

# Cursillo News for Sept - Oct 2008

## Calendar of Events

Sept 6, 2008	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln ( <b>8:45am Mass</b> )
Sept 26-28, 2008	<b>Region VI Fall Encounter – Bellevue, NE</b> (see enclosed registration form)
Oct 4, 2008	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln ( <b>8:45am Mass</b> )
Nov 14-15, 2008	<b>School of Leaders</b> , (quarterly reunion)-7:30pm Fri-3pm Sat, (IHM Parish, Lincoln)
Nov 15, 2008	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , (after SOL) Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (IHM), Lincoln
Dec 6, 2008	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln ( <b>8:45am Mass</b> )
Jan. 2-3, 2009	<b>Practice Weekend</b> , tentatively Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln
Jan 3, 2009	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , after Practice Weekend; tentatively IHM Parish, Lincoln
Jan 8-11, 2009	<b>Men's Three Day Weekend</b> , tentatively Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln
Jan 15-18, 2009	<b>Women's Three Day Weekend</b> , tentatively Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lincoln

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### From the Secretariat ...

- **Ultreya Center News:**
  - ◆ **Any Ultreya is open to any cursillista.** Inviting a non-cursillista to experience an Ultreya is one way of helping show/explain what Cursillo is about.
  - ◆ The **David City Ultreya Center** is changing the meeting time and day for its Ultreya to 7:00pm on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Didier Room at St. Mary School in David City.
  - ◆ The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... the August Ultreya will be **August 24** at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln; the September Ultreya will be **September 28** at St. Joseph Parish Center in Beatrice; the October Ultreya will be **October 26** at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Hebron; all will be held at the regular 5:00 p.m. time.
  - ◆ **Other Ultreya Centers** will meet as scheduled (see the cover of the Newsletter).

- **School of Leaders (SOL)**

The third quarter SOL was held **August 9-10, 2008**, at **St. James Parish in Cortland, NE**. This quarter’s SOL was a Cursillo Leaders’ Workshop - 1 (CLW-1), which is a workshop put on by the Regional Service Team (our Region, Region VI, is made up of 8 ½ states). This workshop is designed to give the leaders an in depth view of the Purpose, Strategy, and Method of the Cursillo Movement. Jeff Case (from Minot, ND) and James Newkirk (from Kansas City, MO) joined Fr. Seiker and Kathy Springer (also on the Service Team) in presenting the 12 talks. It was an extremely valuable time of formation, with insights from the recent National Encounter interwoven throughout the talks. And, as usual, the food was good and plentiful! Thanks to all those who made a sacrifice of time and resources to participate.

### Thoughts from the CLW-1 ~ ~ ~

- Cursillo's mission is exactly the same as the Church's ... to bring Christ to the world.
- Do not be afraid ... appears 365 times in the Bible (one for every day of the year!).
- “Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel.”
- Christian life must be shared ... what would it be like to get a hole-in-one on the golf course and not have anyone to share it with ... and the Christian life is so much more than a hole-in-one ...
- We are all called to perfection according to our gifts.
- Our mission is to reach all the world ... this obligation is imposed on each of us according to our state.
- The Postcursillo is how Christians are linked together ... Group Reunion and Ultreya ... the Postcursillo is the most important phase of the Cursillo Movement.
- You bloom where you are planted or you rot where you are potted.
- Groups don't break up because of the weakest link ... they fail when the strongest give up or quit trying.
- What is expected of us? We need to do whatever it takes, for as long as it takes, whenever it is needed ...
- At the Closing, we are told to “Go!” ... to be a leader, so that others might see something to follow ... Christ and His way of life ...
- Not to go forward is to go backwards.
- The One Who calls you is faithful, and He will help you.
- The Cursillo is a Movement ... it is going somewhere ... it is on its way ... on its way to the Father ... a pilgrimage to the Father, taking our brothers and sisters with us ...
- De Colores!

- **Precursillo/Three Day Weekend**

The basis of Cursillo is personal contact ... make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ. The best way to invite candidates to live a Cursillo Weekend is truly for them to invite themselves. Cursillo is about naturalness ... others should see the way you live your life, and want what you have. It is then the opportune time for you to tell them about Cursillo. 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!!!***

Dates for the next Weekends are:

- Jan. 8-11, 2009 **Men’s** Tentatively scheduled for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln [Coordinator: John Springer]
- Jan. 15-18, 2009 **Women’s** Tentatively scheduled for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln [Coordinator: Monica Buster]

The registration fee is \$20.00 to cover the cost of Weekend materials. As always, if a candidate and sponsor are financially unable to pay the fee, the candidate should still be encouraged to come to the Weekend. The most recent registration forms are available from the website. The registration form and informational flyer may be printed off directly, and the sponsor form must be requested by email and will be sent (via email) directly to you. The sponsor form is treated differently because the sponsor fills out this form separately and then gets the pastor’s signature.

- **Postcursillo Thoughts ... Some History about Cursillo ...**

The first step in beginning the Cursillo Movement was to form a team of leaders. Eduardo Bonnin first assembled a team of men who would do the job he felt God was calling them to ... and they began by meeting regularly to pray together, study together, and plan their work as a team. The School of Leaders (called Leaders Meeting at the time) was in existence at least three years before the first Cursillo was given. The first Cursillo was led by a team of three laymen and one spiritual director ... they spent three years preparing ... three years in a School of Leaders ... The laymen on that first Weekend ranged in age from 27 (that was Eduardo) to 13!!

This was the beginning ... To really understand Cursillo and its roots in order that we might better understand the foundational charism which we have been given and which we are trying to live, we should consider its history in more detail. At the 18<sup>th</sup> National Encounter, Gail Terrana, a member of the OMCC (Cursillo’s international organization), gave a rollo entitled “Study of Environment”. Gail presented a very clear history of how the Cursillo Movement came into being, and how we should use Cursillo for structuring Christian life ... these were her words (beginning on the next page, and printed with her permission):

**(History, cont’d)**

...“*Study of the Environment ... was the FIRST rollo written by Eduardo Bonnin, our founder. Without this rollo the other rollos lose their meaning and the goal of the Cursillo Movement is lost. Hopefully we will come to a desire to KNOW our environment and to LIVE the study of environment daily.*

*Let us begin with our history by taking a look at our founder’s life. Eduardo Bonnin was born in Mallorca, Spain and was raised in a very devout Catholic family. He had ten siblings, one a priest and one a Carmelite nun. He loved to read and had a passion for books. He was a very learned man with a doctorate in theology, yet he was very humble, and would never mention his Degrees.*

*When Eduardo went into the military service, he was exposed to people from different social classes for the first time and it was very different from the concept he had of those different classes. In his barracks in the military, he encountered values that were completely opposed to the values he lived with his family. He began to ask himself why these men had different values. Was it because the weight of the law (doctrine) was too hard (too hard to live a Christian life); or was it because these men literally did not KNOW Catholic doctrine. And he realized that it was primarily because there was a lack of understanding and appreciation of the doctrine.*

*And then something providential happened. On February, 6, 1940 Pope Pius XII gave a radio address that struck Eduardo profoundly. **The words of Pope Pius XII were:***

***“A clear and detailed picture of the faithful in our society must be drawn so that a few chosen members may be able to promote Christian deeds and bring the lost sheep that have strayed from Christian life back to the fold. You are responsible guardians of them”.***

*This address moved Eduardo’s heart. He thought he must do something. I say providential because the date Feb. 6, 1940 was EXACTLY 68 years prior to Eduardo’s death this year 2008.*

*These words from Pope Pius XII increased Eduardo’s study and contributed to his writing of the Study of Environments rollo. He studied the **person**. - The need to know the person and the person’s circumstances. - To respect a person’s dignity and their capacity to choose. - To know the environment and the circumstances. This restless search became concretized in the “study of environments” ...*

*Eduardo studied how to get people to understand the essence of Christian doctrine. And he wanted to understand who the person is who receives the message. He was growing in his knowledge of himself being a person with a capacity of conviction (the ability to choose) and to be firm in one’s decisions; and he was growing in his knowledge of Christ.*

*This led to his writing of the rollo, Study of Environments. The leaders in Catholic Action asked him to give this rollo on their retreat. ... [At that time, Catholic Action was] the only lay association allowed in the church. They [Catholic Action] held week long schools to prepare men for a pilgrimage to St. James - Santiago de Compostela. It [The pilgrimage] was*

### (History, cont'd)

composed of men from the church, the same class (upper) and their purpose was the pilgrimage to Santiago. Eduardo was concerned with, - what happens **after** the pilgrimage? He had a desire for a more assessable method – three days (not seven) so it would be available to the working man. He wanted a course for **ALL** classes especially those **not** in church, the ones who did not understand the doctrine and he sometimes referred to them as the “**far away**”.

This rollo was a substantial step that led to the birth of the movement ... it sprang out of a vibrant concern for the concrete person in his normal daily life. This was the beginning of the beginning ... [considered] to be the backbone of what came to be the Cursillo Movement.

This history is important for our understanding of the rollo, study of environment. But it is even more important to understand the foundational charism of cursillo and its structure.

The Study of Environment is basically, the “**study of the PERSON**”. It is a study of the **PERSON**, where a person is at, what is affecting the person, where a person ought to be. Many of us have been caught up in the definition of the word “environment”, but it is about the circumstances and surroundings affecting people’s lives. The realization that a person moves more by their environments (circumstances, surroundings, inter-personal relationships) than by structures, or organizations, or social classes. And it is necessary to have a firm conviction to deeply know the environment in order to truly transform it.

...Let’s look at where it [the Study of Environments] is placed on the weekend. It is the very **FIRST** rollo on the **THIRD** day. And what is the third day of the cursillo? It is when we begin to look at **OTHERS**. Remember the three encounters – Friday with ourselves, Who am I?, Saturday it is with God, an encounter with Christ a discovery that Jesus loves me, died for me and I did nothing to deserve this. **GOD LOVES ME!** We now have a restlessness from what we have discovered. Now, this third day of cursillo a day of overflowing grace, admiration of those around us, euphoria and also a profound questioning on how to communicate what we have discovered and lived here with **OTHERS**. This third day answers that restlessness for it is all about **OTHERS**. And the first rollo on this day begins with the study of Environment - **the study of the person**. ....

We hear about **THREE** levels of identification of environments:

First, **OURSELVES**. We are in a continual study of our self. Are we **BEING** Christian in all aspects of our life? Our actions reflect this but not as much as our **REACTIONS**. Our **REACTIONS** let us know if we are **BEING** Christian. To have a continual conversion with our self, it starts first with our Will, then our mind, then our heart. It is Christ who touches a heart not me – but I must keep Christ alive in me (every day, hour and minute) and I do this through my will. By dying to self and doing God’s will and not my own. This is living the **PreCursillo – the Christ in me affects the Christ in others**

Second, **OTHERS**. The understanding that the **OTHER** - is the person who is next to me right now, or at any given moment. It goes with me wherever I go. It is my immediate square radius. When we approach others it is through the **HEART** first, and that means through Friendship ... We are all a living Cursillo to others – when we are **living the Gospel**.

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Third, **ENVIRONMENT** – the **collective environment**. This is the sum total of our encounters with ourselves and others and all the circumstances that influence our lives and actions. It is an understanding that this collective environment is not seeing everything as **US** and **THEM**. It is seeing everything collectively as “**WE**”. We are all made in the image and likeness of God and in this we eliminate prejudices. We are concerned with **ETERNITY!** When I am living what is fundamental to being a Christian in my life everywhere I am, the Christ in me is affecting the environments I am living in. A person in jail has circumstances and surroundings that influenced his life, and he is still a **PERSON**. Seeing **ALL** persons made in the image and likeness of God, without judging, or favoritism, or prejudice. We are **ALL** on a pilgrimage to the Father and we are taking our brothers and sisters with us. It is about **ETERNITY!** This is the key to **living the PostCursillo**.

The Study of Environments rollo tells us that the Christian should consciously live his daily life, continually in the presence of the Lord – in every minute of our daily lives. Not to be indifferent to what is happening around us.

If we are really alert to what is going on – the presence of the Lord at every moment of our lives – we are putting into practice an **on-going study of the environment**. It is in this way that I faithfully live my life in Christ (Christ is counting on me) and therefore I **infect** other people who accompany me with the desire to live their life in Christ. (This desire is already there, God put it in them.)

Definition of Environment – it is the conjunction of persons, ideas, values, attitudes and circumstances that come together and in a specific time and place, that to a greater or lesser degree influence all people regarding their way of being, thinking and doing.

With this definition, we maintain a balance between the person and circumstances. The study of environment is a daily challenge. This rollo is **NOT** just a talk on our 3-day weekend, Nor just a presentation at our national Encounter or our school of leaders. It is so we can **reflect it, live it and incarnate it every day**.

Eduardo Bonnin said, “Christ did not come to save the world. No, he came to save the persons in the world.

Thank you, Gail!!! .... Thank you, Eduardo!!! .... Thank You, God!!!!!!!

### From the Lay Director ... Walking with Christ

As I am returning home from the 18th annual National Cursillo Encounter that was held in Washington D.C. I am going to try to present to you what I learned from this inspiring annual event.

Upon arrival, we encountered two ladies dressed in rainbow colored vests. They introduced themselves “joyfully” and “enthusiastically”, stating that they were friends who wanted to help in hosting the National Cursillo Encounter ... and then they directed us where we needed to go.

**(From the Lay Director, cont'd)**

The theme for this Encounter was "Christ is our Light". The keynote address on Thursday evening was given by Auxiliary Bishop Francisco Gonzalez, S.F. of the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. The Bishop pointed out that we, as the lay faithful, need to be the light of Christ to those who are around us. His Excellency also pointed out that everything we do for God is prayer; in other words, prayer is not limited to our talking with God out loud or in the silence of our hearts. He also emphasized that we need to be joyful, commenting that it is a real witness to others if we are joyous in the way we live our lives!

The next day, Friday, the executive director of the Cursillo Movement in the U.S., Victor Lugo, talked about the "Mentality of the Cursillo Movement". Victor talked about pride and how we don't want to act like we are better than anyone else. Remember we are doing what we do for the glory of God. Our responsibility is to be Christ to others, in order that they might be drawn toward Christ as well. He said we don't want to force Christ upon those around us; rather, it is the Spirit that will draw them toward Christ, and our witness of love toward others will intrigue them enough that the Spirit (not us), will then draw them to our Father in Heaven.

Victor then spoke about friendship, stating that true friendship is loving each person for who they are; and when opportunity presents itself, we should then lovingly share the Gospel with our friend. We should always examine our words and actions, making sure that what we say and do is pleasing to our Father in Heaven.

In closing, Victor talked about how important it is, when a person wants to use something, to first know how it works. He said that if you want to be the most effective in evangelizing your environments using Cursillo, you need to first understand the methodology, charism, and essence of the Movement, as taught by the founder, Eduardo Bonnin.

On Saturday, the National English-speaking Coordinator, Ceferino Aguillon, talked about "The Three Encounters" ... you may remember them from your Cursillo Weekend – encounter with self, encounter with Christ, and encounter with others. Ceferino says that Cursillo provides a method, which, if used properly, should help move a person from where they are to where they should be as a Christian. He said we need to live out our Baptismal commitment through our encounter with self, with Christ, and with others. He also stated that to achieve balance in our Christian lives, we need to continually examine ourselves and our relationship with God. He commented that the Three Days were not an end, but more of a spring board to enter into our Fourth day ... that is, the rest of our lives.

Sunday morning as we were preparing for departure, once again I encountered one of the hosts, and he asked me if he would see me next year. I said, "God willing, I hope so". Then he told me that this was his first National Encounter and it wasn't going to be his last. I thanked him for the hospitality and went on my way. I do hope that I will get to see my new friend again next year, and all my old friends as well!

*De Colores!*

*Mark Pribyl*

**From the Spiritual Advisor ...**

At the 18<sup>th</sup> National Encounter held at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 3, Fr. David Smith gave a very interesting presentation to the Spiritual Advisors, which I would like to try to briefly summarize in this article. Fr. Smith said that the focus of the Cursillo Movement is the person. The Cursillo Movement is striving to change the persons in the world to be more Christ-like.

Cursillo seeks to introduce us to the three encounters: encounter with self; encounter with Christ, encounter with others. Cursillistas are introduced to those encounters during the Three Days. On Thursday evening and Friday of the Cursillo Weekend, the focus is on the encounter with self. On Saturday, the focus is on the encounter with Christ. Then, on Sunday, the focus of the Three Days is on the encounter with others.

The basic news of Christianity is that God loves us, and we come to know and understand that love as we come to know and love Jesus Christ. We need to encounter that message, live that message in our daily lives, and then take that message to others. The best means of accomplishing that is through friendship. That is why the Cursillo often uses the phrase: "Make a friend, be a friend, and bring your friend to Christ."

The Cursillo Movement focuses on the person, rather than on a structure. Eduardo Bonnin, who is the founder of the Cursillo Movement, said: "Jesus is a Person, not a structure". Thus, Eduardo was not interested in setting up structures or in changing structures. Eduardo was focused on the person and helping each person to better encounter self, Christ, and others. To do this, Eduardo began preparing for 2-3 years for the first Cursillo Weekend, which was held in August 1944 in Cala Figuera. There were 14 candidates on that first Weekend between the ages of 13 and 25. Seven of those men were attending Church regularly and seven were "unchurched"(not very regular in their practice of the faith).

Eduardo was the rector for this first Cursillo Weekend in 1944. There were a few other Weekends held during the next four years. In December 1947, Bishop Juan Hervas, became the bishop of Mallorca, Spain. He was very interested in Catholic Action and in making preparations for a big pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, the Shrine of St James the Apostle, which is in northern Spain. After this great pilgrimage in 1948, some of the young people began asking for something more lasting to build up their spirituals lives than just a pilgrimage to a physical site here on earth. So, Bishop Hervas began supporting and encouraging Eduardo and the Cursillo Movement. Bishop Hervas recognized and supported what later came to be known as Cursillo #1 in 1949.

It is important to note that Bishop Hervas never lived a Three Day Cursillo Weekend. However, he gave Cursillo the Church's ecclesiastical blessing in his diocese. Those who have studied the history of the Cursillo Movement say that without Bishop Hervas, Cursillo would not have become what it is today; however, he was not the founder of the Movement ... Eduardo was. The importance of this, as noted by Pope John Paul II, in 1998, is that the charism of a movement / organization comes from its founder. With the death of Eduardo Bonnin on February 6, 2008, his writings / thoughts are being carefully examined, that we might come to a fuller understanding of the charism of the Cursillo Movement.

**(From the Spiritual Advisor, cont'd)**

Fr. Smith, too, has been working for some time with the National Cursillo Office to update the 1976 Spiritual Director's Manual. This new Spiritual Director's Manual is intended for Priests, deacons and religious, who might not have lived a Cursillo Weekend, but because of the shortage of spiritual directors for Three Day Weekends, might need to give the Spiritual Director's Rollos. Therefore, this new Spiritual Director's Manual is being written to include (in addition to the Rollos and Meditations for the Three Days) the following topics: The Purpose of Cursillo; the Background of Cursillo; the Theology, Key Concepts, and Presuppositions of Cursillo; the Methodology of Cursillo; the Anthropology of Cursillo; the Christology of Cursillo; an explanation of what is considered to be Evangelization from the perspective of the Cursillo Movement; an explanation of what is considered to be an Environment from the perspective of the Cursillo Movement; and an Overview of the Understanding of Palanca.

This presentation was very educational and challenging. May each of us seek to live our Fourth Day as a continual encounter with self, with Christ, and with others, getting to know each of the persons in our environments, and proclaiming the Gospel to them.

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

**Other Articles**

- ◆ **Three Day Cursillo Weekend Scheduled for Cuba** ... At this year's National Encounter, it was announced that a team would be going into Cuba toward the end of August to present a Cursillo Weekend ... this was a hard fought battle. Please offer Palanca for the fruits of the Cursillo Movement in Cuba, both now and in the days/months/years ahead ... Christ is counting on you!!
- ◆ **Vietnamese Cursillo Community "Gathering" in the Lincoln Diocese** will be hosting a second Fourth Day gathering/"encounter" at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln (6345 Madison Ave) the weekend of September 19-21, 2008. Vietnamese-speaking cursillistas from several states will be coming together to grow in their understanding of Cursillo and their faith ... in their love of God and each other.  
The Lincoln Diocese Fourth Quarter SOL (Nov. 14-15) will also be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, and we are hoping to have the January Three Day Weekends there as well (we continue to work on the details). We thank God for the entire Cursillo community and are excited about the possibilities of what can be accomplished for God through the gift of Cursillo ... in whatever language!! May we all have that desire to continue to grow God's Kingdom!!
- ◆ **18<sup>th</sup> National Cursillo Encounter** ... This year's National Encounter (July 31-August 3, 2008), held at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, was very, very good. Masses during the Encounter were held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, which is located on the campus of Catholic University of America. The theme for the Encounter was "*Christ Is Our Light*", with major

presentations given on "Mentality of the Cursillo Movement" and "The Three Encounters". In addition, there were workshops presented on "Total Security", "Sponsorship – What Is It?", "School of Leaders – Why?", and "Study of the Environment". Those who participated in the Encounter from our Diocese split up so at least one person could attend each of the workshops, in order to be able to bring the information back to the Diocese to share.

There was a strong emphasis throughout the Encounter in getting back to Cursillo's original charism (all lay organizations were so directed in 1998 by Pope John Paul II and again in 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI), and in helping all those present really understand what that charism is. In fact, the Region VI Service Team was so impressed with the quality of what was presented that they are requesting copies of the presentations from the presenters in order to bring some of the information to the dioceses in Region VI during the 2008 Fall Encounter in Omaha. What a great way for the information to filter throughout the Cursillo community!!! Plan to attend ... a registration form (white) is included.

- ◆ **Fall 2008 Region VI Encounter** ... The 2008 Fall Encounter is scheduled for September 26-28, 2008, at the Headquarters of the Society of St. Columban, 1902 Calhoun St, St Columbans (Bellevue), NE 68056. Regional Encounters don't get too much closer than this, so it would be good to spend time with those pilgrim cursillistas from other areas of our 8-state region. A (white) registration form is included in this Newsletter. The talks for this year's Regional Encounter will come from presentations made at the 18<sup>th</sup> National Encounter (July 31 – August 3, 2008) in Washington, DC: (1) "Study of the Environment", (2) "Sponsorship – What Is It?", and (3) "School of Leaders – Why?" God is NEVER outdone in generosity, and He will reward you for whatever time/energy/spirit you give Him to work with ... what a great way to learn how to better grow in your own faith, and then help others to grow in theirs!
- ◆ **Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory's Comments About Cursillo**

*[from Atlanta Catholic Cursillo Movement, Fall 2007 Newsletter ( [www.atlanticcursillo.org](http://www.atlanticcursillo.org) )]*

*"The Cursillo movement, in the years since 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council, has proved itself to be a vital component in the ongoing evangelization of our faithful, bringing to the lives of people, the techniques for awakening the Gospel spirit on a daily basis. I cannot think of a spiritual movement in the Church more dedicated to the necessity of finding God within the fabric of ordinary life, and life's ordinary encounters."*

*Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory Archbishop of Atlanta*

**Archdiocese of Omaha, Nebraska**  
**Fall Cursillo Region VI Encounter Registration**

**Date:** September 26-28, 2008

**Location:** Headquarters of the Society of St. Columban  
1902 Calhoun St  
St Columbans, NE 68056  
Emergency phone: (402) 291-1920

**DIRECTIONS:**

**From West on Interstate 80**, take exit 439 (NE-370) toward Bellevue/Papillion for about 0.6 miles. Turn right at Hwy 370/NE-370 E. Continue to follow Hwy 370 about 13.1 miles. Turn right at NE-370 and travel about 0.4 mi. Turn left to stay on NE-370 traveling about 0.2 miles. Turn left at S Calhoun St. Follow this street for about 0.2 miles. The street will curve to the right, up a small hill. Turn left at the first intersection and follow the driveway to a parking lot on the north side of the building.

**From North, South, and East (on Interstate 29)**, take exit 42 for IA-370 toward Bellevue for about 0.3 mile. Turn right at IA-370 (you will cross the Iowa/Nebraska border after 3.1 miles), and continue on NE-370 about 1.3 miles. Turn right at S Calhoun St. Follow this street for about 0.2 miles. The street will curve to the right, up a small hill. Turn left at the first intersection and follow the driveway to a parking lot on the north side of the building.

**Contact:** Berenice Mora  
(402) 637-7654

Because more details are not yet available (including the address to which the registration forms should be mailed) and we need to get the Newsletter out, you may send your registrations to: **Kathy Springer; 1410 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St.; Crete, NE 68333**. Kathy is a member of the Region VI Service Team and will forward the registration forms when the information becomes available.

**OR**

**When more information becomes available**, it will be posted on our Cursillo Diocesan Website as <http://webpages.charter.net/seas/cursilloincoln.html> well as on the Region VI Cursillo Website <http://www.cursillo.org/region6/>

**Cost: \$50 per person**

**Please register by September 12, 2008** (*this is an estimate*; in Spring 2005, the Omaha Cursillo Movement requested a 4-week advance registration ... this is only two weeks). Checks may be made payable to *Omaha Cursillo Movement*.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

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