

Cursillo News for Sept. – Oct. 2014

Calendar of Events

September 13, 2014	Secretariat Meeting , John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln – 9:30am (9am Mass)
September 26-28, 2014	Fall 2014 Region VI Encounter – Archdiocese Kansas City, KS to host. Registration form included in this Newsletter (the information is also available on the Region VI webpage)
October 18, 2014	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Parish, Doniphan (<i>moved from the normal 2nd Saturday because of schedule conflicts</i>)
November 8, 2014	Secretariat Meeting , John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln – 9:30am (9am Mass)
December 13, 2014	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at IHM, Lincoln.
January 10, 2015*	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Ann Parish, Doniphan (<i>moved from even month to odd month because of the Three Day Weekends</i>)
February 14, 2015*	SOL was moved to Jan. 10; therefore, there is no scheduled event this day.
February 20-21, 2015	Practice Weekend , St. Mary Parish, Sutton
February 21, 2015*	Secretariat Meeting (to be held at the conclusion of the Practice Weekend)
Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2015	Men’s Three Day Weekend , St. Mary Parish, Sutton
March 1, 2015	Men’s Closing , 5:00pm at St. Mary Parish, Sutton (Please come to the Closing to welcome the new Cursillistas).
March 12-15, 2015	Women’s Three Day Weekend , St. Mary Parish, Sutton
March 15, 2015	Women’s Closing , 5:00pm at St. Mary Parish, Sutton (Please come to the Closing to welcome the new Cursillistas).
April 24-26, 2015	Spring 2015 Region VI Encounter – Archdiocese Omaha NE to host

* *SOL and Secretariat meetings are sometimes adjusted from the normal schedule of having SOL on the 2nd Saturday of even months (Feb., April, etc.), and Secretariat meetings on the 2nd Saturday of odd 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/cursillolincn.html>.*

Upcoming Ultreyas

- The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations The **August Ultreya** is scheduled for 3:00pm on **August 24** at John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln. The **September Ultreya** is scheduled for 3:00pm on **September 28** at St. Joseph Parish Center, Beatrice. The **October Ultreya** is scheduled for 3:00pm on **October 26** at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Hebron.
- The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will begin a rotation among three (rather than two) locations – McCook, Imperial, and now North Platte. The **August Ultreya** will be **August 10** at **2:30pm MT** at St. Patrick Parish Hall in Crete. The **September Ultreya** will be **September 14** at 3:30pm CT at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall in North Platte. The **October Ultreya** will be **October 12** at 3:30pm CT at St. Patrick Church Basement in McCook.
- The **Doniphan-Hastings-Holdrege-Minden Ultreya Center** will hold its next quarterly Ultreya on **August 17** at Hastings St. Cecilia Centennial Hall (next to Church at 7th and Kansas Streets) beginning at 2:30pm. For more information about future Ultreyas, please contact Patricia Pettz (308) 830-2493, or Mary Ann Connelly (308) 381-8926.
- The **Vietnamese-language Group** holds its Ultreyas on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:30pm at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lincoln.**

Not Currently Having Ultreyas

*Please participate in a neighboring Ultreya
For more information, contact John Springer (402) 826-2699, Lay Director*

- **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**
- **Weston-David City-Shelby-Wahoo**

2. Precursillo and Three Days

From the **Fourth Day Retreat (July 12, 2014, in Hebron)**, we learned in one of the talks that conversion is ongoing and continuous. We are always called to grow and we are always called to invite others to grow. Eduardo talked about looking for the “far away” and bringing them closer to Christ and sharing with them the best news that God in Jesus Christ loves them. That is what we are called to as followers of Jesus Christ and as cursillistas. So, in your daily lives seek to draw others closer to Jesus.

In the talk referred to above (entitled “Evangelization Through Conversion”), Juan Ruiz, the Spanish Language Coordinator, essentially reported Eduardo’s thoughts (taken from a talk Eduardo gave in 1992). Much of what follows are direct quotes (or slight paraphrases) from Eduardo (via Juan).

[beginning of excerpts] Eduardo started out with the definition of two words: "Evangelization" and "Conversion". According to the dictionary, "Evangelization" means "to preach the gospel, to convert to Christianity". And "Conversion" means, "a change in which one adopts a new religion". Therefore, I (Eduardo) will attempt to talk about preaching the Good News, through the conversion of a person that has adopted a new way to see his Christianity.

Now, when we relate this preaching and conversion to the methodology of the Foundational Charism (of Cursillo), we need to add our "environments". Thus, the complete definition would be "preaching the Good News to initiate a conversion to Christianity in our 'environments'". And in order to fully understand this relationship, we need to understand what is meant by "Environment" in Cursillo terminology. In Cursillos in Christianity, "environment" means the square meter that surrounds us the 24 hours of each day of our entire life. That is to say, any place during those 24 hours of each day, wherever we have an inter-relationship with anybody; anywhere we are.

It is common sense, that when a person accepts and adopts that change of Mentality about his Christianity, as the dictionary states, he becomes "The Good News". When he BECOMES "The Good News", he automatically evangelizes any environment with which he comes in contact. Who we are, how we live and act every day of our life, is the basis for this type of evangelization.

Pope John Paul II said at III World Ultreya in Rome, on July 29, 2000: "Evangelize the environments of the third Christian millennium: this is the challenge to Cursillos in Christianity".

So, when we speak of "EVANGELIZATION", in the context of the Cursillo, we do not only mean "preaching" or "spreading" the Good News, but rather, "Becoming the Good News"; as Eduardo would say, "to succeed in making the person BECOME the GOOD NEWS ... that joyful Good News that Christ is alive in and among His people today, just as He was 2000 years ago".

This was the vision and mission of Cursillo from the very beginning. To find the best possible method to bring about the conversion of a person — of moving a person from where they are, to where they could be; from human to fully human; from alive to fully alive in recognition, acknowledgement and acceptance of their true identity and dignity as children of God.

Cursillo has always strived to create this channel to Conversion. Eduardo said that, at the very beginning, they were convinced that the average man was very much aware of, and living fairly close to the Gospel values, but at the same time, were and considered themselves to be far removed from Christ and any personal identification with Him. And it was from this, that their original conviction was born, the need to find a way to help each person identify, in a personal way, the Christ of the Gospel and the Gospel of Christ. This would then be the key, to allowing and motivating each person to attain their fullest potential.

With this mentality, they began to create the brief, yet intense method that could succeed in accomplishing this goal, or, at least, initiate the process. Because Conversion is not an EVENT that suddenly happens, but rather a PROCESS, that unfolds little by little through a series of stages that comprise a SEARCHING, a MEETING and then a series of steps through which that "meeting" makes itself concrete, resulting in an everlasting and ever deepening PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP that in Cursillo we call PIETY, as it relates to our relationship with God, and FRIENDSHIP, as it relates to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Cursillo, we believe that the key to making this joyful Good News accessible to the average person, is to make them aware that their search for happiness, friendship and love, can be attained in the three essential encounters; with One's SELF, with CHRIST, and with

OTHERS. Making them aware that CONVERTING ONESELF, is simply to discover the true meaning of life, and our role in it, as children of God. And of course this does not mean, becoming a "different" person, but rather, a "PLAN" to become a fully alive person!!!

The method of "Cursillos in Christianity" was created on the basis of this simple conviction and 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 help the person who is "searching" for that "something" that they identify as happiness or fulfillment, which we know is really "Somebody"-- Jesus Christ. We expand and accelerate their search and direct it towards those three essential encounters (Self, Christ and others). And by doing this, we make their previous unrest become the very motivating force for their new found enthusiasm, for a sincere and hopeful conversion.

During the **CURSILLO** Three Day weekend, the methodology of the Foundational Charism attempts to crystallize this unrest, searching through the three essential encounters of the person with his/her own self; with Christ, and with others, and with the Grace of God, it can be achieved.

However, just because someone has lived a Cursillo Weekend doesn't mean that the person is now a "Christian" and the job is done. All we can say is that the person has INITIATED the conversion process. When this is done correctly and simply, according to the authentic method, the Three Days instills a hunger and identifies the METHOD a person can use to feed this ever-growing hunger. It is a conversion process with Christ, with oneself, and with others that is founded on, and sustained, in friendship throughout one's life, throughout the Fourth Day, which we call **POSTCURSILLO**.

So, while a person may convert oneself to Christ ON the weekend, we know very well that it is during our Fourth Day journey that we come to PERFECT this Conversion and have a chance to BECOME Christian, to become like Christ, in theological terms.

Many years ago, our dear theologian, Father Juan Capo, explained this 'Metanoia' this way; "it is like turning a sock inside out. And the truth is, that it's still the same sock with the same color, smell, and the same holes." We are still the same sock, but with a different mentality, which brings a new meaning to our life.

All of the **POSTCURSILLO** is built around this simple truth, by taking into consideration the unique and personal identity of the individual and recognizing that it is necessary and the right thing to do, that the individual (like the sock) remains essentially himself.

This way, with God's grace, the Cursillo is one of the few ways that makes possible the conversion of the distant ones to Christ, while allowing them to remain who they are and where they are. Often, when we are in the dark, especially the dark of our own shadow, all that is required is for us to re-orient ourselves ... not to travel, but to turn and suddenly see that the light is abundant.

Eduardo always said that POSTCURSILLO was and still is, the ESSENTIAL STAGE OF THE CONVERSION PROCESS. It is for this reason, that the Postcursillo is designed to facilitate the nurturing of those three essential encounters with Christ that took place during the Cursillo, so that they grow and develop into true FRIENDSHIP — friendship of the individual with oneself, with Christ and with our other brothers and sisters.

In the Cursillo Method, the key to this process of friendship building is the last encounter — friendship with the others. And more specifically, the friendship with those who are

INTIMATELY involved in our conversion process – those in our Permanent Group Reunion and ULTREYA. [end of excerpts]

We are in our Postcursillo, but there are many who are in their Precursillo ... we should seek to identify those who want to know Christ, or know Him better. In fact, the work of Precursillo is never done ... we should always be working on friendships with those around us (and sometimes those we have yet to encounter), in order that we might help those we come in contact with on a daily basis to become friends of Christ. A big part of Precursillo work (and that work isn't just about inviting someone to a Cursillo Weekend) can be very slow and time-consuming (it can literally take years) ... but if you don't begin, then will that person ever come to know Christ as a Friend? We should especially be alert for the "far away" (those who don't know God well or don't know Him at all).

There is a lot to do in the Precursillo (making a friend, being a friend, and bringing your friend to Christ). 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). Your mind/heart/will should be set "to the highest level" to persevere in winning this person for Christ. May we ALL accept our Baptismal commitment to live the Gospel and do our part in building up the Body of Christ!! Living Cursillo is a great way to do just that ... when an opportunity presents itself, rely on your growth in Piety and Study to help you be apostolic (Action). After all, you and Christ are an overwhelming majority!!

Upcoming Three Day Weekends are scheduled to be held at St. Mary Parish in Sutton on the following dates:

- Men's February 26-March 1, 2015
- Women's March 12-15, 2015

3. **Postcursillo**

◆ **Report on 24th National Encounter**

The 24th National Cursillo Encounter (2014) was held July 31-August 3, at Chapman University, in Orange, CA. There were approximately 700 cursillistas from dioceses around the country and six language groups represented. Presentations included the following:

- Keynote Address: "*Cursillo and the New Evangelization*" – The Most Reverend Eusebio Elizondo (National Episcopal Advisor)
- "*History of Cursillo*" – Miguel Sureda (close friend of Eduardo Bonnín from Mallorca, Spain)
- "*Evangelization through Friendship*" – Jackie DeMesme-Gray (Region 2 Coordinator)
- "*The Joy of the Gospel*" – Fr. Alex Waraksa (National Spiritual Advisor)
- "*Servant Leaders' Call and Responsibility*" – Omar Baez (Region 7 Coordinator)
- "*Growing in Holiness through the Cursillo*" – Deacon Ben Agustin (Region 11 Spiritual Advisor)
- "*Stewardship in the Cursillo Movement*" – Hoang Tran (National Cursillo Service Administrator)

In his closing remarks, Hoang Tran again reminded all cursillistas of the \$3/year donation campaign (see the yellow "**Annual \$3 Campaign**" flyer included in this Newsletter). The donation can be a one-time donation or a recurring donation. He commented:

We have more than 1 million Cursillistas in the U.S. If only 10% participate in this campaign, the \$3 will add up quickly ... [when we add them all together with LOVE], we will have a huge number! Then we can do a lot of good things for our beloved Movement.

It's not about how much you donate, but HOW you donate, and how you wrap your donation with LOVE!

With your \$3/year donation:

- *The National Cursillo Center (NCC) will achieve its financial and operational stability.*
- *The NCC will have the budget to revive dormant diocesan movements and help establish Cursillo in areas where it is needed.*
- *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 annual 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 provide a credit of 25% of your donation toward your Lay Director's ticket to the National Encounter.*

Hoang commented that, *Somebody asked me, 'How long is your campaign? 6 months? 1 year?' My answer is ... only 1 day ... but it's your Fourth day!!* If you are able, please consider making a donation to help the work of Cursillo be more effective in the U.S.

◆ **Region VI Fall Encounter (September 26-28, 2014)**

The **Region VI Fall Encounter** will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS on **Sept. 26-28, 2014**. A registration form is included in this Newsletter.

4. **School of Leaders (SOL)**

◆ **Report on LINCOLN DIOCESE Fourth Day Retreat (July 12)**

At the July SOL (which was the Fourth Day Retreat) on **July 12, 2014**, at **Sacred Heart Parish in Hebron**, there were two spiritual talks (reflecting on obedience and listening to the Heart of Christ) and five lay talks: (1) Mentality; (2) Essence and Purpose; (3) Living and Sharing What is Fundamental to Being Christian, (4) Evangelization Through Conversion, and (5) Operational Structures of Cursillo (i.e., how Cursillo is intended to work). There was much laughter and good food, and the entire group left with a better understanding of how Cursillo can draw us to conversion (see the above article) and help evangelize the world, one environment at a time.

- ◆ The **next SOL** (English and Vietnamese) will be held on **October 18, 2014**, at **St. Ann Parish in Doniphan**. Note that this date is different from the usual 2nd Saturday of the month (there were scheduling conflicts). The Technique Talks will begin coming from Fr. Frank Salmani's book, "Whom Shall I Send?" (see excerpt from the "Prologue" of the book below), and the Doctrinal Talks will continue to come from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel".

[Excerpt from Prologue] "Any community of people will need a retreat for themselves at one time or another. That is the purpose of this book. In this book are the fruits of our discernment process. This book addresses two basic questions: First, What does God want from me right now? And second, Is God calling me to be a Cursillo leader or some other work? Every Christian needs to know what God's will is for him or her. This book is a process to help discern the Lord's call. The book does not attempt to tell anyone where they should be or what they should be doing. That is up to the individual. What the book does tell us is what God expects of anyone who commits themselves to Him in any way. The specific nature of the call is up to each individual to discern."

From the Lay Director

In a recent meditation, I came across the parable of the sower (Matthew 13) where the sower sows the seed (the "word of the kingdom") on the path (hear, but don't understand), on rocky ground (no roots, no perseverance), among thorns (the world chokes out the word), and in rich soil (now we're talking). Thinking of my spiritual growth over the years, I have been in each of these places, and still vacillate among them. One thing Cursillo has taught me and has made me desire is to be the rich soil where the "word of the kingdom" can take root. I want to hear the word, understand it, nurture it, and go forth bearing much fruit.

Soil seldom becomes rich on its own. We have a garden in our back yard, and the soil is heavy clay. Clay is hard to work with and not very good for gardening, so you have to add compost, organic matter, even course sand to make it rich and fertile. We are like soil, and to be rich and fertile, we must work our spiritual life. Cursillo gives us so much; on Cursillo Weekends, I hear myself telling the candidates that if they just leave the Weekend and do nothing with what they have been given, then just as a boat will go backwards with the current if you stop rowing, so will they go backward in their spiritual lives. In a stream, you are either going with the current or against it, and to stop rowing is to immediately begin going backwards. It is sad to encounter someone who was so alive and on fire ... so determined ... but because they did not work their soil, they are pretty much back to where they started. This may be a good place, but think of how much better it could have been! And throw in the community (and accountability) we have with Group Reunion and Ultreya, plus the other functions we get together for, the soil just keeps getting richer. Let's not lose what we have, don't stop rowing.

Please pray and offer Palanca for the work of Cursillo in our Diocese, that it might be alive/fruitful and vibrant. Are you being called to help? Don't think (like we all do at times) that someone else will do it – what if no one does? Keep grouping, and if you're not in a group, find someone. Call me. Please go to your Ultreya ... someone there needs to see you, and you will find that you need them, too. Take note of when the School of Leaders is and try to come – you will be glad you did. Cursillo needs all of us ... Cursillo needs you. May God bless you!

De Colores!! John Springer

From the Spiritual Advisor

Many people are in transition from living according to a "summer schedule" to getting back into the routine of their regular schedule during the "school year". For some, this time of transition is easier than others. Some like the "summer schedule" and some like the regular "school year" schedule. What is important is that there is a schedule, and that our schedule intentionally includes Piety, Study, and Action as priorities.

Perhaps, this time of transition would be a good time for each of us to make some adjustments to our daily schedule and perhaps increase the time that we give to the Lord each day. These are ways that we encounter the Lord and we also encounter others. Matthew Kelly talks about the importance of having a routine in our daily life. As cursillistas, when we meet for our regular weekly Group Reunion, we share our Piety, Study, and Action with the members of our group and we encourage each other to continue to deepen our commitment to the Lord ... we need to continue to grow more in love with God each day as we spend time with Him in prayer ... we need to better know God each day (study) ... and we need to better follow His example each day (apostolic action). We need to always remember that "Christ is counting on us."

Christ is counting on us to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world in which we live. The world is filled with voices that are very contrary to the Gospel and to the message of Christ and His Church. Our task is to "salt" the world (or preserve the faith) and to "flavor" our lives and the lives of those around us with the Gospel message. We are also to "leaven the world", which means to stir up and encourage those who are trying to be good, and to assist them in growing in their faith, so that together we may Christianize the world.

On the Fourth Day Retreat, there were many occasions of encouragement to better live the Gospel by using what we were given in Cursillo. Two of them that I would like to share are: (1) Mother Teresa's statement that: "frequently we preach a Gospel we don't live and that is why the world doesn't follow us", and (2) Animals in a forced confinement (such as a zoo) have lost the sense of how to live in the jungle ... they have lost their essence. What the Cursillo Movement seeks to help the environment in which God has already placed you ... its purpose is not to cage anyone, anywhere, but rather to baptize the jungle.

In reflecting on those quotes, it is important to remember that each of us is free, even though there are forces currently at work in our country trying to take away our freedom, our liberty, and our conscience rights. With our freedom, which comes from God, we must live the Gospel of Jesus Christ so well that others will see that our lives match what we say, and they will want to be like us, which really means that they want to be more like Christ. We are not to limit the living of the Gospel just to what we do inside the Church walls, or on a Three Day Cursillo Weekend, or in our Group Reunions and Ultreyas. Instead we are to live in the "jungle" that is the world (not a cage), and we are to change that jungle, with God's grace, into a redeemed garden, by encouraging our brothers and sisters to better live lives of Piety, Study, and Action within our daily routine. Our weekly Group Reunions and Ultreyas (and SOL and retreats) help us to be better jungle inhabitants ... better jungle neighbors and friends.

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker

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Upcoming Ultreyas

Beatrice-Hebron-Crete-Lincoln:

Location alternates (3:00pm; usually 4th Sunday of month)

- **August Ultreya (Aug. 24)** – John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln
- **September Ultreya (Sept 28)** – St. Joseph Parish Center, Beatrice
- **October Ultreya (Oct 26)** – Sacred Heart parish Hall, Hebron
- **November Ultreya (November 23)** – Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Crete

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

Southwestern Nebraska (McCook-Imperial-North Platte):

Location alternates (usually 2nd Sunday of month)

- **September Ultreya (September 14)** – 3:30pm CT – Parish Hall North Platte
- **October Ultreya (October 12)** – 3:30pm CT – Church Basement, McCook
- **November Ultreya (November 9)** – 2:30pm MT – Parish Hall, Imperial

Contacts: Helen Bieker (308) 345-4870, or Bill / Elaine Swanson (308) 962-7247

Doniphan-Hastings-Holdrege-Minden:

Location varies, usually 2:30pm

- **August 17 Ultreya** – Hastings St. Cecilia Centennial Hall (next to Church at 7th and Kansas Streets)

Contacts: Patricia Pettz (308) 830-2493, or Mary Ann Connelly (308) 381-8926

Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lincoln at 3:30pm

- **4th Sunday of each month**

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

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- **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**
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Region VI WebPage:<http://www.cursillo.org/region6>

National WebPage: www.natl-cursillo.org

CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

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School of Leaders

October 18, 2014

*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)
- 9:30am -- Group Reunion, Session #1, Lunch (**bring a sack lunch**), Session #2, Visit to Blessed Sacrament, Depart.
- 2:00pm --- Clean up and departure (*estimated time* ... may be slightly earlier ... may be slightly later ...).

Topics of Talks

- The Technique Talks will come from the book **Whom Shall I Send? (Discerning the Will of God)** by Fr. Frank Salmani (the books will be available for purchase at SOL for \$8.00). Each chapter presents a stand-alone discussion of a particular topic related to discernment. The following is an excerpt from the Prologue of the book: “*Any community of people will need a retreat for themselves at one time or another. That is the purpose of this book. In this book are the fruits of our discernment process [used by the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Providence, RI]. This book addresses two basic questions: First, What does God want from me right now? And second, Is God calling me to be a Cursillo leader or some other work? Every Christian needs to know what God’s will is for him or her. This book is a process to help discern the Lord’s call. The book does not attempt to tell anyone where they should be or what they should be doing. That is up to the individual. What the book does tell us is what God expects of anyone who commits themselves to Him in any way. The specific nature of the call is up to each individual to discern.*”
- The Doctrinal Talks will be from Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation “**Evangelii Gaudium**” (“**The Joy of the Gospel ... On the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today’s World**”).

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

- ◆ **Leaders’ Manual**, if you have one (available for purchase at SOL)
- ◆ A sack lunch
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help fund the work of Cursillo.*



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Annual \$3 Campaign Credit Card Recurring Payment Authorization Form

On your initial donation form you indicated that you want to contribute to the \$3.00 Campaign on a recurring basis. Please complete the form below and mail to the National Cursillo Center, P.O. Box 799, Jarrell, TX 76537 so that we can set up your recurring donation account.

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You authorize regularly scheduled charges to your Visa or MasterCard credit card. You will be charged each month for the total amount you specify. An electronic receipt will be sent to you and your donation amount will appear on your credit card statement. The National Cursillo Movement is a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity therefore; your contribution is tax deductible.

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I, _____ authorize The National Cursillo Center to charge my credit card indicated below on the _____ of every month, every six months or every year for the donation amount of _____ towards the Annual \$3.00 Campaign.

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Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

By my signature, I authorize the National Cursillo Center to charge the credit card indicated in this authorization form according to the terms outlined above. If the above noted donation dates fall on a weekend or holiday, I understand that the donation may be executed on the next business day. I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I cancel it in writing. I also agree to notify the National Cursillo Center in writing of any changes in my account information or termination of this authorization at least 15 days prior to the next donation date. This donation authorization is for the type of donation indicated above. I certify that I am the authorized user of this credit card and that I will not dispute the scheduled donations with my credit card company provided the transactions correspond to the terms indicated in this authorization form.

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CURSILLO- REGIONAL ENCOUNTER- Kansas City, KS
September 26-28, 2014

Savior of the World
12601 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66109

Local Contact Number Gail Shepard 816-678-8191 or email cursillokcks@gmail.com

Please plan on attending the Fall REGIONAL ENCOUNTER for Cursillistas. Make your reservations by mailing the bottom part of this form to Larry Deters, 1901 SW Stone Ave, Topeka, KS 66604. The cost is \$85.00 for reservations received up until September 14, 2014 (includes 2 overnight stays, meals and all materials), and \$95.00 after that date. Checks should be made payable to Region VI Cursillo. Please make reservations so that we can prepare proper amount of food.

The following is a list of area motels:

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| (1) Best Western KC Speedway Inn & Suites in Kansas City
10401 France Family Dr
Kansas City, KS 66111
866-797-2018 | (2) Hampton Inn
1400 Village West Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66111
913-328-1400 |
| (3) Super 8 Bonner Springs in Bonner Springs, KS 1-800-997-5148 (3.5 miles from Our Savior of the World)
(913) 721-3877
13041 Ridge Drive, Bonner Springs, KS 66012 | |

You will need to bring your personal items with you, such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. All bedding and towels will be furnished. Each room has two twin beds. We have room for 100 people.

Please plan on arriving between 5:00-7:00PM on Friday, or if you are arriving at another time, please let us know below what time to expect you. If you are running late or need help finding the facility, please feel free to call. This will also be your emergency number for friends and family to contact you in case of an emergency. Your registration fee includes: (1) Friday evening -- a snack (fruit and cookies only); (2) Saturday -- breakfast, lunch and dinner (with late evening snack provided); and (3) Sunday -- breakfast. A bag lunch will be prepared for those travelling and planning to leave Saturday night or Sunday morning after Mass.

Juan Ruiz, National Spanish Language Coordinator, will be with us for this Encounter.

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Please include registration fee for each participant. Again please register by September 14 to save \$10.00 and so we can buy the proper amount of food.

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ EMAIL: _____

Sleeping at facility? Yes _____ No _____ (Daytime fee- \$35/person, includes meals and materials)

Box Lunch for Sunday? Yes _____ No _____

Special Accommodation
needed: _____

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