

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends ... and We Need Your Help

A **Women's** Cursillo Weekend is planned for October 3-6, 2024 (Julie Foster - Rectora), and a **Men's** Cursillo Weekend is planned for October 31 – November 3, 2024, (Greg Vandenberg – Rector), both to be held at **St. Patrick Parish in McCook**.

Do you know persons who are hungry to know Christ better, and who deeply desire to find out how to integrate their Catholic faith and Baptismal vows in a more dynamic and joyful manner into their normal everyday lives? Please help others to encounter self, Christ, and others as you did on your Weekend and beyond ... invite them to live a Cursillo Weekend. It's life-changing, not only for the person who lives the Weekend, but for all those who come into contact with that person. A friend once commented about how Cursillo helped her deal with her father in his later years and through his dying process: "My father will never live a Cursillo Weekend, but he lived Cursillo through me." Be the person to encourage someone with a spark and zest to come to know self, Christ and others through Cursillo!!

In May 2022, Pope Francis, told Italy's 7th National Ultreya that "you (cursillistas) have a particular charism, which has led you to rediscover and be able to announce in a simple and direct way the essential of the Christian experience, that is, the love of God for every man and woman." He encouraged them to let themselves be animated by this charism, so as "to experience the joy of evangelizing, in all areas of life, private and public", also reaching out to those who are far away from the Church (and those "far away" may be sitting right next to you in the pew!).

We Need Your Help.

First and foremost, please offer Palanca!! Everything Cursillo begins, and then continues, with God!!

- It is not inexpensive to host Cursillo Weekends: (1) a per-day donation to the host parish for use of the facility for each set of Weekends (Men's and Women's) and for the practice weekend; (2) all meals and snacks (including eats for those with eating challenges) – food donations are always greatly appreciated; (3) all supplies and materials used on the Weekend; and (4) coverage for the priests (for each Weekend, 2 priests assist).
- In addition, there are other expenses related to Cursillo in our Diocese, such as: (1) the annual dues that allow us to be associated with Cursillo (\$650 per language group); (2) newsletters; and (3) other on-going expenses related to Fourth Day Retreats, Grand Ultreyas, etc.

- **NEW** -- Because of the difficulty some persons experience sleeping on mats on the floor (especially getting up and down), we would like to purchase 10 sturdy cots to be used for Cursillo events, especially Cursillo Weekends. Allowing for proper rest gives all participants the best opportunity to fully experience the Weekend. Please consider making a donation to help defray the cost of purchasing these cots.
- Finally, we need **volunteers** ... cursillistas to help on the Weekends. We need small service teams to help during the Weekend, as well as help in setting up, tearing down, and cleanup. You don't have to be there the whole weekend – consider working even one day.
- **And** we need people at the Closings to welcome the new cursillistas into the Fourth Day!!

St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila) once 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." Please help others to encounter self, Christ, and others through Cursillo.

If you are able, please consider making a tax-deductible monetary donation in any amount to "Cursillo of Lincoln" ... donations may be mailed to the Diocesan Treasurer: Kathy Springer, 1410 E 15th St, Crete, NE 68333. Even if you cannot make a monetary donation, please pray for the work of Cursillo ... consider sending a food donation, or help in some other way. If you're interested in helping with the Service Team or providing the Closing meal or in some other way, please, please, please let us know (contact information below).

May our Lord bless each and every one of you in a very special way!!!!
Ultreya!! Onward!!!

Registration Materials are available at Lincoln Diocese Cursillo website (<https://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>).

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