

CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

October 2020



Calendar of Events

The scheduling and assembling for Cursillo events will continue to be evaluated relative to restrictions prompted by COVID-19

- October 17, 2020 **Fourth Day Retreat ... 9:30am – 2:30pm. (via ZOOM)**
To participate, start your Zoom app, and enter the Meeting ID: 629-734-5912
- November 14, 2020 **Secretariat Meeting, via ZOOM - 9:30am Meeting**
- December 12, 2020 **SOL - 9:30am – 1:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (IHM), Lincoln (English and Vietnamese communities) Tentative ... watch Cursillo webpage in case this needs to be changed to ZOOM.**

“Virtual” Fourth Day Retreat (Saturday, October 17, 2020) is for those who have already lived a Three Day Weekend. The Retreat is intended to provide participants with a deeper understanding and a living experience of what is essential in Cursillo and in living our Catholic faith. A retreat is a time to reflect and and come to better know God’s will in your life!

Given that the goal of Cursillo is to communicate God’s love through friendship in that place where God has placed you at this exact moment, this retreat is one more opportunity to discover the possibilities that Cursillo offers each of us and the Church. To participate, start your Zoom app, and enter the Meeting ID: 629-734-5912.

The retreat will begin at 9:30am and should end at approximately 2:30pm. The retreat is a great opportunity for renewing old friendships and making new ones, while at the same time continuing to help us better understand the great gift that Cursillo is. In addition to a deeper knowledge of Cursillo, we learn from each other, and that helps to deepen the three essential encounters with self, Christ, and others that we discovered during the Cursillo Weekend. Christ is still counting on you!

Resources from the 2020 Virtual National Encounter (July 24-25, 2020)

To see presentations given at the 30th National Cursillo Encounter held Virtually July 24-25, 2020, go to <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/resource-center/2020-national-cursillo-encounter-sessions-2/>. There you will find videos, audio, and text files from the Virtual National Encounter.

Men’s & Women’s Three Day Weekends ... We will continue to monitor current restrictions for public gatherings and we will schedule Three Day Weekends as soon as possible / prudent.

Ongoing Palanca is requested for Cursillo on all levels ... Christ is counting on YOU!! Please offer PALANCA for all Cursillo activities. After all, Palanca is the backbone of the Cursillo Movement and essential for each spiritual success – on Weekends as well as in every Fourth Day.

A Week with Eduardo

The Foundation Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo (FEBA) recently hosted “A Week with Eduardo,” celebrated August 17-23, 2020. FEBA is working hard to translate, as well as transcribe, as many of Eduardo’s articles and videos as possible, taking care to keep his message, tone, and unique style as much intact as possible. What a blessing this is to the English-speaking Cursillo community!!

The week-long series of readings, pictures, and short clips of Eduardo sharing his thoughts ultimately led up to “An Afternoon with Eduardo Reflections Encounter” on Saturday, August 22. The event was scheduled in celebration of the 76th Anniversary of the first Cursillo Weekend held in Cala Figuera. The intent of the event was to share for the first time with the English-speaking Cursillo community the message of Eduardo’s mentality with all of its strength and authenticity.

Approximately 340 persons took part in the weeklong activities, representing 29 countries and every continent, including cursillistas from the Lincoln Diocese. Unfortunately, because of technical difficulties experienced the day of the Saturday Reflections Encounter, not all those who registered were able to participate; however, the materials that were distributed throughout the Week, as well as the recorded Afternoon event are available on the FEBA website (<https://feba-usa.org/a-week-with-eduardo-2020>); the link (<https://feba-usa.org/daily-reflections>) takes you to the daily information that was distributed during the week, and the link (<https://feba-usa.org/reflection-encounter>) takes you to the materials presented during the Saturday Reflections Encounter.

Rather than detail here all of the materials that were provided throughout the week and during the “Reflections Encounter,” we encourage you to explore the links provided so that you, too, might get to better know the thinking of Eduardo Bonnin. The wealth of insight provided then allows us to better live our own Cursillo in all its simplicity and strength each and every Fourth Day. There is a hunger in today’s world for the message that God in Christ loves us in the manner that Eduardo proclaimed with his whole life in humility and generosity ... a Christ Who is alive, normal, and near. Eduardo’s sincerity and authenticity is really summed up in the words of the plaque that you encounter as you entered his office in Mallorca -- **“In this modest house, be very well received, because it is always a holiday when a friend appears.”** May each of us welcome in such a warm way all those who Christ sends our way ... De Colores!! Kathy Springer, Crete



Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo
(picture copied from 100 Years Biography - Mentality)

From the Lay Director

De Colores!

Saturday, September 26

I hope this finds you well, not only physically, but mentally and spiritually as well. Due to isolation, social distancing, mask wearing and other steps taken to hold the line on the spread of the Coronavirus, the number of environments we've been able to find ourselves in has been significantly reduced this past six months. Try as I might to soldier through the impositions of the restrictions placed before and upon me, meaningful interaction with others and gaining those environments for Christ has been a challenge. How about you? Thank you Jesus for the gift of Cursillo and the opportunity for friendship grouping in the Fourth Day and for Ultreya! Granted much of the sharing has been via Zoom video, but facial expressions and voice inflection without the obliteration or muffling of one or both via the virtual encounter has been a source of joy for me. Of late, more of my friends have been willing to group in person using social distancing which has made me all the more grateful. The need for a louder voice to span the distance comes across as speaking boldly to a commitment to Piety, Study and Action.

In a few short days, Saturday, October 17, you and I will have the opportunity to gather together for a virtual Fourth Day Retreat. This will be a time for reforming as Cursillistas and sharing Christ's presence in our lives through presentation and assimilation of the ideas fundamental to winning an environment for Christ. I've grown a bit stale in my evangelization efforts because of the social separation and look forward to being invigorated by an assembly of likeminded children of God who are fundamentally committed to their relationship with Christ. Come and gather with us to gain courage and discern where more effort and focus is needed to accept the call to be sent out with simplicity.

– Greg Vandenberg

From the Spiritual Advisor

The reflection in the Word Among Us for Friday, September 25, has some interesting thoughts on the Old Testament passage from Ecclesiastes 3:1-11. It specifically reflects on verse 5: *“a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.”* Here is one paragraph from the reflection: *“What a challenging year we've had! The coronavirus has turned our lives upside down. What we used to take for granted – that schools and business would be open, that we could go wherever we want whenever we want to – we suddenly can't assume any more. Hugging, or shaking hands has been replaced with a simple nod of the head from a safe distance. It's been a time of social distancing from friends but drawing closer to the people with whom we are sheltering in place.”*

Even though we need to practice “social distancing”, we can still connect to other persons through the phone, the internet, and in person (from a social distance). It is very important for us to remember that we are social persons ... created that way by God. As cursillistas, it is good for us to remember that “Christ is counting on us!” He is counting on us to spend time with Him first, and then to make a friend, and be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ. That can still be done during this challenging time! Christ is always present to us. We are invited to give Him our time and our attention.

One way that we can give Christ our time, and spend time with other cursillistas ... in this present time ... is to say Yes to the invitation to participate in the upcoming Virtual Fourth Day Retreat on Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9:30am – 2:30pm. Participate through ZOOM and expand your knowledge of Cursillo and reconnect with other cursillistas or meet cursillistas you haven't yet met.

God is in charge of every situation and every time. Allow His Grace to assist you in choosing to continue to stay open to living your Fourth Day through your Piety, Study, and Action. Choose to reconnect to other cursillistas and deepen your knowledge of Cursillo.

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker

Upcoming Ultreyas
Subject to Cancellation or Postponement due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Beatrice-Hebron-Crete:

Location alternates (**2:00pm**; usually 2nd Sunday of month)

- **October Ultreya – (October 11, 2:00pm)** – in OLD Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Crete
- **November Ultreya – (November 8, 2:00pm)** – **Location TBD** (should be St. Joseph Parish Center, Beatrice, but depends on if the Hall is now open for outside use; otherwise, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Hebron); **watch for email/postcard announcement**
- **December Ultreya (December 13, 2:00pm)** – **Location TBD** (depends on where November Ultreya is held); **watch for email/postcard announcement**

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

Southwestern Nebraska (McCook-Imperial-North Platte):

Location alternates (usually 2nd Sunday of month)

- **October Ultreya – (October 18, 3:30pm)** – In-person (St. Patrick Parish Hall, McCook and Virtual via ZOOM)
To participate, start your Zoom app, and enter the Meeting ID: 629-734-5912
- **November Ultreya – (Nov. 8, 2:30pm MDT)** – In-person (St. Patrick Parish Hall, Imperial and Virtual via ZOOM)
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- **December Ultreya (Dec. 13, 3:30pm)** – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall, North Platte and Virtual via ZOOM)
To participate, start your Zoom app, and enter the Meeting ID: 629-734-5912

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Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lincoln

- **1st Sunday of each month after 9:00am Mass (about 10:15am)** *[please notice the change from 2nd Sunday to 1st Sunday]*

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

- Lincoln
- Doniphan-Hastings-Holdrege-Minden
- Plattsmouth-Nebraska City
- Weston-David City-Shelby-Wahoo

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