



# Cursillos in Christianity National Mailing

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## Cursillo Pledge Campaign

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After 2 months of studying and analyzing the operation and finance of the National Cursillo Center (NCC), I came up with a solution to improve the effectiveness of the NCC: the \$3/Year Donation Campaign.

There are more than one million Cursillistas who have lived a Cursillo Weekend in the United States. If 10% of the total Cursillistas donate \$3/year to the National Cursillo Movement, miraculous things will happen:

- The NCC will achieve its financial and operational stability.
- The NCC will have the budget to revive dormant diocesan movements and to establish the Cursillo movements in some areas.
- The NCC will have the budget to translate good books for each language and establish effective communication channels by means of audio and video technology.
- The National Encounter will be more affordable for every Cursillista. Your donation will help to offset some expenses of the Encounter and therefore drive the cost down.
- The NCC will credit back 25% of your donation toward your Lay Director's ticket to the National Encounter. For example, if 400 Cursillistas in your Diocese donate \$3/year, the Center will issue a national encounter voucher of \$300 to your Lay Director.

- Similarly, the NCC will credit 3% of your donation toward your Regional Coordinator's ticket to the National Encounter.
- Indeed, your \$3/year donation will send about 300 key leaders from all over the U.S. to the National Encounter so that they can synchronize with the National Secretariat in terms of the Cursillo charism, literature and materials, methodology, policy and future strategic planning for the National Cursillo Movement.

The NCC is extending the deadline of the \$385 encounter registration fee until June 15, 2013 to encourage all Lay Directors to attend the National Encounter this year. You can send your Lay Directors and/or delegates to the National Encounter by donating online at <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/donate/>. Your donation is tax deductible.

We're ONE and inseparable in the Mystical Body of Christ. The National Cursillo Center is experiencing challenges and really needs your support. A \$3/year or \$15 donation for the next 5 years will move our beloved Cursillo Movement forward to the next level.

The miracle will happen and it's indeed in your hands now. Your prompt action is greatly appreciated!

De Colores!

Hoang Tran  
National Cursillo Service Administrator

## **Friendship in the Cursillo Weekend**

The Mentality of the Cursillo Movement, as expressed by Eduardo consists of: *proclaiming the best news of the best reality that God, in Jesus Christ, loves us; communicated by the best means which is friendship towards the best of each one, that is, the person and his capacity of conviction, decision and constancy* (Leaders' Manual, Ch. 2).

In our last Newsletter, we read how friendship approaches the conversion of the person in three distinct phases, which we call Precursillo, Cursillo, and Postcursillo. In that newsletter, we talked about how in the Precursillo phase, the methodology of the Foundational Charism tries to identify, befriend, and then help the person who is searching for something that he identifies as his happiness or his fulfillment, or his ideal. We know it is really somebody – Christ! And in doing so, the person broadens and accelerates his search and directs it towards the three essential encounters. Therefore, let's talk about how the process continues in the second phase of the Foundational Charism's methodology – the Cursillo Weekend.

“The Cursillo Weekend is above all a living experience of what is fundamental for being a Christian” (Structure of Ideas). The friendship and love of God in Jesus Christ is the center of what is fundamental for being Christian and, in the Cursillo Weekend, friendship continues to be the best method to transmit His friendship and love to all the new Cursillistas.

To experience the process in the second phase of the Method, the Cursillo Weekend, we first need to reflect on how friendship, prayer and sacrifice affect its apostolic success. We also need to reflect on how friendship affects the team serving the Cursillo Weekend, their spirituality and loyalty to the Foundational Charism of Cursillos in Christianity. And lastly, but with the same importance, how friendship facilitates the process to resolve the logistics of the Cursillo Weekend, that is, the material needs and the follow-up to the needs of the new Cursillistas after the Weekend.

We also need to remember that we already have a National Leaders Manual and a Cursillo Manual, which outline the details of the entire Weekend, so we really don't have to explore it further. As Cursillo Leaders, we just need to be aware that the needs and resources are different for each diocese and we need to use our God given Common Sense to be flexible and adjust to each reality as long as we remain within the Charism of Cursillo and the schedule of the Weekend.

First and foremost, we need to understand that absolutely nothing happens in total effectiveness, without Palanca, without prayers and sacrifices from many different people. So as soon as the “Next Cursillo Weekend” is mentioned, from our established friendship with many different people, we should immediately start asking for prayers and sacrifices for the apostolic success of the Weekend. The more true friends we have, the more sincere and authentic palancas will be offered.

Second, a team needs to be selected. The current Cursillo Manual offers three options for team selection. Any of these options are acceptable as long as the final approval comes from the Diocesan Secretariat. In the selection of the team, true friendship is a criterion that is used. And if true friendship exists, we will already know the people that we select. We know their talents and their knowledge of the Foundational Charism, their possibilities and limitations. We will know how they will possibly complement the composition of the team in order to respond to the diversity of personalities amongst the new Cursillistas.

The team should also be aware that if we are to continue, and more importantly, to intensify the friendship that was started in the Precursillo, we need to prepare ourselves intellectually in regards to the Foundational Charism during the School of Leaders' sessions and spiritually during the retreats. A team member cannot truly or effectively give what he doesn't have. The Foundational Charism of Cursillo already has everything that it needs and the team members do not need to worry about adding non-essential elements and/or inventing anything to

enhance the work of the Holy Spirit. If we maintain the simplicity of the Cursillo Weekend, the end result will be a more effective and grace-filled Weekend.

We cannot forget that the team members are not the ones that initiate the candidate's conversion; they are only the instruments in the hands of the Lord. It is the Holy Spirit that initiates the conversion and it happens according to the disposition and free will of each candidate. Eduardo Bonnín always said that everything in the Cursillo Weekend has already been developed and that we only needed to keep it simple, natural, normal and always within the truth. He also said that there was no need in Cursillo for any type of coercion or manipulation. The freedom, dignity and respect for every person must always be honored.

The Foundational Charism is Kerygmatic and is jubilantly proclaimed, not so much by the preaching, but by the living witness of the leaders. All 15 rollos of the Cursillo Weekend have two distinctive parts; the message of the rollo and the life of the Rollista. All the Team members, Lay and Clergy, need to know, believe and live what they proclaim.

The team members should also be aware of their talents, possibilities and limitations, so that in true friendship, they will help one another during team formation and therefore, give witness to "Christianity in Action" and fidelity to the Foundational Charism. And most of all, leaders pray together, study together and prepare together, in a way that the team grows spiritually and gives witness to the unconditional friendship that was introduced in the Precursillo phase of the Cursillo Methodology. This unconditional friendship continues in the Cursillo Weekend phase from the first moment when the team members meet the candidates. From the first moment the team members start the "sounding" technique, which is nothing more than "*the only basis on which one can build sincerity without friction and friendship without conventionality*" (Structure of Ideas).

Through this unconditional friendship process in the Cursillo Weekend phase and with the grace of God,

the candidates, motivated by so many prayers and sacrifices, are shown the possibility to live a different life, to find their value as persons, to find the love and friendship of God in Jesus Christ and to discover the other brothers and sisters who are also trying to live and share what is fundamental to being a Christian. And in so doing, they form the new mentality that will help them obtain a new and more powerful meaning to their life.

Next, there is the effect of friendship in the process for the logistics for the Cursillo Weekend. The Team members or a Committee assigned to this responsibility, need to work on the logistics of the Cursillo Weekend location, facility, meals, materials, etc. They will accomplish this important task in true friendship and teamwork. When serving with this mentality, they will have an opportunity to pray and work together; with the grace of God, their responsibility to organize the Cursillo Weekend becomes a much easier task.

Finally, but with the same level of importance, the friendship of the Team members with the new Cursillistas after the Cursillo Weekend should continue after the Cursillo Weekend. All the new Cursillistas need to confirm that, in their Fourth Day everything they have been told and experienced since their first encounter in the Precursillo phase must be true, and that the Cursillo team members are living what is fundamental to being Christian just as they proclaimed during the Weekend.

In closing, let us reflect on this quote by our founder: "We need to be faithful to the Gospel, attentive to the Person and open to the reality in which we live" – Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló.

De Colores!

### **23<sup>rd</sup> National Encounter**

There is still time to register for the National Encounter! The encounter will be held at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY during July 25-28, 2013. The registration fee is \$385.00 per person if you register by June 15, 2013. However, the registration fee increases to \$435.00 per person beginning June 16, 2013. Register on-line at

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/encounter/> or you can also download a registration form. Please refer to the National Encounter Agenda at the end of this document.

Hundreds of Cursillistas will gather at Hofstra University in a spirit of friendship! The Encounter will include workshop sessions based on the Charism of Cursillo on Friday and Saturday. A one-day workshop for all Spiritual Advisors will be offered on Friday. The National Encounter is a time to nurture and deepen the three encounters discovered on the Cursillo Weekend as we gather in an atmosphere of group reunion with self, Christ, and others to share our life of piety, study, and action through the best means: Friendship!

### **Cursillo Resource Center**

Please encourage all Cursillistas to visit the Cursillo Resource Center (CRC) on the National Website at <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/resources/>. The CRC is designed to provide resources and information about the Charism of Cursillo. CRC is not a School of Leaders or a Training Center, but a hub to disseminate information. The information is offered to compliment what is being studied in the Diocesan School of Leaders. The National Language Coordinators want to provide additional tools for leaders to be more, to be better, and to be Christian in the moveable square meter where God has placed them – in their environment! The information is provided in different formats so feel free to view, listen, or download the format of your preference.

De Colores! Hope to see you at the National Encounter at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY!

Hoang Tran, National Cursillo Service Administrator  
Ceferino Aguillón, National Coordinator, English  
Juan Ruíz, National Coordinator, Spanish  
Moon Kim, National Coordinator, Korean  
Joachim Le, National Coordinator, Vietnamese



**23rd National Cursillo® Encounter  
Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY  
July 25 – 28, 2013**

Last Name:

First Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

E-Mail:

Phone:

Diocese:

Region #:

Language:

Priest/Deacon/ Religious:

Male or Female:

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

Do you have a roommate preference? If yes, provide name:

Need assistance - physically challenged? Describe need:

Make checks payable to: National Cursillo Center. Only MasterCard and Visa credit cards are accepted.

Registration Fee is \$385.00 per person.

Visa or MasterCard:

Card Number:

Name on Credit Card:

Expiration Date:

Please use a separate Registration Form for each person. Type or print legibly and fill in all spaces as applicable.

Send this form and payment to:

National Cursillo® Center  
P.O. Box 799  
Jarrell, TX 76537  
512-746-2020  
[nationalcursillo.center@verizon.net](mailto:nationalcursillo.center@verizon.net)

Full payment of \$385.00 per person and this form must be received by June 15, 2013.

Registration fee increases to \$435.00 per person beginning June 16, 2013.

Unable to guarantee registration after June 30, 2013.

**There is a \$40.00 non-refundable fee for all cancellations through May 31, 2013. No refunds after May 31, 2013.  
The National Cursillo® Center is responsible for payment to Hofstra University regardless of cancellations.**

For office use only – Registration Confirmation # \_\_\_\_\_

**23rd National Cursillo Encounter  
Hofstra University – Hempstead, NY  
July 25 – 28, 2013**

**Thursday, July 25, 2013**

2:00pm	8:00pm	Registration and Check-in - Student Center
5:00pm	7:00pm	Dinner – Hofstra Main Dining Area/Student Center
7:30pm	8:00pm	23rd National Cursillo Encounter Opening – Adams Playhouse Opening Prayer and Blessing – Rev. Peter Jaramillo, S.S.A. Welcome
8:00pm	8:45pm	Keynote Address – Most Reverend Peter A. Rosazza, D.D. Cursillistas, called to be Salt, Light and Leaven for the New Evangelization
8:45pm	9:00pm	Break
9:00pm	10:00pm	Holy Hour – Rev. Peter Jaramillo, S.S.A. – Adams Playhouse Sacrament of Reconciliation

## **Friday, July 26, 2013**

7:00am	8:30am	Breakfast – Bits-N-Bites, South Campus
8:30am	9:00am	Morning Prayers – Rev. Peter Jaramillo, S.S.A. – Adams Playhouse
9:00am	9:45am	<b>Foundational Charism of Cursillo</b> - Juan Ruiz Workshop Session – Adams Playhouse
9:45am	10:15am	Group Sharing – Adams Playhouse
10:15am	10:45am	Break
11:00am	12:00pm	Mass – Most Reverend Peter A. Rosazza, D.D.– Adams Playhouse
12:00pm	1:30pm	Lunch – Two Groups - Hofstra Main Dining Area/Student Center
1:30pm	2:00pm	Break
2:00pm	2:45pm	<b>Methodology of Cursillo</b> – Michael Ciccocioppo Workshop Session – Adams Playhouse
2:45pm	3:15pm	Group Sharing - Adams Playhouse
3:15pm	3:45pm	Break
3:45pm	4:30pm	<b>Operational Structures of Cursillo</b> – Marisela Garcia Workshop Session – Adams Playhouse
4:30pm	5:00pm	Group Sharing – Adams Playhouse
5:00pm	6:30pm	Dinner (Two Groups) – Hofstra Main Dining Area/Student Center
6:30pm	7:00pm	Break
7:00pm	8:30pm	<b>Ultreya</b> – Adams Playhouse
8:30pm	9:00pm	Night Prayers – Rev. Peter Jaramillo, S.S.A. – Adams Playhouse

## **Saturday, July 27, 2013**

7:00am	8:30am	Breakfast – Bits-N-Bites, South Campus
8:30am	9:00am	Break
9:00am	9:30am	Morning Prayers – Rev. Peter Jaramillo, S.S.A. – Adams Playhouse
9:30am	10:15am	<b>Role of the Cursillo Leader</b> – Jim Santos Workshop Session – Adams Playhouse
10:15am	10:45am	Group Sharing
10:45am	11:15am	Break
11:15am	12:00pm	<b>Role of the Spiritual Advisor in Cursillo</b> – Fr. David Smith Workshop Session – Adams Playhouse
12:00pm	1:30pm	Lunch – Two Groups – Hofstra Main Dining Area/Student Center
1:30pm	2:00pm	Break
2:00pm	3:00pm	Regional Reunions
3:00pm	3:30pm	Break
3:30pm	4:00pm	<b>Strategies for a Brighter Future</b> – Hoang Tran Information Session - Adams Playhouse
4:00pm	4:30pm	Break
4:30pm	5:30pm	Mass – Adams Playhouse
5:45pm	7:15pm	Dinner – Two Groups – Hofstra Main Dining Area/Student Center
7:15pm	7:30pm	Break
7:30pm	9:30pm	Fiesta – Adams Playhouse

**Sunday, July 28, 2013**

7:00am      8:30am      Breakfast – Bits-N-Bites, South Campus

All encounter participants must check out by 10:00 AM.

Please remember to turn in your room key and meal card.

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU! DE COLORES & HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!

**Spiritual Advisor's Workshop**  
**23rd National Encounter**  
**Friday, July 26, 2013**

- 9:00-9:30 a.m.      **Essential Role of Spiritual Advisor** – Fr. David Smith  
Reflective Questions
- 9:45 -10:15 a.m.    **Pillars of Grace** – Fr. Peter Jaramillo SSA  
Reflective Questions
- 10:30 a.m.            Prepare for Mass
- 11:00 a.m.            National Cursillo Encounter MASS with the Bishop – Adams Playhouse
- 12:00 pm              Lunch – Hofstra Main Dining Area/Student Center
- 2:00 p.m.             **Foundational Charism in Cursillo** – Fr. David Smith  
Discussion/Questions
- 3:30 p.m.             **Spiritual Advisors Report & Pastoral Concerns** – Fr. Peter M. Jaramillo SSA  
Discussion
- 5:00 p.m.             Dinner – Hofstra Main Dining Area/Student Center
- 7:00 p.m.             Ultreya – Adams Playhouse