

Cursillo News for July – August 2010

Calendar of Events

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| June 27, 2010 | Grand Ultreya – Sacred Heart Parish Center in Hebron (details included) |
| July 10, 2010 | Secretariat Meeting , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass) |
| July 29 – Aug 1, 2010 | 20th National Encounter , at Rockhurst University, Kansas City MO |
| August 14, 2010 | SOL - 10:00am – 3:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); Sacred Heart Parish, Hebron |
| September 11, 2010 | Secretariat Meeting , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass) |
| September 24-26, 2010 | Region VI Fall Encounter (St. Agnes Parish, Omaha, NE) ... <i>watch the diocesan or Region VI webpages for a registration form when it becomes available</i> |
| October 9, 2010 | SOL - 10:00am – 3:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE [Note: May move to Saturday, Oct. 16 – watch the webpage / next newsletter] |
| November 13, 2010 | Secretariat Meeting , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass) |
| December 11, 2010 | SOL - 10:00am – 3:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. James Parish, Cortland |
| January 8, 2011 | SOL - 10:00am – 3:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE (Secretariat Meeting to precede/follow SOL) |
| February 4-5, 2011 | Practice Weekend , at St. John the Baptist Parish, Minden |
| February 10-13, 2011 | Men’s Three Day Weekend , at St. John the Baptist Parish, Minden |
| February 24-27, 2011 | Women’s Three Day Weekend , at St. John the Baptist Parish, Minden |

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1. Ultreya Center News:

- ◆ The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... The **June Ultreya** will be the **Lincoln Diocese Grand Ultreya** on **June 27** at Sacred Heart Parish, Hebron (see opposite page and yellow insert for details). The **July Ultreya** is scheduled for **July 25** at Sacred Heart, Crete, and the **August Ultreya** is scheduled for **August 22** at the Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center.
- ◆ The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. For the **July Ultreya** will be held on **July 11** at 3:30 pm CT in the basement of St. Patrick Church in McCook and the **August Ultreya** will be held on **Aug. 8** at 2:30 pm MT in the basement of St. Patrick Church in Imperial.
- ◆ The **Plattsmouth/Nebraska City Ultreya Center** will begin meeting for Ultreya on the **2nd Saturday of the month at 6:30pm** (following the 5:00pm Mass) at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth. The **July Ultreya** will be on **July 10** and the **August Ultreya** will be on **August 14**.

- ◆ The **Vietnamese-language Ultreya** is also held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:00pm at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory Basement in Lincoln** (6405 Madison Ave).
- ◆ **Watch for details regarding upcoming Ultreyas in the Hastings/Minden/Holdrege Ultreya Center ... details will be included in upcoming Newsletter and be available as soon as the schedule is set on the diocesan webpage:**
<http://webpages.charter.net/seas/cursillolincoln.html>.
- ◆ See the outside cover of the Newsletter for scheduled Ultreyas.

A Grand Ultreya

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JUNE 27, 2010

SACRED HEART PARISH IN HEBRON, NE

ARRIVAL AT 11:00AM; MASS AT 11:30AM

FOOD, FUN (GAMES, ACTIVITIES) AND FRIENDS

(SEE YELLOW INSERT FOR DETAILS)

Reminders re: Ultreya and Group Reunion (especially invitations to non-cursillistas):

- **Any Ultreya** (including the GRAND ULTREYA) is open to any cursillista and even non-cursillistas.
- If your area is not holding regular Ultreyas, consider visiting a neighboring Ultreya Center.
- Also consider **inviting a non-cursillista** to experience **Ultreya or Group Reunion**, as these are ways of helping show/explain what Cursillo is. However, **BEFORE** you invite someone to a Group Reunion (whether that person is another cursillista or a non-cursillista), **first ask the permission of your group members**, as it is **very important to respect the confidentiality and privacy of what is shared by the members of your Group**. Also, keep in mind that a non-cursillista will not have the full understanding of the Cursillo Method without living the Three Day Weekend; thus, you **should make it clear that these are only “stepping stones”** leading to the Three Day Weekend and into the Fourth Day.
- The structure of what is shared at Group Reunion and Ultreya is **NOT a secret**. However, the details of what is shared **IS** confidential and **NOT** meant to be shared outside the group.

2. Precursillo

The work of the Precursillo is ongoing, and NOT done solely in the few weeks leading up to the next set of Weekends. The Precursillo's stated **purposes** are: (1) to study environments; (2) to select candidates through friendship; (3) to sponsor; and (4) to prepare our friends (candidates). The stated **objectives** of the Precursillo are tied to the four purposes:

1. Study of environments

In essence, this involves a proper study of those places/situations in which we find ourselves, with an eye toward selecting candidates in those environments with the leadership qualities that will transform the environment into a Christian one. The environments we are called to study are not exclusively related to the Church or parish ... we must look at ALL environments with an eye toward how best to win them for Christ.

2. Selection of candidates through friendship

- A. Identify key persons within our environments.
- B. Selection of candidates through friendship.
- C. Selection of persons based on the effectiveness of the candidate as the leaven of his/her environment and circumstances.
- D. Insure that all candidates satisfy the basic requirements to participate in the Cursillo Weekend.

3. To sponsor

To support each candidate according to the responsibilities listed on the back of the Lincoln Diocese Sponsor Form (see diocesan webpage).

4. To prepare our friends (candidates)

To prepare our friends with a view toward Postcursillo.

To achieve the purposes and objectives of the Precursillo, we need to truly open our eyes and look at our environments (the situation in which we find ourselves and those persons in that situation) with Christ's eyes. We need to take advantage of each opportunity our Lord gives us to **make a friend, be a friend, and bring our friend to Christ**. Do you want to know more??

Come to the October SOL, where the topic of discussion will be "**What is involved in sponsoring a candidate on a Cursillo Weekend?**" The October SOL is tentatively scheduled for October 9, 2010, from 10:00am – 3:00pm (with Mass at 9:30am) at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan, NE. However, note that it may move to Saturday, October 16 (same time, same place) – watch diocesan webpage and/or next newsletter for the exact date.

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 study our environments (those around us) at all times in search of persons who can help Christianize the world ... **He's counting on you!!!**

As always, the registration form for Three Day Weekend is available from the Cursillo of Lincoln website (<http://webpages.charter.net/seas/cursillolincolin.html>). **Please use the most recent forms**, as information has changed. The Registration Form should be filled out by the

candidate and returned to you as the sponsor; you should fill out the Sponsor Form (and be prepared to fulfill the sponsor responsibilities described on the back of the form), including getting the candidate's pastor's signature, and send the Registration Form and Sponsor Form together with the registration fee (\$20) to the Lay Director (address on the form).

3. Three Day Weekend

The next Three Day Weekends are scheduled for February 2011 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Minden ... who do you know that should be there? The Weekends are:

- Men's Weekend: February 10-13, 2011
- Women's Weekend: February 24-27, 2011

See last paragraph under Precursillo (above) for information about registration forms.

4. Postcursillo

♦ **Lincoln Diocese** – See information about Grand Ultreya on page 2.

♦ Region VI

The Fall 2010 Region VI Encounter will be held on September 24-26, 2010 at St. Agnes Parish in Omaha, NE. Regional Encounters begin at approximately 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening (registration prior to opening) and conclude with the Ultreya on Saturday evening (Sunday morning Mass and breakfast are provided on Sunday morning; sack lunches for those traveling are also provided). **This is SO close for our Diocese ... make plans now to be there to share in the work of Cursillo with others in our region!!**

The Registration Forms are *not yet available*, but as soon as they become available, they will be posted on both the Lincoln Diocese webpage and the Region VI webpage.

♦ National:

It's not too late to participate in the **20th National Cursillo Encounter!!** Information about the Encounter is available on the National Cursillo website [<http://www.natl-cursillo.org>]. The Encounter is being hosted by **Region VI** (our Region) at **Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri** ... they don't get too much closer than this!! The keynote speaker will be **Fr. David M. Knight**, who wrote the books **Cursillo Spiritual Formation Program** (published by the Cursillo for use in School of Leaders) and **His Way** (which the Lincoln Diocese studied in SOL). The cost is **still \$370** per person (the fee increase for later registration is not being imposed) **if received by July 7, 2010**. The Encounter is scheduled to be held **Thursday, July 29 – Sunday, August 1, 2010**.

Participating in the National Encounter would be a wonderful way for cursillistas, especially the new Fourth Dayers, to become more familiar with what is going on in Cursillo. As a matter of fact, our Episcopal advisor, Bishop Elizondo, is personally encouraging cursillistas to make the effort and sacrifice to attend this Encounter in order to be as well informed as possible in order to promote an authentic Cursillos of Christianity. Christ is counting on us!!

5. School of Leaders (SOL)

The next SOL will be **August 14, 2010**, at Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron (*see the enclosed registration form on the inside of the mailing cover*). As usual, the day will begin with Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by 10:00am Group Reunion, the technique talks and work sessions, and the doctrinal talk.

The technique talks for the next SOL will come from Eduardo Bonnin's "My Spiritual Testimony" (the books will be available for purchase at SOL for \$5.00). According to the back cover of the book, "*By means of these pages a discovery is made of the Foundational Charism of the Cursillo in Christianity Movement. Every line leads to contemplation of the 'living water' that has flowed from this Charism. After 67 years the water is still clear and life giving because of its authenticity and truthfulness. It is a charism that encourages people to encounter Christ in the normality of their life without abandoning the place where God has placed them by discovering a Christ who is alive, natural, personal and close to us and to the people in our environments. In this testament the ideas that are the stronghold of the Essence, Purpose and Mentality of the Cursillos in Christianity emphasizing that its method is friendship. This is the posthumous spiritual testament of the author, who wanted to convey the facts and their motives from the beginning of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement with the intention that they would endure.*"

All cursillistas are invited to deepen their understanding of Cursillo ... you are invited to study the roots of Cursillo!! **EVERYBODY** is invited. The more participation we have, the greater the joy ... the more we can accomplish with and for our Lord ... We all come away with a better understanding of the Cursillo Movement and its specific charism in the life of the Church.

From the Spiritual Advisor

We are in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time and during this liturgical year our Gospel readings for the Sunday Masses are taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of Luke is one of the three Synoptic Gospels (*Matthew, Mark, and Luke*). Synoptic means "same view", since many of the passages from Luke are very similar to passages which are found in Matthew or in Mark. As we journey through these summer months, Luke presents us with some important passages on which to reflect. In our reflections on the Word of God, it is always helpful to anchor our reflections into the entire context of the Gospel.

It would be helpful here to stop here and read the introduction to the New American Bible, as it gives some comments which would be helpful to keep in mind before reading the actual Gospel passages proclaimed at the Sunday Masses during June, July and August. These Gospel passages are from Luke 9 – Luke 14. As we reflect on the Gospel of Luke and seek to let our Lord's Words take root in our hearts and be lived out in our lives, we would do well to reflect in our own lives about living "each day" as the Lord calls us. Sometimes we set our focus too far into the future. While it is important to plan and especially that we make an apostolic plan each week, we must not miss that our Lord wants us to plan for each day, and not just for some "big" day in the future.

As we plan, remember that Jesus is our model for our threefold life of Piety, Study, and Action. He calls us to gaze on His face in the Scriptures, in the Eucharist, and in the lives of the persons around us. He calls us to study the persons we meet, to see Him present in them, and to recognize our dependence on Him. Thus, it is important that each day we take time to reflect on God's Word,

that we make an effort to spend extra time in His Eucharistic presence (each day, if possible), and that we also be alert to His presence in the other persons we meet. We need to put Him first in our lives and then put others before ourselves.

By putting Him first, reflecting on His Word, and being aware of His presence in others around us, we will better be able to follow Him. It is important to notice that three of the Gospel passages this summer (*the sinful woman who comes to Jesus at the house of Simon the Pharisee, the Prodigal Son, and the Good Samaritan*), are only found in the Gospel of Luke. Through these accounts, our attention is directed to the importance of God's mercy and compassion. After having reflected on His mercy in these Gospel passages, and having experienced His mercy and compassion in our lives, we will be better able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to imitate and express mercy and compassion to those around us.

May we see "each day" of these days of Ordinary Time as a gift to us, and may we strive to deepen our commitment to the Lord and live better our lives of Piety, Study, and Action. Encourage one another through your faithfulness to Group Reunion and Ultreya. Invite someone to come with you to the Grand Ultreya. Live each of these days of Ordinary Time in an extraordinary way.

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker

From the Lay Director

For those who have the "Magnificat" or another monthly publication that includes the daily readings and a reflection, I think most of us do what I do – dog-ear or in some way mark the pages that have a particular reading or quote or writing of a saint that strikes us in a particular way. For me, at least for the period of time I am using my "Magnificat", I go back to these marked pages and re-read whatever it was that caught my interest or spoke to me. For June, it is 1 Corinthians 10:13. We all recall hearing, "*God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength.*" For whatever reason, however, I do not seem to remember ever reading what follows: "*but with the trial He will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.*" How much He loves us! I often see the trial or difficulty, but miss the way out of it, or what He gives me to bear it. He sends a raft in the storm, why was I looking for a big yacht?

A second reflection for me this month is the focus of the readings on faithfulness, on perseverance. God is faithful, He asks that we persevere. He also asks that we give. As Saint Paul writes in the Second Letter to Timothy, "*be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; ...; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.*" Am I fulfilling my ministry? Are you?

I think of the work we do in Cursillo. It is a joyful work ... it would be even more joyful if only a few more would pitch in to share in this work. If you feel that the Cursillo should be shared, should be experienced by others because of what it did for you and what it does for others, I ask – would you be willing to step forward and give some extra time for awhile? There is a faithful core of good people who feel so strongly about what Cursillo has done for them that they have and will continue to give of themselves. This core of people need more of you to share in the work of Cursillo – please consider becoming more active. Start by being faithful to your friendship group or join/start one. Come to Ultreya. And please consider attending the School of Leaders – you will be drawn in by the community that is there (like a school of fish, the community works to support one another). It is not a big commitment - a few hours of a Saturday every two months. We need God in our lives and we need community to help us walk that road to God. If you are not as active as you could be and God is tugging, please consider becoming more active. We continue to pray.

De Colores! John Springer

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Ultreya Centers

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln**
Location alternates: Crete/Lincoln/Beatrice/Hebron
(usually 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm)
June 27 - **Grand Ultreya** at Sacred Heart Parish, Hebron
July 25 - **Ultreya** at Sacred Heart Parish, Crete
Aug. 22 - **Ultreya** at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Ctr, Lincoln
- 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 Kathy Rowell to verify*
- 4) **Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group**
Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory, Lincoln
4th Sunday of month, 3:00pm
- 5) **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**
Church of the Holy Spirit, Plattsmouth
2nd Saturday of month, 6:30pm (following 5:00pm Mass)
- 6) **Southwestern Nebraska**
Location alternates: McCook/Imperial; Usually 2nd Sunday of month
July 11 – Ultreya scheduled for McCook (3:30pm CT)
August 8 – Ultreya in Imperial (2:30pm MT; 3:30pm CT)
- 7) **Wahoo**.....Contact: John Springer

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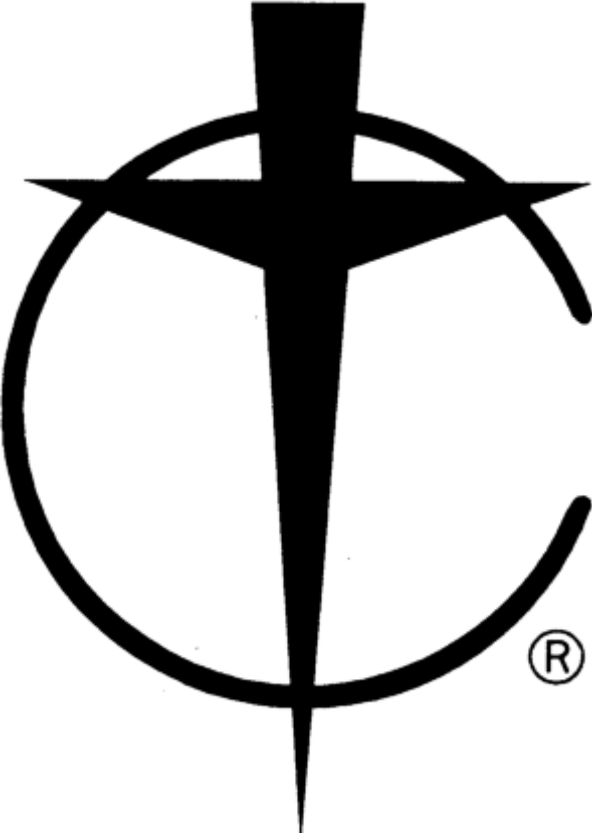
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School of Leaders

*August 14, 2010
436 North 3rd Street
Sacred Heart Parish, Hebron, NE*

*Please come ... Deepen your understanding of Cursillo ...
ALL are welcome !!!*

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

If not you, then who?

God wants to use your time/talent/treasure ... He wants you to be a good steward of that which He has given you. SOL, which is the working arm of Cursillo and is entrusted with the work of Cursillo in a diocese, needs **YOU** to help with the work of Cursillo ... the harvest is great ... but the workers are few ...

SOL is a time to build community ... to spend time with others who deeply love our Lord and want others to love Him as well. SOL is an opportunity to work with others who know the very great value of Cursillo, and who want to make sure that others might have the opportunity to live a Weekend ... those who are concerned with the specific mission given to **ALL OF US** at our Baptism ... those who want to answer the call to Christianize the world.

SOL is for ALL cursillistas (new and veteran) ... for all who have a desire to share their love of God with others ... it is for ALL men and women, couples, singles, priests and religious, young and not-so-young If you wonder if it is for YOU, God may be prompting you to become more involved ... at least, come and see ... you already know that He is counting on YOU!

School of Leaders Agenda:

- 9:30am --- Mass (for those who wish to assist)
- 10:00am -- Group Reunion, Session #1, Lunch, Session #2, Visit to Blessed Sacrament, Depart.
- 3:00pm --- Clean up and departure (*estimated time* ... may be earlier ... may be later ...).

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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.)
- ◆ Pilgrim's Guide
- ◆ Leaders' Manual (please pray the Leader's Prayer regularly)
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help cover a donation for use of the facility.*

Grand Ultreya

Sunday, June 27
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; child care will be provided!!
- † It will last from approximately **11am - 4pm**.
- † This will be a **potluck picnic**. 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**
- † 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 (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.
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