

# Cursillo News for Sept – Oct 2009

## Calendar of Events

September 12, 2009	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)
Sept. 25-27, 2009	<b>Region VI Fall Encounter</b> (Dodge City, KS, see enclosed registration form)
October 10, 2009	SOL - 10:00am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE
November 14, 2009	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)
December 12, 2009	SOL - 10:00am – 2:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. James Parish, Cortland
January 15-16, 2010	<b>Practice Weekend</b> , at Sacred Heart, Hebron
January 16, 2010	<b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , Sacred Heart, Hebron (following Practice Weekend about 1:00pm)
January 21-24, 2010	<b>Men’s Three Day Weekend</b> , at Sacred Heart, Hebron
February 4-7, 2010	<b>Women’s Three Day Weekend</b> , at Sacred Heart, Hebron

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## Report on the 19th National Encounter

The Encounter was held at the California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) from July 30 to August 2, 2009, and “over 650 members of the National Cursillo Movement arrived from as far west as Hawaii, as far north as Canada, and as far east as Miami, Florida [there were also cursillistas from Ireland participating]. *There was much joy as friends from previous Encounters greeted each other. First time cursillista attendees also felt the warmth and love that is evident when cursillistas gather.*”

Fr. Einer R. Ochoa (National Spiritual Advisor) gave the Friday morning meditation, entitled “A Reflection on St. Paul After His Jubilee Year: “My Grace is Enough for You”. The entire meditation is available in the August 2009 Newsletter on the National Cursillo website [http://www.natl-cursillo.org]. Also there is a summary of the events and rollos that were given throughout the National Encounter, along with a summary of the keynote address delivered Thursday evening by Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, Ph.D, entitled “The Conversion of St. Paul”. It would be well worth your time to review these materials (and others!!), as the National Website has a wealth of information about Cursillo.

Make plans to attend the 20th National Cursillo Encounter, to be held **Thursday, July 29 – Sunday, August 1, 2010. Region VI** (our Region) will be hosting the event at **Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri**. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.

## Report on the IV World Ultreya

The IV World Ultreya was held on **Saturday, August 1, 2009**, from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 PM, at the Anaheim Convention Center and Arena in Anaheim, California. The keynote address (given by Guzman Carriquiry, Under Secretary, Pontifical Council for the Laity) is available on the OMCC website (http://www.orgmcc.org/events/index.html). Also available are the Mass homily (given by Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez of Guadalajara), and the testimonies given by the witnesses in six languages (Korean, Tagalog, Spanish, Vietnamese, Italian, and English); the witnesses have been translated to English on the webpage.

There were thirty-two (32) countries present: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gibraltar, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Spain, Taiwan, Uruguay, United States, Venezuela, and Vietnam in Diaspora. Some of the cursillistas present commented that all gatherings/Masses should be like this!!

*See the enclosed letter from Pope Benedict XVI to the Cursillo Movement.*

## From the Secretariat/SOL ...

### 1. Ultreya Center News:

- ◆ The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... the **August** Ultreya will be on Sunday, **August 23**, in Hebron at Sacred Heart Parish Hall; the **September** Ultreya will be on Sunday, **September 27**, in Crete (Sacred Heart Parish Hall); the **October** Ultreya will be on Sunday, **October 25**, in Lincoln (Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center). The Ultreya begins at 5:00pm, as usual.
- ◆ The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. The **September** Ultreya will be held on **September 27** at 3:30 pm in the basement of St. Patrick Church in McCook (note the regular Ultreya date is changed for September due to McCook’s Parish Bazaar). The **October** Ultreya will be held on **October 10-11** at 2:30 pm (mountain time; this would be 3:30 pm central time) at St. Patrick Church in Imperial. The Ultreya will normally be held on the second Sunday of each month at 3:30 pm when held at St. Patrick Church (basement) in McCook, and at 2:30 pm when held at St. Patrick Church in Imperial (actually, the time is the same; there is a 1-hour time zone difference).
- ◆ **Other Ultreya Centers** are meeting as scheduled on the outside cover of the Newsletter.

### 2. Precursillo/Three Day Weekend

The **next Three Day Weekends** are now confirmed for **January/February 2010** at **Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron**. They are:

- **Men’s Weekend: January 21-24, 2010**
- **Women’s Weekend: February 4–7, 2010**

As always, the registration forms are available from the website (please use the most recent forms, as information has changed). The registration form and informational flyer may be

printed off directly, and the sponsor form must be requested and filled out by the sponsor separately, including the pastor's signature.

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. Offer Palanca as you continue to study your environments (those around you) in search of persons who can help Christianize the world ... ask our Lord to help you identify the "agents of change", and to give you the courage to make a friend, be a friend, and bring your friend to Christ ... in spite of how little time you think you have ... *He's counting on you!!!*

### 3. Postcursillo

- ◆ **Region VI Fall Encounter** ... The Fall 2009 Regional Encounter will be held at the **Cursillo Center in Dodge City, Kansas, on September 25-27, 2009.** **Victor Lugo, National Executive Director of the Cursillo Movement in the United States,** will be participating and sharing with us about the charism/roots/history of Cursillo. Regional Encounters begin at approximately 8 p.m. on Friday evening (registration prior to opening) concludes with the Ultreya on Saturday evening (Sunday morning Mass and breakfast are provided on Sunday morning). The **Registration Form** is included with this Newsletter.
- ◆ **Next Year's National Encounter** – Make plans now to attend the **20th National Cursillo Encounter,** to be held **Thursday, July 29 –Sunday, August 1, 2010.** **Region VI** (our Region) will be hosting the event at **Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri** ... they don't get too much closer than this!! We will keep you updated as information becomes available.
- ◆ **4<sup>th</sup> Day Cursillo Retreat Planned During Lent** – The Secretariat and SOL are considering a Lenten retreat for ALL Fourth Dayers. Details will be provided as they become available.

### 4. School of Leaders (SOL):

The August 8, 2009, SOL was held at St. James Parish in Cortland. The new format (Saturday only gatherings) seems to be working well. The day began with Mass at 9:30 a.m., with SOL formally beginning at 10 a.m. with the Group Reunion. The two technique talks were combined with the work sessions to edit/review the **Study of the Environment** rollo from the new Cursillo Manual for use in the Lincoln Diocese. Fr. Seiker gave a doctrinal presentation related to Pope Benedict XVI's letter proclaiming the Year for Priests, and the day concluded at 3:30 p.m. with a visit to the Blessed Sacrament for shared prayer.

#### If not you, then who?

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

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

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

The next SOL is scheduled for **October 10, 2009**, at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan. The day will begin with Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by 10:00am Group Reunion, the technique talks and work sessions, and the doctrinal talk. **All** cursillistas are invited to deepen their understanding of Cursillo, especially those who are just beginning their Fourth Day.

#### From the Spiritual Advisor

Throughout our country during the month of August, the focus of many people is on preparation for the beginning of another school year. Children are preparing to return to grade school and high school, and young adults are making preparations for college. Teachers and administrators at all levels are making preparations for a new school year, and education is once again in the forefront.

Even in the business world, many employees are required to participate in on-going, or continuing, education (professional "study days"). Many people subscribe to professional journals in order to keep up-to-date on new developments and current issues in their field ... it may not be required, but if you don't keep up, then others will move ahead of you.

Opportunities for learning, such as those just mentioned, provide a forum for learning about new things and/or deepening your understanding of things one already knows about at a lower level. In addition, they provide an opportunity for those with similar interests and responsibilities to share with one another about successes and failures, as well as provide encouragement and support to each other. Continuing education allows one to learn from those who are leaders in a particular field (and sometimes that person is the pioneer who got things started). Sharing information and experiences (whether in a group gathering or via some form of media) also makes sense, as it is costly and time-consuming to always "re-invent the wheel".

It's the same way with evangelization ... Jesus told the apostles to "go, therefore, make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" ... but before you go/are

sent out, you need to be formed. The Lord calls us through the Church and Cursillo (both with the common purpose of proclaiming the Gospel to the world) to be involved in teaching, but also to discipleship. Sometimes we focus more on the teaching than on being disciples. A disciple is, after all, a student first. Many people don't like to think of themselves as students, and as much as learning is a part of our lives in many other respects, many don't want to learn more about their faith (it might require something of them).

Studying has not been one of my strengths most of my life. Perhaps, I should say that studying is an area in which I have not frequently or regularly chosen to invest my time. Yet, on the occasions that I have chosen to spend time in study, I have never regretted the decision ... it has ALWAYS been helpful, encouraging, fruitful, and worthwhile, and it has challenged me to grow.

I can apply the same process of studying (or lack thereof) to the Cursillo Movement, as for many years I thought that I "knew all about Cursillo", and that I didn't need to know more. After all, I had lived a Three Day Weekend, and I had worked on numerous Rollo Teams, so I knew all about Cursillo. Only after beginning to attend and participate in Regional Encounters and National Encounters did I find out that there was a lot about Cursillo that I did not know. So, I made the decision that I was going to have to take the time/effort to learn more about something that I was trying to teach ... after all, the Three Day Weekend is all about helping the candidates to experience Group Reunion and Ultreya, and then to want to continue what they learned in the Fourth Day in order to help them grow in their Catholic faith and be able to bring others to Christ as well. What has helped me better understand the Cursillo Movement is meeting with other Cursillo leaders, attending any School of Leaders gathering, and reading official Cursillo literature, such as the **Leader's Manual**, **The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement**, the **Cursillo Manual**, **Structure of Ideas** (and there is much more ... the National Cursillo website has a wealth of information available).

Although I have learned many things about the Cursillo Movement ... its essence, history, purpose, and method ... there is still much about Cursillo that I do not know. I need to continue to be a student ... a disciple ... and I need to look at this as "continuing education" ... something I should do until the day I die. To that end, I think it is extremely important (and valuable for me personally) to continue to participate in our diocesan School of Leaders (SOL) that meets on the second Saturday of each of the even-numbered months, the Region VI Encounters (held on the last full weekend each April and September), and the National Encounters (held once a year during the summer). Yes, this requires that I give my time and energy, but I believe that the Lord can never be outdone in generosity ... after all, He's counting on me ....

I invite each cursillista in our Diocese to pray about and consider being a disciple of the Lord in the Cursillo Movement ... I invite each to participate in School of Leaders (SOL) to enjoy the fun and fellowship, and to gain a deeper and richer understanding of all that Cursillo is and how it can be used to help our Lord build His Kingdom. Read Cursillo materials (whether online or in books) to deepen your understanding of Cursillo. Aside from my prayers for more persons to share in the work/joy of Cursillo, my prayer is that all cursillistas and Catholics will understand the importance of studying their faith. After all, being a student ... a disciple ... is not just for children ... it's for all of us ... because all of us are called to be disciples. ***De Colores!! .....Fr. Mark Seiker***

## **From the Lay Director    Jesus I Trust in You**

In what or in whom do you trust? Have you ever reflected on how much this word TRUST affects our everyday lives? For those who are married, the very foundation of the marriage relationship is based on trust. The way we live and our lifestyles depend on trusting that our source of income will provide for what is needed financially. If you think about it, if you can't place your trust in anything or anyone, you will likely be living in an unhealthy sense of fear, which can and does leave one in a state of hopelessness.

As followers of Jesus Christ, He tells us to put our trust in Him, He Who is all things to all people. When calling the apostles to follow Him, Jesus told them to leave everything and follow HIM. Then when He sent them out to evangelize, He told them to take nothing extra. Where would they go to get food and their other necessities? There were no McDonald's restaurants, no shoe stores, and even if there were, they had no money! What an enormous amount of trust it must have taken for them to follow Christ in those days.

There isn't any difference in terms of Christ's call on our lives today ... following our Baptism and Confirmation, we are asked by Christ to die to ourselves, take that which we have been given, and evangelize ... just like the apostles ... except that most of us have a home to return to after our day's work, and generally nutrition is not far from our grasp. Still, witnessing to those in our environments takes a lot of trust.

First, we trust that we will have the courage to speak of goodness to others. Then we must trust that our actions will be a reflection of Christ and His love for us. And finally, we place all our trust in God, that by what we say and do, if done out of love for Christ, it will bear much fruit. We know this to be true and believe this because through the Word of God, we are told that all things are possible in and with God.

As we are planning for the next Cursillo Weekends in our Diocese (Men's: Jan. 21-24, 2010, and Women: Feb. 4-7, 2010, at Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron), God and the teams that will be formed for the Weekends will be trusting in you ... that you have not only recognized a person in your environment that could benefit from a Cursillo Weekend, but that you have followed the Cursillo method of making a friend, being a friend and are now wanting to bring that friend to Christ through an encounter on a Cursillo Weekend. It is important to remember that what is important is to bring your friend to Christ, not to Cursillo; however, Cursillo is a wonderful way to bring your friend closer to our Lord.

I don't think it is possible to remember everything from our Three Day Cursillo experience, but the final message, as we were sent out to start the Fourth Day of our Cursillo journey, was clear: "CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU".

I would guess that most of us are Husker Football fans, and if not, that's okay, too, as the other teams need fans as well. No matter what team you are rooting for, that anticipation of a score and win at the end of the game keeps us on the edge of our seats. Well, think for a moment that it might be the same for God as we are mustering up the courage to approach our friend. HE sits in joyful anticipation of our efforts to bring someone closer to HIM. HE watches intently from above as we approach our friend. Then, HE gets to HIS feet and cheers as we place our trust in the One Who sent us and as we ask..... "HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT LIVING A CURSILLO WEEKEND?" ... I don't know about you, but it gives me goose bumps!

**De Colores                      Mark Pribyl**

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**Ultreya Centers**

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln** .....  
Location alternates: Crete/Lincoln/Beatrice/Hebron  
Normally 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm  
August 23 – Ultreya in Hebron; September 27 – Ultreya in Crete;  
October 25 – Ultreya in Lincoln  
Contact: John and Kathy Springer
- 2) **David City-Shelby** .... Contact: Rose Hottovy or Mary Jane Hilger
- 3) **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden**..... All Saints' Parish Hall, Holdrege  
3rd Sunday of month, 3:00pm  
Contact: Myron Wendland or Kathy Rowell
- 4) **Southwestern Nebraska** .....  
Location alternates: McCook/Imperial; Usually 2nd Sunday of month  
September 27 – Ultreya in McCook (3:30pm CT)  
October 11 – Ultreya in Imperial (2:30pm MT)  
Contact: Helen Bieker or Bill and Elaine Swanson
- 5) **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City** .....  
Church of the Holy Spirit (St. Joseph Room), Plattsmouth  
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- 6) **Wahoo**..... Contact: Mark Pribyl

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# *School of Leaders*

*October 10, 2009  
202 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street (5<sup>th</sup> and Cedar Streets)  
St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE*

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

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### School of Leaders Agenda:

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

The Technique Talks will continue to review the rollos in the New Cursillo Manual (the “pink Three Day Manual” vs. the new manual). The Doctrinal Talks always relate to topics that will help you to continue to grow in your spiritual life ... on-going metanoia!

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

- ◆ **BRING YOUR OWN SACK LUNCH** (to save on time preparing and cleaning up, etc.)
- ◆ Pilgrim’s Guide
- ◆ Leaders’ Manual (please pray the Leader’s Prayer on pg 57 regularly)
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help cover a donation for use of the facility.*
- ◆ *Please bring a snack to share, if you like.*

**DIOCESE OF DODGE CITY, KS  
FALL CURSILLO REGION VI ENCOUNTER REGISTRATION FORM**

**Date:** September 25 - 27, 2009

**Location:** Cursillo Center  
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Dodge City KS. 67801

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**Directions:** From "US 50 Bus/US-56/US-283", turn left to Wyatt Earp Blvd, and take right on J Avenue; end on 805 J Avenue.

**Alternative Sleeping:**

Super 8 Motel  
1708 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd  
Dodge City KS 620-225-3924

Holiday Inn  
2320 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd  
Dodge City KS 620-227-5000

Travelodge  
1510 W Wyatt Earp Blvd  
Dodge City 620-227-2125

**Cost:** \$50.00 per person

Accommodations are true Cursillo style. Bring your own sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, towels and linens, etc. If you plan to arrive after 10:00 pm on Friday, please let us know so arrangements can be made for you to gain access. There are 6 showers at the Center.

Cut on dotted line and return bottom portion with your \$50.00 payment (check payable to "**Region VI Cursillo**") to:

*James Newkirk (Region VI Treasurer)  
104 MW Lakewood Blvd.  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064*

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Please register before **September 20**, so we can purchase food. **Remember to bring your pilgrim's guide.**

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Sleeping at Cursillo Center?    Yes    No

Box Lunch for Sunday?        Yes    No

Special Accommodation needed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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