

# CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

July – September

October- December

2016

## Calendar of Events



- September 10, 2016      **Secretariat Meeting**, via conference call, 9:30am.
- Sept. 23-25, 2016      **Fall 2016 Region VI Encounter** – St. Paul/Minneapolis to host. The registration information is available at [www.natl-cursillo.org/region6/encounters.htm](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/region6/encounters.htm) or contact John Springer - 402-826-2699; [jejspringer@windstream.net](mailto:jejspringer@windstream.net)) or check the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage ([www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html](http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html)) or the Region VI webpage ([www.natl-cursillo.org/region6](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/region6)).
- October 15, 2016      **4th Day Retreat**, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, North Platte. Starts with Mass at 8:30am and ends no later than 4:30pm. *See Registration Form on back of cover.*
- November 3-6, 2016      **Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC)**, Capuchin Spiritual Life Center, Victoria, Kansas. CDC was developed by Eduardo Bonnin to give Cursillistas a deeper understanding of the Cursillo Movement. Registration deadline is **October 6** -- See white insert.
- November 12, 2016      **Secretariat Meeting**, St. Joseph Church Basement, York – 9:30am (9:00am Mass).
- March 16-19, 2017      **Men's Three Day Cursillo Weekend** – St. Patrick School, McCook.  
**Closing** for the Men's Weekend will be 5:00pm March 19, 2017.
- March 23-26, 2017      **Women's Three Day Cursillo Weekend** – St. Patrick School, McCook.  
**Closing** for the Women's Weekend will be 5:00pm March 26, 2017.
- April 28-30, 2017      **Spring 2017 Region VI Encounter** (dates may change pending vote at Sept. Region VI Encounter) – Dodge City, KS to host. Details will be available in early 2017.

### Palanca Calendar

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



### Upcoming Three Day Weekends

Notice above that the next set of Three Day Weekends are scheduled to be held at St. Patrick School in McCook – **March 16-19, 2017**, for Men and **March 23-26, 2017**, for Women. Please try to get applications in early so that the candidate has time to prepare, as do we. Then as you continue to work with your friend/candidate, find ways to continue reminding about the upcoming opportunity to grow in faith. Be excited and joy-filled and enthusiastic ... if you aren't, why should they be? As we go about the day-to-day work of the Precursillo, we are always aware that a big part of the work can be very slow and time-consuming (it can quite literally take years) ... but if you don't ever begin, quite literally, it won't come to fruition. Registration forms are available at the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage [<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>].

## **From the Lay Director**

Four cursillistas from the Lincoln Diocese participated in the 2016 National Cursillo Encounter at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois (August 4-7, 2016). There were 84 cursillistas from our region (Region VI), representing dioceses from Nebraska, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, and North and South Dakota. Over 700 cursillistas were at the Encounter – quite an event!

The focus of this Encounter was “Kerygma and Cursillo”, with talks on “Kerygma and Precursillo”, “Kerygma and the 3-Day Cursillo”, and “Kerygma and Postcursillo”. Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., our National Episcopal Advisor, gave the keynote address, explaining what kerygma is (“an appealing proclamation directly aimed at conversion”) and Cursillo’s joyful message of the Good News that God in Jesus Christ loves us! The other talks wove the proclamation through each phase of the Cursillo, ending with our living the 4th Day as we continue to grow as Christians through Piety, Study, and Action. We are called to proclaim the Gospel through personal contact and friendship; we love others because God first loved us. Our goal is not only to get to Heaven, but to bring along as many as we can, spreading the message to all those God puts in our path ... in our environments.

Our annual Fourth Day Retreat will be Saturday, October 15, 2016 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in North Platte. It will start with 8:30am Mass and end no later than 4:30pm (there will be dinner after the Parish’s 5:00pm Mass for those who choose to stay). Please try to come ... you will be glad you did!! Carpool – it is a great way to spend time with other cursillistas, catching up and sharing. If you cannot be there for the whole day, come for whatever time you can. The registration form is in this newsletter. If you are unable to attend, please pray and offer Palanca for the retreat.

May you be blessed for your prayers and Palanca for Cursillo. Remember, Group Reunion and Ultreya provide the “Total Security” Cursillo offers to each cursillista for persevering in your 4th Day. For the work of Cursillo to continue, Cursillo needs **you**. May God bless you!

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

## **From the Spiritual Advisor**

In a recent pilgrimage to Poland, I visited the Church of the Mother of God, the Queen of Poland – the Lord’s Ark in Nowa-Huta. The town of Nowa-Huta was built by the Communists after World War II as a town without a Church. The Polish people in the town wanted a Church and erected a cross where they wanted a Church to be built. Finally in 1967, permission was given to build a Church. It took 10 years to build. The Church is built in the shape of an Ark. The exterior of the Church is made with rocks the size of what we would call “river rocks”. These rocks were gathered by the Polish parishioners and brought to the building site, and then they were used in the construction of the exterior of the Church.

The building of this Church shows the deep faith of the Polish people. Even when they were told there would be no Church in town, they wanted one, so they gave of their time to gather the rocks and worked to build a Church. That is a faith that is lived! We would do well to imitate that faith in our own lives and in our own country.

As cursillistas, we are called to Christianize our environments and to make a friend, be a friend, and bring our friend to Christ. Even when the world and the culture around us are not favorable to the faith, we are called to live our faith and to use our time, talent, and treasure to build up the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. One way to encourage others is to continue (or begin again) to meet in a Friendship Group Reunion and also go to Ultreya. Another option is to participate in the Fourth Day Retreat on October 15, 2016, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in North Platte, and/or the Cursillo de Cursillos in Victoria, KS (Salina Diocese) on November 3-6, 2016. All of these are ways to deepen your understanding of the Cursillo Movement, that you might better live your life for Christ.

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

## Upcoming Ultreyas

### Beatrice-Hebron-Crete-Lincoln:

Location alternates (**3:00pm**; usually 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month)

- September Ultreya (Sept. 25) – Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Crete
- October Ultreya (Oct. 23) – John XXIII Diocesan Center Conference Room, Lincoln
- Combined November/December Ultreya (Dec. 4) – St. Joseph Parish Hall, Beatrice

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

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

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

- No October Ultreya – Come to the **Fourth Day Retreat (Oct. 15)** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, North Platte
- November Ultreya (Nov. 13) - 2:30pm MT – St. Patrick Parish Hall, Imperial
- December Ultreya (Dec. 11) - 3:30pm – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, North Platte

Contacts: Helen Bieker (308) 340-0268

### Doniphan-Hastings-Holdrege-Minden:

Location varies, **2:00pm** (*note the earlier time*)

- October 16 Ultreya – St. Cecilia Centennial Hall, Hastings (301 W 7th St)

For information about future Ultreyas, contact: Mary Ann Connelly (308) 381-8926

### Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lincoln

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

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

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

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

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

### Secretariat Mail

Lay Director – John Springer; 1410 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St.; Crete, NE 68333 (jejspringer@windstream.net)

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

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

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

### Secretariat Members

Lay Director .....	John Springer (402) 826-2699
Precursillo .....	
Three Day Weekend .....	
Postcursillo .....	
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Secretary / Treasurer .....	Kathy Springer (402) 826-2699
Spiritual Advisor.....	Fr. Mark Seiker (308) 534-5461

**CURSILLO NEWSLETTER**  
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**4TH DAY RETREAT!**  
**October 15, 2016**  
**Details inside**

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Oct. – Dec. 2016



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

# Fourth Day Retreat

## Registration Form

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

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

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

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

Are there any physical/medical/dietary conditions we need to plan for (meals, etc.)? If so, explain below.

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**\*\*Do you plan on spending Friday night (October 14) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (circle one)?**    Yes    No

The suggested donation **\$20.00 per person** (see note below) to cover costs associated with the retreat (e.g., meals, a donation for facility usage, supplies, etc.). Please make check payable to "Cursillo of Lincoln" and **mail it in with this form.**

Please return the top part of this form with payment by **Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016** (this allows us to plan for food) to: **John Springer, 1410 E 15th St., Crete, NE 68333** (NOTE: If you forget to mail the form/payment, call/email John Springer).

***NOTE: don't let the registration fee keep you from coming ... those who cannot afford the requested fee should attend and contribute what they are able (and there may be those who cannot contribute anything). Some may be able to give more than others and some less. You may be blessed with the ability to give more than the \$20.00 requested donation ... your donation may make it possible for someone less fortunate than you to attend.***

----- Cut here and return the top part with payment -----

The retreat officially begins on **Saturday morning (October 15)** with Morning Prayer/Mass at 8:30am, so you should plan to arrive in time to settle in prior to that (the facility will open by 7:00am). The facility will also be open on **Friday evening (October 14)** beginning at 7:00pm for those who want to gather for fellowship and/or have a distance to travel and would like to spend the night (Cursillo-style sleeping accommodations). If you plan on spending Friday night at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, we **MUST** know (for sleeping arrangements). The retreat will **conclude** no later than 4:30pm on Saturday; the parish has an anticipatory Mass at 5:00pm. The retreat will include Saturday morning Mass, mediation and prayer, and talks by laypersons and priests. The retreat is intended to build up our spiritual lives by helping us reflect on how God calls us to accept our part in building His Kingdom right where we are ... He asks something of each of us ... what is it He is calling you to? Maybe this retreat will help you better know what our Lord is asking of you.

**Saturday** includes breakfast, lunch, and supper (after Mass). The suggested donation is **\$20.00 per person** to cover costs associated with the retreat (e.g., meals, a donation for facility usage, supplies, etc.); however, if finances are tight, give what you are able. Please make check payable to "Cursillo of Lincoln" and **mail it in with this form.** We need to know if you are coming so we can plan for food.

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

- Pilgrim's Guide (we will bring extras if you need one)
  - Other spiritual aids (rosary, etc.)
- ✓ If you come Friday evening to spend the night, the accommodations will be "classic" Cursillo style (mats, dorm-type sleeping, etc.; NO showers). Don't forget – **WE NEED TO KNOW** if you are going to spend the night Friday.
- ✓ Please bring a snack or dessert to share, if you like.
- ✓ If you cannot be with us, we request Palanca for the success of the Fourth Day Retreat

If you have any questions, email or call John Springer (jejspringer@windstream.net; 402-826-2699 or 402-580-1367).

**Cursillo de Cursillos** (Beyond Cursillos) was developed by Eduardo Bonnin to give Cursillistas a deeper understanding of the foundational charism; the mentality, essence, methodology and purpose of the movement.

**This inspiring, three-day, workshop** has a more relaxed atmosphere than a 3-Day Cursillo Weekend and includes time for questions, sharing and meditation.

**It runs Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon.** A team from Regional/National presents living, personal experiences during rollos and meditations based on the Cursillo book entitled *Structure of Ideas* to help encourage on-going conversion through encounters with God, oneself, and others.

**CDC participants find ways to support each other** for an effective movement in the diocese and topics include these learning:

- Helping new Cursillistas form and maintain Friendship Groups
- Conducting School of Leaders meetings
- Organizing joyful Ultreyas
- Productive Secretariat Meetings
- Making personal contacts in the 3-Day
- Implementing authentic Pre-Cursillo and Post-Cursillo

- Building a friendly relationship with Spiritual Advisors

**There will also be a dedicated Spiritual Advisor's workshop**

For more information, see the article listed on the National Cursillo Center site School of Leaders page titled **Cursillo de Cursillos – What is it?** <http://www.natlhttp://www.natl-cursillo.org/leaders/cursillo.org/leaders/>

**For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."**

**Matthew 18:20**

**What does the CDC cost?** – There are two different registration options.

1. **Day Participants** -- \$100 total fee per person for day participants that **do not need overnight accommodations**. This includes all meals, materials and fees for meeting space.
2. **Overnight Participants** -- \$200 total fee per person for participants that will spend the night at the retreat house. This fee includes all meals, materials and fees for meeting space.

Limited number of rooms and beds. Most bedrooms are shared with common bathrooms on each floor. Priority for overnight accommodations will be given to participants outside the local area. Bedding is provided. **Bring your own towels and toiletries. No maid service is provided.**

**Cursillo De Cursillos**  
for the English Speaking  
Cursillo Community

**Hosted in Region VI:**

**Diocese of Salina  
November 3-6, 2016  
Capuchin Spiritual Life Center,  
Victoria, Kansas**

**CURSILLO DE CURSILLOS (CDC)**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**November 3-6, 2016**

Location: Capuchin Spiritual Life Center

Victoria, Kansas

**Advance  
Registration is  
Required**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Age group (Circle one): Under 25 26-35 36-50 over 50

Gender (check one): Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse attending? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Type of Registration Per person: Day only (\$100 ) \_\_\_\_\_ Overnight (\$200) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rooms are assigned based on actual registration form receipt date.)

Do you need any special accommodations? (dietary/handicap/walking/stairs/etc?)

\_\_\_\_\_

Date you lived your Cursillo and where:

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you regularly attend School of Leaders? No: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a member of a Secretariat? No: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

(If "Yes", Position: \_\_\_\_\_ )

Are you currently involved in music ministry? No: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be part of the Liturgical Team for the CDC? No: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment required by October 6, 2016**

Make checks payable to: Cursillo of Salina Diocese

Remit registration with checks to:

Christina Dimattia

2721 Valley Drive

Junction City, KS 66441

*The Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Salina in Kansas look forward to seeing you for this upcoming Cursillo de Cursillos. If we can help you with anything or answer any questions, please contact us at*

email: dimattiachristina@cox.net

Phone: 785-307-2643

(Christina Dimattia)