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DIocese of KNOXVILLE CURSILLO

The Rooster Crows

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DID YOU KNOW?

On February 15, 2015, The Chancellor of the Diocese of Mallorca, Spain, read the written petition as the first step toward the beatification of the founder of the Cursillo Movement, Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo. The petition was presented by the Cursillo Secretariat of the Diocese of Mallorca, and was solicited by the national Secretariats of Italy, Portugal, and El Salvador. Bonnin can now be called Servant of God, and we can pray for his intercession. Any miracles which occur as the result of his intercession can be submitted to the postulator, Father Gabriel Ramis, as a possible step toward the cause of beatification or canonization of Eduardo Bonnin.



Servant of God

Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo

Pray for us!



The Director's Chair

Building on a Firm Foundation

by Dick Shriver, Lay Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As your Lay Director it is my duty and pleasure to serve you and to keep and make our Cursillo strong. My goal is to create an environment in which we will all grow and thrive as a Christian community. One of the ways to do this is to make sure that we all have and use the Spiritual tools that we learned on our weekend, so that we may grow in our walk with Jesus.

Cursillo is all about the 4th day. We learned on our weekend that Piety, Study and Action become the cornerstone of our Christian lives. Small Group Reunion, Ultreyas and Leader's School (4th Day Workshop) strengthen our Spiritual walk with Christ. As your Lay Director, I want to make sure that we all have these pieces in place to help us to live as Christ wants us to live.

In the past, we have had Ultreyas throughout the diocese; now we are down to a few. Due to sparse attendance, many of our previous Ultreyas are not being held anymore. As with all movements of the Church experience, there are periods of rapid growth and periods of pause, and the pauses lead to rebirth and continued growth. With the aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are poised for rebirth here in the Diocese of Knoxville! One thing that we the Secretariat can and will do is to supply you with a list of witness speakers for your Ultreya, and to give you a format to make your Ultreya a fun and spiritual event. To get help to start or restart an Ultreya, or if you have any questions about Ultreyas, please feel free to contact David Campbell (our Post-Cursillo Chairman) at [865-755-3575](tel:865-755-3575), Ovidio Cano (Spanish Post-Cursillo) at [865-394-5473](tel:865-394-5473), or myself at [865-384-2133](tel:865-384-2133).

Ultreyas should be one to one and a half hours long, starting with group reunion, followed by a witness speaker (approx. 10 to 15 minutes), then announcements and fellowship. They can also include music and snacks. Also, to help those that are not grouping, this is a good time to find a Group Reunion. I have a list of Cursillistas that want to help us grow our movement by volunteering their time and talent to assist with Ultreyas. As I said above, please feel free to contact myself or David Campbell.

Small Group Reunion is what helps us to persevere on our 4th day. If one is going to stay on track, he or she needs the support of a small group that meets weekly. One hour is all that it takes. I have grouped for over 33 years and this helps keep me on track. If you need help finding a group please contact Piotr Ulmer (Small Group Reunion Chairman) at [865-368-1898](tel:865-368-1898)

Another important part of Cursillo is knowing and learning more about our Movement, so that we can share it with others. The 4th Day Workshop provides the information that we need. It is held every other month, and is for all Cursillistas. You don't have to attend every one, but just try to attend when you can. You can see our website, knoxvillecursillo.org, for dates and times, or you can call Lois Schering (4th Day Workshop Chairman) at [865-681-7858](tel:865-681-7858).

Cursillo is a Movement of the Holy Spirit.....

God Bless You and our Cursillo
DeColores

Dick Shriver

Inspiration Corner

by Fr. Joe Brando, Spiritual Director

Chaplain's Quiri, Quiri

It's April! Spring has arrived. It's a time for most people to look at their gardens. When I check out my little back-yard's remains, left over from last year, I can almost hear nature shouting at me to get into action and start making something beautiful happen. As of now, things look pretty bleak. My azaleas and shrubs are OK; but the remnants of my annuals left a large empty space, with a few volunteers trying their best to survive.

Come to think of it, that's not the only part of my life that needs fixing up. Perhaps all of us need to take a good look, not only at our gardens, but also our spiritual lives. Hopefully, we used Lent to re-shape our lives according to the model that the Lord and the Church have laid out for us. After that 'annual' section of our spiritual garden is arranged properly, we should look at the way we relate to the larger (perennial) Christian population. What organizations do we belong to?

First off is our parish. Chances are there is some parish organization that can use our God-given talents to help make the parish bloom and grow.

Then there are National Catholic organizations, like Cursillo, that can neatly fit our personalities, and provide an outlet for us to enhance the presence and power of Christ in our part of the world. As you have no doubt experienced, we can experience situations that go beyond our individual ability, to bring the beauty of Christ's presence. Jesus, himself, called for more workers for his vineyard. We need to make friends who will work with us.

When that happens, our garden starts taking shape. Such an event took place at last Tuesday's Ultreya in Lenoir City, where 20 Cursillistas enthusiastically gathered. It proved that we can get a good number of us together. We must continue, and increase the times we can "flex our spiritual muscles." Such events make it so much easier to do what needs to be done, so that we can make East Tennessee a garden where God's Love makes our lives beautiful.

De Colores,
Fr. Joe

The Deacon's Two Cents



TAKE YOUR CURSILLO TEMPERATURE

By Deacon Bill Jacobs

I trust that all of you made it through the flu season. The number of people who had to miss work, and the schools that closed because of illness, are signs of how this flu season was more severe than usual. Many of us had to rummage through the cabinets in the bathroom, saying, “Where did I leave that thermometer?”

Maybe this is a good time of year to take our “Cursillo temperature.” You must have noticed the thermometer on the beige Service Sheet that we use for our Group Reunions. At what degree is your spiritual “temperature?” (Since we can’t use Fahrenheit or Celsius degrees to measure this, I think the Cursillo thermometer reads in degrees Bonnin, or °B. I just made that up.)

Are you at **0°B**, “I don’t want to?” I hope that the Cursillo weekend has put into you the desire to want to serve God more intensely.

20°B—“I don’t know how”—Our movement is eager to help you learn new ways to progress in spirituality, especially at Ultreya and the Fourth Day Workshop. Come and see!

50°B—“Perhaps I could”—All of us, myself included, must guard against being lukewarm Christians, always sitting on the fence and not pursuing Christian action. Recall the words of our Lord about the ancient church in Laodicea, “Because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.” (Rev. 3:16) Yuck!

70°B—“I believe I can”—Great! The Lord is starting to give you the confidence that you need to accomplish his purposes.

90°B—“I will”—Now your determination is motivating you to bring the gospel message into your environments.

100°B—“I do”—100 degrees Fahrenheit is a fever. At 100 degrees Bonnin, we have the fever and fire of the Holy Spirit to transform the world for Christ. This is a healthy fever to have!

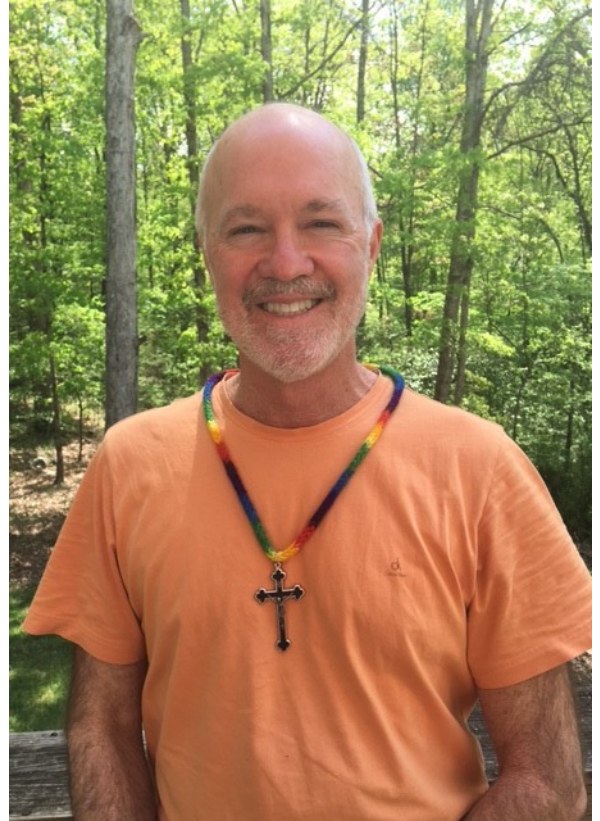
We pray at every Group Reunion and Ultreya that the Holy Spirit will “kindle in us the fire of His love.” We must be careful not to suppress that fire, but to let it burn brightly within us. Tongues of fire at Pentecost inspired the apostles with the confidence and drive that they needed to change the world. We have that same Holy Spirit. Let us all joyfully act upon that Spirit within us, to “renew the face of the earth.”

MEET OUR LEADERS

Dave Campbell, Post-Cursillo Coordinator (English)

Dave grew up in a Presbyterian house. When he became a young adult, church became only a social gathering, and he only attended at Christmas and Easter to make his mom happy. He met his college sweetheart, Lisa, who was a practicing Catholic, and attended Mass with her. Several years later, he decided to enroll in RCIA. He encountered the Holy Spirit there, and his life has never been the same since.

He lived his Cursillo in October, 2003 at Eagle Rock. He was astonished by the palanca offerings made for the weekend, that people on other continents were praying and sacrificing for the conversion of hearts. But his real takeaway from the weekend was the concept of the Christian Ideal, that we need a central and overarching goal for our lives.



As post-Cursillo coordinator, he realizes that everything he needs to know to be a successful leader he learned on the 3-Day Weekend. He believes that no one who was touched by the encounter with the Holy Spirit in the Cursillo leaves without a mission, *without something they know they need to accomplish*. The concept of our environments, and the challenges we see in them, is our mission. It is easy to lose focus on our Ideal and let the world strip of us of the joy we discovered as children of God. How do we get it back and live a life conscious of our Ideal and a life growing in faith? This is the 4th Day.

Dave says, “I know each of you out there has a great mission, and things you need to accomplish in this life for the people God has put in your path. Come and join me in this journey, and we can answer prayer together. Give me a call or send me an email. Christ is Counting on Us!”

EVANGELIZING WITHIN YOUR MOVEABLE SQUARE METER

By David Campbell

“Evangelize the environments of the third Christian millennium: this is the challenge to Cursillos in Christianity.” (Pope John Paul II at III World Ultreya, Rome, July 29, 2000).

Cursillo came from the Lay apostolate of bringing the Good News specifically to the environments in which everyone lives. Cursillo was born, not as a response from the Church to the world, but as a way to communicate to men and women that God loves them. Cursillo was designed, structured and developed through prayer not to evangelize the world, but to evangelize the person. The founder of Cursillo, Eduardo Bonnín, suggested that we are to continue to build friendship among people that we find in the *moveable square meter* in which God has placed us, so that everyone, especially those far away from God, might know that God loves them..

In this modern world, square meter evangelization and personal contact are our Charism. And this holds true for all phases of the Movement, from Precursillo to Postcursillo, including all communication techniques used during the Fourth Day. First, we must win the person’s heart, second open their mind, third their will, and lastly, introduce them to prayer. If we do not reach and influence the **heart** first, not much will happen. From the heart, open their **mind**. This is not as difficult as it may seem because as Christians, we have the seed of Grace that was planted in us at our Baptism. We must win the person’s **will** in order to bring our companions along with us. And lastly, Grace from the Father will lead the person to **prayer**.

For the Cursillo Method to be effective, we must be true to our foundational charism in everything that we do. We must permeate every interaction of life, and include everyone who enters into our moveable square meter of space. Here are some great ways to practice the foundational charism of Cursillo into our moveable square meter:

Meet them where they are...on the golf course, daily mass, the coffee shop, water cooler, kid pick up line, church prayer chain, Eucharistic adoration, Knights of Columbus

Share their hardships. In any environment, look for people who are hurting or withdrawn, for they need to be uplifted. Especially the un-churched and apprehensive, for they are looking for signs of joy and strength in worldly things, and they do not find it there!

- Be God’s ambassador today.... give people reasons to believe... make their day!
- Call them on the phone, and listen while they share their life events with you
- Learn the names of their kids and grandkids
- Treat them to lunch after Mass
- Send them a handwritten letter
- Show them that they are not just another person, but individually loved by you and by God

The purpose of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement is not directed toward building up of church structures, but to create a world of friends, by building up Christianity, in our environments. The purpose of Cursillo is to provide knowledge, lived belief, and shared experience of what is fundamental to being Christian. We need to spread that in the environment, being the *leaven* of the world where ordinary life is lived. This is the only way that those who are far away from God can accept us, so that we might bring them closer to Christ.

In Memoriam

Bette Anatonakis



Connie Colucci

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He
maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with
oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Friendship and the Kinds of Friendship

By Nancy Sewell

The following is a summary of the talk given at the School of Leaders/Fourth Day Workshop on April 8, 2017.

As our author, John Cuddeback, continues to explore True Friendship, he turns to Aristotle and his teachings on friendship. This chapter is entitled, “Friendship and the kinds of friendship.”

So, what are the basic kinds of friendship? There are three: The pleasant friendship, the useful friendship and the virtuous friendship. These are not mutually exclusive.

First, the pleasant friendship. In the pleasant friendship, two people find each other’s company to be pleasant or pleasurable. This friendship is basically about having a good time together.

The second type of friendship is the useful friendship. In the useful friendship each person receives some benefit from the presence or actions of the other. This is the basis for the friendship. Many business relationships are useful friendships because each person provides for the needs of the other.

In these first two kinds of friendship, the pleasant and the useful, each person focuses on what they can get out of the friendship: some good received from the other person – either pleasure or some usefulness. The person is not really concerned about the well-being of the other. In these friendships, the friends do not love each other because of who they are in themselves. They are not seeing one another for who they are.

The third kind of friendship is a virtuous friendship. In a virtuous friendship, the friends love the other for their own sake and because of who the persons are in themselves, not because of something incidental to them. There are two significant points to notice. First, true friends are those who love each other in the sense of wanting what is best for them. The second point is that the friends see the other for who they are. The person who sees beyond the pleasantness or usefulness of the other, to what is deep inside of the other or what the other truly cares about, that is the true friend.

Full friendship, or virtuous friendship, is that relationship of mutual good will that is based on the virtue, or true goodness, of two persons. It is based upon virtue because this kind of relationship can only begin when virtue or goodness is already present. It is also based on virtue inasmuch as virtue or goodness is the main thing that is willed, desired, and sought in a relationship. What does a true friend want most of all? The virtue of the friend! A virtuous friend is one who wants is best for his or her friend.

Although Aristotle distinguishes between pleasant friendship, useful friendship and virtuous friendship, he is careful to point out that virtuous friendships have all these qualities: pleasure, usefulness, and the virtual good. Persons who have the virtuous or full friendship find one another most pleasant and useful. For this reason, Aristotle asserts that virtuous friendships are the most stable, long lasting and noble of friendships.

Aristotle expresses the unique and beautiful nature of virtuous friendship with the notion of “another self.” “But the good man feels toward his friend as toward himself, since his friend is another self.” One looks upon another person as though that other were one’s very self! This is the height of other-centeredness. For the friend says to the friend: It is as important to me that you are happy as that I am happy. When you flourish, when you are blessed, I rejoice with you, for it is as though it is my flourishing and blessedness. When you fail or suffer, I fail and suffer. All that you enjoy or endure, we enjoy or endure together.

Virtuous friendships have usually grown out of one of the first two kinds. This growth is slow; it takes time. Often the growth only gets so far. This is because growth in friendship is limited by growth in virtue.

Our goal here is to understand the fullness of friendship so that we can make an explicit effort to grow in this kind of friendship. It is for this that we naturally long. It is also this friendship that most prepares us for our friendship with God, since our friendship with God should have the characteristics of virtuous friendship, raised to the highest degree.



*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the LORD is with thee,
blessed are you among women and
blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus,
Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death. AMEN*

HELP WANTED

Looking for a PR Person

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

At our last Secretariat meeting we talked about getting more exposure of our Cursillo Movement out to all Catholics. We feel that a PR person could be the answer.

The job description would be as follows: Take photos of all Cursillo Activities. (you would not have to be at all activities but designate someone that is going to the event and they could forward the photo to you and or info to you). Write periodic articles about Cursillo and what is going on with our Movement. These do not have to be anything extensive, just to keep us in the public eye. The photos and/or information could be sent to the East Tennessee Catholic Newspaper, our Cursillo website, the Rooster Crows and Parish Reps, so that they may put in their church bulletin. This person could put a committee together and break it up into different responsibilities.

If you feel that God is calling you to do this please call or email me.

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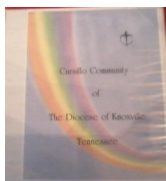
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★ ★ DECOLORES, WE HAVE SEVERAL MISSING CURSILLO TEAM NOTEBOOKS

Over the last several years we have misplaced several
Team Notebooks.

Were you going to be part of a team and had to drop for any reason?
Perhaps you did not turn your notebook in after the weekend that you
were on team and have forgotten to return it.

Take a look in your Cursillo things and see if you can
find a book that looks like this...



Our Cursillo Secretariat
would appreciate it if you would look.
Thank You!!!!!! Very much!

DATES OF THE 2017 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Spanish Men August 31-September 3, 2017 Rector—Ovidio Cano

Spanish Women November 16-November 19, 2017 Rectora—Adriana Gonzalez

English Men August 3-August 6, 2017 Rector—Lance Lyons

English Women September 28-October 1, 2017 Rectora—Micheline Parkey

Team meetings will be starting soon. Remember to offer up prayer and palanca for the rectors and rectoras, as well as the team members.

Do not wait—get those candidate applications in right away! We cannot have a weekend without a sufficient number of candidates. Don't wait until the last minute! Be proactive in your evangelization right now! Fill out those applications today!



Cursillo Calendar 2017

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| February 18 | 4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting | 9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00 |
| March 18 | Secretariat Meeting | 10:00-12:00 |
| April 8 | 4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting | 9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00 |
| April 21-23 | Spring Regional Cursillo Encounter | |
| May 20 | Secretariat Meeting | 10:00-12:00 |
| June 17 | 4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting | 9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00 |
| July 15 | Secretariat Meeting | 10:00-12:00 |
| July 27-30 | National Cursillo Encounter | |
| August 3-6 | English Men's Cursillo #48 | |
| August 19 | 4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting | 9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00 |
| August 26 | English Men's Cursillo #48 Reunion Lunch | 9:30-11:30* |
| August 31-September 3 | Spanish Men's Cursillo | |
| September 16 | Secretariat Meeting | 10:00-12:00 |
| September 28-October 1 | English Women's Cursillo #49 | |
| October 13-15 | Fall Regional Cursillo Encounter | |
| October 21 | Diocesan Encounter Grand Ultreya English Women's Cursillo #49 Reunion 20 th Anniversary Celebration Lunch | Mass 9:00 9:30-11:30* |
| November 16-19 | Spanish Women's Cursillo | |
| November 18 | Secretariat Meeting | 10:00-12:00 |
| December | NO MEETING | |

*Those attending 9:00 Mass at St. Thomas are asked to please come straight to the 4th Day Workshop right after Mass

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