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HE TOUCHED ME

*A Cursillista Steps Down and Steps
up as Cursillo Servant Leader*

*The heart of man plans his way, but the
Lord establishes his steps*

(Proverbs 16.9)

I thank God for the opportunity to serve Him and our Cursillo community as the Lay Director for our beautiful Diocese. Words cannot convey the love I feel for Brother Jesus, our Cursillo Movement, and you, my brothers and sisters, for this occasion to serve as your Servant Leader. Your love, prayers and support were a blessing to me. These past years blessed me immensely and your Palanca helped make potentially challenging moments opportunities for God's grace. Thank you!

God sends us who we need when we need them. God sent me a group reunion of faith-filled and committed servants as Secretariat. He called, gifted and empowered them to serve you and each other in building up the body of Christ through Cursillo. I could not have been blessed with a more competent and spiritually grounded group of servant leaders. For this, I remain eternally grateful. Thank you!

God touched me, and called me again to Cursillo Servant Leadership.



Michael Ciccocioppo, Cursillo Regional Coordinator for Region 2, asked that I step up to replace him as Regional Coordinator when I stepped down as Lay Director. After prayer and discernment, and in discussions with my Secretariat, group reunion and Spiritual Director, I humbly said, yes. I saw this call as my response to God's purpose in my life. I am blessed to have our very own Father Pete Alliata to walk this journey with me as the Spiritual Advisor for Region 2. Thank you!

As the Cursillo Regional Coordinator for Region 2, {Delaware, DC, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania (Eastern Half) and Virginia}, I will be a member of our National Secretariat. I will be blessed to join Region 2 Coordinators for other language groups within our region and work side-by-side with Secretariats throughout our region to help meet their technical and spiritual needs in Cursillo.

“He Touched Me” continued...

When I lived my Cursillo weekend in 1997, I never knew how Cursillo would affect my life. Since then, I learned that God meets us where we are, but calls us to where we supposed to be. He may not call the equipped, but will equip the call.

We are indeed a Resurrection people, and Resurrection means that we are called to action. We are His hands and feet on earth. These past three years as your Lay Director have been amongst the most grace-filled periods of my life. With your continued prayers and support, I can continue God’s purpose in my life over the next three years. I remain convicted that when God calls us to service,

He provides us His plan of action and confirms that He is sufficient in providing for all of our needs. I continue to count on Christ as He continues to count on me. I look forward to our continued journey together as one.

De Colores,
Jacquelyn DeMesme-Gray, Lay Director



God Touches Cursillista and Calls Her to Co-chair Cursillo School of Leaders

Hi, my name is Shelia M. Vallot. I am a Co-Chair of School of Leaders. My Co-Chair is Sue Numerich, who just so happens to have been the Coordinator when I made my Cursillo weekend. I have a great love for Cursillo. Most of the time Cursillo is number one in my life. I try not only to be a leader, but also feel comfortable being of service to others in the Cursillo Movement.

I never knew how much I was loved by this community until I had a triple bypass on February 16, 2009. Gwen Sutton asked the entire community to pray for the success of my Surgery at the Women’s Weekend that year. Our fearless leader Jacquelyn DeMesme-Gray somehow found the telephone number to the recovery room and sent it out to the whole community. When I woke up from the operation the recovery room nurse said she “has never seen anything like this”. The phone was ringing off the hook with people calling to ask about my recovery. Two of my other friends bought clothes for me and brought it to the hospital. Another of my friends washed my clothes for me and another friend visited me in hospital at least three times a week. That same friend also had the Abbot from St. Anselm Abbot to come and anoint me.

On the day of the operation three friends woke up at 3:00 AM to be in my hospital room at 6:00 AM. The community was told at the Closing that my surgery was going to be 10:00 AM but they moved it to the 6:30 AM. Ann Batiste stated that the community starting praying for me right away. I have to tell you that I was not brave. I cried all the way to the operating room. The surgeon came out to tell me that everything would be alright, but I didn’t believe him. So, he told me that he would give me something to relax me. You guessed it - they put me to sleep! He was in the room the next day apologizing to me because he had lied; and when I went to sleep he said they could not believe that I fell for that lie. The operation was only supposed to take 3.5 hours. My friend said that he finished in less time.

So from the bottom of my heart I want to thank the cursillo community for all the love you have shown me. Remember God is in the saving business.

Love, Bubbles
CSOL Co-Chair



He Touched Me - Is He Reaching Out To You?

When Maury and I were asked to take over as co-leaders of the 3-Day Committee, after prayerful consideration, we said YES. God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. During our time as co-chairs we have had to search for a new location for our weekends, find a temporary location for a weekend, and move our supplies several times. Now we are settled back "home" at the Josephite Seminary. We have signed a contract for a three-year term.

Now that we are once again settled, would you consider joining our committee? It would be wonderful to have participation on the 3-Day Committee from all the Ultreyas. Currently missing are participants from East of the River and St. Teresa of Avila. Is God calling you?

The 3-Day Committee meets quarterly. At the meetings we select upcoming coordinators, put together a coordinators' workshop, select a liaison for each weekend and handle other business, as needed.

Currently on the 3-Day Committee are representatives from the Ultreyas: Calvert - 6, NE/SE - 4, Montgomery - 2, Bowie-Lanham - 1 and Laurel - 1. Again I ask – Is God calling YOU?

Peace, Prayers and Blessings,
Nancy Mattingly, 3-Day Committee Co-chair



SPRING QUARTERLY GRAND ULTREYA

"Spring-Time to plant the seed of the Good Word in your hearts."

The long awaited Spring Quarterly came finally, and like the beautiful flowers and colors of spring this event was welcomed and truly enjoyed by all in attendance. The cool rainy evening of Saturday March 24th may have dampened the spirits of all those outside, but on the inside of Hess Hall at Our Lady of Victory Church the spirits were high and those 44 guests in attendance would not have been anywhere else that evening.

The evening started with the Vigil Mass being celebrated by our own Spiritual Advisor Father William Foley. The Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Father Thomas Duffy as well as the newly arrived Deacon Leo Flynn also joined Father on the Altar. The organizer of the event, Joe O'Leary, a member of the parish was excited by the idea of introducing his church family to his Cursillo Family, as he is the only Cursillista at the parish.

Once Mass was over we moved into the auditorium to begin the festivities. The room was a burst of spring color with multi-colored balloon bouquets throughout the room. Each guest was presented a balloon as they left at the end of the evening. Each table was adorned with a spring pastel colored cover and a small sprig of lovely spring blossoms. Across the front of the room was a buffet table crowded with homemade dishes and specialties including soups, salads and casseroles. Another table showcased the variety of desserts. Everyone was overwhelmed with what to eat and what to pass over, there was just too much to possibly eat it all. The meal and table discussions were highlighted by the recorded background music provided by the DJ for the event, Mike Davenport.



Once everyone was full of the delicious food we were asked to break into small groups by one of the evening's hosts Rosemary Reeves. We spent several minutes giving witness to those with whom we were grouped. Following that rewarding treat we were then asked to sing along to the "Anthem" De Colores as well as several other hymns. By the end of the sing-along the spirits in the room had been elevated but not quite to what they would be with-in the next few minutes. Once the fun and games began the room was soon swept up into instant insanity. One of the games involved 2 relay teams trying to open pieces of candy while wearing heavy knit socks on their hands. Another game involved two relay teams of women who had to compete in tying a man's necktie on themselves.

The most hysterical game involved 2 relay teams of men who had to race to a baby, take its pajamas off then take off the diaper it was wearing and change it into a fresh one, then dress it again in its pajamas before you could run back and tag the next teammate.



Needless to say those who were fathers had not changed a diaper in years and the rest of us were not fathers and were totally inept in the art of diaper changing. Thank goodness these were just stuffed dolls for we would all be charged with child abuse. The laughs could not have been any louder or more outrageous especially as the sound of baby's cries from the spectators made the whole race even more of a circus than it had already become.

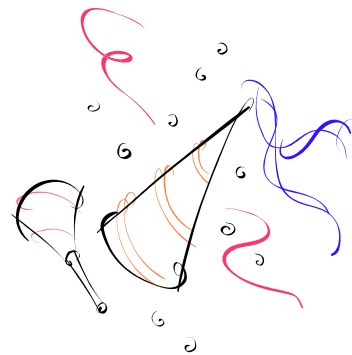
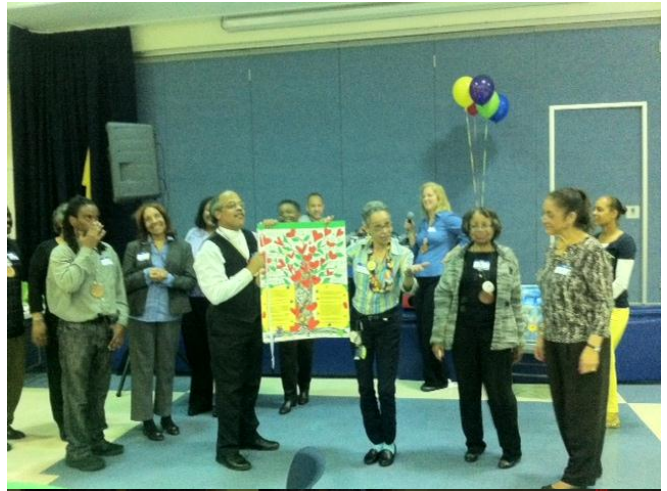
Following the games the posters were displayed that had been made by the Secretariat and Ultraya which demonstrated the theme of the evening, "Spring-Time to plant the seed of the Good Word in your hearts" as chosen by the organizing committee.



DJ Mike ended the evening with several line dances, which bought quite enthusiastic dancers and non-dancers to the dance floor. By the end of the evening one could not have asked for more. As everyone was escorted through the door way with balloon in hand and memories of one of the best times they have had in some time all we could say was, "THANK YOU"!

So THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE HOST COMMITTEE MONTGOMERY COUNTY ULTREYA. You rock!

De Colores.
James Brightful 4th Day Co-Chair





DISTURB US, LORD

*“Since they didn't bother to acknowledge God,
God quit bothering them and let them run loose.”
(Romans 1:28, The Message)*

May it never be said of anyone of us that God quit bothering us!

Left to ourselves we will always settle for the least, not the best. Like a river unattended, we will take the path of least resistance, and suppose it had been the best route all along. We so easily set our lives on cruise control and zip along merrily, merrily – unaware that we are in fact drifting farther and farther away from God. Disturb us, Lord!

The famous prayer by Sir Francis Drake would find good use upon our lips in these indifferent days; I offer it with an encouragement that you pray it in earnest until the Lord sets your feet on the higher way, the nobler way, the better way – and that He never quits bothering you; never lets you run loose from His purpose for your life.

*“Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased
with ourselves.
When our dreams have come true because
we have dreamed too little;
when we arrived safely because we sailed too
close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord,
when, with the abundance of things
we possess, we have lost our thirst
for the waters of life; and, having fallen in love
with life as we know it,
we have ceased to dream of eternity;
And in our efforts to build a new earth, we have
allowed our
vision of the new Heaven to dim.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture
on wider seas where storms will show your
mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find
the stars.*

*We ask You to push back the horizons of our
hopes; and to push us into the future in strength,
courage, hope, and love.”*

Sir Francis Drake - 1577

CSOL Meeting Dates

Wednesday, May 16, 2012
Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Venue:

St. Joseph Catholic Church
2020 St. Joseph Drive, Largo, MD 20774
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Co-chairs: Shelia Vallot (301) 928-4701
svallot@verizon.net
Sue Numrich - Snumrich@ida.org

Cursillo School of Leaders

“Relax and Reflect” Retreat

Retreat Master: Fr. Ray Moore

Join us: August 10-12, 2012

Register by: July 25, 2012

Retreat Cost - \$150.00 (includes lodging, food, fellowship, teaching, reflection and fun – Bring a 1 liter bottle of soda and a snack to share)

NAME: _____
GENDER: Male _____ Female _____
ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE: _____
EMAIL _____ PARISH _____
Are you a Cursillista _____ WEEKEND _____
Special Needs _____

Spirit-filled Weekend of Reflection, Relaxation, and Song

Holy Trinity Spiritual Center (8400 Park Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21208) is a beautiful, peaceful retreat center in the spacious rolling hills northwest of Baltimore. The grounds feature outdoor Stations of the Cross. The breathtaking scenery makes a relaxing and spiritually uplifting experience.

- + \$150.00 includes lodging and meals from **Friday**, at 7:00 p.m. to **Sunday**, at 1:00 p.m.
- + “*First-come, first-blessed*” basis – **only fifty-two** persons, maximum.
- + Full payment required to register. Registration based upon space availability. Send completed registration form and full payment to **Shelia Vallot at:**
3600 Ely Place, SE #311, Washington, DC 20019
Make checks payable to: Washington Cursillo Movement
- + 44 single and eight double rooms with sinks
- + Meals provided: Friday, (arrive at 7:00 p.m.); Saturday (full breakfast, full lunch and full dinner); Sunday (full breakfast)
- + Bring your own toiletries (soap, towels) and snacks to share (suggested 1 liter soda, 1 snack to share)
 - o Linen provided
 - o Individual Air conditioning controls
- + Bring your favorite Bible verse.

All are welcome – “First-come, First-blessed”

Questions: Contact Sue Numrich at snumrich@ida.org or Shelia Vallot at (202) 583-0271 or email: svallot@verizon.net

“MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST”



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 **MaryAnne Upright** at MAUpright@aol.com

Cursillo Database Updates!

De Colores! Communications Committee is in process of updating our Cursillo database to better serve the community with information. We need your help. If your contact information has changed or if you know of anyone in your Ultreya who has moved, left the state, or is deceased, please send the information to Communications Co-Chairs Lethia Kelly at larsk196@msn.com or Denise Wilson at w5wilson@verizon.net.

Cursillo FUNdraising Event

137th Preakness
Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore, MD
Saturday, May 19, 2012
7:00am - 7:00pm

Relax and Reflect Retreat

August 10 – 12, 2012
Holy Trinity

Sponsor's Workshop

Saturday, August 18, 2012
9:00am – 12:30pm
St. Teresa of Avila Church
Washington, DC

Cursillo Weekends

206th Women's Weekend
October 4 – 7, 2012
Josephite Center, Washington, DC

209th Men's Weekend
November 8 – 11, 2012
Josephite Center, Washington, DC

208th Women's Weekend
2013
Josephite Center, Washington, DC

LIST OF ULTREYAS

Assumption
12:30 pm, 2nd Sunday
Assumption Church

TBD

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

Judy Kelly
301-249-7197
Marguerite
Dobrosielski

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

Rita Leclerc
410-326-2078
Gisela Victoria
Linda Pixton
Toni Abresch

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

TBD

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
Forestville, MD

MaryAnne Upright
Acting Ultreya
Leader
MAUpright@aol.com

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

Arnie Rauch
301-498-8806
Theresa Szkromiuk
267-205-4739

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

Sonia Melendez
inishlyn@verizon.net

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

James Brightful
202-269-4606
Bernadette White
202-269-0710

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

TBD

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

Erin & Charles Wiley
301-996-6082



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!! **Ultreya Leaders, please send us your sharing, it would be great to hear from each leader at least once a year!** Articles should be submitted in **Arial Font, 11 Font Size** no later than the submission date below for the following issue. **Remember to sign your articles with your name, weekend, and Ultreya,**

Submit articles at any time to Lethia Kelly at larsk196@msn.com or Denise Wilson at w5wilsons@verizon.net

July-August 2012 Issue
submissions
Are due by Saturday, June 15, 2012

Website News!!

Jack McFadden and Tom Arnold
(Web managers)
The Washington Cursillo Movement website is
<http://www.washdc-cursillo.org>

22nd National Cursillo Encounter

The National Cursillo Center is happy to announce the 22nd National Cursillo Encounter at XAVIER UNIVERSITY (XU), located at 3800 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH, 45207.

The registration fee is \$385 per person.

SAVE THE DATE OF THE ENCOUNTER JULY 19 – 22, 2012!!!

The Encounter will be held a week earlier than previous Encounters due to scheduling conflicts with the universities. Several universities were contacted in attempts to keep the last weekend of July as the Encounter date but there were no openings. The universities either have renovating projects in progress or there are summer camps or groups with standing reservations.

This is the second time that an Encounter will be held at XU. In 2003, 630 Cursillistas attended the National Encounter at XU. XU's Conference Facilitator is happy to welcome us back to their university.

COMING SOON!



Cursillo Pictorial Directory is in the making! In July 2012 all Cursillistas will be invited to take a picture for our Cursillo Pictorial Directory. Photo sessions will be set up at two central locations for five days at each location. You will be given an opportunity to take personal and family pictures and will receive an 8 x 10" picture and a Directory, **FREE!!!** The Pictorial Directory takes the place of the previously published Directory. It will be updated periodically to include new Cursillistas. ***Look for the announcement of the dates and LOCATIONS FOR PHOTO SESSIONS COMING SOON!***

22nd National Cursillo[®] Encounter Registration Form
Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH
Thursday, July 19 – Sunday, July 22, 2012

Cost for the 22nd National Encounter is \$385.00

(Please use a separate Registration Form for each person)

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY – THANK YOU – PLEASE FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Preferred Language: _____

Diocese: _____ Region: _____

Gender (Circle one): Male Female Specify: Bishop, Priest, Deacon, or Religious _____

If you wish to room with a specific person (spouse, friend, relative) **then the other person's Registration Form must accompany this form.**

Roommate preference? (Circle One): Yes No If Yes, Name: _____

Wheelchair/physically challenged: _____

Do you wish to participate with the Encounter Choir? (Circle one): Yes No

Make checks payable to: National Cursillo[®] Center

Credit Card payment: _____ Circle one: MasterCard or Visa (No Discover or American Express)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Send this form and payment to:

National Cursillo[®] Center

P.O. Box 799 - Jarrell, TX 76537

Telephone: 512.746.2020, Fax: 512.746.2030, e-mail: nationalcursillo.center@verizon.net

Full payment of \$385.00 per person and this form must be received by May 31, 2012

Registration cost received June 1 – June 30, 2012 is \$435.00

Unable to guarantee attendance after June 30, 2012!

There is a \$40.00 non-refundable fee for all cancellations through May 31, 2012. No refunds after May 31, 2012 – No exceptions! The National Cursillo[®] Center is responsible for the payment to the University regardless of cancellations.

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