Cursillo News for May – June 2012

Calendar of Events

May 12, 2012	Secretariat Meeting, Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln - 9:30am (9:00am Mass)
June 9, 2012	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am); St. James Parish, Cortland, NE This will be the second in a row at an eastern location in order to accommodate having the August SOL in the western part of the Diocese.
June 24, 2012	Grand Ultreya – Sacred Heart Parish Center in Hebron (details in the Postcursillo Section of the newsletter)
July 14, 2012	Secretariat Meeting, Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln - 9:30am (9:00am Mass)
July 19-22, 2012	2012 National Cursillo Encounter (note the earlier date), Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH. (Registration forms are available online – Natl Cursillo Center)
August 10-12, 2012	<u>FOURTH DAY RETREAT</u> – St. Patrick Church Hall, Imperial, NE (a registration form with details is included in this Newsletter). There is a potluck dinner and Ultreya on Saturday beginning at 6:00pm – <i>ALL are invited, whether participating in the retreat or not.</i>
September 8, 2012	Secretariat Meeting, Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln - 9:30am (9:00am Mass)
Sept. 28-29, 2012	Fall 2012 Region VI Encounter - Kansas City, KS, Savior Pastoral Center.
October 13, 2012	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE
November 10, 2012	Secretariat Meeting, Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln - 9:30am (9:00am Mass)

[For your planning purposes, 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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Welcome New Fourth Dayers (March 2012, St. John Nepomucene Parish, Weston)

Welcome to the 4th Day! *** We welcome Amy Chelewski, Tatiana Davila, Jon Dorn, Marianne Guenther, Tracy Guy, Jessica Harvey, Cathy Jacobsen, Ashton Kotas, Jordan Lintt, Doug Meyers, Greg Vandenberg, and Nancy Vasa to the Fourth Day!! It is in 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

(Jordan Lintt, Doane College (hometown: Seward, NE)

Before Cursillo, I was anxious to be with other believers much like myself in the pursuit of God's own heart and the adornment of my beloved brother Jesus. I received what I hoped for and much more. I felt my spirit inside of me soaring and on fire; I was so excited to bring my wisdom and knowledge given to me by the guidance of Cursillo, by God, to many of my other friends and family. I am a junior attending Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, and am attacked a lot regarding my faith and religion. Cursillo, well God, opened my heart to what I needed to hear in order to be a better servant to Him and to better fulfill my purpose in this short life. I would ask anyone to consider this opportunity to grow in a closer relationship with Our Father and Brother, because when you submit your will to God's will and when you submit your heart, soul, mind, hands and mouth to Him, He will reveal so much to you; and when a perfect love such as this seeks a relationship with you, why wouldn't you agree to it?

Love your sister in Christ, Jordan Maire Lintt

(Marianne Guenther, St. Mary Parish, Lincoln, NE)

Cursillo 2012, my first Cursillo and it was terrific. Spending my weekend this way was very fulfilling and energetic. Being surrounded by Catholic speakers, chapel and meeting new faces was a great adventure. One of the many things I walked away from the weekend with is that where the Tabernacle is, the Divine Presence of Jesus Christ is also. I always knew that before, it just for some reason became clearer to me at around 2AM. While sitting in the chapel having a thoughtful conversation with God, and knowing this was a library, it really struck me that in that Tabernacle is the Divine Presence. Here, now, last minute, the next minute, and so on. So this is what God woke me up for, come spend time with Me, I will quiet your soul. Before leaving, I did request to be woke up at 6:30AM, and made sure I requested "Central Time, please".

De Colores! Marianne Guenther

1. <u>Ultreya Center News</u>:

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 <u>April</u> Ultreya will be held at 5:00pm on April 29 (not April 22) at Sacred Heart, Crete. The <u>May</u> Ultreya would normally be held on <u>May 27</u> (watch for the monthly postcard and/or the webpage) at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln, at 5:00pm. The <u>June</u> Ultreya is the <u>GRAND ULTREYA</u> scheduled for <u>June 24</u> at Sacred Heart Church in Hebron (see details in this Newsletter).
- The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. The *combined April-May* Ultreya will be held <u>May 6</u> (due to Easter being on April 8 and Mother's Day on May 13) at 2:30 pm MT in the St. Patrick Parish Hall in Imperial. The <u>June</u> Ultreya will be held <u>June 10</u> at 2:30 pm MT in the St. Patrick Parish Hall in Imperial. All cursillistas are encouraged to join the other Ultreya Centers for the <u>GRAND ULTREYA</u> on <u>June 24, at 11:30am in Hebron</u>.
- The **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden Ultreya Center** will hold its next Ultreya on **Sunday**, **May 6**, at **2:30 pm** at St. John the Baptist Church in Minden.
- 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 or Mary Lou Salazar for more information.
- The **Weston-Wahoo Ultreya Center** will continue to hold Ultreyas at St. John Nepomucene School in Weston, normally on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The <u>May</u> Ultreya will be held on **Sunday**, **May 20**, at 7:00 pm. We will join the other Ultreya Centers for the <u>GRAND ULTREYA</u> on **Sunday**, **June 24**, at <u>11:30 am</u> in place of our regularly scheduled <u>June</u> Ultreya (usually the 3rd Sunday of the month).
- 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**.

"Total Security" comes from participating in Group Reunion AND Ultreya!!

2. Precursillo/Three Days

The work of Cursillo continues, as we pray 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 will be on Sunday, June 24th, at Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron, NE. The Grand Ultreya is a FAMILY event!!

What is a Grand Ultreya?

- † This is a diocesan-wide, family-oriented event.
- † It will last from approximately 11:30am 4:00pm.
- † This will be a **potluck lunch**. Each family should bring a dish to share.
- † The Secretariat will bring paper plates, napkins, glasses and plastic-ware; iced tea/water/orange drink will be provided.

Where will it be held?

- † Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 436 North 3rd Street, Hebron, NE
- We will gather in the Parish Hall (Sacred Heart has a 10:00 am Mass, so we will wait for the parishioners to head home before going to the Church). The Mass will be in the Church at approximately 11:30 am, and the Grand Ultreya and meal will be in the Parish Hall (so the event will go on ... rain or shine).

Why have a Grand Ultreya?

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

♦ 22nd National Encounter

If you haven't already considered participating in this year's National Encounter, think about it. The 22nd National Cursillo Encounter (2012) is scheduled for Thursday, July 19 – Sunday, July 22, at Xavier University, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Encounter registration fee is \$385 if you register by May 31, 2012. 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 Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) will be provided on Thursday, July 19, 2012. Departure shuttle will be Sunday, July 22, 2012.

What might you expect if you decide to participate in the National Encounter? Six hundred cursillistas coming together to share in the "III Conversations of Cala Figuera". The talks include:

- Meaning of Life: Discover that life has a meaning
- Attitude: The freedom of each person
- Creativity: The personal, original, unique form interpreting the person's vital role before a reality
- Communication: The field leading us to an encounter
- Confidence: The security that emerges from one's self without "being on guard"
- Transcendence: Faith incorporates the ultimate reality

The National Encounter also includes:

- Session on Spiritual Advisors Manual: Update of the new manual
- Spiritual Exercises: Deepening our spiritual growth
- Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Morning/Evening Prayers
- Ultreya
- Fiesta

♦ LINCOLN DIOCESE Fourth Day Retreat (August 10-12)

In place of the August SOL, the Lincoln Diocese is holding a **Fourth Day Retreat** for **ALL cursillistas** on **August 10-12, 2012**. The retreat will take place at **St. Patrick Church in Imperial**, beginning at **8:00pm on Friday, August 10**, and concluding at about **2:30pm on Sunday, August 12**. There will be a potluck dinner and Ultreya on Saturday beginning at 6:00pm – *ALL are invited, whether participating in the retreat or not* What a wonderful opportunity to re-kindle the fire of your Cursillo experience and renew old friendships (and make new ones). See the enclosed yellow flyer/registration form for more details.

♦ Region VI Fall Encounter (September 28-30)

The **Region VI Fall Encounter** will be hosted by the Kansas City, KS Archdiocese on <u>September 28-30</u>, 2012 at the at the Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109. As more information becomes available, it will be shared.

4. School of Leaders (SOL)

At the **April 14, 2012, SOL** (held at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln**), the two Technique Talks for the **English SOL** came from the book, <u>Study of the Charism</u>. One discussed Eduardo's writings related to understanding the purpose and essence of Cursillo, and the other provided a clearer understanding of the Precursillo. The two Doctrinal Talks related to the same two topics. The <u>Vietnamese SOL</u> met separately with Joachim Le, the National Vietnamese Language Coordinator. This was his first visit to the Lincoln Diocese, and he spent considerable time with the Vietnamese cursillistas helping them organize Cursillo activities intended to move the Diocese toward holding its first set of Three Day Weekends. We thank him for all that he shared, especially his friendship!! There is now a link on the Lincoln Diocese webpage to the National webpage in Vietnamese.

The next SOL (open to both English and Vietnamese) will be held on **June 9, 2012**, at **St. James Parish in Cortland** (see the inside cover of the mailing for more information). For information about the Vietnamese language SOL, please contact Canh Nguyen (402-435-0921) or Juliana Tran (402-436-1998).

From the Spiritual Advisor

We are in the Easter Season. We reflect on our Lord's victory over sin through His death and His victory over death through His resurrection. His resurrection changed everything. Never before had anyone risen from the dead. Our belief in His resurrection from the dead is at the heart of our faith. St. Paul said "... *if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins.*" (1 Cor 15:17)

During this Easter Season, we would do well to reflect on our Lord, on His resurrection, and on our relationship with Him. For three years, during His public ministry, Jesus encountered many people. During the forty days after His resurrection, Jesus appeared to many of these people again. Some of these appearances of the risen Jesus are described in the Gospels. These encounters with the risen Jesus deepened the people's understanding of Jesus and led them to acknowledge and profess that Jesus is God. The risen Lord revealed His presence to them in the Breaking of the Bread and in the Church and told them that He would be with them until the end of time.

In a similar way, we encountered Jesus on our Three Day Weekend. Our encounter with Him deepened our understanding of Him ... our understanding of the Eucharist and of the Church. However, we must continue to encounter our Lord each day of our lives ... each Fourth Day. Like the early Christians, we must reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We must gaze upon His face in the Scriptures, in the Eucharist, and in each other.

Perhaps during this Easter Season and during Ordinary Time, we can each strive to encounter our Lord again through our acts of piety and through our study. Then may each of us plan our apostolic action so that we bring Christ to others and others to Christ. May the dismissal of each Mass ("Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" or "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life") ever serve to remind us that we need to put our encounters with the Lord (through piety and study) into action each day of our lives ... each Fourth Day.

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker**

From the Lay Director

A friend of mine was feeling down one day about not be able to provide work opportunities for the staff, as it appeared there was not enough work to avoid layoffs (probably permanent). My friend is a good Christian, faithful, prayerful, often asking for prayers in difficult situations or decisions. I responded that if we do all we can and give it to God and ask for His help, He will insure the best happens (even though it may not seem like it at the time). We cannot know His plan, and it may not be revealed in this life. As Mother Teresa used to say, God does not ask us to be successful, only faithful.

I thought of a meditation in the March *Magnificat* from Saint Claude de la Colombiere that spoke of that very thing, saying, "God is looking after us and yet we are so full of anxiety! ... If we could see all He sees we would unhesitatingly wish all He wishes." The Saint also paraphrased God, "Let me manage your affairs ... I know what you need better than you ... If I paid heed to what you think you need you would have been hopelessly ruined long ago." Our faith teaches that we should surrender all things to God and put all in His hands. I try to do this every morning, give my day to Him and accept what will happen as His will, with a reason behind it (sometimes that's not easy for me). I copied the meditation for my friend and just asked that he/she be faithful. Many things we will not see until we appear before God and He enlightens us.

Our diocesan Cursillo Weekends just took place in March. As with everything, we put it all in His hands and tried our best to be faithful. There is no limit to what He will do through these Weekends. But we believe, and we know, that He rewards the faithful. I thank Him for all the infinite Graces He poured down on these Weekends, and pray that He blesses all those who live lives faithful to Him and His teachings.

As always, I ask you to please consider coming to the School of Leaders. Cursillo needs you – the Movement needs your enthusiasm, your involvement, your time if you can give it. Cursillo needs us (you and me) to keep it strong in our Diocese. Thank you to all those who contribute in any way. It is your prayers, support, and Palanca that give the Movement life. Note the dates and locations of the School of Leaders and try to come. Call your friends and come together, you will be glad you did. Please continue to pray for the Cursillo Movement, especially in our Diocese. May God bless you! De Colores!! *John Springer*

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Ultreya Centers
1) Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln – Location alternates
(usually 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm)
April 29 – Sacred Heart Parish (Crete; 5:00pm)
May 27 – Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center (Lincoln; 5:00pm)
June 24 – Grand Ultreya at Sacred Heart Parish (Hebron; 11:30am)
(in place of regular 5:00pm Ultreya)
2) Hastings-Holdrege-Minden – Contact Mary Ann Connelly May 6, 2012 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
May 6 (combined Apr-May) – Imperial (Parish Hall) (2:30pm MT)
June 10 – Imperial (Parish Hall) (2:30pm MT)
6) Weston/David City/Shelby/Wahoo
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School of Leaders June 9, 2012 500 West First Street St. James Parish, Cortland, NE

EVERY Cursillista is invited and welcome

School of Leaders Agenda:

- 9:00am ---Mass (for those who wish to assist)
- Group Reunion, Session #1, Lunch, Session #2, Visit to Blessed 9:30am --Sacrament, Depart.
- Clean up and departure (estimated time ... may be slightly earlier ... 2:30pm --may be slightly later ...).

Topics of Talks

The **Technique Talks** will come from the "Study of the Charism". "Study of the Charism" is a compilation of writings from Eduardo Bonnin as published in a series of monthly mailings from the OMCC (worldwide Cursillo organization) Executive Committee from 2008 – 2009. Since the topic covered in each chapter can be studied separately, it's not a difficulty if you missed discussions of earlier chapters. Eduardo's writings will give us a better understanding of Cursillo as it was given to Eduardo ... this helps us understand the entire Movement better. You may purchase a copy of the book at SOL for \$6.00, or you may download the 80 page-book from the OMCC webpage (http://www.orgmcc.org/study/index.htm).

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.)
- ♦ 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.

INVITATION TO ALL CURSILLISTAS

Fourth Day Retreat [in place of 3rd Quarter SOL] August 10-12, 2012

128 East 7th Street, St. Patrick Church – Imperial, NE

Please join your brother and sister cursillistas for a **Fourth Day Retreat**. This invitation is to **ALL cursillistas**. Come and consider how you might:

- See friends you haven't seen in awhile and make new friends as well.
- Deepen your commitment to Christ.
- Make the most of each Fourth Day as you bring Christ to others in your everyday encounters.
- Better understand and live what is fundamental for being Christian.

If you do not currently group and/or participate in Ultreya, this may be a way to begin again. Please prayerfully consider whether or not our Lord is calling you ... remember, *He's counting on you*!!

Registration <u>begins</u> Friday evening at 7:00pm, with the retreat starting at 8:00pm. The retreat will <u>conclude</u> about 2:30pm on Sunday. The retreat will include Mass on Saturday and Sunday, and meditation/prayer each day. There will also be talks given by laypersons and priests each day. There will be time after each presentation for discussion, sharing, and guestions/answers.

Saturday includes breakfast, lunch, and supper; **Sunday** includes breakfast and lunch (**snacks only on Friday evening**). The suggested donation is **\$30.00 per person** to cover costs associated with the retreat (e.g., meals, a donation for facility usage, supplies, etc.); however, if finances are tight, give what you are able. Please make check payable to "**Cursillo of Lincoln**" and **mail it with this form**.

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

- ♦ Pilgrim's Guide
- Other spirituals aids
- o "Classic" Cursillo accommodations will be available (mats, dorm-type sleeping, etc., but **NO** showers.)
- o Please bring a snack to share, if you like.
- If you cannot be with us, we request Palanca for the success of our Fourth Day Retreat.

Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Phone:	

Please return the bottom portion of this form with payment to: