

Hello fellow Cursillistas,

The purpose of this note is to introduce myself, and let you know about our plans for the 2019 School of Leaders.

Deacon Bill Jacobs and I are very excited about the upcoming School of Leaders. We are praying that you will join us, and grow as Christian leaders throughout these sessions.

First, I want to remind everyone that Cursillo began as a school preparing pilgrims for the long and hard journey across the mountains of Spain. The endpoint of their pilgrimage was the shrine of Saint James, "Santiago de Compostela."

Your Cursillo weekend was given by "seasoned" Cursillistas who studied, prayed, and sacrificed to draw you closer to Christ, and thereby Christianize the world. That is the aim of the School of Leaders.

So, mark your calendars now for our first School of Leaders session on Saturday, February 16, 2019, starting at 8 AM at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Alcoa, TN.

We will be studying from the foundational documents of the Cursillo movement. We will also be learning from the book "Live Today Well" by Father Thomas F. Dailey. **We recommend that you purchase this book** in advance of our first session.

The format we are trying is as follows:

8 AM mass in the parish chapel

Light breakfast (coffee provided, please bring a dish to pass)

Video/community building activity

Deacon's presentation

Doctrinal/technique talk

Summary and closing

The goal is for this format to last no longer than 2 hours.

I will send you another reminder 10 days before each gathering. I pray that this effort will "bear much fruit." (John 15:8) Your sister in Christ, Velma