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Fundamentals of Being Christian By Carol Rummel

A special meeting with Cef Aguillon, Director of the English Speaking National Cursillo Movement and his wife, Gloria, was hosted by Our Lay Director, Jim Heath, in October. Several Secretariat members were in attendance.

A written report on the progress of our local movement was submitted to Cef along with verbal reports of those reps in attendance.

Cef indicated that he tries to visit two regions a year and while in a region he visits all of the Dioceses. He offered the following outline of what it means to be Christian. As I end my 3-year "tour of duty" on the Secretariat as the Pre-Cursillo Rep, I felt it would be most helpful for **all of us**, Secretariat members as well as general Cursillistas, to have this reminder of what it means to be Christian in our everyday life and in working together for the Cursillo Movement.

Living What is Fundamental for Being a Christian

The purpose of the Cursillo Movement is the reason why we do what we do. Cursillo, therefore, pursues a two-fold purpose; an immediate one and an ultimate one:

Immediate Purpose:

To provide a foundation so that the person may live what is fundamental for being Christian — the love of God and love of neighbor, experienced in the Cursillo through three essential encounters, the encounter with oneself, the encounter with Christ and the encounter with others.

Ultimate Purpose:

So that the people who live what is fundamental for being Christian can structure Christianity in the family, workplace, neighborhood, society, etc. through a sincere and genuine friendship with other people they come in contact with in their daily life.

The Cursillo Movement puts its emphasis on these great truths of what is fundamental for being a Christian:

To live the three-fold love of God, self, and neighbor. (Mt. 22:36-39)

To live a life in Christ; in Christ is revealed God, Creator and Savior. Our life is a living union with God in Christ and we work to bring others to that same living union.

To live a life in Grace; in grace is effected every conversion, encounter with God, Christian community.

To live a life in Faith; faith is our response to the God who reveals Himself in Christ is faith.

To live as Church; the Church is the place where one can encounter Christ; and in Him, the Father.

To live the Sacraments; in the Sacraments God encounters human beings.

We can live and share what is fundamental for being Christian and carry out the mission to which we were called through Baptism by living our internal Tripod:

*Piety – **the heart** – orienting of our whole life towards God through a personal relationship.*

*Study – **the mind** – it is what aims our action; a continuous study of self, Christ and others.*

*Action – **the will** – refers to apostolic action which is the exercise of the power of love; it is directed by our study and based on our piety.*

We are called to live and share what is fundamental for being Christian with the three encounters discovered during our Cursillo weekend so that we can nourish and deepen the relationships with:

Self Christ and; Others.

We have an opportunity to live and share what is fundamental for being Christian in:

Group Reunion, Ultreya, School of Leaders, Secretariat, Family, neighborhood, workplace, society. Where God has planted us; in the environment where we are at the moment.

The best means to communicate what we are living, what is fundamental for being a Christian is: Through friendship which comes by way of personal contact.

And the reason for living and sharing what is fundamental for being a Christian is:

To proclaim the best news about the best reality that God in Christ, loves us!

To help my friends move from where they are, to where they ought to be and they ought to be living what is fundamental for being a Christian!

Cef told us he often offers this same "talk" to Dioceses he visits around the country. After reflection, it became obvious to me that we probably need that reminder of how Christians are suppose to demonstrate who they are by the way they behave toward one another. As a member of the Secretariat, we pray at each meeting that we will work together for the good of the movement and put petty differences aside. My hope is that we can continue to live out that prayer. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and Cursillo.

2008 Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Calendar

Jan 12	Secretariat Meeting	Our Lady of Fatima
Jan 31-Feb 3	Spanish Women's # 2	Apison Retreat Center
Feb 9	School of Leaders	TBA
Apr 3-6	English Women's # 34	Apison Retreat Center
Apr 12	Secretariat Meeting	St. Therese of Lisieux, Cleveland
May 10	School of Leaders	TBA
Jul 12	Secretariat Meeting	St. Alphonsus Crossville
Jul 24 - 27	Spanish Men's # 3	Apison Retreat Center,
Jul 31-Aug 3	National Encounter	Catholic University, Washington DC
Aug 11	School of Leaders	TBA
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	TBA

Palanca is needed for the Spanish Women's Weekend (Jan 31—Feb 3) — If you have not done so already, visit the web page and click on Vigilia Orando Durante el Fin de Seminar Mujeres. 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.



Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring your Friend to Christ. One of the steps along the way is to provide your friend with an application. If you are interested in being a sponsor for a future candidate, the new bilingual application has been posted on the web site. From the home page, click on the Downloads on the menu. You can find the application there. For more information or to obtain an application, contact your Parish Representative.

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