

Cursillo News for Nov. – Dec. 2011

Calendar of Events

November 12, 2011	Secretariat Meeting , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln - 9:30am (9:00am Mass)
December 10, 2011	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) ; Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln, NE
January 14, 2012	Secretariat Meeting , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (tentative)
February 11, 2012	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) ; St. Ann Parish, Doniphan, NE
March 2-3, 2012	Practice Weekend , at St. John Nepomucene, Weston (Secretariat Meeting to follow Practice Weekend)
March 8-11, 2012	Men’s Three Day Weekend , at St. John Nepomucene, Weston
March 22-25, 2012	Women’s Three Day Weekend , at St. John Nepomucene, Weston
April 14, 2012	SOL - 9:30am – 2:30pm (Mass at 9:00am) ; Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln, NE
April 27-29, 2012	Region VI Spring Encounter (the Spanish cursillistas in the Omaha Archdiocese are hosting)
May 12, 2012	Secretariat Meeting , Blessed John XXIII, Lincoln (tentative)

[For your planning purposes, SOL is generally the second Saturday of the even numbered months (Feb., April, etc.), and Secretariat meetings are generally the second Saturday of the odd numbered months (Jan., March, etc.).]

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De Colores!!



1. Donations for the Work of Cursillo

As much as we dislike asking for donations, we would like to ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation to help defray the cost of the work of Cursillo in the Lincoln Diocese. Aside from the costs of the Weekends, we have many other expenses that recur annually, including (but not limited to the following):

- Costs associated with Three Day Weekends – Facility fee for Men’s Weekend, Women’s Weekend, and Practice Weekend; food; priest coverage (substitute priests to cover parish activities for priests assisting with the Weekend or candidates on the Men’s Weekend); supplies; etc. – Costs vary depending on the number of Weekend candidates and number of priests involved (both candidates and team members make Weekend donations).
- Annual Dues to National (\$400 English and \$400 Vietnamese) – \$800
- Annual Dues to Region VI (\$250 English and \$250 Vietnamese) – \$500
- Lincoln Diocese By-Laws provide that the diocesan Cursillo Movement will pay for both the Lay Director and Spiritual Advisor to participate in National and Regional Encounters (this is the Lincoln Diocese’s link to the Cursillo Movement at the National and Regional levels):
 - National Encounter (registration fee per person; this does not cover travel expenses) – \$370 each (\$740 total)
 - Region VI Encounters (registration fee per person; this does not cover travel expenses) – Approximately \$50-\$60 per person for each Encounter (Spring and Fall, \$200-\$240 total)
- Cost of publishing/ mailing newsletters (includes postage, paper, CASS certification required by the Post Office, etc.) – approximately \$1,100 per year
- Other expenses – Gas to transport trailer, trailer tax/license, etc.

The cost of each SOL, Grand Ultreya, and other gatherings is covered by donations specific to those events. We have only one set of Weekends per year, and the money collected on these Weekends does not cover the cost of the work of Cursillo in the Diocese. In recent years, several people have made very generous donations to the Movement (including some parishes), which has helped with the cash flow for the last several years.

If you could help out by making a donation in any amount, it would help tremendously. You may send your contribution in the envelope provided in this newsletter to the Lincoln Diocese treasurer: Kathy Springer, 1410 E. 15th St., Crete, NE 68333. Please make checks payable to: Cursillo of Lincoln. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

2. Ultreya Center News:

Details regarding upcoming Ultreyas are included on the next page and on the outside cover of each Newsletter ... also available on the diocesan webpage:

<http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>

[NOTE THE NEW WEBPAGE ADDRESS]

- ◆ The **Beatrice/Crete/Hebron/Lincoln Ultreya Center** continues its rotation of locations ... Because the 4th Sundays of November and December are during the holidays, the **November** and **December** Ultreyas will be combined and held on **December 4** at the Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln at 5:00pm. The regular rotation will resume in January (**January 22** at St. Joseph Parish, Beatrice).
- ◆ The **Southwest Ultreya Center** will continue to rotate its Ultreya location between McCook and Imperial. The **November** Ultreya will be held **November 13** at 3:30 pm CT in the basement of St. Patrick Church in McCook, and the **December** Ultreya will be held **December 11** at 2:30 pm MT in the St. Patrick Parish Hall in Imperial.
- ◆ The **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden Ultreya Center** will hold its next Ultreya on **Sunday, January 15, at 2:30 pm** at St. John the Baptist Church in Minden.
- ◆ The **Plattsmouth/Nebraska City Ultreya Center** – Check the parish bulletin for Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth (www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com), or contact Terry Little for more information.
- ◆ The **Weston-Wahoo Ultreya Center** will continue to hold Ultreyas at St. John Nepomucene School in Weston. The **November** Ultreya will be held on **Sunday, November 20, at 3:00 pm**. The **December** Ultreya will be held on **Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 pm** (the 2nd Sunday, rather than the 3rd Sunday, due to deanery Penance services).
- ◆ The **Vietnamese-language Ultreya** continues to be held the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:00pm at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lincoln**.

3. Precursillo/Three Days

The next **Three Day Weekends** are scheduled to be held at **St. John Nepomucene in Weston** on the following dates:

- **Men's Weekend: March 8-11, 2012**
- **Women's Weekend: March 22-25, 2012**

Therefore, those friends you have been preparing for a Three Day Weekend can now be informed of the dates and location. If you know of persons who are hungry to know our Lord better and who want to grow in their spiritual lives, and you have not yet talked to them about Cursillo, please take the time in friendship to visit with them about the Three Day Weekend. Offer Palanca as you study your environments (those around you) in search of persons who can help Christianize the world ... then, offer Palanca before you talk to those you feel our Lord has identified for you to invite (“talk to God about your friend before you talk to your friend about God”). Ask our Lord to help you identify the “agents of change”... those who are already leaders. Observe which persons others will follow when they suggest ideas or activities or courses of action ... they are the leaders ... let's help them to be Christian leaders!! **Christ is counting on you!!!**

As always, registration forms for Three Day Weekends are available from the Cursillo of Lincoln website (<http://www.seas-np.org/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. To get a copy of the Sponsor Form, click on the “Sponsor Form” link at the bottom of the “Three Day Weekend Application Forms” page, and you can request that the form be sent to you. The reason for this protocol is that there are questions on the Sponsor Form that apply only to the sponsor and Parish priest. 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).

4. Postcursillo

◆ Region VI Spring Encounter (April 27-29)

The **Region VI Spring Encounter** will be hosted by the Spanish Cursillo community of the **Omaha Archdiocese on April 27-29, 2012**. The **topic of the rollos** for the Spring Encounter will be related to the work of the Precursillo, including the sponsoring of candidates. As information becomes available (registration form, etc.), it will be posted on the Region VI webpage [<http://www.cursillo.org/region6>].

5. School of Leaders (SOL)

At the **October 8 SOL** (held at **St. Ann Parish in Doniphan**), the two technique talks came from the book, Study of the Charism : (1) Charism (definition) and (2) Charism (new movements). Both doctrinal talks also related to gifts/charism/grace. It is helpful explore what the word “charism” means and understand it in the context of Cursillo. SOL continues to help us dig deeper into the why and how of Cursillo, in order that we might best use the Movement as it was intended. The best part of SOL is always the sharing and discussion ... it is the friendship!!

The next SOL will be held on **December 10 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lincoln**. It is the hope of the Secretariat that the two languages groups can grow together in their understanding of Cursillo and work together on the work of Cursillo. The technique talks will continue to come from the book, “Study of the Charism.” The book (which is 80 pages in length) may be purchased at SOL for \$6.00, or it may be downloaded/printed from the OMCC webpage (<http://www.orgmcc.org/study/index.htm>).

From the Spiritual Advisor

Many are already aware that on the first Sunday of Advent we will begin using a new translation of the Roman Missal at Mass. This translation has been “in the works” for almost ten years. Over the last six – nine months, many Catholics have taken time to be involved in

various programs provided by their parishes to help Catholics understand and prepare for the changes that will be involved in using this new translation of the Mass. It would be good during the month of November to intensify our preparation and our study of these changes so that during the month of December, as we begin using the new translation, we might be more open to all the graces that the Lord wants to bestow on us.

One book that is being used to study the new translation and the Mass itself is a book entitled A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do In the Liturgy by Edward Sri. Sri encourages us to use this occasion of the implementation of the new translation of the Mass as an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Mass ... its Biblical roots and the spiritual meaning of many of the words and rituals of the Mass. One example that he presents in the book is the following:

“The congregation sits silently in awe as they watch the priest prepare for his sacred role in word and ritual. Finally, in one last act of preparation, the priest turns to the people, begging them for prayers as he is about to begin the Eucharistic prayer: *‘Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.’*”

The new translation of this prayer more accurately reflects the original Latin text of the Mass which refers to ‘my’ sacrifice and ‘yours’ and brings the meaning of this prayer out more beautifully. The ‘my’ part of the sacrifice points to Christ’s sacrifice which will be made present through the ordained priest who acts *in persona Christi* (‘in the person of Christ’). The ‘your’ part of the sacrifice refers to the entire Church offering itself in union with Christ in the Mass. The people respond with a prayer that recognizes how both sacrifices – Christ’s and their own – will be united and offered to the Father through the *hands* of the priest: *“May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name for our good and the good of all his holy Church.”*

These words help us to understand the importance of our active participation in the Mass. We are joining our prayers and our sacrifices with the prayers and sacrifices of Jesus and offering them to the Father. The Church invites and encourages us to join our prayers and sacrifices to those of Jesus.

This emphasis on joining our sacrifice with that of others might remind us of the “Palanca” that is a large part of the Cursillo Movement ... we join our prayer and sacrifices together with those of other cursillistas (and with our Lord if we are offering Mass as our Palanca) for the apostolic success of some work. Thus, as we use the time leading up to Advent (and Advent itself) to deepen our understanding of the Mass and its spiritual significance and Biblical roots, we may also remember the importance of our Palanca offered for the work of Cursillo in all three phases of the Movement (Precursillo, Cursillo, and Postcursillo) through which we join our prayers and sacrifices with those of other cursillistas and with the Lord. May we grow in our spiritual lives.

De Colores!! Fr. Mark Seiker

From the Lay Director

De Colores to all.

In several of my articles, I have commented on the long drives that are part of my job. In the past two months, I have made three trips to a work-site in northwest North Dakota. One of these trips was tagged onto the end of the September 23-25 Regional Encounter in Rapid City. As I drive through these areas devoted mainly to farming and ranching, I never cease to be amazed at the beauty of the countryside. I grew up in north-central Wisconsin on a farm, and the Fall was my favorite time of the year. I loved harvest time, especially the corn harvest (we used our corn for silage, not grain). The cold mornings, the rich colors of the leaves of sugar maples, poplars, white oaks, and elms, the honks of the migrating geese and ducks, and all the other changes of season as the earth prepared for its winter slumber just made life so meaningful. The countryside in Nebraska and the Dakotas may lack the trees of the Wisconsin forests, but the rolling hills covered with corn, bean, and milo fields have a beauty unique to this part of the country.

As Cursillo is never far from my thoughts, “De Colores” (the colors) seems to always pop into my head when I see the colors of Fall. God is good – and when we are in His presence, as we have heard in some of the National Encounters, all is “De Colores!”

God is good. He has blessed each one of us in so many ways. The Cursillo Movement is a gift and a blessing. It has brought so much into my life. It may have started with the Three Day Weekend, but for those who continue to use the Cursillo Method (Group Reunion and Ultreya), it certainly did not end there. For me, Cursillo started and continues the sharing of my faith in true Christian community. When with this community, I am encouraged, strengthened, and lifted up. Priorities in life fall into place and my ideal focuses on Jesus and my relationship with Him. When we are in love with God (Jesus told us in last Sunday’s Gospel that the first commandment is to love God with all your heart, mind, and soul), everything else in life can fall in place.

My prayer is that as you read this, you reflect on your spiritual growth and how being in community can aid that growth. If you are not in Group Reunion, make some phone calls – get in a group. If you are grouping, be faithful to your group. We make our priorities – getting ourselves to heaven and then helping others to get there as well is number one. Cursillo has certainly been a help to me ... I pray that if it has been for you, that you will hang on to this gift.

Thank you for your Palanca, and please continue to pray for the Cursillo Movement, especially in our Diocese. Know that I pray for you every day. May God continue to bless you. And may your day be De Colores!!

De Colores!! John Springer

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Ultreya Centers

- 1) **Beatrice-Crete-Hebron-Lincoln** – Location alternates.....
(usually 4th Sunday of month, 5:00pm)
December 4 – Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Cntr (Lincoln; 5:00pm)
January 22, 2012 – St. Joseph Parish (Beatrice; 5:00pm)
- 2) **Hastings-Holdrege-Minden** – Contact Mary Ann Connelly
January 15, 2012 at 2:30pm at Minden
- 3) **Lincoln – Vietnamese Language Group**.....
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lincoln
4th Sunday of month, 3:00pm
- 4) **Plattsmouth-Nebraska City**.....
Check parish bulletin at www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com,
or contact Terry Little
- 5) **Southwestern Nebraska**.....
Location alternates: McCook/Imperial; Usually 2nd Sunday of month
Nov. 13 – McCook (St. Patrick Church basement) (3:30pm CT)
December 11 – Imperial (St. Patrick Parish hall) (2:30pm MT)
- 6) **Weston/David City/Shelby/Wahoo**.....
November 20– Weston (St. John Nepomucene School) (3:00pm)
December 11– Weston (St. John Nepomucene School) (3:00pm)

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School of Leaders

December 10, 2011

6345 Madison Avenue

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lincoln, NE

*Please come ... Deepen your understanding of Cursillo ...
ALL Cursillistas (Veteran and New) are invited and welcome*

School of Leaders Agenda:

9:00am --- Mass (for those who wish to assist)

9:30am -- Group Reunion, Session #1, Lunch, Session #2, Visit to Blessed Sacrament, Depart.

2:30pm --- Clean up and departure (*estimated time* ... may be earlier ... may be later ...).

Topics of Talks

The **Technique Talks** are from the book published by the North American Caribbean Group (NACG) entitled, "Study of the Charism." The preface to the book says (in part):

"The Cursillo Movement throughout the world is on a discovery of its charism and history. The World Organization of Cursillos in Christianity (OMCC) has encouraged all cursillistas around the world to study the charism of the Cursillo Movement. This call to study the charism came in 1998, at the 5th World Encounter of the Cursillo Movement in Seoul, Korea. The Pontifical Council for the Laity echoed this call to all Movements in the Church at their World Congress of Ecclesial Movements in 1998 and 2006. It explained WHY we must study and know our charism, because it is only when each Movement LIVES its charism, that it can truly serve our Holy Mother Church. The Pontifical Council advised us HOW – go to your founder – know his mentality, his life, his education, and the history of the movement. Pope John Paul II stated: 'The founder is the pivot of the life of every movement, because he is the bearer of the original charism from which it is born and through which it lives.' ...

This study is a compilation of writings from Eduardo Bonnín as published in a series of Monthly Mailings from the OMCC Executive Committee from 2008 – 2009. The purpose of these mailings was to create a hunger for the study of the charism. ...

Also included in this book are the 'Spiritual Notes' from Fr. David Smith, in which he adds scripture and Papal Document references to this study. This book makes an excellent study tool for any cursillista interested in studying the charism of the Cursillo Movement ..."

The book may be obtained from the OMCC webpage (<http://www.orgmcc.org/study/index.htm>) or you may purchase a copy of the book at SOL for \$6.00. The document is 80 pages in length and the funds from sales of the book help with the work of Cursillo (in addition, it's nice to have the material in the form of a bound booklet).

The **Doctrinal Talks** will continue to relate to topics that will help you grow in your spiritual life.

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.)
- ◆ **Leaders' Manual**, if you have one (available for purchase at SOL)
- ◆ *We ask that you consider making a donation to help cover a donation for use of the facility.*