

# Cursillo News for Nov. – Dec. 2010

## Calendar of Events

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| November 13, 2010    | <b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , 9:30 am; Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (9:00am Mass)   |
| December 11, 2010    | <b>SOL</b> - 10:00am – 3:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. James Parish, Cortland  |
| January 8, 2011      | <b>SOL</b> - 10:00am – 3:00pm (Mass at 9:30am); St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE<br>( <b>Secretariat Meeting</b> to precede/follow SOL) |
| February 4-5, 2011   | <b>Practice Weekend</b> , at St. John the Baptist Parish, Minden  |
| February 10-13, 2011 | <b>Men’s Three Day Weekend</b> , at St. John the Baptist Parish, Minden   |
| February 24-27, 2011 | <b>Women’s Three Day Weekend</b> , at St. John the Baptist Parish, Minden   |
| March 12, 2011       | <b>Secretariat Meeting</b> , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (tentative)  |
| March 24-27, 2011    | <b>Cursillo de Cursillos</b> in Rapid City, SD (details in next Newsletter)   |
| April 8-10, 2011     | <b>Region VI Spring Encounter</b> (Wichita, NE; details in next Newsletter)   |

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## 1. Ultreya Center News:

- ◆ The **Hastings/Minden/Holdrege Ultreya Center** will hold its next Ultreya on **Sunday, November 14, at 3:00 pm** at St. John the Baptist Church in Minden (potluck to follow). At the November Ultreya, plans for future Ultreyas will be discussed. When the information becomes available, it will be posted on the Lincoln Diocese Cursillo webpage.

*Details regarding upcoming Ultreyas in ALL Ultreya Centers will be included in each Newsletter and are also available on the diocesan web page:  
<http://webpages.charter.net/seas/cursillolincoln.html>.*

- ◆ The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... The **November/December Ultreya** is scheduled for **Dec. 12** at Sacred Heart Parish in Crete. The **January Ultreya** is scheduled for **Jan. 23** at the Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln. The **February Ultreya** would normally be held on **Feb. 27, 2011**; however, ALL cursillistas (not just those from this Ultreya Center) are encouraged, instead, to come to the **Women’s Closing** in Minden to welcome the new Fourth Dayers.
- ◆ The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. For the **November Ultreya** will be held on **November 14** at 3:30

pm CT in the basement of St. Patrick Church in McCook and the **December Ultreya** will be held on **December 12** at 2:30 pm MT in the basement of St. Patrick Church in Imperial.

- ◆ The **Plattsmouth/Nebraska City Ultreya Center** – Check the parish bulletin for Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth ([www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com](http://www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com)), or contact Terry Little for more information.
- ◆ The **Vietnamese-language Ultreya** continues to be held the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:00pm at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory Basement in Lincoln** (6405 Madison Ave).

### Reminders re: Ultreya and Group Reunion (especially invitations to non-cursillistas):

- **Any Ultreya is open to any cursillista and even non-cursillistas.**
- If your area is not holding regular Ultreyas, consider visiting a neighboring Ultreya Center.
- Also consider **inviting a non-cursillista** to experience **Ultreya or Group Reunion**, as these are ways of helping show/explain what Cursillo is. However, **BEFORE** you invite someone to a Group Reunion (whether that person is another cursillista or a non-cursillista), **first ask the permission of your group members**, as it is **very important to respect the confidentiality and privacy of what is shared by the members of your Group**. Also, keep in mind that a non-cursillista will not have the full understanding of the Cursillo Method without living the Three Day Weekend; thus, you **should make it clear that these are only “stepping stones”** leading to the Three Day Weekend and into the Fourth Day.
- The structure of what is shared at Group Reunion and Ultreya is **NOT a secret**. However, the details of what is shared **IS** confidential and **NOT** meant to be shared outside the group.

## 2. Precursillo

See the discussion under the “School of Leaders” section below about what is involved in sponsoring a candidate on a Cursillo Weekend. Registration forms for the upcoming Three Day Weekend are available from the Cursillo of Lincoln website (<http://webpages.charter.net/seas/cursillolincoln.html>). **Please use the most recent forms**, as information has changed. The Registration Form should be filled out by the candidate and returned to you as the sponsor; you should fill out the Sponsor Form (and be prepared to fulfill the sponsor responsibilities described on the back of the form), including getting the candidate’s pastor’s signature, and send the Registration Form and Sponsor Form together with the registration fee (\$20) to the Lay Director (address on the form).

## 3. Three Day Weekend

The **next Three Day Weekends** are scheduled for **February 2011 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Minden ... who do you know that should be there?** The Weekends are:

- **Men’s Weekend: February 10-13, 2011**
- **Women’s Weekend: February 24–27, 2011**

*See last paragraph under “Precursillo” for information about registration forms.*

#### 4. Postcursillo

##### ◆ Region VI

Spanish-speaking cursillistas from the Omaha Archdiocese hosted the **Fall 2010 Region VI Encounter**, on **September 24-26, 2010, at Sacred Heart Elementary School, Norfolk, NE**. There were approximately 90 cursillistas participating from across our 8-state Region, including 4 cursillistas from our Diocese. The topic of the rollos related to the work of the “Precursillo”. One of the participants commented that she wondered how there could be three rollos given on this one topic, but as those present participated in a lively and thoughtful discussion of the varied work that the Precursillo entails, she said she understood.

Just a reminder that the **Region VI Spring Encounter** is scheduled for **April 8-10, 2011, in Wichita, KS** (details will be released as the arrangements are finalized). Regional Encounters are normally held the last full weekend in September and April (to allow for consistency in planning); however, in 2011, Easter Sunday is the last weekend in April. The topic for the Region VI Spring Encounter will be **“The Cursillo Weekend”**. Again, there is much to consider on this topic. Cursillo leaders are invited to participate in this Encounter to learn more about their specific roles in the Cursillo phase of the Movement. It’s a wonderful opportunity for cursillistas throughout the Region to ask questions about the Three Days and learn and share with other dioceses represented.

##### ◆ Cursillo de Cursillos

The **Rapid City, SD Diocese** would like all Region VI Dioceses/Archdioceses to know that they are planning to host an English-language **Cursillo de Cursillos** the weekend of **March 24-27, 2011**. More details will be forthcoming ... Region VI has been interested in having a Cursillo de Cursillos for quite some time. There is a very good article from the National Newsletter entitled, “Cursillo de Cursillos – What is it?” (excerpts from this article are included below; the entire article can be accessed by going to the National webpage and clicking on the School of Leaders link – it is one of the articles that is listed).

*“... In order to help Cursillo leaders with an intensive knowledge of the ... Cursillo Movement, a special weekend called “Cursillo de Cursillos” was developed by Eduardo Bonnin. It is a working three-day weekend highly recommended for willfully committed and dedicated Cursillo leaders, and the current and/or prospective ones. They must know their Movement well in order to love and serve it faithfully and efficiently. This workshop is the replica of the regular Cursillo Three-Day Weekend, with more or less the same format, schedule, and length of time, except that each Rollo is followed by a careful discussion within each ‘decuria’ or table group. Sufficient time is also allotted for questions and answers at the end of each rollo. ... Besides increasing their indispensable knowledge of the Cursillo Movement, the Cursillo leaders will have an opportunity during this workshop to ... share and learn from one another many useful individual living experiences in discipleship and leadership, and in particular, to deepen their on-going conversion through their encounters with God, with themselves and with others. Similar to the Three-Day Cursillo Weekend, the Cursillo de Cursillos must be a living experience for all Cursillo leaders.*

*“... The best benefits that the Cursillo de Cursillos Weekend participants could receive are the very living personal experiences the Rollistas share in their Rollos and other*

*participants contribute in their discussions. These living witnesses are very unique and helpful. The attendees will learn the best ways to persevere in their progressive conversion, which is indispensable for them to successfully carry out their apostolic and administrative duties as leaders ...*

*“We ... should keep our Cursillo Movement simple and make ourselves humble servants. Mr. Eduardo Bonnin kept reminding us that the Cursillo Movement must be as simple as Our Lord’s Prayer ...”*

#### 5. School of Leaders (SOL)

The October SOL was held on October 16, 2010, at St. Ann Parish in Doniphan. The technique talks focused on Sponsorship. Perhaps one of the most important aspects of Precursillo, Cursillo and Postcursillo is the support and care given by the sponsor. It was emphasized that sponsoring should be viewed as an important service provided for the candidate in order to ensure the best possible experience as the candidate journeys in faith from the Precursillo phase to the Postcursillo phase. The technique talks emphasized that it is in the Precursillo that the study of environments and the searching of influential persons within those environments occurs. Precursillo is also responsible for the selection and preparation of the persons who will attend the Three Day Cursillo, with a view toward a perennial living of the Cursillo in the Postcursillo. It was also emphasized that it is important that the sponsor have an understanding of the purpose of the Movement in order to know why the selection of key people for Cursillo is essential. To achieve the *ultimate purpose* of Cursillo (which is to leaven environments with the Gospel), it is important to invite especially those individuals who exert a decisive influence over their environments through their living of what is fundamental for being Christian, that is, the love of God and love of neighbor.

The purpose of sponsoring is to prepare a person or persons who can bring about change in their environments. Sponsoring is not a haphazard circumstance – it is a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. Therefore, a sponsor should know the candidate very well. Being a sponsor is committing oneself to the selection and preparation of a person for the Cursillo, and their ongoing assistance to that person in the Postcursillo. This is an absolute necessity. The sponsor must be willing to accompany the cursillista in the Postcursillo.

The technique talks next covered the specifics of the sponsor’s responsibilities. It was emphasized that, above all else, the sponsor should be an active member of a Friendship Group Reunion and attending the Ultreya on a regular basis. Sponsors need to understand that their service will involve time for *personal contact* with the candidate, *authentic witness*, and *real Palanca*. It is absolutely necessary to prepare the candidate (friend) with a view toward Postcursillo. There is no better preparation and attraction for the candidate (friend) than a personal and authentic witness of our Fourth Day. The technique talks discussed the study of the environment (beginning with a clear understanding of what Cursillo means by “environment”), followed by consideration of the process for selecting candidates and sponsoring couples. It concluded with a discussion of Total Security – Group Reunion and Ultreya. It was a very good time of sharing and learning.

The next SOL will be **December 11, 2010**, at St. James Parish in Cortland (*see the enclosed registration form on the inside of the mailing cover*). As usual, the day will begin with Mass at

9:30 a.m., followed at 10:00am by the Group Reunion, technique talks and work sessions, and the doctrinal talk. **Please consider helping with the work of Cursillo.** There are many, many areas in which to contribute. This is not about preparing to give a rollo on a Weekend ... it is about learning more about the Cursillo Movement and how we might best keep Cursillo alive and well in the Diocese. There are any number of ways that you can help, but the **very best part of SOL is the community, and working together ... it is the friendship. Please consider joining us!!**

## **From the Spiritual Advisor**

The Scripture readings chosen by the Church to be proclaimed at the Masses during November help us to reflect on what has traditionally been called “the four last things”. There is a concise **Summary of the Doctrine on the Last Things** on the EWTN website: (<http://www.ewtn.com/faith/teachings/lastsum.htm>), which I will quote here:

*“The last things are death, judgment, heaven and hell.*

***Death** is the separation of man’s mortal body and immortal soul. It comes to all men as a result of original sin. It is a temporary state, for at the end of the world, all men shall rise again to be judged by Christ. Thus the whole man, body and soul, will be rewarded for the good or evil that he has done, body and soul, in this life.*

*At the moment of death, each human person is **judged** by God based on his conduct in this life, and goes immediately to his reward or punishment.*

*Moreover, at the end of the world, Jesus Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. At that time, God’s whole plan for the world shall be revealed, and his mercy and justice demonstrated.*

***Heaven** is the eternal state of perfect happiness resulting from the face to face vision of God, which is the reward of those who have served Him in this life.*

***Hell** is the eternal state of torment and despair which awaits those who, in this life, have freely rejected God and the happiness which He offers.*

*Before the end of the world, there will be an intermediate state called **purgatory**. There, those who are bound for heaven, but whose love for God is still marred by some imperfection, undergo a temporary period of purifying suffering. When this purification is complete, they are fit to enter God’s presence and are admitted to the joys of heaven.”*

The Church encourages us to reflect on these four last things at the end of every liturgical year. Many of the saints, however, have said that it is helpful to reflect on them more often, even daily: “memento mori” (remember death). The saints tell us that in remembering death more often, we would likely live better lives while we are here on earth. If we remember that we will be judged on all that we say and do, and on all the choices that we make in life, that awareness should help us to make better choices each day.

All of us want to spend eternity in Heaven ... at least, that’s our hope. Yet, as someone once said, “Everyone wants to go to heaven, but not many seem to be in a hurry to get there.” The Lord wants us to prepare here for eternity, and to proclaim His Gospel by our words and lives ... He wants us to make a difference in the world by what we say and do. As cursillistas, we are called to Christianize the world ... our environments ... we are called to make this world a better place. As

such, we are called to encourage and help others to be better followers of Christ, so that all of us will one day be in Heaven.

So, as cursillistas, we should reflect daily on what we say and do here on earth and how we will be judged for our words and actions. But we should not just think of ourselves. We should also think of others and how what we say/do affects them in either a positive or negative way. Cursillistas should want to do what they can to help others get to heaven also. To that end, be sure to include as part of your Apostolic Action a plan to encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to “remember death” and, in doing so, to live their daily lives as good followers of Jesus preparing for eternity in Heaven. Tell them that you want them to be in Heaven for all eternity, then do what you can to help them get there ... “Make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ.”

In closing, I would like to leave you with a little food for thought (from various anonymous sources):

- “*He who is on the road to heaven will not be content to go there alone.*”
- “*The man who expects to get to heaven should take the trouble to study the route that will take him there.*”
- “*If heaven is a prepared place for prepared people, and it is, then hell is a prepared place for an unprepared people.*”
- “*Genuine Christians do not want to go to heaven alone.*”

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

## **From the Lay Director**

I recently drove to Colorado for business, taking Highway 6 through Hastings to McCook, then on to Fort Morgan, Colorado, and finally to Longmont (also Colorado). Harvest was in full force and piles of corn were already taking shape at the elevators and co-ops. Although we don’t have an abundance of deciduous forests along Highways 6 and 34 heading west, the oaks and maples I saw were changing into brilliant Fall colors. There was even a flock of turkeys west of Arapahoe, contributing to the wonders of God’s creation. I am still a Wisconsin farm boy, and nature’s beauty always takes me back to that simple life where the land provided so much of our living. Seeing all this beauty and the many Fall colors, I couldn’t help but remember the many renditions of “De Colores” that we sang just a couple of weeks before at the Fall Regional Encounter in Norfolk. (The Encounter was hosted by the Spanish-speaking cursillistas of the Omaha Archdiocese and the music definitely had a Spanish flavor – as did the food!)

Just as God is so awesome in His creation, He is also generous in His gifts to us, never outdone in giving. I recall the many witnesses I’ve heard at Ultreyas, or the witness shared in an informal way during Group Reunions or during Cursillo Weekends, where the cursillista recognizes God’s gift for the first time -- for some reason, the person had just never realized it was God. Sometimes that event is the “leap of faith” that moves us forward, moves us to a deeper longing for more faith. I pray that all of us keep longing for more faith ... for a new “leap of faith” ... that we keep longing for the constant metanoia that we so much need.

Finally, I ask all who read this to pray – truly pray – for the upcoming Cursillo Weekends for our Diocese (February 2011 at Minden). Pray for the teams, the candidates, and for the Holy Spirit to send so many abundant graces to those on the Weekends (Men’s and Women’s). God has blessed the Cursillo and continues to do so. If you haven’t already begun to offer Palanca, please start now. May God continue to bless you.

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

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**Ultreya Centers**

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln** .....  
Location alternates: Crete/Lincoln/Beatrice/Hebron  
(usually 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month, 5:00pm, except November/December)  
(No Nov. Ultreya); Dec. 12 - Ultreya at Sacred Heart, Crete  
Jan. 23 - Ultreya at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln
- 2) **David City-Shelby** .... Contact: Rose Hottovy or Mary Jane Hilger
- 3) **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden**..... St. John the Baptist, Minden  
Next Ultreya – November 14 at 3:00pm (potluck to follow)
- 4) **Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group** .....  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Rectory, Lincoln  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month, 3:00pm
- 5) **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City** .....  
Check parish bulletin at [www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com](http://www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com),  
or contact Terry Little
- 6) **Southwestern Nebraska** .....  
Location alternates: McCook/Imperial; Usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month  
November 14 – Ultreya scheduled for McCook (3:30pm CT)  
Dec. 12 – Ultreya in Imperial (2:30pm MT; 3:30pm CT)
- 7) **Wahoo**.....Contact: John Springer

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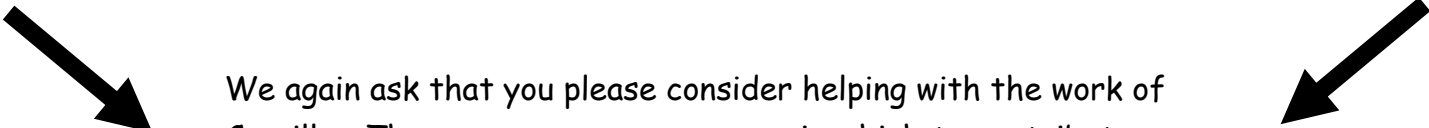
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# *School of Leaders*

*December 11, 2010  
500 West First Street  
St. James Parish, Cortland, NE*

*Please come ... Deepen your understanding of Cursillo ...  
ALL are welcome - Veterans and Newbies ... PLEASE come!!*

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



We again ask that you please consider helping with the work of Cursillo. There are many, many areas in which to contribute ... our one goal is to do that which is necessary to keep Cursillo alive and well in the Lincoln Diocese, and we need willing spirits and open hearts to assist in helping others encounter Christ through Cursillo. The best part of SOL is the community, and working together ... it is the friendship. Please join us!!

## School of Leaders Agenda:

- 9:30am --- Mass (for those who wish to assist)
- 10:00am -- Group Reunion, Session #1, Lunch, Session #2, Visit to Blessed Sacrament, Depart.
- 3:00pm --- Clean up and departure (*estimated time* ... may be earlier ... may be later ...).

The **Technique Talks** will come from Eduardo Bonnin's "My Spiritual Testimony" (the books will be available for purchase at SOL for \$5.00). According to the back cover of the book, "*By means of these pages a discovery is made of the Foundational Charism of the Cursillo in Christianity Movement. Every line leads to contemplation of the 'living water' that has flowed from this Charism. After 67 years the water is still clear and life giving because of its authenticity and truthfulness. It is a charism that encourages people to encounter Christ in the normality of their life without abandoning the place where God has placed them by discovering a Christ who is alive, natural, personal and close to us and to the people in our environment ...*" The **Doctrinal Talks** will continue to relate to topics that will help you grow in your spiritual life ... on-going metanoia!

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

- ◆ **BRING YOUR OWN SACK LUNCH** (to save on time preparing and cleaning up, etc.)
- ◆ Pilgrim's Guide
- ◆ Leaders' Manual (please pray the Leader's Prayer regularly)
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help cover a donation for use of the facility.*