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Fourth Day News

Washington Cursillo Movement

Informing, Enlightening, and Building Community

New Year Brings Changes to Washington Cursillo

Weekend Costs Rising

After much discussion and prayerful consideration, the Washington Secretariat voted to raise the cost of the Cursillo Weekends to \$190.00 effective January 1, 2011. The decision was largely based on the change in venue and increasing costs for running the Weekends (e.g., Pilgrim's Guides, My 4th Day Booklets, Group Reunion Guides, New Testament Bibles, Crosses, Cookies, etc.).

That being said, if an application to make a weekend is already received with a deposit or paid in full, that candidate will be allowed to make the May 2011 (Women's) or June 2011 (Men's) weekend at the price of \$160.00. Any applications received without deposits will pay the new price of \$190.00. Team members for the June and May 2011 weekends will be asked to pay the new price of \$190.00.

However, as is the case for everyone, if this is a hardship for team members or candidates, a reduced fee may be accepted.

Secretariat News

On **Sunday, January 23, 2011**, Michael Ciccocioppo, Region II Cursillo Coordinator, and Kimviet Ngo, of the Vietnamese Cursillo community, will attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa of Avila.

Michael will be participating in a Vietnamese Cursillo event in the afternoon and wants to attend Mass at St. Teresa on

that same date. He remembers our spontaneous singing at Mass during the Regional Encounter this past Spring, and the experience continues to resonate in His spirit and remains a close moment to Christ for him. God is so good!

Any and All Cursillistas are welcome to join us for Mass at St. Teresa's on that date. If possible, we will set aside seating so that we may all sit together.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Let's give a huge "shout out" to our servant leaders, Nancy and Maury Mattingly, Joe & Wilma Koles, John Brannigan, and Ginger Caldwell for their heroic efforts in coordinating, gathering and cleaning out the Work Room at the Josephite Seminary in preparation for our move to the Washington Retreat House. Having been there for many years, this was not an easy task by any stretch of the imagination. However, they did it in record time and in the true spirit of servant leadership. As usual, let's give them our support and a huge, praise God, for what they did for Cursillo.

The Secretariat, on behalf of the Washington DC Cursillo community, will send a 'thank you' letter to the Josephite Seminary for their hospitality and wonderful accommodations over the years. We will assure them that we will continue to support them in the future. Indeed, the Josephite Seminary holds very dear and special memories and meanings to each of our lives... never to be forgotten.



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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

By Patricia Wells

A few months ago, I had the occasion to find myself at Boys Town. Yes, there is a Boy's Town. So for those of you who didn't know; that old movie of the same name was based on a real Fr. Flanagan who founded Boy's Town decades ago for troubled/orphaned youth. His motto (acted out so well by Spencer Tracey) was, "There are no bad boys".

Anyway, the branch here in D.C. was practically founded BY ONE OF OUR OWN CURSILLISTAS! But, I am getting ahead of myself so I ask you to stick with me to the end; you won't be disappointed!

As I walked up the path to the office; I found a beautiful memorial. It was complete with a huge stone, surrounded by perpetual flowers and a plaque to our very own MSGR. JOE! For those of you who remember him, I am speaking of Msgr. Joseph Arianno. He went home to the Our Father on December 15, 2007. I remember him mainly because I'm pretty sure he was the Spiritual Director on the very first team I worked. A man of God and the Gospel, he spoke often of Boy's Town and you knew it was close to his heart. However, I don't think most of us ever knew why.

Let me share with you what I discovered. First, Msgr. Joe served the Lord and our country in the Military Archdiocese ("make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ"). He was stationed in Viet Nam and Turkey and was awarded numerous Military honors including the Bronze Star (who knew)!? But it is the rest of his story that brought me to tears; and this information is taken from the memorial plaque.

MSGR. JOE HIMSELF WAS AN ORPHAN! He was born in Arkansas and orphaned at a young age. He spent time with his grandmother and other relatives for a while. Times must have gotten pretty bad because at one time he was using discarded newspapers to cover the holes in his shoes. It was in one of these newspapers that he read about Fr. Flanagan and Boy's Town in Nebraska. He decided to take the few dollars he had and stepping out (no doubt on Faith) began his long journey to Boy's Town.

Who knows how long his journey took or what he experienced along the way? But he got there,

and at the end of the long path leading to the Boy Town's building, he met the real Fr. Flanagan on June 16, 1939. Fr. Flanagan greeted him with the following: "Welcome, come on in...you are home now". I mean really, if this doesn't bring tears to your eyes, I don't know what will.

Sharing Cursillo with Msgr. Joe, I had heard several witnesses and had many conversations, but I never knew this. His love for Boy's Town was evident in much of his talk; but I never dreamed that he was himself one of Fr. Flanagan's "boys". By the time Msgr. Joe graduated from Boy's Town he had discovered his vocation and set out to become a priest. The rest is history. After his military Ministry he became instrumental in the opening of Boy's Town D.C.; a project undoubtedly infused with personal memories, gratitude and mission.

The mission of Boy's Town D.C. is to make life better for the youth and families of Washington and they are doing a wonderful job of it. The National Headquarters of Boys Town is still headed by a Priest. The youth, of course, have diverse religious backgrounds. Part of the Mission is to "instill Boy's Town values to strengthen body, mind and spirit". The youth of Boy's Town are afforded every opportunity to overcome their difficulties and prepare themselves for a life to be lived fully and successfully in the "real" world. Just like Msgr. Joe was.

I'm not going to end this with a Cursillo tidbit of spirituality; even though Msgr. Joe lived his life based on Piety, Study and Action. When I learned about this part of Msgr. Joe's life I was reminded instead of a simple prayer. Pray part of it with me now:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love. Where there is doubt, let me sow faith. Where there is despair, let me sow hope. Where there is darkness, let me sow light. For it is giving, that we receive. ... It is in dying that we are born to eternal life! (Prayer of St. Francis)

Thanks,
Pat, NE/SE Ultreya

A Special Thanks

The men of the 203rd Cursillo wish to thank the Community for all the help you gave us during the 203rd Mens Cursillo. Carrying the bags for the new brothers allowed the team to congregate in the library and meet and greet the new brothers so that when it came time for introductions we already had a leg up.

Thank you -- for all the food that, as you can imagine, was well received; for all the palanca, which brought sunshine tears to a lot of eyes; and most important of all, for your prayers, without which we would have stumbled on every step of the journey.

And even though on one level I am glad that it's over, I must say that it was an honor to serve as your humble Grand High Coordinator for the 203rd Mens Cursillo.

De Colores!

~ *Peter Abresch*
Coordinator
203rd Men's Cursillo

Focus Article

Cursillo Annual Fundraiser

Our annual Fourth Day News fundraiser has arrived. The Washington Cursillo Movement depends on this income since we do not have any other means of income except fundraisers.

Our last fundraiser, selling cookbooks which contain recipes submitted by Cursillistas, was very successful. However, the profits from their sale has already been used for School of Leaders expenses and events, purchasing books, Sunday lunches for the weekends, weekend supplies, Fourth Day Events and Fourth Day Newsletter printing and postage. To allow us to continue to cover these costs, we again need your help.

Unfortunately, The Fourth Day News issue for November/December 2010 never made it to press, so our annual drive got pushed to this issue. A donation envelope is enclosed for your use or you may mail a donation at any time to

Gwen Sutton, Financial Officer, at 5727 -5th Street, N. W., Washington, DC 20011.

Your support has been very significant in the financial operations of the Movement and I implore you to continue to support us. If you are unable to make a contribution this month, please make a donation whenever you are able. We are always in need!

I thank you for your continued support and generosity. May God Bless you abundantly for your prayers, donations and support to the Movement.

Cookbooks

We still have a few copies (less than 20) of "*Bubblin'With The Holy Spirit*" available for sale. If you have not purchased a copy or need additional copies, please contact Gwen Sutton at (202) 829-3451 or gysmouse@verizon.net. At \$15.00 each, make plans to order your copy today.

Thank you!
De Colores!

~ *Gwen Sutton*
Financial Officer

A Heartfelt Apology

From Your Editor

Please accept my humble and sincere apology for missing the November/December Issue of the Fourth Day News.

I will continue to do my best to serve the Washington Cursillo Movement in any way that I can.

Thank you for your patience and support.

~ *Marla-Jo Bonuccelli*
Communications

Christ Fun in the Summertime **for NE/SE**

(A Better Late Than Never Article!)

1 COR 10:16-17 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

For all of you who weren't able to be there on Friday July 9th, we would just like to share with you the joy and spirit that was the summer social event of the NE /SE annual cookout. What began as a disappointment to some because the extreme heat and threat of thunderstorms moved us indoors, quickly passed – and, by the way, the projected thundershowers never happened.

The event was held at the Jeanne Jugan Residence (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Harewood Road NE, as it has been for the last several years. Our Spiritual Director Father Charles Green resides there; and it is always a special treat to be hosted by Father Green, the Little Sisters of the Poor and staff of the Residence.

The evening began with Mass said by Father Green, which set the mood for the entire evening. Father Green inspired each and everyone there with his homily. He is so deeply rooted in the spirit of Cursillo, you cannot help but be carried along with him.

The Mass was such a special event. It was a true Mass of the people as so many of the Cursillistas added their own touch of spirituality and faith with their participation during the service. The strongest sense of spirituality came from the music. Led by Darah Means-Ross on guitar and long time Cursillista Mr. Richard (Rich) Sylvester (who attended the Men's 38th weekend) on the piano, the music had everyone so spiritually uplifted that, at the end of the Mass, everyone continued singing. No one wanted the Mass to end. Many in attendance admitted it to be one of their closest moments.

After Mass the evening became a social event punctuated by the laughs, good times and terrific food enjoyed by all. There were as many as 38 persons in attendance, most of them members of the Ultreya. Others were family and friends.

Members of the East of the River and Assumption Ultrayas also joined us and shared in the family gathering. We were also blessed by the attendance of two of the Little Sisters of the Poor staff members. One was a Cursillista who made her weekend outside of this region; the other was looking forward to making one of our upcoming women's weekends.

As this was a potluck affair the assortment of cookout fare was varied and plentiful. The variety of salads, entrees and deserts meant there was something for everyone. Special kudos are due to Vincent (Vince) Jordan of East of the River Ultreya, who sweated over the hot grill outside in the heat to make certain the burgers and hot dogs were cooked to perfection. Since we were inside enjoying the air conditioning, his was a yeoman's gift to our Ultreya.

The only thing better than the food was the company and conversation. Father Green made certain that he circulated throughout the room and greeted each and every guest with his own special warmth and Christian hospitality. As a show of appreciation to Father Green and the Sisters for their hospitality a free will offering, which totaled over \$300.00, was collected and presented on behalf of the NE/SE Ultreya.

Thanks are also in order for all those who helped make the evening the success that it was. You know who you are and what you did, and we thank you for it.

At the end of the evening no one left feeling hungry or empty. We were both full physically and spiritually; we were nourished in both body and soul. We were truly blessed and while the physical person of Christ may not have been there to conduct the evening, His Spirit was there and working wonders among us! We left all the richer and all the more thankful. We were richly blessed – fed *by* the Holy Spirit and full *of* the Holy Spirit. DeColores!

~ James Brightful
NS/SE Ultreya

P.S. I apologize for the lateness of this article. I overlooked it in the September/October Issue and didn't publish a November/December Issue.

~ The Editor

Cursillo Prayer List

If you have prayer requests or want to be added to the mailing list to receive prayer requests, please submit your e-mail information to MaryAnn Upright at MAUpright@aol.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

Don't forget Leaders' School
Third Wednesday of every month
St. Joseph's, Largo, MD

204th Women's Weekend
12-15 May 2011
Washington Retreat House

205th Men's Weekend
2-5 June 2011
Washington Retreat House

206th Women's Weekend
22-25 September 2011
Washington Retreat



EDITOR'S CORNER

Calling All Articles!!

Are you a writer?
Do you have thoughts, poems, prayers, or reflections to share? The Washington Cursillo Community wants to hear from you!! Articles should be submitted in **Arial** Font, **12** Font Size no later than the submission date below for the following issue.

Submit articles **at any time** to mjbfuzz@verizon.net
AND annbatiste@hotmail.com

March/April Issue submissions
are due **by 20 February 2011**.

Website News!!

Our Website is up and running; **but** continues to be an ongoing work in progress! So please be patient with us as we continue to develop and build it into the best it can be!

Darah Means (formatter/designer)
Tom Arnold (web manager)

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

Check It Out!!

Give us your feedback!!

LIST OF ULTREYAS

Assumption
12:30 pm, 2nd Sunday
Assumption Church

TBD

NE/SE
7:30pm, 1st Friday
St. Anthony's Chapel

Phyllis Winston
202-723-6756
Joseph Bowser
202-635-3733
Bernadette White
202-269-0710

Bowie-Lanham
8:00pm, 2nd Friday
St. Edward's, Bowie

Al Dwyer
301-341-5076

**Our Lady Queen
of Peace**
After 10:30 am Mass,
3rd Sunday
Room 1 Our Lady
Queen of Peace

Liz Blake
301-853-3029

Calvert County
7:30pm, 2nd Monday
St. John Vianney
Church Basement

Trudy & Joe Mihalcik
410-586-1674

Central PG County
7:30 – 3rd Friday
St. Joseph's, Largo

Theresa Bowser
301-390-1310

St. Teresa of Avila
7:30pm, 2nd Monday
St. Teresa's Church
Undercroft

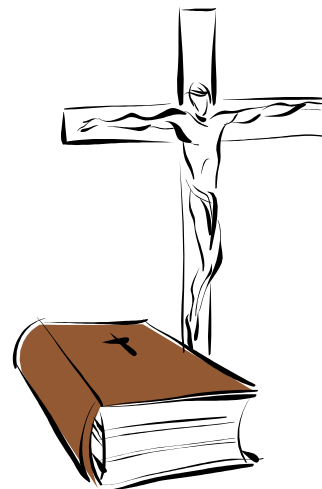
Kelly/Lamont Baxter
301-780 8815

East of the River
7:30pm, 4th Friday
OLPH
1st Portable Bldg

Jennifer Tilghman
301-982-0641
Pearl Baylor
301-894-8405
Rita Robinson
301-297-7769
Jocelyn Dugue
301-982-0641

St. John the Evangelist
7:00pm, 2nd Sunday
St. John's Church Hall
Clinton, MD

John Geron
301-449-6654



Laurel
7:30pm, 3rd Friday
St. Nicholas Church

Brinda Albert
301-490-9786
Dee Carroll
301-776-4056
Jean Hannagan
301-776-7496
Oliver Wilford, Jr.
240-294-4278

Montgomery County
7:30pm, 1st Saturday
1733 Metzert Road
Adelphi MD

Joe O'Leary
301-229-2026

**Come and Be
Christ to the
World!**