



Fourth Day News

Washington Cursillo Movement

Informing, Enlightening, and Building Community

Secretariat Corner



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The Power of Palanca

The beginning of our 4th day is truly an encounter with our Brother Jesus. It is an encounter that takes form in many ways. One of those ways is through Palanca. Palanca to me is a **visible** outward sign of love, faith and camaraderie we all share with the "babe chicks" through our love for Jesus. It is what makes the connection between the new babe chicks and the Cursillo community. How powerful it is to know and see that, as the song says, "**Somebody Prayed for me...Had me on their mind...Took the time to pray for me**"!!! It is a feeling beyond description to know that people all over the world are praying for you, though they have never met you...yet, we all have that one common bond...Jesus!!!

Fellow Cursillistas signing up to pray on an hourly basis for you throughout the entire weekend...Receiving the "Palanca bag" with all those letters, religious gifts, bookmarks, rosaries, crosses...letters of prayer, saying the rosary, Divine Mercy chaplets, offering mass intentions, offering acts of kindness...fasting..... all those things just for you because we all share the love of Christ! And it's not just our local community, don't forget the outpouring of love and encouragement from our fellow Cursillistas from around the world!! I remember my first term on the communications committee and I was assigned receive the Palanca from around the world...I sat at my computer every day in awe of all the emails coming in from Spain, Germany, Brazil, Colombia, Canada, Africa.. everywhere!! I couldn't read a lot of them because they were in the native language, but I could literally feel the outpouring of love in those letters, it was so beautiful, so De Colores!!!

Sponsors, I highly encourage you to make sure that your candidates have Palanca for the weekend from family, friends and church members...for it is indeed a **visible sign** that they **do** have companions on the journey and they **will never walk alone!!!!**

De Colores,
Denise Wilson
Communications Co-Chair
195th Women's weekend

Men's 211th Cursillo Weekend "Companions on the Journey"!



In Cursillo we are all companions on the journey! Is not the two Disciples' encounter with Christ on the road to Emmaus in many ways analogous to our encounter with Christ in the Three Day Cursillo? The *Companions on the Journey* song could serve as a theme song of Cursillo.

The Team of the 211th Men's Cursillo became companions on the journey this past summer, and on Thursday November 7th we embarked on being companions on the journey with our new brothers of the 211th Men's Cursillo. On Thursday evening Assistant Spiritual Advisor Brother Richard McCann presented to the New Brothers the "Know Yourself" meditation followed by our other Assistant Spiritual Advisor Deacon Tom Molineaux with the Prodigal Son meditation.

Friday morning our Head Shepherd Maury Mattingly started the day off with the Three Glances of Christ meditation. Head musician Charles Smallwood followed with the Ideal rollo, and Brother Richard McCann with the Habitual Grace rollo.

On Friday afternoon Assistant Shepherd James Brightful gave the Laity Rollo, and Deacon Tom Molineaux presented the Actual Grace Rollo, followed by the Piety Rollo delivered by Assistant Coordinator Warren Newton.

Saturday morning, first time Table Leader Bill Smith delivered the Figure of Christ meditation, followed by Table Leader Wayne Nostro presenting the Study rollo, and our Head Spiritual Director Fr. Pete Alliata then presenting the Sacraments rollo. Saturday afternoon we heard from first time Table Leader Paul Younkings giving the Action rollo, Deacon Tom Molineaux presenting the Obstacles rollo, concluding with first time Table Leader Duane Clark delivering the Leaders rollo.

Brother Richard McCann then presented the Life in Grace Rollo, then assistant Musician and Table Leader Arnie Rausch gave the Christianity in Action Roll. Table Leader Reggie Johnson followed with the Cursillista Beyond Cursillo Rollo.

The final rollo, Total Security, was presented by the 211th Coordinator, Tom Arnold. Darah Means served as the Liaison for the Men's 211th.

The team and new brothers of the Men's 211th request your continued prayers that we may see to completion the work that God has called us to do.

De Colores! Ultreya
Tom Arnold
Coordinator, Men's 211th Cursillo

Bowie Ultreya Hosts Cursillo Awareness Sunday

St. Edward the Confessor in Bowie hosted a Cursillo Awareness Day on October 20th. Deacon Barnes spoke about Cursillo within the context of his homily at the 7:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, the 19th, and again at the 11:30am mass on Sunday. Co-Lay Director, Paul Washington, gave a lively presentation at the 9:30am mass (even breaking out into song) which was followed by a lovely breakfast reception.

Cursillistas were well represented from various parishes within the Archdiocese. As evidenced by the number of people at the reception, and their excitement, the talks were very well-received. There was a wonderful community presence as Cursillistas and interested parishioners mingled. Several men and women indicated a desire to attend a weekend and learn more about the Movement.

Ultreya!
Julia B. Kelly (Judy)
Co-Chair, 4th Day Committee



“Let's Go To The Hop”

***Calling All Cursillistas Babe chicks,
Cluck hens and Roosters***

If your Ultreya wants to be a ***“Hop Host”***, please contact Paul Washington or LaVerne Atiba: at LayDirector@washdc-cursillo.org or Paul Washington on 202-302-3518; LaVerne Atiba on 202-494-0060.

Living the Incarnation THE WASHINGTON CURSILLO MOVEMENT **ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION** SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013 2:00 -5:00 P.M.



Cursillo is all about opening one's heart to the Holy Spirit and in doing so living Jesus in our everyday lives. God's love is transformative, and we allow Him to manifest it in our hearts through prayer.

In a way the transformation each of us experiences on the way to perfection is incarnational in nature as the grace of God transforms us into another Christ. Our openness to God's grace incarnates Jesus in our minds and hearts as we become a living Jesus to others.

Our Advent Day of Reflection will explore Living the Incarnation, which will be a celebration of Jesus' Incarnation, both at Christmas and in our hearts.

Were you ever stumped by Father McCloskey's question that he likes to ask his fellow Cursillistas, "What would Jesus do if he was privileged enough to be you?"

The answer is different for each person, but everyone's answer is a reflection of the transformative nature of grace that is manifested in each of our hearts and in our actions as we become another Christ. As we move into the Advent season and prepare for Christmas, our Advent Day of reflection will explore the implication of the Incarnation in our hearts as we prepare the way for Jesus' coming.

Please consider joining your fellow Cursillistas on Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m. at Brother Richard's house, which is Trinity Missions in Adelphi at 1733 Metzert Rd, 20783. The Advent Day of Reflection will be led by Deacon Jim Caldwell.

Off the Beltway (95/495) take the exit for New Hampshire Avenue going towards Takoma Park. Get in the left lane on New Hampshire Avenue. After about 1.3 miles you will make a left onto Metzert Rd., and you will look for the Trinity Missions Residence on the right as you go up the first hill.



Pre-Cursillo Team is renewing its call to all Sponsors and Ultreya Leaders!!!

We are again renewing our plea to ALL Cursillistas to remember that it is incumbent upon all of us to help Pre-Cursillo - the first of three stages of the Cursillo movement to rely on evangelization to achieve its purpose – whose focus is to assist with bringing candidates into the Cursillo. Remember, as a part of our mission, we are charged with:

- Studying and selecting environments in need of evangelization. This is done both collectively as a movement, as well as individually.
- Searching out, selecting, and preparing candidates to have maximum evangelical effectiveness.
- Preparing for the Cursillo by preparing and processing applications for a Cursillo, keeping the team and Secretariat informed about the candidate applications, and support sponsors by helping them understand their role and connecting them to that information.

- Making plans with the sponsors to accompany new Cursillistas into the Post-Cursillo and to help them mature in their faith, deepen their Christian commitment, and take their apostolic place in the world.

Again, what then is being asked of you? Tom Arnold (211th) and Kelli Baxter (212th), the coordinators for the next two weekends need your assistance to make the approaching weekends be one of consistent sponsoring. The deadlines for the 211th weekend will be upon us before we know it – November 1, 2013. Let's work very hard to get the remaining 7 men to fill this weekend. Please take some time to prepare yourselves and new candidates for the upcoming weekends. Please use this time to pray, identify a leader, make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ. In order for our brothers and sisters to enjoy in the fruits of Cursillo, you the Ultreya leaders and Sponsors are asked to really begin work NOW to seek and prepare new Cursillistas to ready themselves for the upcoming weekends. An application is attached to this message for all of us to use. The upcoming weekends are as follows:

212th Women's Cursillo Weekend
February 13 - 16, 2014
Kelli Baxter, Coordinator

213th Women's Cursillo Weekend
October 9 – 12, 2014
Judy Kelly, Coordinator

214th Men's Cursillo Weekend
November 6 – 9, 2014
Joe O'Leary, Coordinator

Please help grow the Cursillo Movement by following the mission of a Cursillo Leader:

“Make a friend, Be a Friend, and Bring your Friend to Christ!”



Greetings Cursillo Family. The time of year has arrived again for our annual fundraiser. It will be greatly appreciated if you **will** make a donation **which will be used to defray the costs** related to our Movement. There is no amount that is too small. All of the **donations** received regardless of the amount are added together for a grand total. Our contributions have ranged from \$2.00 to \$800.00; therefore, please make an effort to support us this year **no matter how large or small the donation.**

The money donated is used for expenses related to School of Leaders events; purchasing books; Sunday lunches for the weekends; weekend supplies; Fourth Day events; printing, collating, folding, postage and permits for **mailing** the Fourth Day Newsletter; costs related to organizing a weekend; **assisting those who are unable to pay to attend a weekend; regional and national dues** and supplemental costs related to the Secretariat members attending regional and national **encounters.** As a reminder, donations are **accepted throughout the year.**

Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation. In the event that you did not receive an envelope, you can mail your donation to Vincent Jordan, 5600 Vernon Way, Camp Springs, Md. 20746. Your donations are tax exempted. Make checks or money orders payable to *Washington Cursillo*.

A special thank you from the Secretariat for your generosity and may God bless you and your family always.

De Colores,

Vincent Jordan
Financial Officer



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.

Pictorial Directories?

Pictorial Directories are still on sale for \$10/each. Please send your request to communication@washdc-cursillo.org or Telephone Lethia Kelly at 202-425-7034 or Denise Wilson at 301-523-2818. **Copies will also be available at all Cursillo events.**



CSOL Corner

Mark your calendars!

December 8, 2012
Advent Recollection
Brother Richard's
Metzerott Rd., Adelphi

Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM, but there's a new spirit of competition – yes, competition among the Ultreyas. We have a prize each month for the Ultreya with the largest attendance at School of Leaders and while the monthly prize is the much honored rubber chicken, the Ultreya that takes that bird home most often will receive a really nice award. So get into the competition! Thus far our winners are NE/SE for September and Calvert County for October. Join us in November and bring a friend so that your Ultreya can sign and take home the bird.

Of course, that's not the only reason to brave the cold, dark night to attend School of Leaders. It's an opportunity to meet friends from other Ultreyas and to learn something about living your Fourth Day.

Thus far we have presented a mini-workshop on sponsoring and sessions on the two mainstays of our Fourth Day practices, Ultreya and permanent Group Reunion. In December, we take a break from our regular session for an afternoon of reflection on Advent led by Deacon Jimmy Caldwell. That session will be on Sunday, December 8, at Brother Richard's, 1733 Metzerott Road, Adelphi, MD, from 2:00 until 4:00 PM.

Editors Corner

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 or Denise Wilson at communication@washdc-cursillo.org

ADVENT YEAR-END 2013 Issue
Submissions are due by:
November 30th, 2013
Theme: “Jesus is Coming”

Website News!!
Jack McFadden and Tom Arnold
(Web managers)
The Washington Cursillo®
Movement website is

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

I'm sure Deacon Jim will give us a great entry into the beautiful season of Advent.

In January, we resume our study with sessions on Leaders and Study of the Environment, followed by an evening devoted to learning how to develop and give a meditation – useful for any of us who anticipate being on a team.

For all ‘newer’ Cursillistas and any who want to be part of a team for the coming weekends, we are again offering a Saturday morning workshop on ‘What It Means to Work a Weekend.’ In May we are anticipating another workshop ‘Singing and Playing for Cursillo’ designed for musicians, but also for anyone who wants to work with us and learn the art of being a Cursillo musician and song leader. Our traditional ‘Relax and Reflect’ retreat is back! We have confirmed June date at the Trinity Spiritual Center in Baltimore and plan a different format, convening on Friday evening for dinner and leaving after dinner on Saturday, allowing all of us with Sunday obligations to enjoy the break and be back in time for our service roles in our parishes on Sunday morning. Look for a separate flyer and more information in the next few weeks.



The CSOL is looking for new committee members to assist with the program content and team leadership. If you are interested in joining our Leader's School Team, please contact either of the

Co-Chairpersons, Sue Numrich at 301-946-0312 or Sheilia Vallot at 202-583-0271. De Colores!

“CHOICE”

*God invites me, but it is my choice to accept.
God gives me a way, but it is my choice to act.*

God gives me Hope, but it is my choice to believe.

God shows me the path, but it is my choice to walk.

God gives me His Grace, but it is my choice to have faith.

God gives me a Companion, but it is my choice to embrace Him.

God gives me a voice, but it is my choice to proclaim.

God gives me Life, but it is my choice to live.

God leads me, but it is my choice to follow.

God loves me, but it is my choice to love.

God calls me, but it is my choice to pray.

Soft knocking... knocking... knocking.

I hesitate then open the door.

*He is there waiting,
For He chooses me.*

© Toni Abresch, October 15, 2013
Dedicated to the Cursillistas of the 208th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JOSEPHITE CENTER WASHINGTON, DC

FEBRUARY 13-16, 2014

212th Women’s Cursillo Weekend
Kelli C. Baxter, Coordinator

OCTOBER 9-12, 2014

213th Women’s Cursillo Weekend
July Kelly, Coordinator

NOVEMBER 6-9, 2014

214th Men’s Cursillo Weekend
Joe O’Leary, Coordinator

December 8, 2013

2:00 – 5:00pm

Advent Day of Reflection

"Living the Incarnation"

Brother Richard’s Place
Presenter: Deacon James Caldwell

ST. JOSEPH’S, LARGO

2020 Saint Joseph’s Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD

12/8/2013	Advent Recollection
1/15/2014	Leaders
2/19/2014	Study of Environments
3/22/2014	What it Means to Work a Weekend
4/23/2014	How to Plan and Deliver a Meditation
6/12-13/2014	Relax and Reflect
6/18/2014	Open Forum

LIST OF ULTREYAS

Assumption
12:30 pm, 2nd Sunday
Assumption Church

TBD

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

Arnie Rauch
301-498-8806
Theresa Szkromiuk
267-205-4739
Wayne Nostro
nostro@gmail.com
Kathy Schmitt
kschmitt123@yahoo.com

Bowie-Lanham
7:00pm, 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

Montgomery County
7:30pm, 1st Saturday
Missionaries of the
Most Holy Trinity Home
1733 Metzert Road
Adelphi MD

Sonia Melendez
inishlyn@verizon.net
pfcjai@msn.com

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

TBD

And...

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

Pearl Baylor
301-894-8405
Rita Robinson
301-297-7769

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

Steve & Rosemary Reeves
301-391-65809240
Cursillo_st.paul@verizon.net

St. John the Evangelist
7:00pm, 2nd Sunday
St. John's Church Hall
Forestville, MD
MAUpright@aol.com

MaryAnne Upright
Acting Ultreya
Leader

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

TBD

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

St. Teresa of Avila
7:30pm, 2nd Monday
St. Teresa's Church
Msgr. Clark Hall (MCH)

Erin & Charles Wiley
301-996-6082

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