

Cursillo News for July – August 2013

Calendar of Events

- June 20-23, 2013 **Women's Three Day Weekend**, at St. John the Baptist, Minden.
- June 23, 2013 **Women's Closing**, 5:00pm at St. John the Baptist, Minden (no longer a 4pm Fourth Day Mass prior to the Closing, but please come to the Closing to welcome the new cursillistas).
- June 30, 2013 **Grand Ultreya – Sacred Heart Parish Center in Hebron** (details in the Postcursillo Section of the newsletter)
- July 13, 2013 **Secretariat Meeting**, Sacred Heart Church, Hebron – 9:30am (9:00am Mass)
- July 25-28, 2013 2013 National Cursillo Encounter, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. (Registration forms are available online – Natl Cursillo Center)
- August 10-11, 2013 **FOURTH DAY RETREAT** – All Saints Church Hall, Holdrege, NE (a registration form with details is included in this Newsletter). Because the retreat begins first thing Saturday morning and many cursillistas have a distance to travel, the facility will be open Friday evening for arrivals between 7-8:30pm (there will be Evening Prayer and other activities). **There is a potluck dinner and Ultreya on Saturday beginning at 6:00pm – ALL are invited, whether participating in the retreat or not.**
- September 14, 2013 **Secretariat Meeting**, Location TBA – 9:30am (9:00am Mass)
- September 27-29, 2013 Fall 2013 Region VI Encounter – Duluth, MN (details later).
- October 5, 2013 **SOL** - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Parish, Doniphan (moved from the normal 2nd Saturday because of schedule conflict).

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.).]

Cursillo Newsletters

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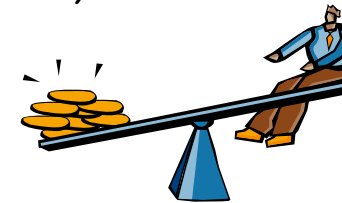
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***Come to the Women's Three Day Closing ...
 Welcome the new cursillistas to the Fourth Day ...
 Renew friendships and make new friends!!***

Christ is counting on YOU!! Please offer Palanca for the spiritual success of this and every Cursillo activity. After all, Palanca is the backbone of the Cursillo Movement and essential for each spiritual success - on Weekends as well as in every Fourth Day. As the candidates are living their Three Day Weekend, your spending time with our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament is the best means of helping them encounter Him. Please make sure the assigned hours are covered according to the locations listed below, or contact a neighboring Ultreya Center for assistance ... He IS counting on you!!!

Please come to the Women's Closing (5:00 pm) to welcome the new 4th Dayers (June 23, 2013)



Lift them up in prayer ...

***Send Palanca to:
 St. John the Baptist
 Attn: Cursillo Palanca
 P.O. Box 245,
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PALANCA (by Ultreya Center) for the June 2013 Women's Weekend (Minden)

Thursday, 7:00pm - Friday, 1:00am	David City/Shelby/Wahoo/Weston
Friday, 1:00am - 7:00am	Beatrice/Crete/Hebron
Friday, 7:00am - 1:00pm	Lincoln Vietnamese and English
Friday, 1:00pm - 7:00pm	Southwestern Nebraska (McCook/Imperial/Grant)
Friday, 7:00pm - Saturday 1:00am	Nebraska City/Plattsmouth
Saturday, 1:00am - 7:00am	David City/Shelby/Wahoo/Weston
Saturday, 7:00am - 1:00pm	Beatrice/Crete/Hebron
Saturday, 1:00pm - 7:00pm	Southwestern Nebraska (McCook/Imperial/Grant)
Saturday, 7:00pm - Sunday 1:00am	Lincoln Vietnamese and English
Sunday, 1:00am - Sunday, 7:00am	Nebraska City/Plattsmouth
Sunday, 7:00am - 5:00pm	Hastings/Holdrege/Minden

Welcome New Fourth Dayers

The names of all of the new 2013 Fourth Dayers will be included in the September-October Newsletter. And just a reminder to the men who lived their Cursillo Weekend in April 2013 and ALL cursillistas – It is in sharing with your brothers and sisters in Christ about your attempts to grow 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.

1. Ultreya Center News:

*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 ALL cursillistas in the Lincoln Diocese are encouraged to come to the **Women's Closing** on **June 23, 2013** in Minden to welcome the new cursillistas into the Fourth Day (rather than have Ultreyas). The **June Ultreya** is the **GRAND ULTREYA** scheduled for **June 30** at Sacred Heart Church in Hebron (see details included this Newsletter). The **July Ultreya** will be held at 3:00pm on **July 28** at Sacred Heart Church, Crete. The **August Ultreya** will be held at 3:00pm on **August 25** at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln.
- The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. The **June Ultreya** will be held **June 9** at 2:30 pm MT in the St. Patrick Parish Hall in Imperial. ALL cursillistas in the Lincoln Diocese are also encouraged to come to the **Women's Closing** on **June 23, 2013** in Minden to welcome the new cursillistas into the Fourth Day. All cursillistas are encouraged to join the other Ultreya Centers for the **GRAND ULTREYA** on **June 30, at 11:30am in Hebron**. The **July Ultreya** will be held **July 14** at 3:30 pm CT in the St. Patrick Parish Basement in McCook. Instead of the **August Ultreya**, we will participate in the **Fourth Day Retreat on August 10-11 at All Saints Parish Hall in Holdrege**.
- The **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden Ultreya Center** is holding quarterly Ultreyas. The next Ultreya will be **August 18, 2013**, at 2:30pm at **St. John the Baptist Church, Minden**.
- The **Plattsmouth/Nebraska City Ultreya Center** – Contact Mary Lou Salazar or Terry Little for more information.
- The **Weston-Wahoo Ultreya Center** is currently not having Ultreyas. Please participate in Ultreya in one of the other Ultreya Centers (Lincoln is close).
- The **Vietnamese-language Ultreya** holds its Ultreyas on the first Saturday of each month following the 10:00am morning Mass at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lincoln**.

2. Precursillo and Three Days

Included in the May-June 2013 Newsletter were excerpts from an article that was used at our April SOL about **PERSONAL CONTACT AND AUTHENTIC WITNESS**, which is what Cursillo is all about. In this Newsletter, we are including almost the full text of a National Cursillo Center Mailing (April 2013) entitled "Friendship in the Precursillo" (can be accessed through the National Cursillo Center "School of Leaders" link; entitled **FRIENDSHIP IN THE PRECURSILLO** (Source: **National Cursillo Center Mailing – April 2013**). This article continues and builds on the earlier article, and really encompasses all three phases of the Movement – Precursillo, Cursillo, and Postcursillo.

*"The method known as Cursillos in Christianity approaches the conversion of the person in three distinct phases, which we call Precursillo, Cursillo, and Postcursillo. In the Precursillo phase, we try to identify, befriend, and then help the person who is **searching** for that **something** that he identifies as his happiness or his fulfillment, or his ideal, and that we know is really **somebody** – Christ! In doing so, we broaden and accelerate his search and direct it towards the three essential encounters.*

*"Cursillos in Christianity is defined as a movement that, by means of a unique **method of friendship**, seeks, from within the Church, that the realities of Christian life might be lived in the uniqueness, the originality, and the creativity of each person. The word method comes from two Greek words - **meta** (beyond) and **odos** (path), and literally means a path to go beyond. In its original meaning, this word implies that the path leads to a place. Therefore, the method, if understood and lived, is the path the person follows to go beyond from where he is to where God wants him to be.*

"The method of Cursillo, the path it follows to achieve its purpose, is the friendship between people. The method consists in making friends, being friends, and making those friends, friends of Christ. Cursillo seeks an effective approach to reach the person, especially men and women who believe they have no faith in Jesus Christ or who don't know if they have faith. It is an effective approach to those places where these men and women live their lives, so that in their "place" they might hear the Good News that God loves them.

"Precursillo corresponds to the sphere of our environment or of others. Precursillo involves a process of selection and preparation with the holy intention that the labor will produce a good and bountiful harvest. A good and abundant harvest depends, first of all, on God's plans and the freedom of the person. But the work of the sower is of crucial importance. The sower has to prepare the ground and take care of the seed. The seed will produce fruit if it falls on fertile ground.

"When speaking of Precursillo, we normally think of those people who can, who should, or who should not live the experience of Cursillo. But the first point of reflection in Precursillo is directed to those who invite others to live the Cursillo experience and the group of leaders who will serve in the Cursillo. The witness of those who invite and the work of the leaders are like that of the sower. The witness of the sponsors and the preparation of the leaders who organize the Cursillo are extremely important in the Precursillo.

"In the Gospel of John, we read about Philip introducing his friend Nathanael to Jesus. The apostle Philip, having been invited by Jesus to friendship and discipleship (John 1:43)

and aware of his friend Nathanael's expectation of the Messiah, excitedly declared, "We have found the one Moses spoke of..." (John 1:45). In response to Nathanael's reaction, the undeterred Philip invites him to "Come and see" (John 1:46). Jesus' invitation to friendship and discipleship was gaining momentum. Jesus loved them as they were, but called them, through friendship to be more! Jesus' communion with the Father was bearing fruit as He "studies His environment", His "moveable square meter" in selecting, calling, and preparing His "candidates". He then empowered them (and us) to do likewise.

"In Cursillo, we understand that it is absolutely necessary to prepare the candidate, our friend, with a view toward Postcursillo. There is no better preparation and attraction for the candidates than a personal and authentic witness of our Fourth Day. One of the most effective means employed by the Church and Cursillo for sharing the Good News that God in Christ loves us is through Personal Contact and an Authentic Witness of Life.

"Pope Paul VI, in his Apostolic Exhortation "**On Evangelization in the Modern World**", speaks about Indispensable Personal Contact, #46 – The person-to-person method for transmitting the Good News remains valid and important. He also speaks about Authentic Witness of Life, #76 – The world thirsts for authenticity. All lay people who are conscious of their evangelizing role in the service of their Church, or in the midst of society and the world, are reminded that our evangelizing zeal must spring from true holiness of life.

"The Cursillo is a specific and concrete form of the prophetic mission of the Church, along the lines of **kerygma**. In each of its phases, and in the Cursillo Movement as a whole, kerygma is the key to everything: message, method, style, witness, and commitment. An announcement that must be proclaimed by witnesses – the conviction with which the proclamation is made – must be conveyed in terms of real life. The proclamation is carried out by "testimony of life," which is "the radiation of faith, hope, and charity" (**Lumen Gentium**, 31). Every kerygmatic announcement tends directly and immediately to ignite the desire for a change permeating everything - one's principles, one's behavior, one's whole life.

"In order to improve the effectiveness of the Precursillo, which in turn should improve Postcursillo, sponsors must be informed about the important role they have. ... As a sponsor and friend, it is important to ensure that the candidate is selected and prepared through "friendship," which comes by way of personal contact. If true friendship is established in the Precursillo, it will overflow into the Postcursillo, and therefore, the sponsor will want to **accompany** his friend during his Fourth Day. The sponsor should see the candidate as a person, the image and likeness of God, and not just a number for the weekend. The process of **make a friend, be a friend, and bring your friend to Christ** is equally important in getting to know the person. This phrase is often misunderstood as make a friend, be a friend, and bring your friend to Cursillo. As Cursillistas, we understand that we don't have to go far to evangelize; we can evangelize from where we are – in the environment where God has placed us; in our immediate movable square meter (environment) at this exact moment.

"All three phases of the Cursillo Movement developed in order to promote and facilitate friendship, by means of the three encounters. A successful Precursillo implies a healthy Postcursillo. The accompaniment in friendship does not end with the three day Cursillo. Otherwise, it would constitute proof that the friendship was superficial. Using friendships in

order to increase the "body count" of those whom one sponsors would undermine and devalue the quality of the friendship. Friendship is a journey, which must evolve naturally. There is no timetable for friendship – it may take years to "bear fruit".

"It is necessary to keep in mind that Palanca is equally important for Precursillo (and Postcursillo) as it is for the three day Cursillo. We are called to fast, pray, and sacrifice for the candidate and for our willingness to accompany the person in sincere Christian friendship.

"The Precursillo should not be the proclamation of the Good News as a theory. **The objective of the Precursillo is not to "take" someone to a Cursillo, but to bring someone to "know" Jesus Christ.**

"To be a person is to wish to be oneself, and to be oneself is to know that life has finality, a sense, a reason to be, and only Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life is the total answer to this reality. Wherever mankind progresses, if he does not progress in the same direction as Christ, who is the WAY, the light of TRUTH and the dynamism of his LIFE, then mankind will not evolve. To progress, it is necessary that men have the "why", a reason, that it is credible, possible, true, human, fraternal, attractive, fascinating, enlightening ... capable of making sense of the fact of existence, living ... not for something, but for **SOMEBODY**, because whatever we do, He has loved us first.

"In conclusion, the most important thing to understand is that our friendship with Jesus must be visible in our friendship with others. It is this kind of friendship that has the creative power necessary to transform the world as Christian men and women acting as leaven in their environments. This is without doubt possible if we make the decision to begin with ourselves. *De Colores!*"

Yet again we are reminded that the work of the Precursillo is NOT about preparing friends to live a Three Day Weekend, but rather, it is about making friends, being friends, and bringing our friends to CHRIST. But we must also keep in mind that preparing candidates/friends to live a Three Day Weekend IS one part of the work of the Precursillo. There is still room for more candidates for the upcoming Women's Weekend (June 20-23, St. John the Baptist Church, Minden). Please contact John Springer (Lay Director) or Roddy Spangler (Rectora for the Women's Weekend) to let them know you are sponsoring a candidate. May we ALL accept our Baptismal commitment to live the Gospel and do our part in building up the Body of Christ!! Living Cursillo and inviting others to do so, too, is a great way to do just that. Ask a friend who has indicated to you that he/she wants to deepen his/her faith to consider Cursillo. You will find application forms and information on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage <http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>.

Please offer Palanca for the Women's Weekend in Minden and for the work of Cursillo in our Diocese and throughout the world.

Consider sending a general Palanca letter for the candidates and team to read during the Weekend. Palanca has a powerful means of opening hearts and minds to hear what God wants to tell us, and the women will surely benefit from your Palanca offered on their behalf.

3. Postcursillo

Grand Ultreya ... Our annual Grand Ultreya will be on **Sunday, June 30th**, 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!**

Lincoln Diocese Fourth Day Retreat (August 10-11)

In place of the August SOL, the Lincoln Diocese is holding a **Fourth Day Retreat** for **ALL cursillistas** on **August 10-11, 2013**. Because the retreat begins with Morning Prayer and meditation at 8am Saturday morning (August 10) and many cursillistas have a distance to travel, the facility will be open Friday evening (August 9) for arrivals between approximately 7-8:30pm. There will be Evening Prayer and other activities for those who arrive on Friday evening. Those arriving Saturday morning should plan to arrive by at least 7:30am to settle in before the retreat begins (breakfast is provided after prayer).

The retreat will take place at **All Saints Parish in Holdrege**, beginning with Morning Prayer/meditation at **8:00am** on **Saturday, August 10**, followed by breakfast; Mass will be at approximately 11:45am. The retreat, which consists of talks given by priests and lay people to deepen our understanding of how to better live our Catholic faith, and includes times of prayer and discussion, will conclude at about **2:30pm on Sunday, August 11**. **There will be a potluck**

dinner and Ultreya on Saturday (dinner at 6:00pm and Ultreya at 7:00pm) – ALL are invited, whether participating in the retreat or not.

The retreat talks will focus on various aspects of our spiritual lives; that, in turn, has a direct impact on the way we carry out apostolic action in the places God put us (our environments). What a wonderful opportunity to re-ignite the fire of your apostolic zeal (especially in this Year of Faith) and renew old friendships (and make new ones). Put it on your calendar now ... the registration form is included in this Newsletter.

Region VI Fall Encounter (September 27-29, 2013)

The **Region VI Fall Encounter** will be hosted by the Duluth, MN Diocese. As more information becomes available, it will be shared. You can also watch for updated information on the Region VI webpage: <http://www.cursillo.org/region6/encounters.htm>

4. School of Leaders (SOL)

The **June SOL** was held at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan on June 8, 2013. The Technique Talks came from topics in *The Leaders Manual*. The two chapters that were discussed at the SOL were entitled “**School of Leaders**” and “**The Diocesan Secretariat**.”

The Doctrine Talks continued to be from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI’s Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini* (“**On the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church**”). The sub-topics covered were “The Liturgy, Privileged Setting For The Word Of God” and “The Word Of God In The Life Of The Church.” The work sessions focused on planning for the upcoming Three Day Weekends, Grand Ultreya, and Fourth Day Retreat. There was wonderful sharing of friendship, thoughts, and ideas ... please consider coming to an upcoming SOL.

The next SOL (open to both English and Vietnamese) will be the Fourth Day Retreat to be held **August 10-11, 2013**, at All Saints Parish in Holdrege, NE. The facility will be open on Friday evening, August 9, for those who would like to arrive early and take part in Evening Prayer and other activities. See details in the Postcursillo Section above.

From the Lay Director

One of my favorite bible verses is from Sirach Chapter 6, which speaks of friendship and friends. The first reading for Holy Mass on May 24th was Sirach 6:5-17, which includes the passages I just mentioned. As is my habit, I dog-eared the page of my Magnificat to mark it for removal before I recycle the magazine. In my weekly Group Reunion, my sharing on study included these verses.

Verse 6 reads: “*Let your acquaintances be many, but one in a thousand your confidant.*” This reminded me of the many acquaintances that I have met over my life, many of whom I would call friends. There have been thousands, but very few “confidants” with whom I would feel comfortable sharing my most personal feelings and thoughts, and most of the confidants are those I met through Cursillo.

Verses 14-17 speak of those special friends: “A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one finds a treasure. A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance his worth. A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy, such as he who fears God finds; for he who fears God behaves accordingly, and his friend will be like himself.” Most of these faithful friends are also Cursillistas, a few of whom have passed on to the 5th Day. The verses emphasize deep faith, which I believe is the bond of true friendship, and living in love opens the door for this. I thank God for my special and faithful friends.

I pray that you have those faithful friends, those special confidants. Many of us have found them in our Group Reunions, and I often hear from others about how special those in their small group are. I would not have most of these special friends without my small group or without those I see regularly at the Ultreya. Our society and technology are removing opportunities to develop friendships. But we don’t have to let that happen – we just have to spend time with others, with our friends. I cannot emphasize enough the value of grouping, having a small group to share with, having those friends with whom to meet again and again at the Ultreya. God puts us together because He wants us to help each other get to Heaven. He is saying, “Don’t just sit there, go out and save someone!” Your friends are waiting for you, don’t let them down; having been built up, together/separately you can go out to help bring others to Heaven as well.

Please look at the Cursillo schedule of activities at the beginning of this Newsletter, and consider participating in School of Leaders. Cursillo needs us (you and me) to remain strong and functioning in our Diocese. Please participate in your Ultreyas – there is someone there who God wants you to see; if your area doesn’t have an Ultreya, get it started. Please come to the 4th Day Retreat in Holdrege August 10-11, 2013 (All Saints Parish). If you are not grouping, find someone and get back in a group. Look for those special friends. Please continue to pray for the Cursillo Movement and pray for leaders in our Diocese to come forward to keep the Movement alive and faithful. May God bless you!

De Colores!! John Springer

From the Spiritual Advisor

In his book, The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic, Matthew Kelly observed that, in Catholic parishes, about 7% of registered parishioners contribute 80% of the volunteer hours in a parish, and about 7% of the registered parishioners donate 80% of the financial contributions in a parish. Matthew Kelly refers to those 7% as the “Dynamic Catholics” and he wanted to discover what was different about those Catholics. Through research, he discovered the four signs of a Dynamic Catholic that he lists as: Prayer, Study, Generosity, and Evangelization. Throughout the book, he describes in more detail these four signs. Four short quotes are given here:

Prayer: “Prayer is a priority for them. They also tend to have a structured way of praying. Many of them pray at the same time every day. For some it means going to Mass in the morning and for others it means sitting down in a big, comfortable chair in a corner of their home or taking a walk, but they tend to abide by a structure. ... Dynamic Catholics have a time to pray, a place to pray, and a structure to their prayer.”

Study: “On average Dynamic Catholics spend fourteen minutes each day learning more about the faith. They see themselves as students of Jesus and His Church, and proactively make an effort to allow His teachings to form them. ... The 7% are keenly interested in learning from

Jesus and about Jesus. More than just a historic figure, he is seen as a friend, coach, mentor, and Savior. They believe that Jesus teaches them through the Scriptures, Christian tradition, and the Church.”

Generosity: “The 7% are universally described as being generous, not just with money and time, but with their love, appreciation, praise, virtue, and encouragement. They see generosity as the heart of Christianity and the proof that the teachings of Christ have taken root in their lives ... Dynamic Catholics believe that it starts with financial generosity ... Dynamic Catholics give several times more to their parish and other nonprofit organizations (as a percentage of their annual income) than their counterparts in the 93% ... Generosity is not a religious requirement for the 7%; it’s a way of life, a way of bringing the love of God to the world.”

Evangelization: “Are you an evangelist? This is one of the questions we asked the 7% in the interviews. Less than 1% replied affirmatively. When they replied no, they were asked whom they considered to be an evangelist. The most common answers were evangelical preachers of the past or present. Not even John Paul II got a mention, even though he preached the Gospel to more people than any other person in history. So while evangelization is at the core of our Catholic mission, it is important to note that most Catholics do not resonate with the idea and remain uncomfortable with this concept and practice. ... Though they don’t consider themselves to be actively evangelizing, they are constantly trying to help people develop vibrant spiritual lives by discovering the genius and beauty of Catholicism. ... Evangelization is a natural overflow of the first and second signs. In the same way they are generous with their time and money, they generously share their spirituality whenever the opportunity emerges. They yearn to help people find answers to the questions they have about the faith.”

It is interesting that these four signs closely parallel the three legs of the tripod: Piety, Study, and Action. We learned about those three legs on our Three Day Weekend. We also learned about Group Reunion and Ultreya. Now, as each of us is living our Fourth Day, we are called to practice those three legs, and those four signs, on a regular, daily basis. In order to encourage each other in being active cursillistas, as well as active Catholics, we have the blessed opportunity to meet with other like-minded cursillistas in Group Reunion and Ultreya and share how we have been living our piety, study, and action, as well as encourage others to better live their piety, study, and action.

We also have an opportunity with the upcoming Women’s Three Day Weekend, to invite someone we know to experience a Cursillo Weekend, and learn the method that has been helpful to so many of us in our own spiritual lives. Invite one of your friends to the Women’s Weekend.

The U.S. bishops have called for a [second] Fortnight for Freedom, a two-week period of prayer and action, to address many current challenges to religious liberty. Be involved through your prayer (participate in prayers/services), through your study (learn more about the issues), and through your action (invite others to participate with you).

Finally, we have an opportunity to grow more in our faith by participating in the Cursillo Fourth Day Retreat in Holdrege, August 10-12. What a wonderful opportunity to get a shot in the arm to better live our own piety/study/action, to then in turn, help others do the same.

Be a Dynamic Catholic and an involved cursillista! ***De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker***

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Ultreya Centers

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln** – Location alternates.....
(usually 4th Sunday of month, 3:00pm)
June 23 – Women’s Closing, Minden (5:00pm)
June 30 – Grand Ultreya at Sacred Heart Parish (Hebron; 11:30am)
(in place of regular 3:00pm Ultreya)
July 28 – Sacred Heart Parish, Crete (3:00pm)
August 25 – Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln – (3:00pm)
- 2) **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden** – Contact Mary Ann Connelly
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- 4) **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**
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*Be sure to read the Precursillo article
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INVITATION TO ALL CURSILLISTAS

Fourth Day Retreat

[in place of 3rd Quarter SOL]

August 10-11, 2013

(the facility will be open on Friday evening, August 9, for those who would like to arrive early)

1204 Logan Street, All Saints Church – Holdrege, 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!!*

The retreat officially begins on Saturday morning (August 10) with Morning Prayer/meditation at 8am, so you should plan to arrive in time to settle in prior to that (the facility will open at 7am). The facility will also be open on Friday evening (August 9) beginning at 7:00pm for those who want to gather for fellowship and/or have a distance to travel; Evening prayer/meditation will begin at approximately 8:30pm. 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**. We ask that you let us know you are coming so that we can plan for food.

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

- ◆ Pilgrim's Guide (we will bring extras if you need to buy/use one)
- ◆ Other spirituals aids
- "Classic" Cursillo accommodations will be available (mats, dorm-type sleeping, etc.)
- **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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Are there any physical/medical/dietary conditions we need to plan for? If so, explain below:

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by Sunday, August 4, 2013 (this allows us to plan for food)



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May 31, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After 2 months of studying and analyzing the operation and finance of the National Cursillo Center (NCC), I came up with a solution to improve the effectiveness of the NCC: the \$3/year donation campaign.

There are more than one million Cursillistas who have lived a Cursillo Weekend in the United States. If 10% of the total Cursillistas donate \$3/year for the National Cursillo Movement, miraculous things will happen:

- The NCC will achieve its financial and operational stability.
- The NCC will have the budget to revive dormant diocesan movements and to establish the Cursillo movements in some areas.
- The NCC will have the budget to translate good books for each language and establish effective communication channels by means of audio and video technology.
- The National Encounter will be more affordable for every Cursillista. Your donation will help to offset some expenses of the Encounter and therefore drive the cost down.
- The NCC will credit back 25% of your donation toward your Lay Director's ticket to the National Encounter. For example, if 400 Cursillistas in your Diocese donate \$3/year, the Center will issue a national encounter voucher of \$300 to your Lay Director.
- Similarly, the NCC will credit 3% of your donation toward your Regional Coordinator's ticket to the National Encounter.
- Indeed, your \$3/year donation will send about 300 key leaders from all over the U.S to the National Encounter so that they can synchronize with the National Secretariat in terms of the Cursillo charism, literature and materials, methodology, policy and future strategic planning for the National Cursillo Movement.



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The NCC is extending the deadline of \$385 registration fee until June 15, 2013 to encourage all Lay Directors to attend the National Encounter this year. You can send your Lay Directors and/or delegates to the National Encounter by donating online at <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/donate/>. Your donation is tax deductible.

We're ONE and inseparable in the Mystical Body of Christ. The National Cursillo Center is experiencing challenges and really needs your support. A \$3/year or \$15 donation for the next 5 years will move our beloved Cursillo Movement forward to the next level. The miracle will happen and it's indeed in your hands now.

Your prompt action is greatly appreciated!

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Hoang Tran
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Love never fails. (1 Cor 13:8)