

Cursillo News for Sep. – Oct. 2012

Calendar of Events

September 15, 2012	Secretariat Meeting , Sacred Heart Parish, Hebron, - 9:30am (9:00am Mass)
Sept. 28-29, 2012	Fall 2012 Region VI Encounter –Kansas City, KS, Savior Pastoral Center (see Region VI webpage for registration form)
October 6, 2012	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (if your schedule allows, there is a First Saturday Mass at 9:00am with the parish); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE
November 10, 2012	Secretariat Meeting , Location TBA – Either Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln, or Sacred Heart, Hebron – 9:30am (9:00am Mass)
December 1, 2012	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am); Details to come. The SOL was moved from the second Saturday of the month to the first Saturday because December 8 is a Holy Day.
March 2013	Men’s and Women’s Three Day Weekends. Tentative location – St. John the Baptist Parish, Minden. Dates TBA.

[For your planning purposes, 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.).]

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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 ... The **September** Ultreya will be held at 5:00pm on **September 23** at

Sacred Heart Parish, Crete. The **October** Ultreya will be held at 5:00pm on **October 28** at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln.

- The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. The **September** Ultreya will be held **September 9** at 3:30 pm CT in the St. Patrick Parish Basement in McCook. The **October** Ultreya will be held **October 14** at 2:30 pm MT in the St. Patrick Parish Hall in Imperial.
- The **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden Ultreya Center** had its quarterly Ultreya on **Sunday, August 19**, at **2:30 pm** at St. John the Baptist Church in Minden. The next Ultreya will be **November 4** at **2:30pm** at **St. John the Baptist Church in 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** continues to be held the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:30pm at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lincoln**

2. Precursillo and Three Days

The next set of Three Day Weekends are tentatively scheduled for March 2013. We are in the process of determining exact dates. The tentative location is St. John the Baptist Parish in Minden. As details become known, the information will be passed along to you (and also available on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage).

NOW, however, is the right time to prepare those persons you identify in your environments (home, neighborhood, workplaces ... anywhere) as those who should live a Three Day Weekend. In determining what constitutes an environment for you, the Cursillo Movement defines environment as that moveable square meter that moves as you move ... in other words, your environment is that place and set of circumstances in which you find yourself at each particular moment of each day. Remember that a big part of the Precursillo work can be very slow and time-consuming (it can quite literally take years) ... but if you don’t ever begin, then you will surely never draw these beloved of God to Him. We should especially be alert for the “far away” – those Eduardo most sought out. The Cursillo Movement defines the “far away” as those who don’t know God well or don’t know Him at all. There is a lot of work to do in the Precursillo (making a friend, being a friend, and bringing your friend to Christ) before the “far away” might be ready to live a Weekend (or even be open to talking about God, for that matter). But the key is to begin the work, always in a spirit of Palanca (talking to God about your friend before talking to your friend about God), and with a mind/heart/will set “to the highest level” to persevere in winning this person for Christ.

3. Postcursillo

◆ Report on 22nd National Encounter

The 22nd National Cursillo Encounter (2012) was held July 19-22, at Xavier University, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Five cursillistas from the Lincoln Diocese participated – 3 English-language and 2 Vietnamese-language. It was a smaller gathering than in years past, with 415 cursillistas from dioceses around the country and five language groups represented. The talks were given in either Spanish or English, with translators (headphones) if the talk was not in a language you could understand. The talks that came from the “**III Conversations of Cala Figuera**” included: Meaning of Life; Attitude; Creativity; Communication; Confidence (Trust); and Transcendence. There was also a presentation given by Fr. Peter Jaramillo, National Spiritual Advisor for the Cursillo Movement, on the new Spiritual Advisor’s Manual, and a presentation on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, given by Fr. Francis Daly, S.J.

The Thursday evening keynote address, entitled “Being Present with Those We Love – the Joy and the Challenges,” was given by John Cuddeback, Ph.D. Dr. Cuddeback holds a Doctorate in Philosophy from The Catholic University of America, and is a Professor of Philosophy at Christendom College, Front Royal, Virginia. He writes and lectures on various topics including virtue, culture, natural law, contemplation, and friendship. His book *Friendship: Where Virtue Becomes Happiness* (sold through the National Cursillo Center) was republished in 2010.

Friday concluded with an Ultreya (with three witnesses and respondents), and Saturday’s events concluded with a Fiesta, with various groups performing songs and dances and other activities related to their cultural heritage. It was a wonderful way to conclude the Encounter. The best part of the entire Encounter was meeting up with old friends from around the country and meeting new ones ... personal contact that was uplifting and inspiring. It’s good to spend time with like-minded people, as we all go away better for the encounter, and ready to begin again the task of taking the Gospel to our individual environments.

◆ Report on LINCOLN DIOCESE Fourth Day Retreat (August 10-12)

At the August SOL (which was the Fourth Day Retreat) on **August 10-12, 2012**, at **St. Patrick Parish in Imperial**, there were 16 cursillistas that participated. The retreat was very, very good, in that it explored ALL phases of the Movement [Precursillo, the Three Day Cursillo, and Postcursillo (the Group and its Reunion and Ultreya)]. In addition, the retreat included rollos on “What is Fundamental for Being a Christian”, “The Church”, “The Vision of the Movement”, “The Cursillo Leader”, and “The Spirituality of a Leader”. In addition, the entire group came to a better understanding of why the SOL is so important and how the Movement is properly intended to function. EVERYONE there came away fired up!! Everyone participated in the table discussions after the rollos, and encouraged each other in living their fourth day. Of course, the food was also very good, as usual!

We cannot recap everything that was said and shared; however, here are a few thoughts (in no particular order):

- “Modern [people] listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if [they do] listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses” (Pope Paul VI).
- Cursillos are not intended to solve problems; rather they are intended to give cursillistas a new problem ... to make us restless. Cursillo is not about feeding people, but rather it is about making them hungry for God.
- Bishop Elizondo always says how sad it is for people to come looking for Christ and find you, but how wonderful should people come looking for you and find Christ!!
- We need to be constantly renewing our commitment to our call ... it is a call from the Lord. Ours cannot be the response that we make to our hobbies ... doing things “when I have the time.”
- Group Reunion is not an “extra event” to fit into one’s schedule ... rather, it is a form of life itself. It gives a spiritual dimension to all of one’s life.
- We are meant to be leaven/yeast in the world, yearning for all to know Christ and grow in His love. We may never see the fruits of what we do, but God can take even the smallest things we do and do great things with them.
- What have you done this week to extend God’s Kingdom (Action)? We are the light and salt ... not content just to offer our good deeds ... we must also contribute our enthusiasm! “Woe to me if I don’t preach the Gospel” ...
- I need to be an evangelizer, but I begin each day by being evangelized myself. Ultreya is a perfect tool for evangelization – we gather, are built up, and are then sent out ... we are spiritually refreshed.
- We are a pilgrim people. Our lives should be the Gospel lived in the world.
- We cannot give what we do not have ... Do you really believe what you are proclaiming?
- As laity, we seek our salvation by living in the temporal world. We are called there by God, working on the sanctification of the world from within. Our special task is to order (or throw light on) temporal affairs.
- We are called upon as living witnesses to expend our energy to build the Kingdom. Each of us has our own calling, and our spirituality should correspond to our calling.
- Our holiness is the fusion of our sacramental life with the work that we do ... it is the total integration of who/what we are with how/why we do things. By our presence, we must make the world His world.
- Ours should be a life of restlessness and dissatisfaction until all come to know Christ (we should have an Easter attitude).
- Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows abundantly will reap abundantly.

◆ Region VI Fall Encounter (September 28-30)

The **Region VI Fall Encounter** will be hosted by the Kansas City, KS Archdiocese on **September 28-30, 2012** at Savior Pastoral Center, **12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109**. **Cef Aguillon, National English Language Coordinator**, will be with us at this Encounter. A Registration Form is also available on the Region VI webpage [www.cursillo.org/region6/].

The Region VI Spring Encounter will be hosted by the Dodge City, KS Diocese on April 26-28, 2013. As details become available, we will keep you updated (but mark your calendars now).

4. School of Leaders (SOL)

The next SOL (English and Vietnamese) will be held on **October 6, 2012**, at **St. Ann Parish in Doniphan**. Note that this date is different from the usual 2nd Saturday of the month; the change was made in order to allow for those cursillistas who are interested in participating in the annual Pro-Life Conference scheduled for October 12-13. The Technique and Doctrinal Talks will come from *Study of the Charism*. One talk will deal with the Structure of Cursillo in a diocese (its two required components of a Secretariat and SOL), while the other is a summary of Eduardo Bonnin's (the founder of Cursillo) "spiritual testament". Both talks should provide good insight into both the "why" and the "how" of Cursillo, helping us better understand why Cursillo exists and how it operates.

For information about the Vietnamese language SOL, please contact Canh Nguyen (402-435-0921) or Juliana Tran (402-436-1998).

From the Lay Director

As I was listening to one of the talks ("The Meaning of Life") at the National Cursillo Encounter (July 19 – 22, 2012, Xavier University) in Cincinnati, I began to picture myself driving a car with God in the back seat. I was the one driving, and since I didn't ask for help and thought I could get through life on my own, God was perfectly fine with just sitting there, letting me go where I wanted, get lost, take wrong turns, and so on – just letting me make mistakes. If I would have asked for help (which I didn't), He was ready to assist me. My next thought was, "What am I doing? I want You, God, to take my life, take my mistakes, take me where I should go. Not only should You come up here and drive, let me just sit back there." The talk implied that God wants us to trust in Him, but our trust should be an active trust, not just passive where we sit back and do nothing. We need to live our lives in harmony with His will and allow our freedom to be in accord with His spirit. We need to believe that God knows what is best for us.

The talks at this National Encounter were based on the 3rd Conversations of Cala Figuera (a previous Encounter ... also in Cincinnati covered the 1st Conversations of Cala Figuera). The 1st Conversations were transcripts of meetings/discussions which came from celebrations at the 50th anniversary of the first Cursillo at Cala Figuera). This year's talks caused me to reflect on: (1) how I am present to God (removing the noise and clutter of life),

(2) what is the true meaning of life, (3) am I in control of my attitude, and thus, in control of how I handle the hundreds of inconveniences that come along every day, (4) how I truly need to know myself, as well as focus on the Person of Christ in others, and (5) my understanding of trust and how trusting am I. For me, this Encounter was insightful and definitely put the "Conversations of Cala Figuera" on my list to read (we briefly covered some of the "1st Conversations" in a couple of the Region VI Encounters a few years back). The Cursillo is so rich when you study its charism and history, truly a gift to the Church. Even as we are currently studying in the Lincoln Diocese SOL the book, "Study of the Charism", there is so much depth in the Movement that we can discover. The joy is discovering this in community.

I continue to ask that if you are not already doing so, that you please consider participating in School of Leaders. Cursillo needs us (you and me) to keep it strong in our Diocese, to keep it vibrant. Thank you to those who contribute in any way. It is your prayers, support, and Palanca that give the Movement life. Many dioceses no longer have Cursillo, so we are very blessed. Note the dates and locations of the School of Leaders and try to come. Participate in your Ultreyas. If you are not grouping, find someone and get back into a group. Please continue to pray for the Cursillo Movement and pray for leaders to come forward and give some time to keep the Movement life-giving and faithful, especially in our Diocese. May God bless you! De Colores!!

De Colores!! John Springer

From the Spiritual Advisor

At the National Encounter, I was reminded again of the words of Eduardo Bonnin, that "*the Cursillo Movement consists of proclaiming the best news of the best reality: that God, in Christ, loves us.*" This proclamation takes place in all three phases of the Cursillo Movement: the Precursillo, the Three Day Cursillo, and the Postcursillo. It takes place in the Three Encounters: the encounter with self, with Christ, and with others.

As cursillistas, most of us first heard about these three encounters on the Three Day Weekend. However, all of our lives and especially throughout our Fourth Day, we are provided by God with opportunities to encounter self, Christ, and others. In each of these encounters, we need to continually remember or be reminded that "God in Christ Jesus loves us". If we are open to that message on a daily basis, it will change our lives and will change the lives of those around us.

As you live your Fourth Day, I encourage you to use the Cursillo Method of Group Reunion and Ultreya as opportunities to proclaim that "God, in Christ, loves us." Meet regularly in your weekly friendship group. Participate in Ultreya and invite other cursillistas to travel with you to Ultreya. Prayerfully consider being more involved in the Cursillo Movement by participating in the School of Leaders. Continue to make a friend, to be a friend, and to bring your friend to Christ, so that your friend can better know and appreciate that "God, in Christ, loves us" and that a living of this truth will shape all our lives and help us to Christianize the world.

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker

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**Fourth Day Retreat
at St. Patrick Parish
Imperial, NE
August 10-12, 2012**



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Ultreya Centers

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln** – Location alternates.....
(usually 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm)
September 23 – Sacred Heart Parish (Crete; 5:00pm)
Oct 28 – Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center (Lincoln; 5:00pm)
- 2) **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden** – Contact Mary Ann Connelly
Nov. 4 at 2:30pm at Minden (St. John the Baptist Church Hall)
- 3) **Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group**.....
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lincoln
4th Sunday of month, 3:30pm
- 4) **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**.....
Check parish bulletin at www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com,
or contact Terry Little or Mary Lou Salazar
- 5) **Southwestern Nebraska**.....
Location alternates: McCook/Imperial; Usually 2nd Sunday of month
September 9 – McCook (Church Basement) (3:30pm CT)
October 14 Fourth Day Retreat – Imperial (Parish Hall)
[Retreat in place of regular August Ultreya]
- 6) **Weston/David City/Shelby/Wahoo**.....
Not currently having Ultreya; please participate in a neighboring Ultreya

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4th Day Retreat inside ~*

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

School of Leaders

October 6, 2012

202 N 5th Street (5th 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) – We will join St. Ann’s Parish Mass for First Saturday of the month.
- 9:30am -- Group Reunion, Session #1, Lunch, Session #2, Visit to Blessed Sacrament, Depart.
- 2:30pm --- Clean up and departure (*estimated time* ... may be slightly earlier ... may be slightly later ...).

Topics of Talks

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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.)
- ◆ **Leaders’ Manual**, if you have one (available for purchase at SOL)
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help cover a donation for use of the facility.*