



The Cursillo® Movement

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Cursillo® -- Who? What? When? How? Why?

Do we hold Weekends to have Cursillo or do we have Cursillo to hold Weekends?

Steve Brungardt

Let there be no mistake about it, there is a lot of joy in being part of a Weekend for both team members and candidates; The fellowship of meeting old friends and making new ones; The FOOD; The singing; The FOOD; The jokes; The FOOD; The Eucharist; The Prayers; The Mass; And so many other things that happen during that short three day weekend. It's easy to see why we like to hold weekends, and why it's so hard to not have one when we thought we would, or why we miss the things that have become "traditional", even though they really aren't part of why we hold weekends.

In this last year we have seen many changes, the majority of which, I'm sure, were "unwanted". We saw the "new manual", the loss of the "fiesta dinner" on Saturday nights, and for some of us, the shortening of our closing celebration due to pressures from outside of Cursillo.

On top of that, there has been talk of changing the By-Laws that we operate under and the institution of a "cancellation policy" (although I like to think of it as a "continuing the process policy", since it lets us know when we have everything in place to continue the process of putting on a weekend.)

"Where is God's hand in all of this", you might ask.

I would say His Hand is in the fact that all of this upheaval has brought about some very good things. It is making us look at who we are; what we are trying to do; how we go about doing it; why we do it; and even when we do it.

Some of the answers are of course very personal ones and unique to each of us as individuals. Other answers come from our Church, and still others come from the literature that

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CELEBRATE FATHER JERRY BEAT

"THE BEAT GOES ON"
"UP, DOWN AND ALL AROUND"

Please join us in thanking Father Jerry for his years of service to Cursillo.

In the WICHITA area:

(Southeast Kansas is also holding a reception for Fr. Beat. Their information follows the Wichita information)

CHURCH OF THE MAGDALEN
12626 EAST 21ST ST. N.
WICHITA, KS 67206
MSGR. SCHMIDT HALL

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 2, 2007

2 P.M. – 5 P.M.

COVERED DISH SUPPER
MONEY TREE
MEMORY BOOK
MUSIC

RESERVATIONS PLEASE:

Eileen Zeitler - 316-733-2570 - ezeitler425@cs.com

If you would like to donate beforehand toward a special trip for Father, please contact Eileen as soon as possible.

If you have a special memory of Fr. Jerry that you would be willing to share, please notify Eileen as soon as possible. We would love to present Fr. Jerry with a huge book of heartwarming, funny even exasperating memories of Wichita Cursillo.

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the National Office provides to us ... but which the majority of us, sadly, don't have the desire to even think about reading, let alone studying it.

I am going to challenge you (remember when you made your weekend and the Coordinator gave "the challenge?" ... well, that isn't the last time you will be "challenged" if you are a Cursillista.) My challenge is this to those of you who would like to be involved in the leadership (through service) of Cursillo, at any level.

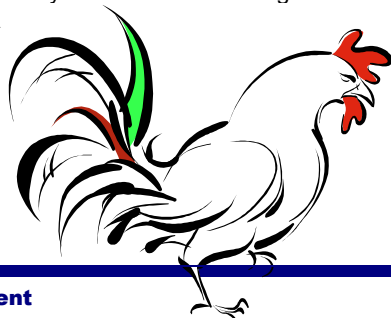
- Get the Leader's Manual and STUDY it.
- When you read something that you find interesting, look in Appendix E of that manual and find other books on the subject.
- SHARE what you have learned at your School of Leaders and Ultreya.
- Be willing to let go of the "warm fuzzy's" if need be and remember that "Those who are responsible for the Cursillo are charged with limiting elements such as music and jokes [and food], so that they are not excessive; becoming an end or a means to promote sentimentality." (9th Edition of the Cursillo Movement's Leaders Manual, page 116. Bracketed content added).

Towards this end, I would like to begin a Diocesan Cursillo Newsletter (in English at first, but I would really like to see an edition in Spanish as well). This would be maybe twice a year or more often if you all support it. I would like to ask for volunteers from all over the Diocese, in all language groups, to participate in this with content, translation services, pictures, printing or distribution.

My vision for this is to have it available first, online at the website and through email and secondly, to ask the School of Leaders and Ultreya's to print a very limited number to be made available to those who do not have access to the internet or email.

De Colores

(The Leader's Manual says that "Cursillistas say 'De Colores' to signify that they are in the state of grace." ... Is that why you say it?! ❖



SOUTHEAST KANSAS RECEPTION

St. Andrews Catholic Church
210 N. Fourth Street
Independence, KS 67301

Wednesday – October 17, 2007

It will be a covered dish/ hearty snack.

Mass is at 6:00pm
so the Ultreya usually starts around 6:30

Father Jerry will give the witness talk.

The Diocese is requesting monetary donations to send Father on a "Thank You Trip".

If someone would like to send a check they can make it to Cursillo and in the "memo" put "for Father Beat"

Send the donation to
(Eileen Zeitler
14324 Cascades Ct
Wichita, KS 67230)

For more information or to RSVP, Contact:

Kim Emert
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Don't forget to visit our website:

www.natl-cursillo.org/wichita/
or
www.cursillo.org/wichita/

"We should have the intimate and absolute conviction that everything in the Cursillo is the work of God's grace. It is necessary, therefore, to pray and make sacrifices for its apostolic success. The miracles of God's grace are granted by trusting prayer, accompanied by sacrifice"

*Bishop Hervás
from his Pastoral Letter on the Cursillo.*