

Fourth Day News

Washington Cursillo Movement



Secretariat Corner

Onward!

We are nearing a juncture where we will begin to move forward to make the improvements we believe and have prayed much about that will get our Movement going forward into the coming years in a way that, with the Holy Spirit's help, will enliven all the Cursillistas to greater use of the method in our lives, and at the same time help us to leaven for Christ the environments we find ourselves in.

Having said all of this, we want you all to be aware that while we are doing everything possible to get our women's and men's weekends back on track, there is still a lot of work to be done. At this time, we still do not have a place to hold weekends, and until we have a place, we won't be able to plan the time that we can hold a weekend. If you know any retreat houses or places in the near DC area where we can hold our weekends, please contact any member of our Movement's Secretariat. For the foreseeable future in 2018 and early 2019, there will be no 3 Day Weekends. This is a great disappointment, but we want to assure everyone that we are working very hard to resolve the issue of getting an affordable, acceptable facility for our weekends.

A little over a year ago our Cursillo Movement in the Archdiocese of Washington made a decision to put on pause holding our three day weekends, while we began a process of discernment to take a look at how our Movement was working and to try and get a handle on the sorts of things that did not seem to be working quite so well. At the same time, we have explored the potential graced filled actions we might consider for reinvigorating our movement. Over the course of the last year we have heard from a lot of people and a lot of opinions have been given, and a lot of work has been done by the various members of the Secretariat in an attempt to bring us to a place where we can more firmly feel that we are doing, with the Holy Spirit's guidance, what is best for the Movement.



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We will not likely hold new weekends until we get more towards the end of 2019 or in 2020. In the meantime, please pray fervently that we find a place.

As an aside, we are nearing an end to our work at going through all the input we have received during Discernment and will be moving soon to begin addressing the issues that have bubbled up as being our most important items to address. We do not expect big changes, but there will be some manner of change that we will need your cooperation and patience in implementing and adjusting to. More on that later.

Secondly, Sue Numrich, our friend and fellow Cursillista, and the person who has done great things serving as the Chair of our Movement's Leader School, has stepped down effective at the beginning of this academic year, which began on October 1st of 2018 and we are looking for someone to fill her capable shoes to take up chairing the Leader School. This will involve rebuilding the Leader School Committee. If you are interested in stepping into this role, please contact us so that we can begin working with you to get things rolling.

Because at this moment we have no one who has stepped into the Chairperson role for our School of Leaders, we will be delaying starting Leaders School until we get into the New Year. Please pray that someone steps forward to take up this important role in our Movement, for without an active Leaders School, we will be greatly hampered in moving forward out of our discernment.

This brings us to one very important observation. We started our discernment process because, as we looked at how our various Ultreyas were operating as well as the level of participation of our Cursillistas in all manner of 4th Day activities where the larger community gathers, it was apparent that attendance and participation in these was declining. Similarly, folks who were selected to serve as coordinators were finding it very difficult to get people to commit to work teams and we were also seeing an ever declining group of candidates who were being sponsored to come on weekends. There is no magic bullet that will solve our problems, but we started our Discernment with a prayer and the hope that we would gain some important insights into what we might be doing that was restraining the Holy Spirit out of our sinfulness or lack of openness, and also as we discovered where we were being closed receptacles of God's grace, how we might open things up to allow the fire of God to burn more brightly. Our Cursillo Movement here in Washington is not the only group going through such organizational stress. It seems to be pervasive in our times, as people have become busier and busier with the press of career and family concerns, and 24/7 connectivity has subsumed more and more of our attention span.

If you value Cursillo and you want to see it continue to be a vibrant voice for ongoing conversion in Washington, please consider stepping forward and serving on one of the committees of the Secretariat. Without more gracious involvement in our movement by many more people than we now have, things will not progress in ways that we have come to expect from our Movement. Make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ movement.

To volunteer to work on one of the Secretariat Committees, please contact our Co-Lay Chairs of our Movement: Ms. Cheryl Kerwin at: cheryl_kerwin@hotmail.com; or Ms. Bubbles Vallot at: svallot@verizon.net.

*Sincerely
The Secretariat*



Members Needed to Serve on the Committees of the Secretariat

The Secretariat is in process of filling vacant committee positions and rebuilding our overall committee structure within the movement.

In a few months, we will need to identify people to assume these roles on the Secretariat: ***Chair and Co-Chair of the School of Leaders, and Chair and Co-Chair of Pre-Cursillo Committee.*** Within a year, we will need to fill the positions of Chair and Co-Chair of the 4th-Day Committee and the Co-Lay Directors.

Without volunteers and willing hands to serve in these positions, we cannot address all the work that goes into building our Cursillo Movement. We need Cursillistas to assist those who are interested in making a Cursillo weekend - Pre-Cursillo Committee; Selecting and helping coordinators form teams and support our 3 Day Weekends – 3-Day Committee; Support our 4th Day community of Cursillistas with activities that help us share our journeys as Catholic Christian Cursillistas – 4th Day Committee; Support our community's communication needs by publishing the 4th Day News, managing the content and design of our website, and putting out timely notifications, - Communications Committee; and Managing our financial needs and fundraising requirements, Finance and Book Keeping committees.

We will become a much less vibrant Movement if we do not have willing souls step forward and volunteer to serve on these committees. The optimum would be representation from each Ultreya. That is what we are striving for. We need you to step forward. Let's strive for perfection. In addition to the chair and co-chairs, the Secretariat committees should have at least one volunteer from each Ultreya as a member of the committee. This is particularly important on 3-Day Committee, 4th Day Committee, Pre-Cursillo, and the School of Leaders Committee, so that the needs and issues of each Ultreya are properly represented in the planning stages. The Finance and Treasurer Chairs need support as well. If we are unable to attract folks to come forward and volunteer, we will be greatly hampered with our work to hold weekends regularly and support the community we love.

Please prayerfully consider stepping up to the plate and helping us move our Cursillo Movement forward ... **Ultreya! Onward!**

Contact any of the Members of the respective committees located on the website at: **The Washington Cursillo® Movement website is**

<http://www.washdc-cursillo.org>



Fifth Day Corner

As Cursillistas, we live our Fourth Day, preparing to live our Fifth Day when the Lord calls us home. At this writing we say so long to Cursillistas who began their Fifth Day.

Roland J. Caldwell, Sr.

Our dearly departed brother Roland J. Caldwell, Sr., born October 28, 1932, was called home to the Lord on September 5, 2018. Approximately 55 years ago, Roland became one of the early trailblazers of Cursillo within the Archdiocese of Washington, DC.

As such he embodied the Cursillistas mission: make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ.

A dedicated family man, a consummate professional holding several posts dedicated to our national defense and national security and most importantly he was a devoted Christian.

As a coach, mentor and friend, Roland often spoke about working with young adults in the community in which he was planted. He firmly believed that gave him the right to "talk about Christ" to them and their family members.

As a professional, a man of faith, a father, a coach, a mentor and a Cursillista, Mr. Roland J. Caldwell, Sr. taught all of us something. Let us treasure his memory by continuing his God given work.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13

Patrick Grady

Our Brother Patrick Grady has started his Fifth-Day. Brother and Sister Cursillistas, it is with great personal sadness that I am informing you of the death of our beloved friend-in-Christ, Patrick Grady. Patrick died on the morning of August 20th, quite suddenly, due to a pulmonary embolism.

Patrick lived the Men's 217th Cursillo weekend in November 2015, was active in the Northern Montgomery County Ultreya, and faithfully attended group reunion on Saturday morning. Additionally, our brother-in-Christ, was a beloved member of Saint Paul parish in Damascus.

During the last school year, Patrick served as a 7th grade catechist. Pat and his wife Alison (Women's 218th) had been very involved in several ministries and groups at St. Paul parish: middle school catechist, Saturday morning men's group, Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus, RCIA, and Tuesday morning Bible study. Pat particularly loved working with the middle school youth. Pat retired early from the financial world of New York City, and moved to Maryland to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

In his retirement, he drove a school bus for MCPS, and frequently discussed how much he enjoyed and valued children. Please join me in lifting up the Grady family in your prayers. Pat and Alison have three adult children, and their respective spouses, and several adorable grandchildren (with one on the way).

May the peace of our Savior lift us up in this time of sadness. Let us cling to His promised presence. Eternal Rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, and may your perpetual light shine on him.



Therefore thus says the Lord God, see, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: "One who trusts will not panic."

Isaiah 28:16

If you need prayer or know someone who does, please send your request to James Brightful at Pray911amen@gmail.com.

A HARVEST GATHERING Annual Cursillo Picnic



The sun shone brightly and it was a **BEEYouTeeFull** day that God blessed us with for our **2018 Cursillo Picnic**.



All Cursillo events involve food and good fellowship, our celebration of the Fall Harvest was a feast for all who were blessed to come.

Now we have to confess, our turkey and pig friends were not very happy, and neither were our beef friends. This was because they became a part of our **delicious meal, which was cooked by Steve Moitoso, “The Grill Gourmand,”** who smoked the turkey and grilled the pork roast to heavenly perfection. **Carlos Victoria, Calvert County’s own, “Holy Smokes,”** flipped the hamburgers and hot dogs to the delicious devilment of all.

While grill smoke wafted in the air, **Charles Smallwood, Toni Abresch, Eileen Doran-Smith,** and her relatively new husband, **Tommy Wells** wafted ethereal musical notes on the wings of the smoke to everyone’s delight. Those that were not involved with the occasional dancing, enjoyed visiting with old and new friends, dining on the delightful food, and playing lawn games like Corn Hole.

Among the more interesting and delightful activities was a raffle that included a number of voluptuous gift baskets.

Bubbles Vallot won a basket full of breads and pastries to delight her in the wee hours of the morning. **Kathy Schmitt won a wine and cheese basket** that would make a Frenchman swoon, and **Joyce Kearney won a gift basket that included the makings for a gourmet Italian Dinner.** No, the chef was not included in the basket, though Steve Moitoso tried to jump in between the noodles and the sauces. And Toni Abresch won a box full of Christmas ornaments and Christmas knick-knacks.

One of the highlights of our picnic was an apple dish contest where attendees were encouraged to bring an apple dish that they made and enter the contest for the best dish. There was an abundance of delicious apples dishes, **but Dorie Ranaghan created an apple dessert dish that was to die for.** Cursillo locusts descended on the table and the contest judges had to shoo them away to allow a proper tasting. **Dorie won the contest and the Cursillo locusts flew in again.**

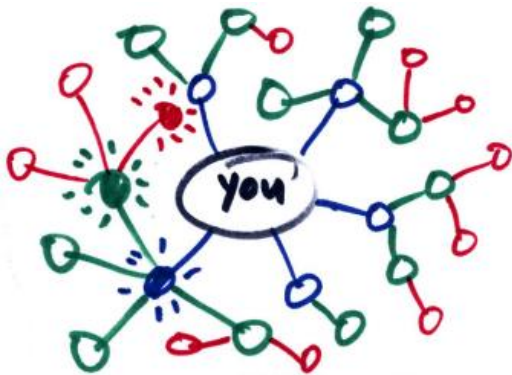


Arnie Rausch won \$15 in the “Count the Acorns” contest. We don’t know how he did this, but the person who filled the acorns into the jar remembers she put 138 in it and she claims Arnie guessed 132 nuts. That is pretty close!



Maybe Arnie received the number he guessed from his guardian angel or maybe he just is a lucky guesser, but the squirrels at the SJV picnic area are very happy and Arnie can buy a pizza for lunch.

All in all our picnic was a very good time.... Among our prayers was time spent thanking Our Lord for our many blessings and for all those who could not be with us. God Bless



The Work of Discernment for the Community

We have probably all heard more than we may care to hear about discernment. It probably seems that nothing is really happening.

I assure you that there is much to be done and because the movement doesn't have paid roles, everything gets done as soon as possible. While the community is waiting for results, there are some things that each of us can do. This is the perfect time to study our environments. It takes times to become a friend and bring that friend into a new method of living.

The fourth day is a different lifestyle, and those who are waiting for their fourth day to begin may need some assistance in understanding what it means. To give a potential Cursillista a glimpse of what living this life is like, it would be a good time to start bringing them to 4th day activities living the fourth day lifestyle. Ultreya is the perfect place to see our community in action. You could invite your candidate to take part in whatever committee in which you are participating. Spiritual direction may be a new concept to your friend. Give them an idea of the benefits of an ongoing relationship with a spiritual direction.

There is much to do as we prepare for the next weekend to be announced. If you are unable or unwilling to do any of these things, please **PRAY** for the movement every day. The committees continue to look for a suitable place to hold weekends. If you have any suggestions, please send them to our Lay Directors.

Fourth Day Committee will continue to have frequent activities for the community to gather, work, and play as we live out our 4th day. We experienced a successful first Cursillo Reunion in October and we are in the process of finding a venue to our November activity.

Nancy Smallwood, Chair, Fourth Day Committee

Editor's Corner

Do you have thoughts, poems, prayers, or reflections to share? The Washington Cursillo® Community wants to hear from you!! **Utreya Leaders**, please send us your sharing – it would be great to hear from each leader at least once a year!

Babe Chicks your articles are the most important ones. Let us hear from you. **If you know someone who has gone on to their 5th Day**, we need your memories.

Please send them before the submission deadlines!!!!

Articles should be submitted in Arial 12 Font Size no later than the "submission deadline" listed on the Production Schedule.

Remember to sign your articles with your name, weekend, and Utreya.

Submit articles by email at any time to:
Lethia Kelly
communications@washdc-cursillo.org

The Washington Cursillo® Movement website is

<http://www.washdc-cursillo.org>



ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

Sunday, Dec. 9TH, 1:30-4:00pm

Brother Richard's House
Missionaries of the Most Holy Trinity
1733 Metzert Road
Adelphi, MD 20907

Ginny Novak will be our Guide

2019 PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

1st QUARTER ISSUE

January – March
Submission Deadline
April 3rd
Publish Date-April 15th

2nd QUARTER ISSUE

April - June
Submission Deadline
July 1st
Publish Date-July 15th

3rd QUARTER ISSUE

July - September
Submission Deadline
October 1st
Publish Date-October 14th

4th QUARTER ISSUE

October – December
Submission Deadline
December 9th
Publish Date-Dec 23rd

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1:30pm, 2nd Saturday
Undercroft
Assumption Church

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St. Edward's, Bowie

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St. John Vianney
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7:00pm, 3rd Sunday
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Dora Pleasant
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240-246-6045

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7:30pm, 1st Friday
St. Anthony's Cafeteria

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Duane Clark
Trekkienu1957@yahoo.com

St. Teresa of Avila
7:30pm, 2nd Monday
St. Teresa's Church
Parish Life Center (PLC)
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Washington, DC

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staultreya@gmail.com

So. Maryland
7pm, 4th Wednesday
St. Mary's Church
Newport

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Christine Abresch
chrisabresch@hotmail.com

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