

Cursillo News for Nov. – Dec. 2008

Calendar of Events

Nov 21-22, 2008	School of Leaders , (quarterly reunion)-7:30pm Fri-3pm Sat, (IHM Parish, Lincoln)
Nov 22, 2008	Secretariat Meeting , (after SOL) Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (IHM), Lincoln
Dec 6, 2008	Secretariat Meeting , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (8:45am Mass)
Jan. 2-3, 2009	Practice Weekend , Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln
Jan 3, 2009	Secretariat Meeting , after Practice Weekend; IHM Parish, Lincoln
Jan 8-11, 2009	Men’s Three Day Weekend , Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln
Jan 15-18, 2009	Women’s Three Day Weekend , Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lincoln
Feb 8, 2009	Postcursillo Reunion , 3:00 pm (location will depend on where candidates are from)
Feb 27-28, 2009	School of Leaders , (quarterly reunion)-7:30pm Fri-3pm Sat, (St. Ann, Doniphan)
April 24-26, 2009	Region VI Spring Encounter – Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN Archdiocese to host
July 30 – Aug 2, 2009	National Encounter , California State University, San Bernardino, CA
August 1, 2009	OMCC IV World Ultreya , Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA

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From the Secretariat ...

• Ultreya Center News:

- ◆ The **Plattsmouth/Nebraska City Ultreya Center** will begin having its Ultreya on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the St. Joseph Room at Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth.
- ◆ The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... the November/December (combined) Ultreya will be held on Sunday, December 7, at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Crete. The January Ultreya will be held as usual on the fourth Sunday, **January 25**, at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln, and the February Ultreya will be **February 22** at St. Joseph Parish Center in Beatrice. All Ultreyas will be held at the regular 5:00 p.m. time.
- ◆ A **Vietnamese-language Ultreya** is held on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln (6345 Madison Ave).

- ◆ The **Wahoo Ultreya Center** has suspended its Ultreya for the time being. Cursillistas are invited to take part in Ultreya in any of the other Ultreya Centers.
- ◆ **Other Ultreya Centers** will meet as scheduled (see the cover of the Newsletter).
- ◆ **Reminder: Any Ultreya is open to any cursillista.** If your area is not holding regular Ultreyas, consider visiting one of the neighboring Ultreya Centers. Also consider inviting a non-cursillista to experience an Ultreya, as this is one way of helping show/explain what Cursillo is about.

• School of Leaders (SOL)

The fourth quarter SOL is scheduled for **November 21-22, 2008**, at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln, NE** (6345 Madison Ave). There will be three technique talks, reviewing each of the Sunday rollos: “Study of the Environment” (used to be “Study and Evangelization of Environments”); “Christianity in Action” (used to be “Developing Christian Community Within Our Environments”); and “Total Security” (used to be “Group Reunion and Ultreya”). Each presenter will describe/review the changes from the old manual to the new manual. The doctrinal talk will relate to the life and teachings of St. Paul, who is the Patron of Cursillo.

To assist in your planning for future activities, the first quarter 2009 SOL is scheduled for **February 27-28, 2009**, at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan, so mark your calendars now. We are trying to vary locations for SOL so that more cursillistas will be able to participate. Please join us as we continue to discover the richness and depth of Cursillo ... it’s a rewarding and joy-filled journey!! **All** cursillistas are invited to deepen their understanding of Cursillo.

• Precursillo/Three Day Weekend

Dates for the next Weekends are:

Jan. 8-11, 2009	Men’s	Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln [Coordinator: John Springer]
Jan. 15-18, 2009	Women’s	Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln [Coordinator: Monica Buster]

The most recent registration forms are available from the website. The registration form and informational flyer may be printed off directly, and the sponsor form is included in this Newsletter (blue sheet). Remember that the sponsor fills out the Sponsor Form separately and then gets the pastor’s signature.

Study your environments ... who to invite ... consider how to invite ... The basis of Cursillo is personal contact --make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ. The best way to invite candidates to live a Cursillo Weekend is truly for them to invite themselves. Cursillo is about naturalness ... others should see the way you live your life, and want what you have. It is then the opportune time for you to tell them about Cursillo. 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. Continue to offer Palanca, that God might give you eyes to see and ears to listen for those who want to know Him better ... We should be studying environments (those around you) at all times in search of persons who can help Christianize the world ... be looking for and talking to the “agents of change” ... *He’s counting on you!!!*

- **Postcursillo**

- Thoughts in the Postcursillo**

- [Quoted from the Oct. 3, 2008, Magnificat meditation (taken from “Doctrinal Note on Some Aspects of Evangelization”)]

- The term *evangelization* has a very rich meaning. In the broad sense, it sums up the Church’s entire mission: Her whole life consists in accompanying the *traditio evangelii*, the proclamation and handing on of the Gospel ... To *evangelize* does not mean simply to teach a doctrine, but to proclaim Jesus Christ by one’s words and actions, that is, to make oneself an instrument of his presence and action in the world ... Every encounter with another person or culture is capable of revealing potentialities of the Gospel which hitherto may not have been fully explicit and which will enrich the life of Christians and the Church ... “There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him” (Pope Benedict XVI) ... The primary motive of evangelization is the love of Christ for the eternal salvation of all. The sole desire of authentic evangelizers is to bestow freely what they themselves have freely received: “From the very origins of the Church, the disciples of Christ strove to convert man to faith in Christ the Lord; not, however, through coercion or tactics unworthy of the Gospel, but above all by the power of the word of God.” ... He who announces the Gospel participates in the charity of Christ ... It is a charity which is an expression of the gratitude that flows from the heart when it opens to the love given in Jesus Christ ... Evangelization is not only accomplished through public preaching of the Gospel nor solely through works of public relevance, but also by means of personal witness which is always very effective in spreading the Gospel ... In transmitting the Gospel, word and witness of life go together ... Everywhere and always, each Catholic has the right and the duty to give the witness and the full proclamation of his faith.

- Vietnamese Cursillo Community “Gathering” in the Lincoln Diocese**

- The Vietnamese Cursillo Community in the Lincoln Diocese hosted a second Fourth Day gathering/“encounter” at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln (6345 Madison Ave) on the weekend of September 19-21, 2008. About 50 Vietnamese-speaking cursillistas from three states (Minnesota, Colorado, and Nebraska) came together to grow in their understanding of Cursillo and their faith ... in their love of God and each other. The talks, all given in Vietnamese, were intended to be a refresher/renewal of what the cursillistas heard/learned on their Three Day Weekend, with the focus being on how to apply the Cursillo Method/theory to each person’s environment. About 15-20 of the participants had not yet experienced a Three Day Cursillo Weekend, but have indicated

that they intend to live a Three Day Weekend when available. The Vietnamese Community would like to eventually begin holding Vietnamese-language Three Day Weekends in the Lincoln Diocese.

To aid in living the Fourth Day, the Vietnamese Community in Lincoln has a Vietnamese-language Ultreya on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln. Ultreyas are a wonderful way to encourage and strengthen cursillistas in living the day-to-day challenges one finds in the Fourth Day. Though most of the cursillistas attending the Ultreya speak only Vietnamese, all cursillistas are welcome to attend the Ultreyas.

- Region VI Fall Encounter Held in Omaha**

- The Fall Regional Encounter was held in Omaha on September 26-28, 2008, hosted by the Spanish-speaking Cursillo community from Omaha. Those who participated reported that it was one of the better Regional Encounters that they had taken part in. The topics covered by the Regional Service Team included: (1) Study of the Environment (the very first rollo Eduardo Bonnin wrote), (2) Sponsorship, and (3) SOL; and Fr. Seiker gave the spiritual presentation on issues discussed by Fr. David Smith with the Spiritual Advisors at the 2008 National Encounter. At the Fall Encounter, it was also announced that Kathy Springer had been selected as the Region VI Coordinator for the next three years. The Spring 2009 Region VI Encounter will be hosted by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Archdiocese on April 24-26, 2009; details will be announced in future newsletters.

- 19th National Encounter in San Bernardino, CA // 4th World Ultreya Anaheim, CA**

- The 19th National Cursillo Encounter will be held at California State University, San Bernardino, CA, on July 30 – August 2, 2009. The Encounter activities will include attendance and transportation to/from the OMCC 4th World Ultreya in Anaheim, CA, on August 1st. The Encounter registration price is \$360.00, if you register by May 31, 2009. A registration form for the Encounter is included in this Newsletter, or you may also register on-line at www.natl-cursillo.org. Capacity is 750 persons, and rooms will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. The Registration fee includes three nights lodging, dinner on Thursday evening, 3 meals on Friday and Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday morning.

- In conjunction with the National Encounter, the World Cursillo Movement (OMCC) is calling all cursillistas of the world to gather on Saturday, August 1, 2009, from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena in Anaheim, California, for the 4th World Ultreya of the Cursillos of Christianity Movement. This 4th World Ultreya is an opportunity to give witness to one another worldwide of our conviction in Jesus Christ and to share the joy of His Love and Friendship. The link to the Anaheim Convention Center is www.anaheimconventioncenter.com. The Arena has seating capacity for 8,000 persons. To order tickets (contribution of \$25.00 per person), complete and submit the enclosed 4th World Ultreya form to the National Cursillo Office. If you prefer online processing, visit the website, www.natl-cursillo.org.

• **From the Lay Director SPONSORING A CANDIDATE**

The upcoming Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends are fast approaching (Men's - January 8-11, 2009, and Women's - January 15-18, 2009). Therefore, I thought I might share some of the guidelines and important things to consider when inviting, both for the benefit of the new cursillistas and as a refresher for the seasoned cursillistas. To better understand what being a sponsor entails, the **Sponsor's Booklet** (excerpts appear in italics) provides wonderful guidance on how to sponsor a candidate for a Three Day Weekend (from preparing the candidate prior to the Weekend and also following up in the Fourth Day). Copies of the booklet are available for purchase through our Diocesan Movement (contact a member of the Secretariat).

First of all, it is important for us to understand what Cursillo's charism is. In the **Leaders' Manual**, it states: *"The purpose (or goal) of the Movement is to make Christian community possible in neighborhoods, parishes, work situations and other places where people live the greater part of their lives. It makes possible for anyone in the world to live a Christian life in a natural way."* Cursillo is meant to serve *"a two-fold purpose; an immediate one and an ultimate one. The immediate purpose is to provide a foundation for the person to live what is fundamental for being Christian --- love of God and love of neighbor... The ultimate purpose is to vertebrae Christianity --- to leaven the environments with the Gospel..."* Further, *"the Cursillo Movement is focused to help each of us fulfill our baptismal responsibility: to go forth, as apostles, and proclaim the Gospel. We can no longer afford to sit passively by and 'hope' that the world comes to know Christ. We must make a conscientious effort to 'tell' the world about Christ. The Cursillo Movement provides us with the necessary tools, for fulfilling our baptismal responsibility, along with the training for using those tools."*

Cursillo is not meant to be a magic cure all ... it is not simply a problem solver!

The goal of the Cursillo Movement is not to preach the Good News, but more so to become the Good News in a natural way ... by the way we act and respond to life in our environments. And it is in the way we live our lives that others will want to know what we have/know ... and then we can begin to share about our life with Christ and to talk about how Cursillo has helped us to live that life.

Candidates need sponsors to prepare them for the Weekend, and then to journey with them as they try to Christianize their environments in the Fourth Day ... *"The purpose of sponsoring is to prepare a person or persons who can bring about a change in the environments!"* Every environment needs to be pointed to Christ ... that's a big order, so where does one begin?

First of all, scan your environments for the agents of change (those who can bring about change in the environment). Look for the "unpolished stones" ... the self-starters ... those with a desire to live the truth ... those searching for the truth ... joyful givers of their time ... those who love Jesus and/or would like to know Him better. Then, you need to take all the time necessary (and that may be days, weeks, months, or years) to make a friend and be

a friend ... really BE a friend. Only then can you talk to your friend about God, remembering that before you do that, you need to first talk to God about your friend ... offer Palanca ... pray!!!

So, how do you go about this making/being a friend "stuff"? You should first make a plan -- sponsoring should not be a haphazard circumstance, but rather, it should be a deliberate act. Then you need to get to know the person and his/her spouse (if the person is married). Make sure the person is a Catholic who is able to receive the sacraments; it is important to talk to the person's pastor before inviting to a Cursillo Weekend, as it is very awkward to have to un-invite someone who can't receive the sacraments for one reason or another. If one spouse is not interested in living a Cursillo Weekend, you should make sure that he/she doesn't object to the other spouse being part of Cursillo, as Cursillo holds the sacrament of Matrimony in the highest regard and would never do anything to hurt a marriage.

Being a sponsor is committing one's self to the selection and preparation of a person for the Cursillo, and their ongoing assistance to that person in the Postcursillo. To be a good witness of what Cursillo can do for another (and what it has done for us), we need to be using the tools given to us on the Weekend -- being in a Group Reunion and participating in Ultreya ... we need to be **living witnesses!** Share with others how your relationship with Christ has grown since you lived your Cursillo Weekend. The process of inviting another should be entirely natural and not superficial -- your personal authenticity is the best invitation.

I urge you, if you know of someone that God has put on your heart to invite to live a Cursillo, find out what it means to be a sponsor so you can do what God is calling you to. If you're not sure what to do, contact a Secretariat member (see the contact information on the cover of the Newsletter) ... consider buying a **Sponsor's Booklet** (\$1.50), as it tells you everything you need to know. Included in this Newsletter is a blue Sponsor Form -- read it front and back, and it will help you understand what it means to be a sponsor.

Remember that the process may take time, so be patient! Consider inviting the person(s) to your Group Reunion (with the rest of your group's permission, of course) ... or invite them to an Ultreya ... or group with the person one-on-one. If and when the person is ready and starts to ask questions, tell them about the Weekend ... there are no secrets.

God will bless our efforts if we are faithful ... and being faithful takes time and energy (and patience). Personal contact is the hallmark of Cursillo, and that personal contact doesn't end with the Three Day Weekend. Personal contact is all about touching people's lives with the finger of God, and *"it is not enough to send someone to the Cursillo Weekend. The new cursillistas need as much personal attention after the Cursillo Weekend as they received during the Cursillo Weekend. Probably even more! We must make a conscientious effort to insure that we do all that can be done."* Remember, Christ is counting on you!!

De Colores! Mark Pribyl

- **From the Spiritual Advisor**

During the months of November and December, we celebrate many special feasts. Among these feasts are All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Christ the King, the Immaculate Conception, and the seasons of Advent and Christmas; we also observe the secular holiday of Thanksgiving. In addition, we continue our celebration of the year of St. Paul. Perhaps a few thoughts on each of these feasts would be appropriate.

All Saints Day ... Every year as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, we reflect on the universal call to holiness. We celebrate the millions of men and women who said “yes” to God’s graces, lived holy lives, and are now with our Lord in Heaven. Since not all saints have been officially canonized by the Church as saints, some don’t have individual days in the Church’s liturgical calendar. Still, we celebrate their “yes” to the Lord, and we ask them to pray for us that we might respond well to God’s graces and one day join them and the angels with our Lord in Heaven. This year, since November 1 falls on a Saturday, there is not an obligation in the dioceses in the United States to attend Mass (as in other years), but it is still a Solemnity and a very important day to join your prayers to the prayers of all the saints, the angels, and Jesus, in the prayer of the Mass asking for the graces you need to be the saint that God calls you to be.

All Souls Day ... During the whole month of November, we remember to pray for the poor souls in purgatory, asking the Lord to send His purifying and healing graces to the souls in purgatory. This commemoration of the poor souls and the solemnity of All Saints helps us to remember the Communion of the Saints. We pray for the poor souls, and we ask the saints in Heaven and the poor souls in purgatory to pray for us. Holy Mother Church encourages us to participate in this Communion of the Saints by visiting cemeteries and praying for the dead. *“An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. This indulgence is a plenary (full) one from November 1 through November 8 and can be gained on each one of these days. On the other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.”* (The Enchiridion Of Indulgences #13)

Christ the King ... This solemnity, the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, marks the end of one liturgical year and prepares for the beginning of a new liturgical year (the First Sunday of Advent). We acknowledge that Christ is our King. He is the beginning and the end ... and He is at the center of time. It might be a good opportunity for us to ask ourselves how we are doing in living our Fourth Day? Are we growing in Piety, Study, and Action? May our lives truly show that He is our King.

Immaculate Conception ... This Solemnity of the universal Church has special importance in our Diocese because the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of our Diocese and also of the United States. We ask Mary, who from the first moment of her conception in her mother’s womb was without sin, to pray for us. Among other things, we ask her intercession for a renewed respect for

all life, from natural conception until natural death. We ask her to help us welcome the Word of God into our hearts and souls as she did, that we might live our lives as faithful followers of her Son.

Season of Advent ... Advent is our yearly opportunity to joyfully and patiently hope for and long for the coming of our Savior. We celebrate the anniversary of His coming in history and strive to be more alert to His coming in mystery in our everyday lives (that would be those “close moments” each day). We also prepare in a purposeful way (what is my plan for the coming week?) for His coming in majesty at the end of the world to judge the living and the dead.

Season of Christmas ... This is the Solemnity which celebrates the awesome event of God becoming man ... His taking on our flesh and becoming like us in all things except sin ... so that we *“may come to share in the divinity of Christ Who humbled Himself to share in our humanity”* (from the preparation of the gifts at Mass). We extend the celebration of Christ’s birth throughout the Twelve Days of Christmas. But we should remember that we are blessed to be able to celebrate Christ’s coming at each and every Mass, as the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, and we have the great privilege to receive Him, and with His grace, to become more like Him.

Thanksgiving ... As we celebrate the secular holiday of Thanksgiving, we should remember that the first thanksgiving was really at the Last Supper, the First Mass. The word Eucharist means “thanksgiving”, and every time we are assisting at Mass, we are giving thanks to God for His many gifts to us. May we be a thankful people!

Year of St. Paul ... Have you taken any time to learn more about St. Paul (the Acts of the Apostles is a great place to begin) or to read from St. Paul’s writings? If not, there is no time like NOW to begin. Ask him to pray for you as you live your Fourth Day ... because St. Paul is the patron saint of Cursillo, he can be a great intercessor as you try to make a friend, be a friend, and bring your friend to Christ. Imitate him in striving to live a life of piety, study, and action. St. Paul would have greatly enjoyed living a Three Day Weekend!
De Colores!!Fr. Mark Seiker

Christmas Blessings to you and yours!!

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**May the Christ Child
find your heart ready and waiting!!**

St. Paul, Patron of Cursillo, Intercede for Us!!
Special opportunity to venerate a relic of St. Paul

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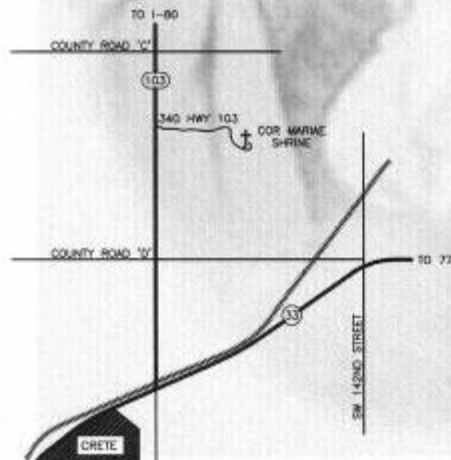
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Year of St. Paul June 2008– June 2009
Plenary Indulgence

A Plenary Indulgence has been granted by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict the XVI to "the truly penitent Christian faithful" who piously:

- Receive the sacrament of Confession
- Receive Holy Communion
- Be free of all attachment to sin.
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.
- Pray the Apostle's Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and St. Paul pray for us.
- Take part in any sacred rite or pious exercise completed in honor of St. Paul.
- Make a Pilgrimage to the Cor Mariae Schoenstatt Shrine in Crete, NE.

- > The Schoenstatt Movement, founded by Father Joseph Kentenich, seeks to reconnect faith with daily life, through a deep love of *Mary, the Mother of God*
- > The Cor Mariae (Heart of Mary) Shrine is located in a beautiful area north of Crete.
- > Relics of St. Paul and St. Frances Cabrini can be viewed in the altar in the Shrine.



The Fourth Day Gathering



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Ultreya Centers

Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln
Location alternates: Crete/Lincoln/Beatrice/Hebron
Normally 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm
[Nov/Dec Ultreya – Crete (Dec. 7, 5:00pm); Jan Ultreya – Lincoln]
Contact: John and Kathy Springer
David City-Shelby St. Mary School (Didier Room), David City
Normally 4th Thursday of month, 7:00 pm.
Contact: Rose Hottovy or Mary Jane Hilger
Hastings-Holdrege-Minden... All Saints’ Parish Hall, Holdrege
3rd Sunday of month, 3:00pm
Contact: Myron Wendland or Kathy Rowell
Southwestern Nebraska
St. Patrick Church basement, McCook
2nd Sunday of month, 3:30pm
Contact: Helen Bieker or Bill and Elaine Swanson
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CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

November – December 2008



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

Registration Form

School of Leaders - Quarterly Reunion

November 21-22, 2008

6345 Madison Ave.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish - Lincoln, NE

New participants are ALWAYS welcome ...

If you cannot be with us, we request Palanca for the success of the School.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Where and when did you make your Cursillo? _____

Are you able to receive the Sacraments of Confession & Holy Communion? Yes No

To which Organizations do you commit your time? _____

Are you living the follow-up program of Group Reunion? Yes No

Are you living the follow-up program of Ultreya? Yes No

Do you have any physical/medical/dietary conditions to be considered? _____

Please Return this Form with payment to:

Jon Junkin, 7820 Sandalwood Dr, Lincoln, NE 68510

by November 18, 2008 (this allows us to plan for food).

[Suggested donation (if you are able) is \$15.00 per person to cover meals and a donation for facility usage. Please make check payable to "Cursillo of Lincoln" and mail with the Registration Form.]

School of Leaders Quarterly Reunion

November 21-22, 2008

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

6345 Madison Ave., Lincoln, NE

SOL is the working arm of Cursillo ... May God use your time/talent/treasure in SOL to do the work of Cursillo ... build community with other cursillistas ... spend time in prayer and meditation with the Blessed Sacrament. *SOL is for ALL cursillistas ... men and women, couples, singles, priests and religious.*

FRIDAY, NOV 21st (Retreat Phase ... preparation for Saturday's SOL)

7:30pm --- Registration (**NO Meal Friday evening**)

7:45pm --- Mass

8:30pm --- Meditation, confessions, quiet time

SATURDAY, NOV 22nd (School of Leaders Agenda)

7:00am --- Morning prayer and Mass, followed by breakfast

8:30am-3:00pm Group Reunion; three (3) sessions of SOL; lunch

3:00pm --- Est. time of clean up and departure (**might be a little later with three sessions rather than two; supper not provided**)

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

- ◆ Pilgrim's Guide
- ◆ Leaders' Manual (please pray the Leader's Prayer on pg 57 regularly)
- ◆ **Technique Talks** will review the three Sunday rollos in the New Cursillo Manual (the "pink Three Day Manual" vs. the new manual)
- ◆ **Doctrinal Talks** will relate to the life and teachings of St. Paul, who is the Patron of Cursillo.
- *Cursillo mats are available ... **showers are also available***
- *Advance registrations are requested; it is fine to attend Saturday only (SOL) or Friday only*
- *Suggested donation (if you are able) is \$15.00 per person to cover meals and a donation for facility usage. Please make check payable to "Cursillo of Lincoln" and mail with the **Registration Form**.*
- *Please keep this half of the flyer for future reference.*

Please bring a snack to share, if you like.

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Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

Nov. – Dec. 2008



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

Lincoln Diocese Sponsor Form (Confidential)
 (see reverse side for the "Responsibilities Associated with Sponsoring A Candidate")

Speak to God about your friend before speaking to your friend about God.

To be a Sponsor is a privilege, and as such, carries a serious Christian responsibility. Sponsoring a friend for the Cursillo should not be taken lightly. It should be a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. Therefore, you must know your candidate very well and consider the important items noted below.

Candidate's Name _____

To be completed by the above Candidate's Sponsor

SPONSOR'S Name:	Parish:
Address:	Phone (h): (w):
City/State/Zip:	Phone (cell):
Email Address:	Fax:
Is your candidate free to receive the Sacraments? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Does your candidate understand the two elements of Group Reunion and Ultreya? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you active in: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Reunion <input type="checkbox"/> Ultreya <input type="checkbox"/> School of Leaders	
If you are in a Group Reunion, what is the meeting day/time/place?	
Is there an active Cursillo Group Reunion your candidate will be able to join following the Weekend? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If the candidate is married, has the candidate's spouse lived a Cursillo? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, is he/she interested in the Cursillo? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If the spouse is not interested in the Cursillo, please state the reason(s) why:	
Are you aware of any reasons the candidate should not make the Weekend (e.g., experiencing a death of a loved one, trauma or severe crisis within the past year, etc.)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, please contact the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor or Lay Director)	
Have you explained the Fourth Day (Group Reunion and Ultreya) to your candidate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you willing to make a one-year commitment to your candidate to bring him/her closer to Christ (this entails, at a minimum, reminding him/her of, and inviting him/her to the Ultreyas, offering him/her a ride if necessary, keeping in contact with him/her, and trying to help him/her find a permanent Group Reunion)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
What other information or observations would be helpful for the Weekend?	
Why do you recommend this candidate?	
Sponsor Signature	Date

To be completed by the above Candidate's Pastor

Pastor's Name	Parish
Address	E-Mail
City/State/Zip	Phone
Do you recommend this person for a Cursillo Weekend? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments:	
Pastor's Signature	Date

RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH SPONSORING A CANDIDATE

The only requirement for candidates is that they be Roman Catholic and able to receive the Sacraments of the Church. Sponsors should also consider candidates for strength of character, maturity, an open mind, an ability to listen, openness to friendship, and willingness to change. Candidates should be emotionally healthy and seeking a deeper spiritual life. The Cursillo Weekend is *not* designed to be a cure-all for those experiencing personal problems.

Prayer is an important part of sponsorship and sponsors should pray for candidates before, during and after the Cursillo Weekend. Sponsors are also expected to:

- 1) Explain the Cursillo Weekend:
 - Always confer with the prospective candidate's pastor prior to inviting the person to live the Three Day Weekend. This is important because the pastor might know of some reason that a person should not participate in the Weekend, and once an invitation has been extended, it is very awkward to un-invite the person.
 - Answer ALL questions that your candidate might have. You cannot tell him/her too much.
 - Explain what the facility will be like (sleeping arrangements, etc.).
 - Explain that dress for the Weekend is casual, with many people dressing up more on Sunday.
- 2) Make sure the Weekend application is totally completed:
 - Go over the application form with your candidate. Ask him or her to fill out the Applicant section, sign it, and return it to you. Make sure the candidate understands that the information will be kept confidential.
 - Ask the candidate's pastor to complete the Pastor section of the application, including his signature. Be prepared to explain the Cursillo Weekend to priests not familiar with Cursillo.
 - Complete the Sponsor section of the application, sign it and attach the \$20 registration fee (some dioceses suggest that sponsors pay a portion of the overall cost for their candidates). Return the form and fee to the Diocesan Lay Director. Please do not turn in an incomplete form, as this delays the registration process.
- 3) Always keep in close contact with your candidate (on a regular basis) before the Weekend:
 - Make sure he or she has transportation to and from where the Cursillo will be celebrated. If you cannot transport the candidate yourself, try to pair him or her up with another candidate. Please make every effort to make sure the candidate has another person to ride with.
 - It is especially important to try to ease any fears or anxiety that the candidate might have before the Weekend.
 - Make sure your candidate is aware of when the Weekend begins and ends so this information can be shared with his/her family. Also, make sure the candidate's family has an emergency phone number in case the candidate needs to be contacted during the Weekend.
- 4) Support your candidate during the Weekend:
 - Do Palanca for your candidate: also, you need to write a sponsor letter and send it to the Lay Director, making sure it arrives by no later than the Tuesday before the Weekend begins (it will be given to the candidate on Friday of the Weekend).
 - Attend the Sunday Closing. Remember that your candidate will be looking for you at the Closing. If you cannot make the Closing, you might consider finding someone else to sponsor your candidate, or at least designate someone to support the candidate Sunday evening.
- 5) Help your candidate participate in follow-up Cursillo activities:
 - Bring your candidate to your next Ultreya.
 - Remind him or her to attend the next Closing.
 - Assist and make sure he or she finds a Group Reunion.

Married Candidates: Even though the Cursillo Weekend is lived individually, the spiritual life of the couple, both before and after the Cursillo Weekend, must be considered. The Cursillo Movement holds in highest regard the Sacrament of Marriage, and if participation in a Cursillo by one and not the other might have an adverse effect on that Sacrament, then some other form of individual spiritual renewal might be better.

Once it is known that the person is married, the sponsor should determine whether both spouses are eligible to live the Cursillo or if both are interested in living the Cursillo Weekend. If something would prevent one spouse from attending, either because that individual is not eligible (see the section entitled, "Those Who Should Not Go", on p. 82 of the English *Leaders' Manual*) or that person does not wish to attend, then the sponsor should contact the Diocesan Lay Director or Spiritual Advisor to discuss the situation. *When both are eligible and both agree to attend the Cursillo, then both should be prepared at the same time and the question of who attends first is not important.*

Your commitment to your candidate does not end when he or she completes the application, or even after the Cursillo Weekend. It is your responsibility to make sure your candidate feels welcomed at all Cursillo activities and is supported in his or her apostolic endeavors for at least a year.

19th National Cursillo[®] Encounter Registration Form
California State University, San Bernardino, CA
Thursday, July 30 – Sunday, August 2, 2009

Cost for the 19th National Encounter is \$360.00
Includes attendance and transportation to the OMCC IV World Ultreya

(Please use a separate Registration Form for each registrant)

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY – THANK YOU – PLEASE FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Preferred Language: _____

Diocese: _____ Region: _____

Gender (Circle one): Male Female Specify: Bishop, Priest, Deacon, or Religious _____

If you wish to room with a specific person (spouse, friend, relative) then the other person's Registration Form must accompany this form. We will not guarantee your roommate if the forms do not accompany one another.

Roommate preference? (Circle One): Yes No If Yes, Name: _____

Wheelchair/physically challenged: _____

Do you wish to participate with the Encounter Choir? (Circle one): Yes No

Make checks payable to: National Cursillo[®] Center

Credit Card payment: Circle one: MasterCard or Visa (No Discover or American Express)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Send this form and payment to:

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Full payment of \$360.00 per person and this form must be received by May 31, 2009
Registration cost received June 1 – June 26, 2009 is \$410.00
Unable to guarantee attendance after June 26, 2009!

There is a \$40.00 non-refundable fee for all cancellations through May 31, 2009. No refunds after May 31, 2009 – No exceptions! The National Cursillo[®] Center is responsible for the payment to the University regardless of cancellations.

Confirmation # _____
Office Use Only

OMCC IV World Ultreya
Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA
Saturday, August 1, 2009, 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Pacific Time

Ticket Form for Orders Within the United States

Contribution for Admission to the OMCC IV World Ultreya is \$25.00

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY – THANK YOU – PLEASE FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

The IV World Ultreya will be held at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena in Anaheim, CA, on Saturday, August 1, 2009, 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Arena capacity is 8,000. You must present your ticket to enter the Anaheim Convention Center. Arena doors open at 12 Noon. The ticket price to the IV World Ultreya is **\$25.00**. Full payment is required at the time of purchase. If you lose your ticket you must purchase another ticket to attend the IV World Ultreya. **No refunds – No exceptions!** The ticket price does not include meals but you may purchase food from the Arena vendors.

Number of tickets: _____ at \$25.00 each Total: \$ _____

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