

Cursillo News for July – August 2011

Calendar of Events

June 26, 2011	Grand Ultreya – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Platte; arrival beginning at Noon, Mass at 12:15pm, potluck lunch and Ultreya after Mass.
July 9, 2011	Secretariat Meeting , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln
July 28-31, 2011	21st National Encounter (St. Mary University in San Antonio, TX)
August 12-14, 2011	<u>FOURTH DAY RETREAT</u> – Church of the Holy Spirit, Plattsmouth, NE (see enclosed yellow flyer/registration form). There will be a potluck dinner and Ultreya on Saturday beginning at 6:00pm – ALL are invited, whether participating in the retreat or not.
September 10, 2011	Secretariat Meeting , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln – 9:00am (Mass at 8:30am) – <i>NOTE: Earlier time!!</i>
September 23-25, 2011	Region VI Fall Encounter , Rapid City, SD (see enclosed Registration Form – white paper)
October 8, 2011	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) ; St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE
November 12, 2011	Secretariat Meeting , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln - 9:30am (9:00am Mass)
December 10, 2011	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) ; St. James Parish, Cortland, NE

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*Recall the words of St. Francis of Assisi ~~
Preach the Gospel at all times ... when necessary, use words.*

1. Ultreya Center News:

Details regarding upcoming Ultreyas are included on the outside cover of each Newsletter and are also available on the diocesan web page:

<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>
[NOTE THE NEW WEBPAGE ADDRESS]

2. Precursillo/Three Days

The Secretariat and SOL is in the process of finalizing details for the next set of Three Day Weekends. As details become available, that information will be passed along to you. However, there is no time like the present to be doing the work of an apostle in working on personal contact with your brothers and sisters (those God put in your environments) ... to be making and being friends, with the goal of bringing that friend to Christ. As you get to know your friend better, you may discern that a Three Day Weekend might be just what would benefit your friend at this particular time in his/her life. NOW is the time to be offering Palanca for your friend and for upcoming Cursillo Weekends ... Palanca is not about making sacrifices only when we want something ... it should be an integral part of our daily lives.

3. Postcursillo

◆ Grand Ultreya (June 26)

Our **annual Grand Ultreya** is planned for this weekend – **Sunday, June 26th**, at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in North Platte, NE**. The day begins at Noon and ends at approximately 4:00pm, with Mass at 12:15pm, and a potluck picnic lunch and Ultreya following Mass. A Grand Ultreya is a perfect opportunity for “catching up” and fellowship!! Details of the day are included on the inside of the address label page of this mailing.

◆ Fourth Day Retreat (August 12-14)

In place of the August SOL, the Lincoln Diocese is holding a **Fourth Day Retreat** for **ALL cursillistas** on **August 12-14, 2011**. The retreat will take place at **Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth**, beginning at **8:00pm on Friday, August 12**, and concluding at about **2:30pm on Sunday, August 14**. **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-ignite 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 (September 23-25)

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 “**The Postcursillo.**” The Encounter will be held at **St. Elizabeth Seton School** (corner of Fairmont and 5th Streets in Rapid City). See the enclosed flyer/registration form (white paper).

◆ 21st National Encounter (July 28-31)

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 currently \$420 (through June 30); there may still be some availability after that date as well (contact the National Cursillo Center). 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 SOL will be held on October 8 at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan. The technique talks will come from the book, “Study of the Charism.” The book (which is 80 pages in length) may be purchased at SOL for \$6.00, or it may be downloaded/printed from the OMCC webpage (<http://www.orgmcc.org/study/index.htm>).

From the Spiritual Advisor

There is an old phrase that says: “There is no vacation from God.” As we journey through the summer months, perhaps it would be good to reflect on these words in regard to our daily, weekly, or monthly schedules. When, where, how, do you spend time with God? Do you give Him the first part of your day ... the best part of your day ... or whatever time is left over? Do you take time for a weekday Mass once in a while, or for a visit to the Blessed Sacrament? Do you meet for your Group Reunion on a weekly basis? Do you participate in Ultreya on a regular basis? When you go on vacation, as you are making reservations for hotels/motels, do you plan ahead and search for a Catholic Church in that area and find out what time Masses are at the parishes in the area? Or, do you take a vacation from your Sunday Mass obligation too?

These are all questions that might be good for each of us to pause and reflect on. As cursillistas, we are to have a weekly plan for our piety, our study, and our apostolic action. How do we do in making that plan? How do we do in carrying out that plan? Sometimes during the summer, when it gets warmer outside, it seems that the “fire inside” gets colder (and sometimes that’s because we take the summer off from Group Reunion and/or Ultreya).

We just celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, and we prayed (as we do at our Group Reunions and Ultreyas): *“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray: O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit*

we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations.” How is the “fire inside” of you? Are you nurturing that fire?

Many cursillistas have found that participating in Group Reunion and Ultreya regularly are great opportunities to let the Holy Spirit “kindle in us” the fire of His love. It is also a great opportunity to let the Holy Spirit use you to “kindle in others” the fire of His love. I encourage you to be an active part of a regular weekly Group Reunion, and a regular monthly Ultreya. Make that a part of your “plan” and encourage others to deepen their piety, study and action, through your sharing of your piety, study and action with them.

May each of us be open to the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives this summer and always.

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker

From the Lay Director

We (you and I), are blessed. Because we group and pray at the Ultreya and School of Leaders, we pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit. Before I lived my Cursillo in 1996, I don’t think I ever said that prayer, maybe never even knew the prayer existed. Since then, I have prayed it many, many times. I’ve heard that the late, now Blessed, Pope John Paul II prayed the prayer daily.

During the Novena to the Holy Spirit leading up to the Feast of Pentecost, I was reminded again by the meditations of how little I call upon the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit wants us to call on Him, talk to Him, ask Him for His special gifts. I ended my Novena – “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us ...”

I am thankful for all of you who pray this prayer, as collectively, we are asking that all our hearts be filled and the fire of love grow. My resolution is to pray for all of you, the cursillistas of the Lincoln Diocese and all cursillistas around the world, every day through the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Also, please do consider coming to Cursillo activities. The annual Grand Ultreya is June 26 in at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in North Platte (see details in the Newsletter). A Fourth Day Retreat is scheduled for August 12-14 at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth (see enclosed registration form). For School of Leaders, see the Calendar of Events at the beginning of this Newsletter. As before, I ask for your prayerful consideration of becoming involved in Cursillo. The Movement needs enthusiastic leaders (don’t be afraid of the “leaders” word). We all have something to contribute, especially a few moments of time. Thank you for your Palanca, 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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Ultreya Centers

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln** – Location alternates.....
(usually 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm)
July 24 -- Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center (Lincoln; 5:00pm)
August 28 -- St. Joseph Parish Center (Beatrice; 5:00pm)
- 2) **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden** –Contact Kathy Rowell or
Mary Ann Connelly; July 24, 2011 at 2:30pm at Minden
- 3) **Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group**.....
Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory, Lincoln
4th Sunday of month, 3:00pm
- 4) **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**.....
Check parish bulletin at www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com,
or contact Terry Little
- 5) **Southwestern Nebraska**.....
Location alternates: McCook/Imperial; Usually 2nd Sunday of month
July 10 – McCook (St. Patrick Church basement) (3:30pm CT)
August 14 – Imperial (St. Patrick Parish hall) (2:30pm MT)
- 6) **Weston/David City/Shelby/Wahoo**.....
July 17 – Weston (St. John Nepomucene School) (3:00pm)
August 21 – Weston (St. John Nepomucene School) (3:00pm)

Secretariat Mail

John Springer.....Lay Director
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Lincoln Diocese Cursillo WebPage
<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>
Region VI WebPage: <http://www.cursillo.org/region6>
National WebPage: www.natl-cursillo.org

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**REMINDER -- Grand Ultreya
Sunday -- June 26, 2011
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

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INVITATION TO ALL CURSILLISTAS

Fourth Day Retreat *[in place of 3rd Quarter SOL]* **August 12-14, 2011**

520 S. 18th Street, Church of the Holy Spirit – Plattsmouth, NE

Please join your brother and sister cursillistas for a **Fourth Day Retreat**. This invitation is to ALL cursillistas, including our neighbors in the Omaha Archdiocese. 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 begins Friday evening at 7:00pm, with the retreat starting at 8:00pm. The retreat will conclude 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 questions/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
- "Classic" Cursillo accommodations will be available (mats, dorm-type sleeping, etc., including showers.)
- **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.

If you have any questions, email or call John Springer (jejspringer@windstream.net, 402-580-1367).

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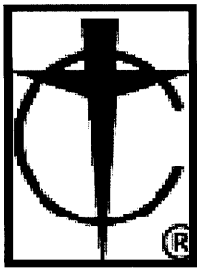
City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are there any physical/medical/dietary conditions we need to plan for? If so, explain below:

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

John Springer, 1410 E. 15th St., Crete, NE 68333
by August 5, 2011 (this allows us to plan for food)



CURSILLO - REGIONAL ENCOUNTER—RAPID CITY, SD
 September 23rd - 25th 2011 (Friday—Sunday)
 St. Elizabeth Seton School
 Corner of Fairmont & 5th Street
 Rapid City, SD 57701
 Local Contact Number (605) 381-9130 – Jim Jacquot

Please plan on attending the **FALL REGIONAL ENCOUNTER** for CURSILLISTAS. Make your reservations by mailing this form to **John Jelinek - 513 John Street - Hopkins, MN 55343**. The cost is **\$50.00** for registrations received up until **September 1, 2011**, and **\$60.00 after that date**. Checks should be payable to **Region VI Cursillo**. A list of area motels is provided below. Please let us know if you plan to stay at the School (shower facilities are available). You will need to bring your personal items with you, such as towels, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. In addition, sleeping accommodations will be Cursillo style, so you will need to bring your sleeping bag, bedroll, pillow, slippers, etc.

Please plan on arriving between 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Friday, or if you are arriving at another time, please let us know **below** what time to expect you. If you are running late or need help finding the facility, please feel free to call **(605) 381-9130**. This will also be your emergency number for friends and family to contact you in case of an emergency. Your registration fee includes a snack on Friday evening, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner (with late evening snack provided), and Sunday breakfast. A bag lunch will be prepared for those travelling and planning to leave Saturday night or Sunday morning after Mass.

Chain Motels Close By: (area code: 605) Holiday Inn Express 341-9300, Super 8 Motels 342-4911, Comfort Inn 718-4444, Rodeway Inn 342-1303

From I-90, take Haines Ave. Exit and proceed South to 5th Street and Cathedral Drive, then turn left and make another immediate left. You are there! St. Elizabeth Seton School

Cut above and mail; please include registration monies for each participant.

Main Contact: Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Attendee Name	Phone Number (with area code)	E-Mail

- Please check for late arrival: _____ Probable time of arrival: _____
- Number of bag lunches needed: Leaving Saturday: _____ Leaving Sunday: _____

Special Accommodations needed (diet and/or facilities): _____

MAIL TO: John Jelinek - 513 John Street - Hopkins, MN 55343.