

# Cursillo News for July – August 2009

## Calendar of Events

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| June 28, 2009         | <b>Grand Ultreya – Van Dorn Park in Lincoln</b> (see details below)  |
| July 11, 2009         | <b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)  |
| July 30 – Aug 2, 2009 | <b>National Encounter</b> , California State University, San Bernardino, CA  |
| August 1, 2009        | <b>OMCC IV World Ultreya</b> , Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA  |
| August 8, 2009        | SOL - 10:00am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. James Parish, Cortland  |
| September 12, 2009    | <b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)  |
| Sept. 25-27, 2009     | <b>Region VI Fall Encounter</b> (Dodge City, KS Diocese to host, info included)  |
| October 10, 2009      | SOL - 10:00am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE<br>(may also have a Fourth Day Retreat in October) |
| November 14, 2009     | <b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)  |
| January 21-24, 2010   | <b>Men’s Three Day Weekend</b> , at Sacred Heart, Hebron   |
| February 4-7, 2010    | <b>Women’s Three Day Weekend</b> , at Sacred Heart, Hebron   |

# A Grand Ultreya

Help celebrate Fr. Mark Seiker's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination  
he's been our Spiritual Advisor for the past 15 years!!



**JUNE 28, 2009 ... VAN DORN PARK IN LINCOLN, NE**

### What?

- † Potluck picnic
- † Paper plates, napkins, glasses and plastic-ware provided.
- † Iced tea/water/orange drink provided.

### Where?

- † Van Dorn Park (9<sup>th</sup> and Van Dorn). No park sticker needed.
- † The event will go on ... rain or shine (we have the shelter).

### When?

- † 11 am - 4 pm → Mass at 11:30am, followed by potluck picnic and Ultreya (during Ultreya, the young people will have the opportunity to play).

### How much?

- † Free will donations to help cover the cost (\$100 rental fee) of using the shelter.

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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 now \$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 ... Recall that the **June** Ultreya will be the **Grand Ultreya** at Van Dorn Park in Lincoln on **June 28** (see details later in Newsletter). The **July** Ultreya will be on Sunday, **July 26**, in Beatrice (St. Joseph Parish Center); the **August** Ultreya will be on Sunday, **August 23**, in Hebron at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Regular Ultreyas begin at 5:00pm.
- ◆ The **Southwest Ultreya Center** is changing its Ultreya location. Beginning with its **June** Ultreya, the cursillistas decided to begin alternating the Ultreya between McCook and Imperial. The **July** Ultreya will be held on **July 12** at 3:30 pm in the basement of St. Patrick Church in McCook. The **August** Ultreya will be held on **August 9** at 2:30 pm (mountain time; this would be 3:30 pm central time) at St. Patrick Church in Imperial. The Ultreya will continue to be held on the second Sunday of each month at 3:30 pm when held at St. Patrick Church (basement) in McCook, and at 2:30 pm when held at St. Patrick Church in Imperial (actually, the time is the same; there is a 1-hour time zone difference).

## 2. School of Leaders (SOL):

The June 13, 2009, SOL was held at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan. This is the first SOL using the new format. The day began with Mass at 9:30 a.m. (for those who wanted to assist), with SOL formally beginning at 10 a.m. with the Group Reunion. The two technique talks were combined with the work sessions to edit/review the **Total Security** rollo from the new Cursillo Manual for use in the Lincoln Diocese. The group made a visit to the Blessed Sacrament for shared prayer, then ate lunch. In conjunction with lunch, Fr. Seiker gave a doctrinal presentation related to St. Paul and his missionary journeys (as assisted by St. Barnabas). The day ended slightly earlier than planned due to participants' schedules.

The next SOL is scheduled for **August 8, 2009**, at St. James Parish in Cortland. The day will begin with Mass at 9:30 a.m. (optional), followed by 10:00am Group Reunion, the technique talks and work sessions, and the doctrinal talk. **All** cursillistas are invited to deepen their understanding of Cursillo, especially those who are just beginning their Fourth Day.

Upcoming technique talks will continue to center on edit/review of the rollos from the new Cursillo Manual. The rollos (and persons assigned) are as follows:

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| <b>Ideal</b> – Eldon Buster  | <b>Laity</b> – Roddy Spangler  |
| <b>Piety</b> – Joan Junkin   | <b>Study</b> – Jon Junkin      |
| <b>Action</b> – Monica Buster  | <b>Leaders</b> – John Springer |
| <b>Study of Environments</b> – Mark Pribyl                                 |                                |
| <b>Christianity in Action</b> (completion of this review) – Kathy Springer |                                |

Ideal and Christianity in Action, and possibly part of Study of Environments will be edited/reviewed at the August SOL.

## 3. Precursillo/Three Day Weekend

The **next Three Day Weekends** are now confirmed for **January/February 2010** at **Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron**. They are:

- ◆ **Men's Weekend: January 21-24, 2010**
- ◆ **Women's Weekend: February 4-7, 2010**

As always, the registration forms are available from the website (please use the most recent forms, as information has changed). The registration form and informational flyer may be printed off directly, and the sponsor form must be requested and filled out by the sponsor separately, including the pastor's signature.

The best way to invite someone to live a Cursillo Weekend is talk about how it has helped you to grow in your spiritual life. Others should see how you live your life, and hopefully, they will question, "What causes this person to live differently from the rest of society?" Hopefully, others will desire what you have found ... and then the door will be open for you to share about Cursillo and the great gift it is as a tool for helping to grow in Piety, Study, and Action.

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 28<sup>th</sup>**, at Van Dorn Park in Lincoln, NE.
- ◆ **Report on National Cursillo Center Visit to the Lincoln Diocese** -- Cef Aguillon, the English language Coordinator from the National Cursillo Center, met with the Lincoln Diocese cursillistas on Friday, May 22, 2009 at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Crete, NE. The group discussed how Precursillo, Cursillo, Postcursillo, Secretariat, and SOL were going in the Diocese. It was a very good meeting, and those who participated appreciated the suggestions and insights offered by Cef.
- ◆ Following the meeting, Cef sent a memo (dated May 27, 2009) to each of the Lay Directors; it read as follows:

**To:** Lay Directors, Spiritual Advisors and Cursillistas in Region 6  
**From:** Ceferino Aguillón, Jr., National English Coordinator  
**Re:** 2009 Diocesan Visit

*I made it back to Texas safe and sound! I want to thank you for all your prayers during my travel in Region 6. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone. I sincerely appreciate the warm welcome and generous hospitality provided by every diocese/archdiocese that I visited.*

*I also want to thank you for your openness and sincerity during our meeting. I believe it helps to voice our successes and our struggles in order to appreciate where we've been as a Movement, where we are today and where we ought to be in the future.*

*I will be writing a summary of each meeting and will send each Lay Director a copy that should be shared with the members of the Secretariat and School of Leaders. A copy of the summaries will also be sent to Kathy Springer, Region 6 Coordinator. I hope to have all the summaries mailed by the end of June 2009.*

*I will be visiting 16 dioceses in Region 7 during September 2009. Please continue to pray for me. Please feel free to send comments about our meeting to Victor Lugo, National Executive Director at [nationalcursillo.center@verizon.net](mailto:nationalcursillo.center@verizon.net).*

*Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that the evangelizing mission of the Church remains "urgent and necessary". "Mission is a duty about which one must say 'Woe to me if I do not evangelize' (1 Corinthians 9:16)," the Pope added, citing the words of the Apostle Paul, who personally experienced that "redemption and mission are acts of love," because "those who proclaim the Gospel participate in the charity of Christ." "It is love that must move us to proclaim to all men with frankness and courage the truth that saves," he explained. "A love that must radiate everywhere and reach the heart of every man. Indeed, men await Christ."*

*Cursillos in Christianity consists of proclaiming the best news of the best reality that God in Christ loves us and we communicate this love through the best means which is friendship! God loves you!*

*De Colores!*

## From the Spiritual Advisor

In a few weeks, our nation will celebrate Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a great occasion each year to celebrate our freedom and independence as a nation. We should really reflect on the many blessings we have received from our Lord, both individually and as a nation! God has been and continues to be very good to us.

However, as we celebrate our independence as a nation and the freedom that we have as a nation, we must always remember that in all ways we are still dependent on God. We depend on Him for our life, our health, and really for all that we have and all that we are! Without God, we would not exist. By ourselves, we can do nothing, but with Him we can do all things. As we heard in the Leaders Rollo on our Three Day Weekend, “Christ and I are an overwhelming majority.”

In His love and goodness, God created us and gave us our freedom. The Catechism of the Catholic Church discusses the topic of man’s freedom (CCC 1730-1742), and it might be good to read and reflect on these paragraphs as we celebrate our independence and freedom as a nation. Perhaps this could be a part of your study before or after July 4<sup>th</sup>. This study could then have an effect on your Piety and Action ... you might pray for other persons to make the free choice to seek always God’s will in their lives ... you might choose to respond to God’s grace and act in specific ways that will encourage other Christians to speak and act for a renewed respect for all human life, or for true religious freedom in our country and throughout the world.

Before closing, I’d like to specifically quote from a couple of the paragraphs of the Catechism mentioned above:

*CCC 1733* The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to “the slavery of sin.” (cf. Rom 6:17)

*CCC 1739 Freedom and sin.* Man's freedom is limited and fallible. In fact, man failed. He freely sinned. By refusing God's plan of love, he deceived himself and became a slave to sin. This first alienation engendered a multitude of others. From its outset, human history attests the wretchedness and oppression born of the human heart in consequence of the abuse of freedom.

*CCC 1742 Freedom and grace.* The grace of Christ is not in the slightest way a rival of our freedom when this freedom accords with the sense of the true and the good that God has put in the human heart. On the contrary, as Christian experience attests especially in prayer, the more docile we are to the promptings of grace, the more we grow in inner freedom and confidence during trials, such as those we face in the pressures and constraints of the outer world. By the working of grace the Holy Spirit educates us in spiritual freedom in order to make us free collaborators in his work in the Church and in the world:

*Almighty and merciful God,  
in your goodness take away from us all that is harmful,  
so that, made ready both in mind and body,  
we may freely accomplish your will. (Roman Missal, 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Opening Prayer)*

May the Lord help each of us in our daily lives to freely live faithful to the Lord; and may the tools we learned in Cursillo help us to invite others to be truly free as well.

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

## From the Lay Director    **Make a Friend**

Can you remember the last time you made a new friend? And if you can, how did it happen? The Cursillo Method, by design, teaches us to pray and study daily that we may discover what God wants of us and that we may learn to love that which is true. Then we are to take what we have learned and pass it onto others ... Make a friend, be a friend, and then BRING THAT FRIEND TO CHRIST.

To share the truth about Jesus with others will take a well-formed friendship. When friendships are formed, then trust is built up so that what we say might begin to take root. If, by our actions, we do our best to live the Gospel message, then our actions will assist us in making our words credible.

If we are going to bring someone to Christ, we need to be true friends. Friendships don’t just happen overnight ... they take time and effort. Friends will take extra time to help where there is a need ... they give of themselves even if it isn’t convenient, and they forgive and love as Christ forgave and loved them.

Without friends to share our thoughts and ideas, our lives soon become somewhat unfulfilled. Have you ever wondered why it is so easy to spread gossip or why it is so hard to keep a secret? It is because it is our human nature to share what we know with others ... so if we share goodness, then it will be goodness that others will likely pass on.

Many times it takes faith and a good deal of courage to make a new friend. It isn’t always easy, but you need to remember that you and Christ are an overwhelming majority! In addition, you need to remember that you can do all things through HIM Who strengthens you (*Phil 4:13*)

I recently read the May 31 meditation by Fr. Vincent Nagle from the book, Praying with Saint Paul: “... *I was listening to a priest speaking to several hundred university students who had come to spend a few days with him in the Alps. At one point a girl stood up to ask a question. She said, ‘When I am with my friends (of this Catholic movement), I am good. When I am not, I am bad.’*” ... The priest responded, “*First, stay with your friends. Second, imagine a man who has a weakness, we won’t speculate what it is. Each morning he rises with confidence in Jesus and his Mother, light-hearted in his hope not to fail that day. He does fail, repeating that mistake arising from his weakness. He goes home full of tears and repentance, praying to Jesus and his Mother for compassion, forgiveness, and healing. Again, he awakens the next morning full of gratitude, and the pattern repeats itself. This goes on for years, perhaps for the rest of his life. What do we call a man like that? There was silence. The Priest, speaking forcefully now, insisted, ‘What do we call him?’ Again silence. Finally he said, ‘A saint. He is a man alive entirely through his recognition of and confidence in the presence of Jesus and the prayers of his Mother. These define his entire reason for living. They define who he is. This is the definition of a saint.’*”

Being a saint can seem to us an unrealistic goal, especially since we know ourselves better than anyone else. But, in this example, what really counts is effort that we make, fully aware that success is achieved only in, with, and through Christ.

So when do we get to quit? When have we had enough? Am I too young? Am I too old? What if I don’t do it in a way that is perfect?

I believe that if we go to the Master with our worries and fears, then HE will give us the grace necessary to achieve all things, and that if we set limits on ourselves, then evil will prevail. Our work is done when Christ calls us home. Yes, we get tired ... Yes, we get discouraged ... Yes, we want to quit. But there IS help ... JESUS!

If you know Jesus and you love HIM, pass it on by making a new friend.

**De Colores**

**Mark Pribyl**

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**Ultreya Centers**

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln** .....  
Location alternates: Crete/Lincoln/Beatrice/Hebron  
Normally 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm  
June 28 – GRAND ULTREYA at Van Dorn Park in Lincoln  
July 26 – Ultreya in Beatrice; August 23 – Ultreya in Hebron  
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** .....  
Location alternates: McCook/Imperial; Usually 2nd Sunday of month  
July 12 – Ultreya in McCook (3:30pm CT)  
August 9 – Ultreya in Imperial (2:30pm MT)  
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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National WebPage: [www.natl-cursillo.org/](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/)

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