



Fourth Day News

Secretariat Corner



There were many challenges and obstacles, but through the grace of God and the energy and commitment of our outstanding Secretariat; we met the task at hand.

Upon our departure, we would like to salute the members of the Secretariat both individually and by Committees for their support and attention to their duties at hand. We say, "Thank you" and we pray for the best in the years to come. We would also like to extend to the incoming Co-Lay Directors, Cheryl Kerwin and Shelia Vallot, much love and success and we invite you to freely call upon us to assist you in a smooth transition.

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**Everything Must
Change**
*and the best of times
outweigh the worst of
times.*

It is with great appreciation and gratitude that we, the Co-Lay Directors of the English Speaking Cursillo Movement of the Archdiocese of Washington, were called to serve the Cursillo Community. As our time in office has come to an end, we remain humbled by the experience and give God the glory for leading us through the last four years of communal service.



**Advent, A Season for
Preparation and Hope!**

Other in-coming members of the Secretariat include: Father Gary Studninski, Head Spiritual Advisor; Deacon Jim Caldwell, Assistant Spiritual Advisor, Cheryl Pilkington, Assistant Spiritual Advisor; Toni Abresch, Co-Chair Communications, Rita LeClerc, Co-Chair Communications.

We offer our love and support to the members of the Secretariat who will continue to serve under the new administration: Sue Numrich and Leanne Stivers, Co-Chairs, CSOL; Rich and Marion Gould, Co-Chairs, Pre-Cursillo; Jennifer Ferguson and Sheronne Wilson, Co-Chairs 3 Day; Nancy Smallwood, 4th Day, Charles Smallwood, who will now assume the role of Treasurer and Ginger Caldwell will now assume the role of Secretary. We are also thankful for the support and guidance from the following Secretariat members whose terms expire on December 1st; Gwen Sutton, Treasurer; Vincent Jordan, Financial Officer; Deacon Timothy Tilghman and Barbara Shaw, Assistant Spiritual Advisors and a special thank you to Father Peter Alliata, who do to health reasons was unable to fulfill his role as Head Spiritual Advisor. To all the above we THANK YOU for the giving of your time, talent and service to the Cursillo Community. It was your support that made our jobs enjoyable. Again, thanks for the opportunity to serve. It has been a joy!

“We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord; trusting in His holy word, He’s never failed us yet.”

De Colores
LaVerne Atiba & Paul Washington
Co-Lay Directors

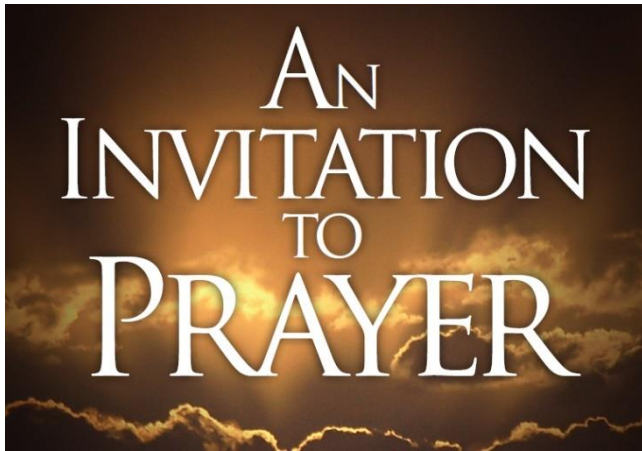


Cursillo Annual Fundraiser

The Washington Secretariat extends our heartfelt thanks to the Washington Cursillo Community for your contributions to our annual fundraisers. It is your generous donations that make it possible to finance activities for the movement. As you are aware, fundraisers are our only means of financial support.

Once again, we are seeking your support by asking you to contribute to our annual fundraiser. All contributions are welcomed. Enclosed are self-addressed envelopes for your contributions to be returned to our Treasurer. **Gwen Y. Sutton, 5727 5th Street, N.W., Washington, DC, 20011. Your contributions are tax exempt and can be filed on your 2016 tax returns.** If you are unable to contribute now, any future donations will be greatly appreciated. The support that we receive from our community is quite edifying to us. May the Lord bless you in every area of your life, especially in your caring generosity.

Gwen Sutton
Treasurer



How many of you have been receiving the prayer requests through your emails? If you haven't we will fix that soon, but believe me, James Brightful our new Prayer Corner Coordinator for Cursillo, is storming the gates of heaven for all Cursillistas.

He begins each week, whether there is a request for prayer or not, with a wonderful prayer to start our week and as we go through the week, as prayer requests come in, he not only sends them to us to pray with him, but he leads the prayer. How great is that! Be blessed with this one from last Monday.

Lord as I begin another week I thank you for the gift of Your presence throughout my weekend and I look forward to You being with me throughout this coming week. I ask that You keep me on that path You would have me follow. I ask that if there are challenges and obstacles that I must encounter let me handle them in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to You. I ask that You keep me focused and in line with You this week. For I know if I align myself with You then I will have a blessed and highly favored week. I also ask You to keep me mindful that these blessings and favors are not for me to keep to myself but to be shared and given freely and lovingly to all who are in need. To this I commit myself this week, in Your name that of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

The Lord calls each of us to pray unceasingly. Our community is strongest when we are in prayer for one another and all those who so desperately need our prayers throughout the world. Please pray with me.



THE METHOD BEYOND OUR MOVEMENT

There were two recent events in my life that prompted me to write this note to our Cursillo community. The first was my attendance at a Sodality meeting when the newly elected executive team presented its action agenda for the next two years. **The second was a witness at the closing for the 219th Cursillo, Open the Eyes to My Heart Lord.** At these events, my eyes were opened by the witness of Cursillistas, one who has mileage on her fourth day, and the other had moments into her fourth day.

At the Sodality meeting, the prefect started with a new prayer to open the meeting which included these words: "Help each one accept the gift of your unselfish love that will embolden us to prefer the more humble tasks and rejoice in the good done by others." I said to myself: "This is a Cursillo meeting."

The prefect continues to set the stage inviting Sodalists to voice concerns about how to be better evangelists to her rather than sharing a sad story with another Sodalist.

And the prefect continued with a focus on the mission of the Church, evangelization, which included more prayer, spiritual reflection, and then outreach to old Sodalists and invitations to young adults of the parish to share in the mission. There was a millennial on the executive team. When I asked her what mission work she planned to do, she spoke of the desire to serve the community as prefect in the future. When asked about the present, she shared with me the desire to get married in the Church, invite the man in her life to share in her faith, and join her in communal conversations about sacramental marriage. My silent response to the Sodality leadership was “thank you,” and “thank you, Jesus.”

Then there was the *Open the Eyes to My Heart, Lord closing*. When the self-proclaimed millennial stood up to witness about how she saw Christ, she spoke of “the way she saw her parents and their friends pray during her formative years, clear evidence of the method in the ministries at her parish, and her mother’s consistency in witnessing to the faith.” And, she closed her witness with **“we should invite more millennials to live the life that she was living.”** The witness talked of sharing the life that her parents and their friends shared with her. Mother and daughter cried as a statement of joy and authenticity to the witness.

The title, *The Method Beyond Our Movement*, is a misnomer. The method of our movement is the way the Christian witness lives the life of grace and faith.

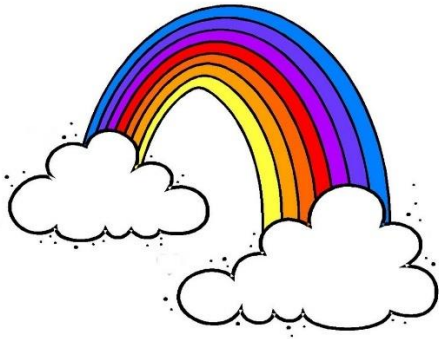
4th Day

Living in a world
after the resurrection

When our oldest daughter started her fourth day, she said that she recognized the three-day experience because it was the way that her mother and grandmother taught her to live. She then added, the chance to preview the Sunday sermon because homilies read at the dining room table added to mom and grandma’s daily witness.

Why am I saying this today? Our Cursillo Method is the most powerful demonstration of the power of authentic witness in inviting people of all ages to share the communal life with Christ. Our Movement is “of many colors,” Black, White, Latino, Vietnamese, Korean, Filipino, African and some other folk. It includes folk from Hollywood in the South to Damascus in the North, and everywhere in between. There is nothing else like it in our Archdiocese.

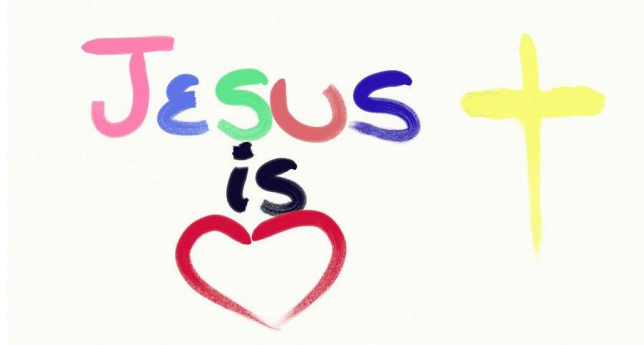
What am I asking of this Cursillo community? I invite you to do what Jesus did after John the Baptist when he shared with his followers the lifesaving message of our Cursillo Movement: “Behold the Lamb of God” (John 1:36). When John’s followers approached Jesus, he responded: “Come, and you will see” (John 1:39). We have something to show the Archdiocese and all of DMV. We are the picture of the living Body of Christ in this community.



The last word comes from Holy Scripture: "Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teaching" (Hebrews 13:7-9). The prefect and the millennial in the Sodality and the self-proclaimed millennial witness at the closing brought this Scripture to life by their witness. Our God is bigger than our problems. Why not do as the protagonists in this story did? Come, see, and then witness to the power of the Body of Christ in our Movement to change the neighborhood, then change the world. *Ultreya!*

©Deacon Timothy E. Tilghman, March 2016

Deacon Timothy E. Tilghman
Out-going Secretariat Spiritual Advisor



A Safe and Silent Night

BLOWS COLD AND ICY, BLIZZARD WIND,
WITH DARKNESS, LONELY NIGHT.
SLEEPY, HUNGRY, HOW MUCH FARTHER?
SWEET BOY LONGS FOR RESPITE.

THEN IN THE DISTANCE, JUST AHEAD,
LIGHT SHINING, WARMTH AGLOW.
SOFT PILLOW, BLANKET, MEAL AWAITS,
A SHELTER FROM THE SNOW.

BE STILL AND LISTEN LEST YOU MISS,
SOFT KNOCK UPON YOUR DOOR.
HIS QUIET VOICE IN EARNEST HEARD,
A ROOM FOR JUST ONE MORE?

WHO IS THIS LITTLE BOY WHO COMES,
SO SOFTLY IN THE NIGHT?
WHAT IS HIS NEED, WHAT DOES HE ASK?
FROM THOSE WITHIN THE LIGHT?

LAY DOWN YOUR HEAD, SWEET LITTLE BOY,
LET CARES BE OUT OF SIGHT.
SWEET DREAMS FOR YOU AND MAY YOU KNOW
A SAFE AND SILENT NIGHT.

Toni Abresch
Co-Chair, Communications
December 27, 2009

Cursillo Behind the Scenes

Did you ever wonder what it takes to put on a Cursillo weekend or the work that goes into it? It takes all the committees of the secretariat to put on a weekend. Here is a glimpse behind the scenes.

First the coordinators are picked by the 3 Day Committee based on the qualifications of the nominees, then the list of nominees are presented to the secretariat and a vote is taken as to who will best serve Cursillo. Not all nominees accept this leadership, I am happy to say that the fine coordinators for 2017 have said yes to the leadership and are serving Cursillo, they are: Burma Hill, Coordinator for the 221 Women's Weekend, May 18 – 21, Cheryl Kerwin, Coordinator for 222 Women's Weekend, October 12 – 15, and Michael Lillis, Coordinator for the Men's 223 Weekend, November 16 – 19. Each of the Coordinators will be assigned a liaison person from the 3-day Committee to make sure the weekend is well taken care of. The 3 Day Committee is responsible for all materials needed for the weekend get to the weekend on time.

The Communications Committee then informs the community of the dates of the upcoming weekends and the community is encouraged to invite candidates to make a weekend. The Ultreyas are urged to encourage their members to "Make a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ".

All applications are sent to the Pre- Cursillo Committee with either a \$15 dollar deposit or the full amount (\$195), before they are sent they must be signed by both the Ultreya leader and spiritual director (priest or deacon).



Applications must be in by the deadline; for the May weekend, it is May 4, for the October weekend it is September 28 and for the November weekend it is November 2. After the deadline comes, letters are sent to both the candidates and sponsors to make sure they are ready for the weekend. The applications are then sent to the Communications Committee so the information can be entered in the computer and get the packets ready to give to candidates at the end of the weekend. They also put the Palanca list out so the community will know who is on the weekend and hopefully do Palanca for everyone on the weekend. A copy of the applications is also given to the coordinators by the time of their team party so they can learn about the candidates and make table selections. Applications for all the 2017 weekends are now being accepted. You do not have to wait until the week before the weekend to send in applications, in fact we would prefer that you do not wait, this will ensure your candidate a space on the weekend and give you more time to prepare them for the weekend.

The 4th Day Committee is responsible for anything that happens after the weekend including the closing. They are the ones who let the Ultreyas know what to bring for the closing and which Ultreya will be the helper Ultreya. The coordinators of the weekends work hard for 6 – 8 weeks before the weekend making sure their team is ready for the weekend and the committees work hard with all the coordinators to ensure each weekend will give praise to Jesus, the candidates are His guests and we are His hosts. Now you have a glimpse of what it takes to put on a weekend. I hope you will join us in working in God's vineyard!
De Colores

Marion Gould
Pre-Cursillo Co-Chair



Fifth Day Corner

Somehow, during this Advent season, we must bid farewell to those we care so much about. During this quarter, we have said “so long” to several of our Cursillistas and other family members, who we remember and pray that their Fifth Day will be sweet and rewarding as Jesus promised. We pay tribute to them in this corner, remembering always that this is where we are all working to be, living out our 5th Day! De Colores!

This season, Lenora “Chick” Bowser went on a journey. She’s in her 5th Day and we had to say farewell to **“Chick”**. Leanne Stivers remembers her in the movement. ***“I’d like for you to send a prayer request out. This is for the repose of the soul of Lenora “Chick” Bowser. She made the 206th women's Cursillo with me in October 2012.*** She passed away tonight. Please also lift her family. De Colores Chick!

Leanne Stivers
Women’s 206th Cursillo Weekend
Co-Chair, Cursillo School of Leaders



*I glorified you on earth,
having accomplished the
work that you gave me to do.
And now, Father, glorify me
in your own presence with
the glory that I had with you
before the world existed.*

John 17:4-5

Editor's Corner

Do you have thoughts, poems, prayers, or reflections to share? The Washington Cursillo® Community wants to hear from you!! **Ultreya 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 Ultreya. Submit articles by email at any time to:

communications@washdc-cursillo.org

The Washington Cursillo® Movement website is <http://www.washdc-cursillo.org>

2017 PRODUCTION SCHEDULE



1st. QUARTER ISSUE

Jan. – Mar. 2017

Submission Deadline

Mar. 1, 2017

Publish Date – Mar. 15, 2017

2nd. QUARTER ISSUE

April - June 2017

Submission Deadline

June 1, 2016

Publish Date – June 15, 2017

3rd. QUARTER ISSUE

July – Sept. 2017

Submission Deadline

Sept. 1, 2017

Publish Date – Sept. 15, 2015

4th. QUARTER ADVENT ISSUE

Oct. – Dec. 2017

Submission Deadline

Nov. 30, 2017

Publish Date – Dec. 6, 2017

Upcoming Weekends

(Mark Your Calendars Now and "Make a Friend, be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ".)

May 18-21, 2017

221st Women's Cursillo Weekend
Coordinator, Burma Hill

October 12-15, 2017

222nd Women's Cursillo Weekend
Coordinator, Cheryl Kerwin

November 16-19, 2017

223rd Men's Cursillo Weekend
Coordinator, Michael Lillis
Liaison, Shelia Vallot

UPCOMING EVENTS

Advent Day of Reflection

December 11, 2016, 2-4pm

Our Lady Queen of Peace

R.C. Church

3800 Ely PI SE, Washington DC 20019

**Speaker: Cheryl Pilkington, Spiritual
Advisor, St. John Vianney, Calvert Ultreya**

**Installation of Secretariat Members
Immediately Following the Advent
Day of Reflection**



CURSILLO SCHOOL OF LEADERS (CSOL)

St. Joseph's Church

2020 Saint Joseph's Dr., Largo, MD 20774

7:00pm – 8:50pm

2017 Workshop Schedule

Wednesday, January 18th
Wednesday, February 15th
Wednesday, March 15th
Wednesday, April 19th
Wednesday, May 17th
Wednesday, June 21st

2017 Region II Spring Encounter

April 21-23, 2017

St. Pope John Paul II Retreat Center

414 S. 8th St., Vineland NJ 08360

2017 RELAX AND REFLECT

August 25-26, 2017

Holy Trinity Spiritual Center
8400 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21208

Fr. Pawel Sass & Deacon James Caldwell

ULTREYA

Assumption

1:30pm, 2nd Saturday
Anshar Hall
Assumption Church

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Bowie-Lanham

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St. Edward's, Bowie

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Marme1999@gmail.com

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1st Portable Bldg.

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equityassurance@hotmail.com

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St. John the Evangelist
7:00pm, 2nd Sunday

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7:30pm, 1st Saturday
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Most Holy Trinity Home**
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Adelphi MD

Sue Numrich

SNumrich@ida.org

North Montgomery County

7:30 pm 3rd Friday
St. Paul's Church Hall
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Damascus, MD 20872

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Cursillost.paul@verizon.net

NE/SE

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Carrie Clark

Duane Clark

Duane Clark Trekkiefu1957@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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So. Maryland

7pm, 4th Wednesday
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