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Tribute to Eduardo Bonnin, Founding Father of Cursillo



FEB. 7, 2008 - Eduardo Bonnin, founder of the Catholic lay Cursillo movement, died Wednesday at age 90. The funeral will be celebrated Feb. 12 by Bishop Jesús Murgui of Mallorca. In honor of the role and commitment that he had for the Cursillo Movement, this issue of the Rooster Crows will focus on the historical overview of the Movement.

The experience which began the Cursillo Movement was lived in August 1944, in Cala Figuera, on the island of Mallorca (spanish island of the Mediteranean Sea).

It all started from a one-week course named ***Cursillo for Leaders of Pilgrims*** offered by the Catholic Action movement to those who were preparing a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St James at Compostela. Eduardo Bonnin and a group of friends devised a method which targeted a profound change in the day to day life of the communities rather than the preparation of a pilgrimage.

In the summer of 1944, they led a first *Three Day Cursillo* for friends in a cottage in Cala Figuera. They repeated the experience many times, inviting mostly those they saw as born leaders, recruiting among non-practising as well as among the practising. Each Cursillo led to the formation of small groups which kept on meeting for mutual support in prayer, study and action.

Witnessing the wonderful results of their experience, Mgr. Juan Hervas, the island new bishop, decided to sustain it and to actively get involved. In January 1949 was held the first Cursillo officially sanctioned by the ecclesiastical authorities. From that point on, thanks to Mgr. Hervas, Cursillos were held at an accelerated pace - around thirty in his diocese during the first year - and the Movement was given a tremendous boost.

The growth of the Cursillo Movement has been phenomenal. As early as 1955 it migrated to South America and Mexico, and from there quickly spread to twenty (20) Spanish speaking countries. In 1961, it was introduced to the English speaking dioceses of North America.

The first French language Cursillo took place in Trois-Rivières, Québec, Canada in 1963. However no follow up to that weekend occured. It was after the Sherbrooke QC weekend in 1965 that the School of Leaders was established and hence became the origin of the "Mouvement des Cursillos Francophones du Canada"

Twenty years after its foundation, the CM had reached all five continents. Today, Cursillo weekends are given in more than 60 countries, and approximately 1500 dioceses around the world.

Many protestant communities have their own CM, namely Anglicans/Episcopalians who adopted it in its entirety. Others such as Methodists, Presbyterians and Lutherans have changed certain parts and named them differently but they have the same goal and follow the same methodology. Also, within the Catholic Church, many movements have sprung from the CM.

Estimates state that some forty five million men and women of different races and beyond Catholicism have attended a "three day Cursillo".

Eduardo Bonnin will be missed by many. The National secretariat made the following statement, "Eduardo has always been for us someone important, but beginning now, in our prayers we can ask him to intercede for us before the Father, so that we can continue with his work of evangelizing the world and making as many as possible have the joy of knowing that God loves them. If he did everything that he did on earth, what won't he do now that he's in heaven?" The statement concluded by thanking Bonnin for his work, "Thank you, Eduardo, for making our lives better, for making us happier and because many of our lives would not have the light of the Gospel if you had not been here."



2008 Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Calendar

Jan 31-Feb 3	Spanish Women's # 2	Apison Retreat Center
Feb 9	School of Leaders	Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa 10 am-2pm
March 28-30	Regional Encounter for Lay/Spiritual Directors	Owensboro, KY
Apr 3-6	English Women's # 34	Apison Retreat Center
Apr 12	Secretariat Meeting	St. Therese of Lisieux, Cleveland 10 am-2pm
May 10	School of Leaders	All Saints, Knoxville 10 am-2pm
Jul 12	Secretariat Meeting	St. Alphonsus Crossville 10 am-2pm
Jul 24 - 27	Spanish Men's # 3	Apison Retreat Center,
Jul 31-Aug 3	National Encounter	Catholic University, Washington DC
Aug 16	School of Leaders	St. Therese of Lisieux, Cleveland 10 am-2pm
Sept 11-14	Men's # 35	Apison Retreat Center
Sept 25-28	Women's # 36	Apison Retreat Center
Oct 11	Secretariat Meeting	St. Thomas the Apostle
Oct 31- Nov 2	Region IV Fall Encounter	St. Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana
Nov 8	School of Leaders	St. Alphonsus Crossville 10 am-2pm

Palanca is needed for the English Women's Weekend # 34 (Apr 3-6) — If you have not done so already, visit the web page and click on Women under Weekend Prayer Vigil.

Then select the plus symbol to the left of the time and fill in the form. More than one name is allowed for each time slot... Then during the weekend, offer your palanca for the team and candidates.



Congratulations to the 25 new Cursillistas and team from the first Spanish Women's Weekend in our Diocese on January 31-February 3, 2008!



The auditorium was filled with the Holy Spirit and MANY supporters of the 4th Day Community! De Colores!!!

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