursday, July 28 – Sunday, July 31, at St Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. The Encounter registration fee is \$370 if you register by May 31. The registration form is available on the National Cursillo webpage 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; departure shuttles will be available on Sunday, July 31.

4. School of Leaders (SOL)

The next School of Leaders will be Saturday, June 11, at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan. A Registration Form is included on the inside of the mailing cover in this Newsletter.

Beginning with this SOL, the technique talks will come from the book, "Study of the Charism." The preface to the book states:

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We had a wonderful opportunity of representing the Cursillo Movement at the 2nd World Congress of Ecclesial Movement at the Vatican in May 2006 as part of the World Cursillo (OMCC) Executive Committee which included: Juan Ruiz, President, Fr. David Smith, Spiritual Advisor, Gail Terrana, Vice President and Maribel Gomez, Secretary. After attending the World Congress, we spent a week in Mallorca, Spain, where we personally met with our founder, Eduardo Bonnin.

Meeting with Eduardo enkindled our own hunger to know the Charism and the History of the Cursillo Movement. We felt his sincerity, his love, and his respect for the human person. He was a humble man, and accompanied us to Cala Figuera, San Honorato and other places where Cursillo had its beginnings.

This study is a compilation of writings from Eduardo Bonnin as published in a series of Monthly Mailings from the OMCC Executive Committee from 2008 – 2009. The purpose of these mailings was to create a hunger for the study of the charism.

Also included in this book are the 'Spiritual Notes' from Fr. David Smith, in which he adds scripture and Papal Document references to this study. This book makes an excellent study tool for any cursillista interested in studying the charism of the Cursillo Movement.

It is with great joy that we share this study with you so that you might continue learning more about the charism of the Cursillo Movement. May this book enkindle your desire and hunger to continue your journey of DISCOVERY of this great gift of our charism. May we all continue to GROW in the GRACE of this Gift from the Holy Spirit so that our lives are a LIVING witness of the charism, through which we can faithfully serve The Cursillo Movement and our Holy Mother Church. De Colores!!!"

The book may be downloaded/printed from the OMCC webpage (http://www.orgmcc.org/study/index.htm) or you may purchase a copy of the book at SOL for \$6.00. The document is 80 pages in length and the funds from sales of the book help with the work of Cursillo (in addition, it's nice to have the material in the form of a bound booklet).

<u>Please join us</u>, friend ... come and learn more about Cursillo and its founder ...

Those planning to participate should remember to bring a sack lunch. The Mass that precedes SOL will begin at 9:00am and SOL will start at 9:30am.

From the Spiritual Advisor

During May and June, we celebrate the Easter Season. The Gospels proclaimed at Mass during the Easter Season tell us about the Risen Christ's appearances to the apostles and disciples. The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles and recounts how the early Church grew and spread the faith through the world.

The Lord spent three years teaching the apostles and disciples. Then He endured His Passion and His Death to forgive our sins because of His great love for us. After being in the tomb for three

days, He rose from the dead and appeared to the apostles and disciples for forty days. Before He ascended into Heaven He gave them the mission to go out into the world to proclaim the Gospel to all people. But He specifically told them to wait in Jerusalem for nine days until the Holy Spirit would come upon them before they went out. This was the first Novena, the first nine days of prayer, a time of opening themselves and preparing themselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

After receiving the Holy Spirit on the tenth day following the Ascension, the Apostles were no longer afraid ... they were filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and went out as witnesses of the Lord Jesus. They lived the faith, they proclaimed the faith, they taught the faith to others and brought them into the Church, and they died for the faith. They changed the world by changing the environments in which they lived. All this was a living out in their daily lives the Paschal Mystery ... the mystery of Christ's dying and rising ... the mystery that they and we are a part of through our Baptism. St. Paul reminds, "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Rom 6:3-4) St. Paul also said that "if, ... we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him." (Rom 6:8).

As cursillistas, we were taught to better understand our Baptismal call during our Three Day Weekend as we encountered ourselves, Christ and others. But we did not come to the Three Day Weekend to stay cloistered apart from the world indefinitely ... it was intended to be "in and out". The Apostles only spent three years with our Lord. Then they were sent out. We, too, were sent out into the world after our Three Day Weekend, and with an admonition -- "Christ is counting on you." And we replied "and I am counting on Him." I'm sure the apostles would have responded in a like manner, knowing full well that they would need Him, as do we.

Perhaps during this Easter Season, we should ask ourselves if we are really counting on Him. We should ask ourselves if we are being faithful to Group Reunion and Ultreya. At the Lord's instruction, the Apostles spent time with each other in prayer, waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. They also continued to gather together in prayer and discussion after the Holy Spirit came, and each time their schedules/journeys allowed, there they were in community and prayer, strengthening and encouraging and admonishing one another ... and out they went again ... out into the world. They always kept in mind that Christ had told them that "... without Me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5). In similar ways, we must also spend time with our brothers and sisters in Group Reunion and Ultreya sharing our Piety, Study, and Action. We must share "the spiritual aids that helped you nurture your vital union with Christ", "what we have done to better know God's gift", "what apostolic successes the Lord wanted to accomplish in His Church through you" and "with what failure the Lord wanted to test you"... and we must share our plans (tell others of our last week's journey and talk about the path for the coming week). We can be more secure in our faith and we will be more fruitful by joining with our friends in Group Reunion and Ultreya ... sharing our lives of Piety, Study, and Action with those who are our companions on the journey.

I also encourage you to ask the Lord to help you discern His call and respond to His call to be more active in the Cursillo Movement by being a member of the School of Leaders. As the Apostles spent time together before the coming of the Holy Spirit, so we need to spend time together in the School of Leaders. Even after the coming of the Holy Spirit, and their being sent out, the Acts of the

Apostles recounts a number of times that the Apostles gathered together for prayer and discussion to address different issues that confronted the early Church and to pray and reflect and be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives. In the School of Leaders, cursillistas gather as friends ... friends of the Lord Jesus and friends of other cursillistas ... to encourage one another, to pray, and to deepen our understanding of Cursillo ... they gather because Cursillo made an impact on their lives and they understand its importance ... and they want to help keep Cursillo alive and well in the Diocese.

Come to the next School of Leaders at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan on Saturday, June 11, from 9:00am – 3:00pm. As you live the dying and rising of Christ in your everyday life, remember to count on Christ, and to stay connected to Him through the Church (of which Cursillo is a part), so that you may bear much fruit, just as His dying and rising did ... may you ever live the Paschal Mystery!

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker**

From the Lay Director

A lot has happened in the past few months – Women's Cursillo in Minden; Cursillo de Cursillos (Cursillo for Cursillistas - CDC) in Rapid City, South Dakota; the Spring Regional Encounter in Wichita; and a new Ultreya in Weston, Nebraska. There certainly is evidence that Cursillo is alive and has a special place in the hearts of so many.

I wish to personally thank those who have contributed to Cursillo in our diocese. We (Kathy and I) have only been here (as cursillistas) since 1997, and many of you have history all the way back to the 60's. We have met previous lay directors, regional service team members, and many Cursillo weekend rectors and rectoras from years ago. The fire still glows. It is the faithful from those early years who started the Movement here, got it going, and built it. On Sunday April 3, an Ultreya was held in Weston, Nebraska (just west of Wahoo). Several "Old-Timers" from Weston, Wahoo, and other areas were there, and a lot of memories were shared. The late Father Paul York spent several years in Weston in the 70s, and his involvement in Cursillo and his and other's enthusiasm really fueled the Movement in the Weston area and throughout the diocese. Many Cursillos were held in that parish school, and many of you reading this have memories of that place.

In our recent travels to the CDC and Regional Encounter, we see other dioceses having the same challenges that we do – distance, resistance to returning to the original charism of the Cursillo, maintaining vibrant Ultreyas, active involvement in the School of Leaders, and the busy-ness of people's lives. We are in no way unique or without challenges, but we know that other dioceses pray for us as we do for them. Please attend your Ultreyas – others will be blessed by your presence. Please consider coming to the School of Leaders – it is only a few hours every two months. We always must understand that the School of Leaders is all about community, community, community. Everything else is a consequence of that.

Again, I ask for your prayerful consideration of becoming involved in Cursillo. The Movement needs enthusiastic participants (don't be afraid of the "leaders" word). We all have something to contribute, especially a few moments of time. You can't out-give God – just try to and see for yourself! Thank you for your Palanca, and 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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May 22 or 29 Ultreya at Sacred Heart (Crete – watch postcard)			
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3) Hastings-Holdrege-Minden –Contact Kathy Rowell on Mary Ann Connelly; June 12, 2011 at 2:30pm at Minder			
4) Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group			
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-- June 26, 2011 Grand Ultreya Sunday

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School of Leaders June 11, 2011 202 N 5th Street (5th and Cedar Streets) St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE

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

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 ...).

Topics of Talks

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The **<u>Doctrinal Talks</u>** 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.)
- <u>Leaders' Manual</u>, 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.