

**July 2019**

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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ**

**I just returned from the 29<sup>th</sup> National Encounter in Scranton, PA. It was the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the very first Cursillo in Mallorca, Spain. There were almost 900 of us Cursillistas from all over the world. There were many Deacons, Priests, and Bishops also. One of my close moments was seeing and hearing the support and enthusiasm from the clergy and the love that they have for our Movement, it was very inspiring!**

**There were two very special guests from Palma de Mallorca; Ramon Rossello Nadal and Miquel Sureda Tierno. They both were personal friends of Eduardo Bonnin (our Cursillo Founder) and gave witness talks on their experiences with Eduardo and the early days of Cursillo.**

**We celebrated Mass each day and morning and evening prayers as a group. The topics of Pre Cursillo, Post Cursillo and the Eucharist being the central theme of Cursillo, were covered. Also they went over the Step By Step Rectors Guide for the weekend. Our Knoxville Diocese will be presenting this to our Secretariat and School of Leaders in the months to follow.**

**Some of the highlights of the Encounter was the sharing and learning with those from around the world. Seeing old acquaintances and making new friends was an important part of this. The National Secretariat made a point for us to mingle outside of those that we knew.**

**If you ever have the opportunity to attend a Regional or National Encounter I highly recommend it, it is always a spiritual 'shot in the arm' and much information is learned. There were 10 of us from our Diocese and many more from our Region. There will be some photos posted on our website from the Encounter for you to see. God Bless You All!**

**God is Good.....**

**Dick Shriver/Lay Director**