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Washington Cursillo Movement

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Secretariat Corner

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Josephite Pastoral Center and helping to strengthen parishes.

Father Norvel has been a leader in bringing African American spirituality into liturgy in the United States. He stated, "My thrust in ministry has been to bring black culture and black spirituality to the Catholic Church."

He is credited with starting the gospel choir movement in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles. He opened a Josephite house of spiritual formation in Nigeria, where he served for five years from 1999 to 2004. A number of Josephite priests have been ordained as a result of the Nigerian connection.

Father Norvel said it will be a special challenge to take over the leadership of the Josephite Society at this critical stage. Increasing vocations will be a priority, Father Norvel said. As for the relationship with Nigeria, he said, "We have to go back. I intend to revive the House of Formation and we need to prepare men to go there."

Father Norvel had served as consultor general for the Josephites from 1983 to 1987. He also has served as president of the Black Catholic Clergy Caucus from 1985 to 1987.

When asked what was needed as he takes on his new responsibilities, Father Norvel said, "prayers and support." We as the Washington Cursillo Community offer our pride, our prayers, our support, our thanks, and our love to Father Norvel for all he is and has done for us! Praise be to God for the gift of his presence!! Amen and Alleluia!!

~ Portions of this article were taken from *The Josephites*



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Congratulations to our very own, Father William L. Norvel, SSJ! He was elected as Superior General of the Josephites during their quadrennial General Conference held June 13-17, 2011 at Saint Joseph Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Father Norvel, 76, is the first African American selected as the Josephite Superior General. "Having more black leadership in the church is fulfilling the dreams of many," Father Norvel said. "My election shows that the Josephites feel that it's time that we have black leadership and they will support it."

A native of Pascagoula, Mississippi, Father Norvel served as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help church in Washington, D.C. and the Head Spiritual Director of the Washington Cursillo Movement. As in everything he does, Fr. Norvel committed to serving the community, provided Spiritual guidance, and demonstrated leadership with a humble heart and spirit.

He is the 13th superior general to lead the Josephites in their 140-year history. He said the Josephites will be considering ways to increase vocations, campus ministry opportunities, reviewing the

Las Mañanitas

Mañanitas, done by our community at large, has been a special part of our 3-day weekends for many years. Recognizing that contact by the 4th Day Community on weekends prior to the Clausura has been forbidden policy by the National Secretariat since 1999 (see Leaders Manual pages 118-119), our Washington Movement has made every effort to keep it appropriate to the purposes of our weekends. Over the years, we have suspended and reinstated our practice, to evaluate the purpose, which is to reassure the candidates that we love them and support them.

Sadly, a growing number of dioceses, some within our own region, have been conducting Mañanitas in a highly inappropriate manner. There have been numerous reports of personal interaction between the candidates and the community during this time. The National Secretariat has become so concerned, that they have mandated that the practice be eliminated from the weekend events or that Diocese will lose their right to remain a part of the National Cursillo Movement. It is always unfortunate when the errant actions of some, affects others.

Dear Cursillistas, beginning January 2012, the Washington Secretariat feels compelled to comply with the mandate from National Headquarters for - our Washington Movement is more than our Mañanitas! Prayerfully, the Sunday morning serenade, done by the team will convey the same message of love and support as would our physical presence.

As a community, together, let us continue to provide our spiritual support by using that hour to offer Palanca in prayer. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us to a deeper understanding of the authentic within the Cursillo Movement, realizing that our ultimate goal is to "bring to our Savior a harvest of souls."

Ultreya, and may God continue to bless our beautiful Cursillo Movement,

~ Jackie DeMesme-Gray, Lay Director

NE/SE CELEBRATES THE BLESSINGS OF SUMMER

ACTS 2:42 *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

Friday, July 8th, the NE/SE Ultreya gathered together for their annual rite of fellowship and summer. A heavy rain earlier that afternoon did not deter the dedicated group from gathering as a community and celebrating Christ and each other. The event was held at the Jean Jugan Home on Harewood Road, NE Washington. Our Spiritual Director, Father Charles Green, is in residence there. He was overjoyed to welcome us and host us with his gift of warmth and hospitality, as he has done over the last several years.

As always, the evening began with celebration of the Mass. Father Green set the tone of the evening through his inspirational homily. He made us realize that the evening would be about the gift of love from the Father. We were encouraged to share the special blessing of God through our relationship with His Son and each other. We celebrated the Mass in spirited song and prayerful participation.

At the end of Mass the area was set up for the feast that was to come. The event was a potluck affair and the buffet table soon became a bountiful feast for both the eyes and stomach. There were all sorts of casseroles, side dishes, salads, meat dishes and desserts. Our guests from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ultreya, Ron Coleman and Vince Jordan manned the grills. They kept the hot dogs and hamburgers coming to make certain no one had to wait too long for these staple cookout delicacies.

We were also blessed to have guests from the Laurel Ultreya with us for the evening. The many members of our NE/SE Ultreya, included seasoned Cursillistas down to Babe Chicks. The Babe Chicks, who were there for the first time, were impressed and overwhelmed with the entire event. We also had family members and friends of our Ultreya there to help us in our celebration.

As we have done in the past we wanted to share some of our blessings with the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Jean Jugan Home who so graciously opened their home to us. In the manner of a free will love offering, over \$385.00

was collected and blessed by Father Green before it was presented to the Nuns.

By evenings' end all who had attended left full of the Holy Spirit, delicious food and a warm and loving gift of God and fellowship with each other.

We must thank everyone who attended, prepared and brought a dish, offered his or her assistance in setting up and cleaning up afterward. A special thank you goes to Father Green; we love you and are always overjoyed being able to be there to spend such a special evening with you. We would also be remiss if we did not thank the Sisters and staff of the Jean Jugan Home, who always make us feel so welcome. We thank all of the guests from the other Ultreyas who not only came to celebrate but also to work, so that our Ultreya could enjoy their event. If we have left you out and you are deserving of our thanks please know that we have you in our hearts; you are greatly appreciated.

~ James Brightful, NE/SE Ultreya

The Celebration of Pentecost

ACTS 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

They came together all in one place. Sunday June 12th, representatives of the Vietnamese, Korean, Spanish and English speaking Cursillo Communities gathered together; and just as in that room with the original disciples, the Holy Spirit descended down upon each of them. There may not have been flaming tongues of fire, but the Spirit was there nonetheless.

The Mass was translated in part, so that all would have an understanding and that none would leave without taking home the message of the Gospel. As proclaimed by Father Alexander Martinez, our host and Pastor of St. Ambrose Church in Cheverly MD, each community heard the Word in their own tongues. Co-Celebrants of the event were Monsignor Raymond East and Deacons representing both the Vietnamese and Korean Communities. The number of Cursillistas and their families in attendance was 208; and Father Alex has already stated that next year he hopes that number to be even higher.

Highlights or closest moments during the Mass included having the clergy deliver a personal message to each language group delivered in their respective tongues. While those in attendance may not have understood the language, everyone felt the message.

The Spirit was not only present in the Word proclaimed but throughout the movements, as well. The Liturgical Dance Ministry of St. Teresa of Avilla (STA) presented a stirring lyrical telling of the Pentecost. To my mind's eye, the dancers in their red and white robes and carrying colorful matching scarves and whirling banners, waved and whipped them in the air as if they were living flames engulfing the entire sanctuary. Watching them perform was truly breathtaking.

Immediately following the STA dancers came what I found to be the most moving moment of the service. Dancers from the Vietnamese community presented an emotionally stirring tribute to their Vietnamese martyrs. The presentation was a combination of dance, chant and meditation. It was as colorful as was the traditional clothing they wore. I could not help but see the spirits of their fallen ancestors in the lit lanterns they carried.

At the end the recessional was set to the strains of De Colores sung simultaneously in four languages. While it may have been a little difficult to follow along, it was a true tribute to the unity of this spiritually joyful and uplifting Mass.

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Immediately following the Mass we gathered downstairs in the Church Hall for the reception. Once the food was blessed and the order given to make your way to the food, one could not help being impressed by the length of the buffet table. It stretched almost the entire length of the room. There was an array of Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese and American specialties and dishes. As I helped serve the American food, I couldn't help but notice the children's eyes light up and get bigger as they tried to decide what they should eat. I can say that pizza and watermelon were probably the most popular choices. I also know for certain that no one left hungry.

When the revelers were not at the buffet table, they were being stirred up and prompted to lift their collective voices in cheers, song and flag waving. Each group had an opportunity to lead the crowd in singing De Colores in their own languages.

This was surely a cross-cultural celebration. You did not have to know another language to communicate. Words were not needed, as there was a language of Christ and brotherly love that circulated the room and spoke far louder than any words spoken. All were blessed!

Many thanks are due to those who worked so tirelessly on this celebration. I hope that, even if I miss someone, that all realize how much they are loved and appreciated. First and foremost we wish to thank Father Alexander Martinez and the Cursillistas of St. Ambrose, who so warmly and lovingly welcomed us and worked to see that we enjoyed their beautiful church home. Everyone felt welcome.

We thank each of those participants of the Mass, from the celebrants to the lectors, dancers and musicians. We thank each and everyone who shared one of their favorite dishes and offered us the opportunity to share in them. We thank everyone who attended for your love and spirit, which created the spiritually charged celebration. Last but not least, we are greatly indebted to everyone in each community who had a hand in the planning and executing of this joint effort. We are already looking forward to next year.

Finally, we offer a special thank you to a few of our own community for the work done to make this event happen, including Ginger Caldwell, Tanya Hankton and John Molineaux. You truly helped make spiritual magic happen.

We encourage everyone to join the Secretariat next year to help organize this spirit-filled event. You won't want to miss it. And we can always use your help!! Just contact the 4th Day Committee of the Secretariat.

~ James Brightful, Co-Chair
4th Day Committee

Reflection on Pentecost Celebration

I'm happy that I stretched my weary self yesterday and attended the Cursillo Pentecost Mass at St. Ambrose, which was hosted by the Vietnamese and Spanish Cursillo communities.

Not all of the languages were familiar to me, yet because of our Catholic faith and the universality of the church, I was able to follow along, sing along and still feel the unity, the connection, the cohesiveness. The liturgical dances expressed by STA Liturgical dancers, as I watched the dancers on the Altar, in the aisle and even at the end as they walked by, you sensed and felt their energy and knew without a doubt that they had entered into the realm of Pentecost..... the Vietnamese Liturgical dancers, ooh, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit throughout each spiritual movement. Both groups expressed such reverence, Alleluia, He is Risen and He has given each of us an outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

It was wonderful, to listen/hear the recessional hymn De Colores, sung in the different languages and in English. It was a very joyful experience and expression for me.

From the Homily I left with a few reminders:

All of us are witnesses to the power of the Holy Spirit, maybe not by blood but by our De Colores, which is the Holy Spirit moving in and through us.

- As Lay people to preach the gospel
- As Lay people talking/sharing our own conversion

In Cursillo we experience it. We see and feel that a 'new Pentecost' is really happening in our own lives. Cursillo is the answer to evangelize the world.

Pentecost is a reminder that the whole of humanity is thirsty for God and we are to bring the light of the Gospel into this world.

- We are sent to preach the Gospel
- We are sent to bear witness
- We are sent to be committed
- We are disciples of Jesus

Cursillo gives us the strength for our Mission - **to preach the gospel.**

That's my take away from the Homily message yesterday. The camaraderie, fellowship, hospitality and food afterwards, the smiling faces, the welcoming smiles and gestures, the expression on the faces just to see us there gave me a 'warm fuzzy' feeling. The variety of food, words cannot express.....

De Colores

Sister J

*(Jennifer Ferguson, 199th Women's Cursillo
St. Margaret's of Scotland)*

3-Day Corner

DeColores everyone and the 3-Day Committee hopes that you all are having a great summer!! The 3-Day Committee met recently and has selected possible coordinators for next year's weekends. If you remember we wrote last time about how the coordinators are chosen. Right now we are calling those folks and they are deciding their "YES" to the call.

After the coordinator's "Yes" they start selecting (after prayer of course!!) their core teams which is their assistant, angels or shepherds, musicians, and spiritual directors. The weekends that will be in February and March of next year may also start choosing some of their team members after discussion with the other coordinators.

On Saturday, October 1 the 3-Day Committee will hold a Coordinator's Workshop to help the coordinators and their core teams review the "one talk" and the logistics of the weekend. It usually runs from about 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., location to be determined.

If you are curious or want to learn more about how the weekends are put together please email me at maurymattingly69@gmail.com or call at 410-257-3436 and reserve a spot for yourself. We need to do this so we know how much food to provide and how many sets of information to print. All are welcome.

Other than working as liaisons with the teams and securing a place to hold them the 3-Day Committee has only these 2 meetings per year. So it is not that hard to be on the committee!! We are still looking for new members from the various Ultreyas. At the present not all Ultreyas are represented.

Speaking of securing a place to hold the weekends we have been busy working on that for the fall weekends this year. Unfortunately holding the weekends at the Washington Retreat House did not work out with their schedule. They have folks coming in on Sunday afternoons from all over the country for the start of their retreats on Monday and with us not getting out at 8:00 p.m. or so they did not have time to have the rooms and other spaces cleaned after us and before the next group. So 3-Day has been busy looking high & low for another place to have the fall weekends. It has been tough because we have special requirements with all that we do especially having the community there on Thursday's and Sunday's. Cost and location are of course other considerations.

Hopefully by the time that you read this we will have signed a contract with Camp Letts for those 2 weekends. We have held weekends at Camp Letts previously and although it is "roughing it" a little it will work out fine. After that we hope to go back "home" to the Josephite Seminary.

Don't forget to come to the picnic at St. John Vianney and we will see you there.

God's peace and blessings,
Maury Mattingly, 3-Day Co-chair

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!

Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Norvel
September 11, 2011
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
11:00 a.m. Mass

Annual Washington Cursillo Picnic
September 18, 2011
St. John Vianney
2:00 p.m. Mass
Calvert County, MD

Cursillo Awareness Day
Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
September 18, 2011
10:00 a.m. Mass

Don't forget Leaders' School
Third Wednesday of every month
Beginning September 21, 2011
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
St. Joseph's, Largo, MD

Region 2 Fall Encounter
October 14-16, 2011
Vineyard, NJ

206th Women's Weekend
October 20-23, 2011
Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

205th Men's Weekend
November 3-6, 2011
Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD



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

September/October Issue
submissions
are due **by September 7, 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)
Jack McFadden and Tom Arnold (web managers)

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

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

Al Dwyer
301-341-5076

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

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.
340-294-4278

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

Joe O'Leary
301-229-2026

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

Phyllis Winston
202-723-6756
James Brightful
202-269-4606
Joe Bowser
202-635-3733
Bernadette White
202-269-0710

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

Liz Blake
301-853-3029

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

Erin & Charles Wiley
301-996-6028



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All the Time,
God is Good!

Registration Form
Cursillo® Region 2 Fall Encounter, October 14 - 16, 2011

Encounter will be held at: Pope John Paul II Retreat Center
414 South 8th Street
Vineland, NJ 08360-4739
(856) 691-2299

Price of the weekend: **\$ 100.00** (No Charge for Spiritual Advisors)

Make checks payable to: **Cursillos de Cristiandad - Region 2.** Full payment required with registration. No partial or commuter price is available.

Registration deadline: No later than Thursday, October 6, 2011

There are a limited number of rooms in the retreat center, so reserve early. Bring your own towels, soap and other toiletries, a snack for a sharing table and your *Pilgrim's Guide*.

Check in time is Friday, October 14th between 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Encounter begins at 7:30 p.m.
Check-out time is Sunday, October 16th by 1:00 p.m. Encounter ends with lunch at 12:00 Noon.

Visit us on the Internet at: *www.CursilloRegion2.org*

PLEASE FILL IN BELOW AND RETURN TO: **Edgar M. Rodriguez**
(Send your check for \$100 with your registration) **20 West 12th Street**
Linden, NJ 07036

SAVE THE DATES NOW FOR THE 2012 ENCOUNTERS:
April 27 - 29, 2012, Region 2 Spring Encounter, (JP II Center, Vineland, NJ)
October 19 - 21, 2012, Region 2 Fall Encounter, (JP II Center, Vineland, NJ)
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Diocese: _____

Please indicate if you play a musical instrument: _____

Language Group: English Spanish Portuguese Vietnamese Korean (Circle One)

**DIRECTIONS TO: Pope John Paul II Retreat Center
414 South 8th Street
Vineland, NJ 08360-4739
(856) 691-2299**

FROM PHILADELPHIA AREA:

1. 76 East to Walt Whitman Bridge. Stay left on bridge. Follow signs for Rt. 42 South (Atlantic City)
OR
Take 76 East to 676 South to Ben Franklin Bridge. Stay right after toll. Follow 676 South to 42 South.
2. Merge onto SR-42. Continue 1.26 miles to Exit 13
3. Take Exit 13 to NJ Route 55 South. Continue on Rt 55 south about 26.7 miles to Exit 32B.
4. Take EXIT 32B (RT-56 W toward ROSENHAYN). Continue about 0.2 miles
5. Then take EXIT 32A (RT-56 E toward VINELAND). Continue about 0.1 miles
6. Merge onto CR-622 / LANDIS AVE. Continue about 2.8 miles to South 8th Street
7. Turn RIGHT onto S 8TH ST. Continue about 0.2 mi to Retreat Center

FROM DELAWARE AND POINTS SOUTH

8. I-95 North toward NEW YORK into Delaware
9. Merge onto I-295 N toward NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE / DEL MEM BR / NJ-NY (Crossing into NEW JERSEY).
10. I-295 N becomes US-40 E / NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE N continue about 0.8 miles
11. Take the exit toward US 40 East, ATLANTIC CITY. (Turn SLIGHT LEFT to take the US-40 E ramp toward ATLANTIC CITY. The Ramp becomes US-40 E.)
12. Continue about 8.1 miles, then turn LEFT - US-40 / NJ-45 / NJ-48 / WEST AVE. Continue to follow US-40. For about 15.3 miles (Pass through 1 roundabout) until you come to NJ Route 55.
13. Merge onto NJ-55 S toward VINELAND / MILLVILLE / CAPE MAY. Continue about 6.6 miles to Exit 32B
14. Take EXIT 32B (RT-56 W toward ROSENHAYN). Continue about 0.2 miles
15. Then take EXIT 32A (RT-56 E toward VINELAND). Continue about 0.1 miles
16. Merge onto CR-622 / LANDIS AVE. Continue about 2.8 miles to South 8th Street
17. Turn RIGHT onto S 8TH ST. Continue about 0.2 mi to Retreat Center

FROM NORTHERN JERSEY VIA NJ TURNPIKE OR GARDEN STATE PARKWAY

- GARDEN STATE PARKWAY SOUTH to EXIT 129 - NJ TURNPIKE SOUTH , OR
NJ TURNPIKE SOUTH
- Take NJ TURNPIKE South to Exit 3, Rt 168 North toward Camden/Philadelphia. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto SOUTH BLACK HORSE PIKE / NJ-168. Continue on Black Horse Pike North about 0.7 miles and cross over 295 to Entrance for I-295 South
- Merge onto I-295 South toward WALT WHITMAN BR / DEL MEM BR. Continue about 0.8 to I-76
- Merge onto I-76 E / I-295 S via EXIT 26 toward DEL. MEM. BR. / RT-42 SOUTH / ATLANTIC CITY.

I-76 E / I-295 S becomes NJ-42 South. Continue on Rt 42 south to Exit 13
- Take Exit 13 to NJ Route 55 South. Continue South on Rt 55 about 26.7 miles to Exit 32B.
- Take EXIT 32B (RT-56 W toward ROSENHAYN). Continue about 0.2 miles
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