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DIocese of KNOXVILLE CURSILLO

The Rooster Crows



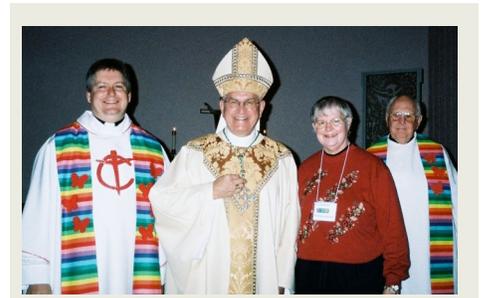
The Director's Chair Building on a Firm Foundation by Lois Schering, Lay Director



We welcome 14 new Spanish women into our Cursillo Community. I thank the team for their time and commitment to Cursillo.

Eileen Casey and I attended the Spring Regional Encounter in Louisville Ky. The topic was the 4th day Workshop. All of the talks were very good but one stood out that I would like to share with you -- Bruce Bonenberger's talk on *A Laymen's Explanation of the Cursillo Leaders Prayer*. Actually, Bruce gave an expanded explanation of each line of the Leaders Prayer. The talk is too long to share in the *Rooster Crows* but a copy of the English version is located on the web page. Archbishop Kurtz shared during his homily on Sunday morning that the Bishops will be attending a synod at the Vatican in October to discuss Evangelization. The 1st topic the Bishops will discuss is the Cursillo Method. In the picture below is Fr. Alex (Region IV's Spiritual Advisor and Knoxville's too) Archbishop Kurtz, me and Fr. Al Wilson (former Spiritual Advisor of Region IV).

At the June Secretariat meeting, Fr. Alex and I were presented with a Monstrance which was donated to the Knoxville Cursillo by Deacon Bill and Toni Jacobs for use at our Clausuras.



I looked up the term "Friendship" in the dictionary and one of the definitions was that it was the mutual feelings of trust and affection and the behavior that typifies relationships between friends. "In Pope Benedict's first encyclical letter, "God is love," the Pope explains that there are three Greek words for love, Philia, Eros, and Agape. Philia is a friendship type of love, a brotherly/sisterly love, a love that we could say exists in Pre Cursillo. Eros is an ego or inward type of love, a love that we would have in the 3 Day Cursillo. Finally, Agape is an unconditional or outward type of love as we see in our Post Cursillo. If we stop after our 3-Day weekend one could say that it is good but our love could stop there, an inward, self centered type of love, could develop not the unconditional or outward type of love that could make us a fool for Christ. The encyclical explains that we need to experience all of these types of love in our lives. Pope Benedict says that "fundamentally, love is a single reality, but with different dimensions; at different times, one or other dimension may emerge more clearly.

"When you meet with your small friendship group reunion what type of love do you share? Is it a Philia or friendship love? Or is it Eros, an inward or selfish love? Or is it an Agape type of love? One in which you go there to share

You are invited to Celebrate the Priesthood of Fr. Brando

The formal celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Father Joe Brando's ordination will be on September 21st at the American Legion Post 202, 1222 E. Parkway in Gatlinburg. This will be an open house with hors d'oeuvres from 7 to 10 P.M. We would like to present Fr. Joe with a book of stories or thoughts from his friends. Please put them on an 8 by 11 sheet of paper. We are also looking for any photos you would like to share (please indicate if you need them returned). Please send them by July 31 to St. Mary Church, 304 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg TN 37738 to the attention of Mary Williams. Also, please R.S.V.P. by Aug. 31 if you plan to attend to Mary Williams at marymarthawilliams@msn.com

The Witness Box— "Take on the armor of God and the shield of faith."

At the Cursillo I attended several months ago, I was struck by the easy comfort and sense of camaraderie I felt sharing personal concerns with a group of other men. The women who assisted at the recent Ultreya I attended were clearly respectful and supportive, but there is something about being with men that allows us to let go of our ordinary proper selves and find out what else is there.

It is easy to notice that too many of us are thin skinned, and easily offended or shaken by critical comments. (I include myself here). Some years ago, I spliced together a brief training to help participants shield out hostility. You relax, imagine a shield, give it protective qualities, and then practice using it to protect yourself in various situations.

I saw it as a secular training, but the Cursillo gave me a boost of confidence and I wondered if we could invite in the Holy Spirit. St. Paul to the Ephesians says, "Take on the armor of God and the shield of faith." When he speaks of the armor of God and the shield of faith, he is not talking about metal and leather, but about emotional, psychological, and spiritual protection from the everyday ill will around us.

Through my Cursillo weekend, I learned to ask the Holy Spirit to guard and protect me in these types of situations. Cursillo opened my eyes into using the armor of God as a shield.

Best to all,

Dr. Richard Driscoll

Pre- Cursillo: Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Upcoming Cursillo weekends in the Diocese of Knoxville are:

**Make a Friend
Be a Friend
Bring your friend to Christ**

Spanish Hombres - August 16-19

English Women - September 13-16

English Men - October 25 - 28

Pre Cursillo does not start just before a weekend. It is a continuous process that could take several years. First, you make a friend and get to know them. Then you will begin to talk to them about Jesus Christ, always praying for your friend. Eventually the time will be right to ask them to pray about attending a Cursillo Weekend. So the next time you make a new friend... think of praying for them so that GOD can call them to a Cursillo. Send in your candidates applications now. Don't wait until the time is good, Do it now. This will also help the Secretariat in planning future weekends. Please offer Palanca for the Pre-Cursillo in our movement. For more information contact Robb Morris (English) at Robert@morris.net or Sofia Delgado (Spanish) at rochasofia@aol.com and they can assist you.

Inspiration Corner by Fr. Alex Waraksa, Spiritual Director

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In the catechism we can look to paragraphs 813-815 and 820-821 among others. The Church is one because the Trinity is one and is the source of her unity. Jesus the Church's founder renewed that unity on the cross and the Holy Spirit preserves unity and kindles that desire in believers. The Church is a unity of diverse believers from different cultures and in her "there are different gifts, offices, conditions, and ways of life." CCC 814

What are these bonds of unity? Above all, charity "binds everything together in perfect harmony." But the unity of the pilgrim Church is also assured by visible bonds of communion: 1. profession of one faith received from the Apostles, 2. common celebration of divine worship, especially of the sacraments; 3. apostolic succession through the sacrament of Holy Orders, maintaining the fraternal concord of God's family." CCC 815

"Christ always gives his Church the gift of unity, but the Church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce, and perfect the unity that Christ wills for her. This is why Jesus himself prayed at the hour of his Passion, and does not cease praying to his Father, for the unity of his disciples: "That they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be one in us... so that the world may know that you have sent me." [Jn 17:21; cf. Heb 7:25] The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit." CCC 820

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Certain things are required in order to respond adequately to this call: 1. conversion of heart as the faithful "try to live holier lives according to the Gospel"; for it is the unfaithfulness of the members to Christ's gift which causes divisions; 2. prayer in common, because "change of heart and holiness of life, along with public and private prayer for the unity of Christians, should be regarded as the soul of the whole ecumenical movement, and merits the name 'spiritual ecumenism;'" 3. fraternal knowledge of each other." CCC 821

I hope these teachings of the Scriptures and the Church inspire you to be instruments of unity in the Cursillo Movement, the Church, and in all your environments..

openly your very being, your inner most feelings and problems. Do others in your group come openly or reserved and held back? Do you share your dry spells and do you share your closest moments not worrying that others might think you strange? Do you share your unbeliefs and your insecurities? When you have problems keeping your commitments do you share the reasons that cause this or do you just fluff it off and not even care. Your small group is the place where you can obtain the most growth for your spirituality. However, in order for this to take place you must give generously of yourself. Are you loyal to your group? Do you go every week unless there is a very good reason or do you just go if you feel like it or if you have something to share or if you need help with something? Do you truly love your group reunion sisters or brothers? Or do you just say that you do?

Do you live the Cursillo movement as it was meant or do you use it for your own benefit?

“Are you truly living the talks from the 3 Day weekend or do you just share the words? Are you involved in too many ministries? Do you live the Cursillo movement as it was meant or do you use it for your own benefit? Do you get angry when there is a change at your Cursillo diocese or do you listen and try to understand why changes are being made? Do you really study the Cursillo or do you just want it to be the way that you envision it?

“Do most people still want to be involved with the 3 Day weekend? Do they just not want to give a commitment of time to the 4th Day Workshop? What do people find in the weekend that they do not find in Post Cursillo? Is it the conversion that they see and experience or the love or both? So is the reason for low attendance that people have too many activities or ministries? Is it these other excuses or is it that we are not living the love of Christ, not continuing our metanoia? All these questions need to be answered sincerely and changes made where needed for our love to grow.” (Portions taken from a talk by Noreen Ford on “Have We Lost Our Love,” 2006) ULTREYA!

Congratulations to our 14 newest Cursillista... May your 4th day be blessed as you begin living what you learned on your Cursillo weekend by joining in a Group Reunion, Ultreya and 4th day workshop.



The Deacon's Two Cents



Summertime, and Cursillo living is...not as easy By Deacon Bill Jacobs

Summer has begun, and the many signs of the season surround us. Ordinary Time in the Church resumes. The days are longer, the night are lit by fireflies and serenaded by cicadas. The kids are home from school, and after a few days off, they proclaim the phrase that every parent dreads: “I’m bored!”

Keeping a young mind busy can be a challenge in summer. But for the cursillistas, the season can also be a struggle. Our usual routines are disrupted, and we are greatly tempted to slack off on our apostolic commitments.

Perhaps we find it harder to attend that extra Mass that we are used to, because family demands are intruding on our schedule. We go on vacation, and our personal prayer period is neglected. The summer days seem so busy that we forget to pray that rosary or Divine Mercy chaplet; we meant to, but the day just flew by!

I often plan, weeks ahead of time, the choice of reading that I take with me on vacation. Does “summer reading” always have to be light and superficial? (Or, God forbid, horrifying and negative?) Our minds certainly need recreation, but we must not neglect our apostolic commitment to “change our mentality to be more Christian.” Didn’t someone say, “Don’t read just good books, read the best books?”

The rest of the year, our sharing of our Action in our Group Reunions is crowded with parish activities—RCIA, CCD, Confirmation classes, etc. But now church “school” is out, too—so what do we do?

I suggest that all cursillistas (starting with me!) examine our Christian walk through the Cursillo method in this lazy season of summer. Do I adhere to my Piety goals only when they fit my routines, or am I seriously committed to prayer and liturgy, even outside of my routine?

Am I truly determined to change my mentality through study, even in times of leisure? Is apostolic Action only restricted to parish activities, or do I need to branch out my service to other areas of my community? (*continued on page 7*)

This time of year is a blessing to all of us, a gift for which we give thanks and glory to God. (And the Lord certainly does not begrudge us time for recreation; He rested on the seventh day of creation not because he needed it, but to give us an example!) But we cannot take a vacation from serving the Lord. As we rest, let us also think and reflect anew on our Christian commitments. May we give glory to God by a new and fresh approach to our Piety, Study and Action. May all of us pray for this, and pray for one another, so that, when the leaves change color and we dust off our sweaters, we can look back on our summer and say, “I rested. But I grew, too! Praise be to God!”

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WANTED: BI-LINGUAL ASSISTANTS FOR TRANSLATING THE ROOSTER CROWS

Can you use a computer and have email? Are you looking for a way to serve your Cursillo Community? If you answered yes, we have a job for you! It is time for you to step up and assist in publishing the Rooster Crows. Our newsletter is our lifeline with the Diocese and it contains good and thoughtful information and articles. Many hands make light work. Please offer to help us with the Spanish issue of our Newsletter. Won't YOU help?!

Ultreya Means Onward by Micheline Parkey, Cursillo # 38

“The Cursillo Ultreya is a circumstance in which the best in each person reaches the most people possible and is characterized by its radical optimism; joy; boldness and firmness; conviction and values.” (From “Foundation Charism of the Cursillo Movement” National Cursillo Center mailing, June 2010).

Growing up Catholic in this sea of Protestants, I often marvel at how much fun the other denominations seem to have. They show up for fellowship because they want to have fun together. We Catholics seem to show up not so much for fun, but out of obligation. Why is that? It’s almost like we just don’t want to mix God with fun in the same way we don’t like to mix work with pleasure. Well, why not? Jesus had fun. He had my kind of fun; partying with the disciples at the wedding feast, playing with the children. Even at Lazarus’ house; Mary made the better choice to sit and listen to Jesus. To socialize was better than the work Martha continued to do. We aren’t meant just to work for the Lord. We also need to take the time to fellowship. We should choose the better part and encourage each other onward!

Ultreya reminds me of that song from bible school; “Onward Christian Soldiers!

Marching as to war! With the cross of Jesus going on before!”

I’m a “babe chic.” While I left my weekend on fire with the Holy Spirit I also know that fires that intense tend to burn out. To avoid this, I found a group reunion. A small group of ladies meet every Saturday morning at 7:30 A.M. We lovingly, and somewhat irreverently, refer to our meeting place as St. Arbucks; patron saint of police officers, college students, and of course caffeine. I enjoy my small group and the intimacy we share with Jesus over a cup of coffee while we inspire each other to continue to balance that Cursillo tripod of Piety, Study, and Action. I met this small 4th day community by contacting my Parish Representa-

tive whose number was nicely placed in the bulletin.

The position of Parish Representative for St. Stephen since became vacant. I was moved by the Holy Spirit, and also motivated by Dick Shriver, to accept those responsibilities for my parish. As such, I put my name and number in the bulletin and scheduled a regular, monthly Ultreya!

I’m an extrovert and easily excited about the chance to throw a party. To me, Ultreya is the closest our movement gets to a party or revival. “The breath of life from the Spirit... capable of giving rise to dormant charisms, of infusing with a sense of vitality and joy that, in every time in history has made the Church ever young and ever current, that it may have the disposition to announce her eternal message joyfully in the new age...” (Pope Paul VI; Insegnamenti – “Teachings”). We are the light of the world. God said, “I will give you as a light to the nation.” Let your light shine onward! I can almost hear it like a dance party anthem; “So let’s set the world on fire! We can burn brighter than the sun!”

That’s what Ultreya is supposed to be like; encouraging and uplifting, celebrating the charism of Cursillo; friendship and love; how we are called individually and collectively to follow Christ.

I started by splashing the local Catholic media; bulletins of the greater Chattanooga area with an invitation. “You are invited to Cursillo Ultreya as St. Stephen’ the first Thursday of every month. All are welcome.” I also sent emails to the 4th Day Community inviting them to join us. Many hands make light work, so I solicited the help of my group and my husband. A couple of roosters, rainbows, some snacks and we were ready to go! “Onward then ye people! Join our happy throng!”

St. Stephen does not have many 4th Day Cursillistas, but the parishioners who are part of the movement have made a sincere effort to participate in Ultreya.

We’ve also had people from other local parishes join us and that is very encouraging! Our Ultreya is small at times, but we are faithful and I always leave feeling uplifted and encouraged. Ready to set the world on fire with the light of Christ!

On our website; knoxvillecursillo.org, we have many resources that help in organizing the Ultreya. There is a document called “Ultreya.” I used this along with some suggestions and support from our 4th Day Coordinator, Dick Shriver, as well as Parish Rep. Veteran, Dave Campbell. I’m grateful for all of this made starting our Ultreya simply possible.

At Ultreya, we celebrate each other’s charism; especially that of our witness speaker who seems to say just what we need to hear each month. A party is just that; a celebration! We don’t have to have cake or alcohol or dancing... but we sing. “Brothers lift your voices! Loud your anthems raise!” We talk and listen and we share in Christ’s love for each of us and our love for each other; our friendship. “Kindle in us the fire of your love...and you shall renew the face of the earth.”

Ultreya is uniquely pre and post Cursillo as all are welcome. Candidates and 4th Day community join together and encourage each other on our Christian journey. It is at Ultreya that we can truly enjoy the many colors of our movement. Individual charisms are as broad as the spectrum. “The Charism of Cursillo is to live “De Colores” (filled with grace), giving testimony in the movable square meter that surrounds us by the best means that is friendship.” (The Cursillo Movement “Study of the Charism,” OMCC Monthly Mailings 2008-2009).

I encourage you to go to Ultreya. If there isn’t one nearby or at a time you can make, then start your own. We are all called to be a friend. Why not serve our friends with encouragement and fun? “Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song!” Party on!

De Colores!



The Cursillo movement believes that Christian community is essential to Total Security. This occurs within Group Reunion, Ultreya and our other Cursillo gatherings as well as at Mass and our other parish gatherings. What might be the origins of these ideas? I find it is always good to look the sacred scriptures and the Catechism for the Church's teachings on this.

First certain parts of the Bible come to mind such as: I pray that they may be one from, John 17:20 "I pray not only for the, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that y also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."

Do we come together because we need our Christian brothers and sisters, or do we come together to support and help our brothers and sisters in Christ? It should be both, but many of us stop coming together

if we don't get something out of our Group Reunions, Ultreyas or other gatherings at church. Certain scriptures may come to mind to help us reflect on this.

Paul shares the image of the mystical body of Christ where one member cannot say to another, "I do not need you "as we can read in Corinthians.

We need to continue to come together. We might remember Hebrew 10:25. "We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another... "

Paul shares the image of the mystical body of Christ where one member cannot say to another, "I do not need you "as we can read in Corinthians 12:21: "The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Paul says this is God's way of telling us that we need each other, whether in Group Reunion, Ultreya, at Mass or other parish activities.

Paul discovered during his conversion that if he wasn't helping God's people he was hurting them and hurting Christ as we can read in Acts 26,14-15: I heard a

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voice saying to me in Hebrew, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' ... And I said, 'Who are you, sir?' And the Lord replied, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'

Christian community is about how we treat one another. In Mathew's gospel we hear Jesus tell people that when you did various acts of charity for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me. Mt. 25:44-45: "Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'

We might remember from one of the meditations on the weekend: John 21:15 "Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

These are other member of our communities who need our love.

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Secretariat Position Elections - (Term will be 2013-2015)

Secretariat positions up for election/re-election and an amendment to the By-Laws

Elections, elections, elections; County, State, National and our own Cursillo Secretariat elections are all approaching fast. **Please consider one of these vacancies and enter your name on the ballot.**

The Secretariat positions up for election/re-election: Spanish Cursillo Director, Post Cursillo Director, and English 4th Day Workshop Director. The term of office is three years and is not limited to the number of terms served. Please submit a letter or note in writing via mail or email by October 3, 2012 (10 days before Secretariat meeting on Oct 13) with your intention to run for a specific position to Lois Schering - schering4@aol.com. A vote will be held at the Oct. 13 meeting. Be open to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit, pray about it and say "Here I am, Lord."

The duties of Spanish Cursillo Director are: He or she shall present to the Secretariat names of prospective Spanish coordinators and help all leaders to carry out all that is required on the 3-Day Cursillo according to the official literature. He or she will preside and coordinate the Clausura of the Cursillo weekend. He or she will be responsible for getting the new Cursillista names, addresses, and email addresses from the *(continued on page 10)*

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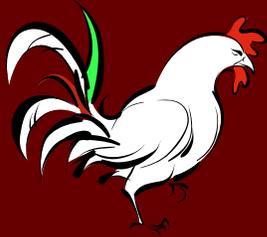
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2012 Cursillo Calendar

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Time/Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
4th Day Workshop	Jul 7, 10:00 – 2:00 St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Jim & Judy Holt Nancy Kinerson
Parish Rep Workshop	July 14, 10:00—12:00 St. John Neumann, Farragut	Dick Shriver & David Campbell
Cursillo National Encounter	Jul 19-22, Fri-Sun Xavier, Univ., Cincinnati, Ohio	Lois Schering
Secretariat Meeting	Aug 11, 10:00 – 2:00 OLOF, Alcoa	Lois Schering
Spanish Men's Weekend	Cancelled	Beatriz Rincon
4th Day Workshop	Sep 8, 10:00 – 2:00 St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Jim & Judy Holt Nancy Kinerson
English Women's Weekend	Sep 13-16, Thurs-Sun, Apison Center	Aurora Gardner
Fall Regional Encounter	Oct 5-7, Cincinnati, Ohio	Lois Schering
Secretariat Meeting	Oct 13, 10:00 – 2:00 St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Lois Schering
English Men's Weekend	Oct 25-28, Thurs-Sun, Apison Center	Aurora Gardner
Diocesan Encounter	Nov 10 (Sat) 9:30 am-3 pm, OLOF, Alcoa Keynote Speaker T/B/A Mass followed by Grand Ultreya and Fiesta	Lois Schering & Dick Shriver
Secretariat Meeting	Dec 1, 10:00 – 2:00 Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa	Lois Schering



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Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.

We are on the web at

<http://www.knoxvillecursillo.org/>

Cursillo proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived, and shared in any area of human life, where there are Christians willing to dedicate their lives to Christ in an ongoing manner. The method is introduced on a Cursillo weekend.

In 1963, Pope Paul the VI appointed St. Paul as the official Patron of the Cursillo Movement. On that occasion he said:

"This method of Christian teaching, commonly called Cursillos in Christianity, extends already over a great number of faithful and has produced abundant fruit; Christian renewal of the family life, visualization of parishes, faithful observance of duties, in private, as well as public. All this has filled the Bishops and other Shepherds of souls with the greatest satisfaction."

Secretariat Position Elections

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Rector/Rectora of the Cursillo Weekends (the Roster) and give to the Cursillo Secretariat Secretary to be placed in the archives and mailing list.

The duties of the Post Cursillo Director are: He or she shall for the benefit of all Cursillistas promote the essential means of perseverance (group reunion and Ul-treya) and establish fundamental standards for managing the same according to the official literature. He or she will oversee the publishing of the *Rooster Crows*. Working with the Secretary, will publish or distribute pertinent material for the information and orientation of the Cursillistas. He or she will gather the necessary statistical data to supply to the Secretariat information concerning the progress of the Movement in the diocese.

The duties of the English 4th Day

Workshop Director: He or she will train the Leaders of the Movement by choosing seasoned Cursillistas to give technique talks; He or she will select the curriculum for the technique talks; He or she makes recommendations to the Secretariat on the discussions within the workshop; He or she writes a summary of each workshop to the Secretariat; He or she makes recommendations for future rector/rectoras; and He or she is timekeeper.

For the past year, the Spanish Pre Cursillo position has been a non-voting position on the Secretariat. The Secretariat would like to make it a voting position with a three-year term of office. The incumbent as well as anyone wishing to be considered for the position, needs to put the request in writing and submit it to Lois Schering, schering4@aol.com by October 3, 2012 their intent to run for the position. The duties of

the Spanish Pre Cursillo director: He or she serves for three years and is not limited (at present) to the number of terms served. This person is responsible for the selection and preparation of all candidates who will live a Cursillo in the Diocese. He or she receives applications and notifies candidates and sponsors of their acceptance. He or she will report to the Secretariat the number of candidates; and he or she will put on Sponsorship workshops.

The Secretariat also wants to amend the By-Laws to add the new Spanish Pre Cursillo position. That vote will also take place on October 13. The language will read: "The English and Spanish Pre Cursillo Representatives shall study and propose to the Secretariat the plan of establishment of an extension of the Cursillo Movement in the diocese..." (see Article V2.a.)