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SUMMER 2019



Our Annual PICNIC
On August 3rd at
GRACE POINT CTR
in KINGSTON will be
a blast! -
if you are there.....

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VIEW FROM THE TOP

July 2019

God is Good.....All the Time

Greetings to all! I hope this finds you enjoying your summer with family and friends. Our Cursillo Movement has quite a few things going on and planned for the remainder of the year.

The first thing on the Calendar is our 2nd Annual Cursillo Family Picnic. It will be on August 3rd from noon till 5p.m at Grace Point Retreat Center in Kingston, TN. Please refer to the letter that was sent out in June for details.

August 29-Sept. 1 will be the Spanish Women's #14 Weekend. It will be held at Apison Retreat Center.

October 24-27 we will be holding a Cursillo de Cursillo (CdC). This is for all those that have made a Cursillo. It is a great way to rejuvenate your Cursillo life and gain more insight into the Cursillo Movement. It will be put on by the National and Regional Cursillo Teams. This will be held at Foothills Camp and Retreat Center in Louisville, TN. This will also be a good time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. There is more information about this on our Cursillo Website.

The Spanish Men's Cursillo #13 Weekend will be held November 21-24 at Apison Retreat Center.

Elections for new officers for the Secretariat will be held at our October Meeting. In December the new Secretariat will have their planning session for the year 2020.

We have 6 ongoing Ultreyas each month, giving everyone ample opportunity to attend a location and time that is good for you. These are listed on our website.

I hope to see you at one (or all) of the events mentioned above. May God Bless you and keep you safe.

DeColores

Dick Shriver/LayDirector

A reflection for the season from Father Brando

The fourth of July has officially come and gone. Summer is here! We now welcome a time of the year when most of our time is open, spontaneous, free from routine. Summer is a time when we get to be ourselves— enjoying good weather, long weekends and vacations. We can join together with friends and relatives both at their homes and ours.

However, there is another way to use this valuable season. What we do and how we spend all this time reveals to ourselves, our friends and our family and to God who and what we are; what we are made of. Do we live our lives well when we are relatively free to spend time as we wish? How much of our time is spent on learning more about God, Jesus, our faith, our Church?- our relationship with all of the above?

My favorite way of determining how well I've done during the summer is to match it alongside the Sunday Scripture readings, in particular, the Gospels. I'd like to take you with me on the fun ride that is the July Gospels. What do they say and how do I act on what they communicate?

The first Sunday of July provides a great start to our quest, and a model of what we can do the rest of the month: The scene consists of Jesus sending out 72 of His followers – two-by-two – to prepare 36 towns for a visit from Jesus. He tells them what to bring-but first a warning: Be A Lamb. Some hosts can be wolves, bossing us around. We should be attentive to their needs and expectations and be happy visitors. There are other strange suggestions: “carry no money bag”, bring no extra robes. In Luke's era and in his understanding, the host paid all the bills and took care of all material needs of strangers and guests who came their way. The disciples could spend their time and attention on the “business” of preparing the people for the Lord's upcoming visit.....continued



A reflection for the season from Father Brando ~ continued

As Disciples, our first words should be of peace. We do not have money, we do not have clothing; what we **do** have is peace. That we should lavish it on our hosts. With peace we enjoy their hospitality, their food, their homes. The visit should be invigorating, bringing life and joy to everyone; including the host, who provides monetarily for all we require during our stay. That may be quite a load on the finances, nevertheless, it will be outmatched by what the disciples offer: the peace of Christ, given first to us— then we offer it to the community. It is the peace that brings happiness, freedom from pain and ultimately leads us to the joys of heaven. So you can see that through the efforts of the visitors who bring peace, and the hosts who provide the opportunity, Our Lord Jesus Christ comes alive in our homes and in our souls.

Such a result is ideal— but it is attainable. The Cursillo method does make sense in relation to this message. Jesus urges us to grow in peace—this is Piety. We need to grow in the knowledge of peace—this is Study. Finally, bringing the piety and study into homes and communities is Action.

I hope you can incorporate these methods into the next few weeks of summer. Just find the scripture readings and apply them to your situations of life. Then measure the results in living your summer experiences. Have you brought your relationship with the Lord to your ventures this summer? Have you brought your peace to your friends and relatives? Have you grown in Joy? Are you able to experience closeness with Christ during this glorious season of summer?



Newest Ultreya !



ST BRIDGET 4TH OF JULY ULTREYA

The St Bridget parish Cursillistas held an Ultreya and lit up the sky at the same time. About 20 folks attended this event at the home of Lynne and Jim Connors. In addition to the 5 new Cursillistas from Men's W/E #50, there were 2 from #49, 4 from OLOF, in addition to their spouses. After group prayers and reunion groupings, we had witness talks from Steve Thorn, Bill Ward, and Jim Connors. This was followed by a BBQ and baked beans dinner with sides and appetizers brought by the attendees.

After dinner and dessert and a few adult beverages, everyone moved outside for the big show. Although it had rained at about 8pm, by dark the rains had moved out in time for fireworks. Jim Connors, Pat Bisson, and Dan Smith hauled out enough explosives to put a smile on everyone's faces. And after an almost 2 hour show, those of us remaining gathered around a huge 6 ft bonfire created from all the debris left over from the fireworks show.

So we started out with the Holy Spirit enkindling the fire in our hearts. And to quote Pat Bisson, we ended up sending our own "tongues of fire" back up to the heavens to celebrate our great nation as well as the great fellowship that Cursillo has given each of us.

We have not the means to have monthly Ultreyas as yet but one is to be set up in the Fall....

Jim Connors

A WEEKEND REFLECTION

BY A NEW CURSILLISTA

Hello, my name is Orville Fisher, I made Cursillo #50 this year at Foothills Campground, Louisville, TN. I sat at the table of Padre Pio - I attend All Saints Church.

The weekend turned out to be extraordinarily difficult for me.

I am simply not wired for sitting and listening. I was constantly reminding myself to look attentive and try to get something out of every talk. PSA had dual meaning for me: there is Piety, Study, Action of course, and the other was Pay Some Attention! By Friday afternoon, I was aware that there was much going on besides the talks. A group of good men had set aside 3 days of their lives in order to become better men, better Catholics, better citizens, better family members. I was overwhelmed at the crowd that was there to greet us at the clausura; and I resolved to add 2 items of devotion every week when I began my 4th day. I now know to push beyond my level of contentment; make more of my daily prayer life and work harder to be that better person. I am so thankful and blessed to be able to attend daily Mass. The “mature” people in the pews are a great inspiration to me with their tranquility and sense of assurance. My favorite prayer at Mass is the prayer to St Michael, Archangel. A call to battle after the soothing mercies and offerings of peace during Mass. I am not given a free pass to back away from evil— it’s an order to contest it. I am praying for a culture which seemed an impossibility when I was a younger person. Praying not only to do good, but to minimize evil-and lessen its’ stronghold on Society. As I increase my prayer I recognize that, though I still make the same mistakes, perform the same routines, and take the same paths as before, I now look forward to those moments of exceptional grace in everyday life: such as attending the ordination of Deacon Alex Hernandez, meeting new people at All Saints Church, or seeing 2 or 3 new adorers in the Chapel.

Cursillo #50 has given me a great boost regarding both prayer and action. In honor of my parents great prayer life, I have made efforts to improve my own. It has helped me to prioritize —seeing what’s really important. Why should I make my 4th day all it can be? Because of the people who are hearing or reading this talk, and every other good person in my life who helped me to get where I am in my walk with Christ. I will try to please God and make my parents proud and keep my new friends in Christ.

DeColores

From the Spirit
through the heart
to the page





What is Spiritual Direction?

*by Deacon Bob Ketteringham,
Certified Spiritual Director and Cursillista.*

Deacon Bob Ketteringham, CSD, made Cursillo #116 in the Archdiocese of New Orleans in the Fall of 1985. He has been active in the Cursillo in New Orleans, Jackson MS, Pensacola FL, and Knoxville. He was formed in Ignatian spirituality and charged with directing the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in the 1990s. In 2016 he was ordained a deacon and assigned to St. John XXIII Parish in Knoxville. Realizing the need for qualified spiritual directors in the Knoxville Diocese and discerning a call, Deacon Bob pursued and earned graduate certification in spiritual direction from Aquinas Institute of Theology. In addition to spiritual direction and diaconate responsibilities, he is involved in campus ministry and evangelization. His motto is "Live Christ!"

If someone is seeking a deeper relationship with God, they should consider enlisting the aid of a spiritual director. "Spiritual direction is meeting with a trained and experienced director to reflect on how God is present and active in your life right now, and how God might be calling you into deeper relationship." (John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization) The Holy Spirit through the director facilitates an ever-deepening relationship between you and God. A spiritual director helps you find and follow your own unique spiritual path so that you may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy in the next.

Choosing a director that is right for you is important. Spiritual directors should be called to that ministry by God, have a strong theological foundation, and training. As a deacon, I have been formed in pastoral counseling and theology, as have all clergy and religious. However, spiritual direction differs from pastoral or spiritual counseling because of specific training in spiritual direction and being called by God to that ministry. There are many aspects to spiritual direction but underlying all of them are listening to the music of the spirit to develop our spiritual lives, integrate spirituality into our daily lives, and develop our relationship with God.

The content of direction is your life experiences and your relationship with God. You, your director, and the Holy Spirit meet in holy conversation so "you may have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)" During spiritual direction, your spiritual director listens (80-90% of the time) and through careful probes, helps you understand the nudging of the Spirit in your life. Your director also helps you with discernment, spiritual practices, methods of prayer, suggest relevant scripture or other spiritual material that may enlighten your path. God created each of us uniquely; therefore, we seek to find and implement practices that are best suited to each of us.

Please contact me (bobbykett@outlook.com) regarding any questions or concerns you have regarding spiritual direction.

DeColores!

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Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo 2019 Schedule of Meetings and Events

Secretariat Meetings Scheduled for 3rd Saturday of every month. The next one is August 17th at 10:am at St Thomas the Apostle in Lenoir City

School of Leaders Meeting: **Every other** 3rd Saturday before the Secretariat meets. The next one is

July 18-21, 2019 National Encounter Scranton, PA. 4 members are going if you would like to carpool. Call Dick Shriver for information.

August 3, 2019 Cursillo PICNIC Grace Point Camp & Retreat Center for the whole family

August 29—Sept 1: Spanish Women's weekend Apison. Palanca Needed.

September 1st week , 2019 Appeal letter to be mailed.

September 21, 2019 Diocesan Encounter: GRAND ULTREYA at Our Lady of Fatima?

October 24-27, 2019 CDC sessions at Foothills Retreat Center

November 21—24: Spanish Men's weekend Apison. Palanca Needed.

December 7th, 2019 planning session for 2020

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In Memorium - Joan Stuart who made Cursillo No. 1 in the Knoxville Diocese died in May, 2019. Please remember her in your prayers.

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2019 National Encounter The 29th National Encounter will be held on July 18-21, 2019 at the University of Scranton, a beautiful Jesuit University, which is centrally located in the Northeast region of Pennsylvania. The University is located approximately 8 miles from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP). This Encounter will be special as the US Cursillo unites with Cursillistas from Mallorca in the joyful celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the First Cursillo which was held in August 1944. It is expected to be a fully packed encounter with special guests from Mallorca, hundreds of Cursillistas, clergy and laity, from the United States Cursillos' various language groups consisting of English, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, and Vietnamese. The registration for the 29th National Encounter is now open!

Register today! See you there – bring a friend!

Visit the National Cursillo website to register online or download the forms at:

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/> (English)

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/espanol/inicio/> (Spanish)

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/tieng-viet/trang-nha/> (Vietnamese)



4th Day News you can use!

*We will be hosting Spring Regional Encounter !
In Spring of 2020 an exciting event for 2 key Posts:
Spiritual Advisor and Lay Director.
More information to follow soon*

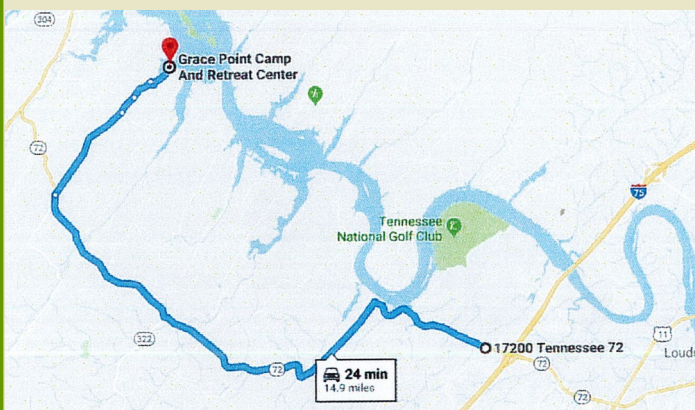
Upcoming Mens and Womens Spanish Weekends

Women's Spanish weekend will take place: August 29– Sept 1st

**Men's Spanish weekend: November 21-24th
at Apison Retreat Center**

Our Annual Picnic is taking place at Grace Point Camp and retreat Center in Kingston.

We will meet at 12:00 noon on Aug 3rd for swimming, food, fellowship and Mass! Please bring your favorite dish to pass. Directions are as follows from interstate 75 at TN-72:



**Head west on TN-72 about 12 mi.
Turn right onto Laurel Bluff Rd –2mi.
Turn left on Chamberlain Cove Rd.
Continue straight 1 mi.
Turn right onto Cross Rd.**

What is the CdC (Cursillo de Cursillo)?

A time of learning more about the Cursillo in Christianity Movement can be found through a 3 day weekend similar to the Cursillo weekend that you attended. This weekend is called a Cursillo de Cursillo. The Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Community will be hosting a CdC Weekend on Oct 24-27th at the Foothills Camp Retreat Center in Louisville.

So what is the purpose of this weekend? The weekends are very similar in that they begin on Thursday evening. There will be 4 meditations and 2 Rollos presented by a member of the clergy as well as 11 Rollos presented by the laity. There will not be a test. We will hear about the Foundational Charism of Cursillo which is Friendship. This weekend was developed by the founder of Cursillo Eduardo Bonnín.

This will give us the information we need to understand the mentality, purpose, and methodology of the Movement. It will help you to understand the parts of the Secretariat (the Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo Weekend, the Post-Cursillo and the School of Leaders) in our local movements and how we can help to provide authentic Cursillo Weekends here in our diocese.

The weekend will also be similar as the decuria, (tables) will discuss the Rollo and make summaries to the larger group attending. There will be time for questions and answers during this time also. Those attending the weekend will be in a relaxed surrounding with plenty of time for breaks and speaking with your friends with personal contact. There will also be daily Mass and communal prayers. During this weekend you may make new friends and become reacquainted with friends from previous weekends you may have been blessed to attend or to serve on team. All the time nurturing the three encounters of self, Jesus and others.

Come join us for a fun weekend of Piety, Study and Action. We will pray and receive Grace to be open and learn more about the Charism and finally to act on what we have heard during this Cursillo de Cursillo. We can return to the roots and learn more over time by returning to our Ultreyas and the School of Leaders on fire and to witness for the Lord. We will go forward and spread the love of God through the charism of Cursillo –friendship in the environments of our lives. Please know that your presence in the past as well as the now is important in our parishes and in our diocesan Cursillo movement. But your presence is needed also for the future of these as we grow in the love and grace we receive because of our involvement in Cursillo. Please sign up today and remember at your Cursillo weekend you were told that Christ was counting on you. He still is!

DeColores

Angie Feltz (angelafeltz127@gmail.com) and Lois Schering (Schering4@aol.com)

English ULTREYAS IN OUR DIOCESE

St Jude's Hixson, TN

1st Tuesday of the month 6:30 pm

St. Joseph the Worker Madisonville, TN

2nd Sunday of the month 2:00 pm

ST. MARY JOHNSON CITY, TN

2nd Monday of the month 7:00 pm

St Therese Cleveland, TN

2nd Thursday of the month 6:00 pm

Our Lady Of Fatima Alcoa, TN

3rd Monday of the month 6:30 pm

St Stephens Chattanooga, TN

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm

St Thomas the Apostle Lenoir City, TN

4th Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm

Spanish ULTREYAS IN OUR DIOCESE

St Thomas the Apostle Lenoir City, TN

2nd Sunday of the month 2:00 pm



Find us on the web at

<http://knoxvillecursillo.org/>

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Deacon Gasper DeGaetano	Sts. Peter & Paul Basilica
Deacon Gary Brinkworth	St. Stephen, Chattanooga



2020 Elections

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ:

In November we will be electing new officers to our Secretariat to replace members whose terms are up. (these terms are 3 years). The positions that will be open are:

Pre Cursillo

3 Days

Lay Director

Please prayerfully consider one of these positions to serve our Cursillo Movement. If God is calling you to service please email me with which position no later than October 15. A simple note stating that you would like to be considered for (name position), your name and contact info is sufficient. You can find the job description on our Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Website under Documents.

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