

# CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

August 2017



## Calendar of Events

July 27-30, 2017	Cursillo National Encounter, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX.
August 12, 2017	SOL - 9:30am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:00am) at <del>St. Ann Parish, Doniphan</del> <b>St. John the Baptist, Minden</b> <b>Secretariat Meeting</b> (following SOL).
Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2017	<b>Fall 2017 Region VI Encounter</b> – Bismarck, ND to host.
October 14, 2017	SOL - 9:30am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:00am) at <del>St. Ann Parish, Doniphan (location tentative)</del> <b>St. Joseph Church Basement, York, NE.</b>
November 11, 2017	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , St. Joseph Church Basement, York – 9:30am (9:00am Mass).

### The Three Phases of the Cursillo Movement:

- In the **Precursillo**, the person seeks Christ.
- In the **Three-Day Cursillo**, the person encounters Christ.
- In the **Postcursillo** (which is what all of us are now living), the person follows Christ. It is here that we daily live what is fundamental for being Christian.

To learn more about Cursillo (including about the three phases of the Movement), come to SOL (see SOL heading below) explore the National Cursillo Resource Center on the National website: <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/resource-center/> There is a wealth of information that will help you grow in your faith life.

### 2017 National Encounter (July 27-30, 2017)

The 27th National Encounter was hosted by the Archdiocese of San Antonio, TX at Trinity University, San Antonio, TX on July 27-30, 2017, celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cursillo in the United States. In addition to Mass each day, Reconciliation, Exposition, Fiesta, Ultreya, and of course, food (!), presentations included the following: (1) Evangelization in the Environments ; (2) Why We Have Cursillo (Mentality, Essence, Purpose); (3) History of Cursillo in the USA; (4) Cursillo Past, Present, & Future; (5) Popes, Cursillo and Charisms (English), Cursillo Manual, Step-by-Step (Spanish), and Cursillo and the Parish (Vietnamese); and (6) Group Reunion & Ultreya. Four cursillistas from the Lincoln Diocese participated, and as usual, the Encounter was very joy- and faith-filled and it was good to re-connect with old friends and make new ones.

### Region VI Fall Encounter (September 29-October 1, 2017)

The Region VI Spring Encounter will be hosted by the Fargo, ND Diocese on Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2017. When details are known, they will be posted on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage, or you may contact John Springer, Lay Director (402-826-2699; jejspringer@windstream.net), or check the Region VI webpage ([www.natl-cursillo.org/region6](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/region6)).

## **School of Leaders (SOL)**

Please consider helping to keep Cursillo alive and active in the Lincoln Diocese. The SOL is where the work of the Movement is planned, shared and carried out, and we need people to be involved. Again, it's NOT a school in the sense of someone learning to be a leader ... all of us are already leaders in those places where our Lord put us (home, work, parish, social groups, etc.) ... it is more a community of leaders.

Essentially, the SOL is made up of cursillistas who have a desire to do what is necessary to insure the Movement remains vibrant and authentic ... leaders who can give some of their time, talent, and/or treasure to continue the work of Cursillo in the Lincoln Diocese. The SOL is essentially a close-knit community, similar to a friendship group (Group Reunion), that gathers to share our faith journeys and make plans about how to help others come to know Christ better through Cursillo ... and we enjoy getting together to catch up!

The next SOL will be held at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan on August 12, 2017. As usual, there will be a 9:00am Mass for those who would like to participate, followed by the actual SOL beginning at 9:30am. Please consider coming ... *Christ is counting on you!!*



**Grand Ultreya – June 25, 2017**

## **From the Lay Director**

De Colores!

At a recent Ultreya, the person giving the witness talked about the importance of the friendships she has discovered and maintained in Cursillo. When we join in friendship with other cursillistas, and gain trust and acceptance through this friendship, especially through Group Reunion and Ultreya, our lives do truly become a perennial Cursillo. We can be who we truly are (i.e., let our “guard” down), as there is no pretense in our friendship. We accept each other as we are and we know that Jesus is in each of us - we see Jesus in others, and they see Jesus in us. There is so much joy in this sharing of our common love for God, our love for each other, our walking together in faith. Simply, it is just so good when we are together with others who share the same ideal, the same love for Jesus and for our faith. Ultreya! (Onward!)

What a wonderful gathering there was at the June 25 Grand Ultreya at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in North Platte (see picture). It was a blessing to renew old friendships and make new friends. I am always amazed (but shouldn't be) when I see the impact that Cursillo has on us. It doesn't matter how long ago or how recently a Cursillo was lived, the message carries on. Again, Ultreya!

Finally, we must always remember that God still wants us to spread the Good News, the best news, that He loves us. No matter where our environment is (our “movable square meter”), we still have the mission to “bear fruit”. Embrace the love of Christ and share it with others.

May God bless you!

***De Colores!! John Springer***

## **From the Spiritual Advisor**

Matthew Kelly recounts an insightful example of asking any one of us to find a picture of one of our favorite movies, take the picture to others, then try to convince them that the picture is a movie! Those listening to us and looking at the picture would argue with us and say that we are holding a picture not a movie. They would not be convinced that the picture is a movie. Matthew Kelly then applies that example to what many of us do ... we remember a situation that occurred many years ago in our relationship with another person when the person did or said something that was very hurtful or very wrong. Many of us take that one situation from years ago, and in our minds or with our actions, we judge or categorize that living person based on that one situation that happened years ago. We need to remember that each of us are living, growing, changing persons, and we should not treat others as static or unchanging persons.

It would be good for each of us to reflect on that example and apply it to our lives and our relationships with other persons. In our minds and hearts, do we allow others to grow and change? Some of us might have had the experience of someone treating us poorly based upon a “snap-shot event” in our own life. We usually don't like that. Similarly, others usually don't appreciate it when we treat them poorly based upon our memory of one past event.

Additionally, it would be good for us to apply the concept to how we view ourselves. In our minds and hearts, do we allow ourselves to grow and change? Some of us might think poorly of ourselves based upon a past experience. It is important to remember that God gave each of us a free will and, though we have made some bad choices and sinned, we can receive the Lord's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and receive God's grace to grow and to change. We are not static persons, but living and growing persons, who need to be open to God's grace in our daily lives.

Similarly, as cursillistas, we sometimes see other cursillistas and/or the Cursillo Movement in a static way and only remember one incident or experience. We need to remember that the Lord wants us to be open to His grace in our lives at every single moment, and that we should ALWAYS live in the present moment. And that's where Cursillo can most help us as we strive to be better ... our Lord wants us to balance our three encounters (self, God, and others) as we live lives of Piety, Study, and Action. Regular Group Reunion and Ultreya help us to do just that ... they help us get back (or stay) on track!

Many years ago, my eye doctor (who is Catholic) observed some changes in my eyes due to my increasing age, and he commented: “God is just getting your eyes ready to see Him!” That was a profound thought that I have always remembered. In linking the two major themes of this article, I need to remember that God wants me daily to get my eyes (and mind) ready to see Him in other persons and in myself, and as I do that, I need to remember that we are each living and growing persons (not static), and each of our encounters should be lived in the present moment and not based on some past event(s).

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

## Palanca Calendar

The Palanca calendar is available for download from the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage:  
<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>



## Upcoming Ultreyas

### Beatrice-Hebron-Crete-Lincoln:

Location alternates (2:00pm; usually 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month)

- August Ultreya (August 27) – Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Hebron
- September Ultreya (September 24) – Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Crete
- October Ultreya (October 29) – John XXIII Diocesan Center (Conference Room), Lincoln

Contacts: John/Kathy Springer (402) 826-2699

### Southwestern Nebraska (McCook-Imperial-North Platte):

Location alternates (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month)

- August Ultreya (August 13) - 3:30pm CT – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, North Platte
- September Ultreya (September 10) - 3:30pm CT – St. Patrick Parish Hall, Imperial
- October Ultreya (October 8) - 3:30pm CT – St. Patrick Church Basement, McCook
- November Ultreya (November 12) - 2:30pm MT – St. Patrick Parish Hall, Imperial

Contacts: Helen Bieker (308) 340-0268

### Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lincoln

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after 9:00am Mass (about 10:15am)

Contacts: Diep Van Nguyen (402) 474-9588, or Canh Nguyen (402) 435-0921

### Not Currently Having Ultreyas [Please participate in a neighboring Ultreya]

- Doniphan-Hastings-Holdrege-Minden
- Plattsmouth-Nebraska City
- Weston-David City-Shelby-Wahoo

For more information, contact John Springer (402) 826-2699, Lay Director

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**Lincoln Diocese Cursillo WebPage:** [www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html](http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html)

**Region VI WebPage:** [www.natl-cursillo.org/region6](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/region6)

**National WebPage:** [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org)

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**Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring Your Friend to Christ!**

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# School of Leaders

August 12, 2017  
202 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street (5<sup>th</sup> and Cedar Streets)  
St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE

**EVERY Cursillista is invited and welcome ...  
The Cursillo Movement needs your  
participation ... will you help?**

## School of Leaders Agenda:

- 9:00am --- Mass (for those who wish to assist)  
9:30am -- Group Reunion; Technique Talk; Doctrinal (Spiritual) Talk; Work Session;  
Lunch (**bring a sack lunch**); Visit to Blessed Sacrament.  
~1:30pm Clean up and departure (*estimated time* ... may be slightly earlier ... may be slightly later ...).

## Talks

- Technique Talks: **Whom Shall I Send? (Discerning the Will of God)**  
by Fr. Frank Salmani
- Doctrinal Talks: Pope Saint John Paul II's Encyclical "Veritatis Splendor (Splendor of Truth)"

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

- ◆ A sack lunch
- ◆ **Leaders' Manual**, if you have one (not required; available for purchase at SOL)
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help fund the work of Cursillo if you are able.*