



Archdiocese of Mobile Cursillo  
**April/May 2017**

### From the Desk of the Lay Director -Deborah Farmer

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The Secretariat welcomes two new members: Bob Spano and Peg Gawne-Mark (from Dothan ) who will assume their positions as PreCursillo Chairperson and School of Leaders Representative respectively at the June 2017 meeting. All new members have been invited to attend the May 20<sup>th</sup> Secretariat Meeting as an introduction to the proceedings.

**Treasurer** and **Lay Director** positions for the Secretariat will be voted on at the **June 24<sup>th</sup>** Secretariat Meeting in Montgomery. Satellite Schools of Leaders should discuss these vacancies and submit any proposed nominees to Bob Spano at bob@bobspano.net or to any other member of the Secretariat by **May 29<sup>th</sup>**. Applicants for these positions must be a member of the Leader School ( if is a viable group within the Ultreya), supports grouping and Ultreya, and has talents in the area of consideration for the vacant position. Additionally the new members will be encouraged to attend the September 16<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> Secretariat meetings as an introduction to the proceedings. A complete compilation of the duties as set forth in the Bylaws is available upon request at [swmbo6@att.net](mailto:swmbo6@att.net).

### **Fall Cursillo Weekends at Visitation Monastery page 2**

The Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi, Biloxi Diocese will be hosting a Cursillo de Cursillos ("CDC") May 4-7 , 2017 at William Kelley Retreat Center, 510 N. Second St. Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. The CDC was designed to help Cursillistas understand the Foundational Charism of the Movement and to delve into the technical elements of the Movement in light of its Charism. The course provides you with the opportunity to discover the immense possibilities that make new friends, share and learn from one another's personal experiences in all the phases of the Movement – Precursillo, 3-Day Cursillo Weekend and Postcursillo. Contact **Larry Grant** 601-261-9962 (h) /601-520-2852 (c ) or [lee\\_gant@bellsouth.net](mailto:lee_gant@bellsouth.net); **Al Gombos** 228-348-0230 [agombos@diberville.ms.us](mailto:agombos@diberville.ms.us); **Buck O' Gea** 228-861-3387. Cost is \$150.

***"Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ!"***

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**School of Leaders attendees March-**  
*Cathy Elliers, Dan O'Donnell, Sr. Becky Holley, Nell O'Donnell, Dorothy Beattie, Mary Jo Wilder, Sarah Bedia, Jorg Bedia, Lee Ellers, and Br. Paul Milligan.*

**Time to attend a School of Leaders!**  
Members of the Mobile SOL can attest to the value of attending an SOL monthly meeting for growth not only spiritually but also in community. If you have not attended one, why not try it out? All are welcome! **Next meeting, May 14 5 p.m. , St. Pius ( 217 S. Sage ).**

## Candidates for the Fall Cursillo Weekends at Visitation Monastery

It is time to submit application for your friends to attend the upcoming Cursillo weekends at Visitation Monastery: Men's Fall Cursillo #134 (Sept. 14-17,2017)(Rector Mike Mahoney); Women's Fall Cusillo #135 (Sept 28-Oct 1,2017)(Rectora- Jackie Simmonds). Until advised otherwise, please submit your friend's application (<http://mobilecursillo.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Candidate-Application.pdf>) and your completed Sponsor application (<http://mobilecursillo.org/wpcontent/uploads/2015/01/Sponsor-Application.pdf>) to your Ultreya leaders so they can process these applications and submit them to Becky Fullington, the Precursillo Secretariat Member until June.

A Candidate Palanca List will, at the appropriate time, be posted on our website([www.mobilecursillo.org](http://www.mobilecursillo.org)) for purposes of verification and special palanca. Once posted please start on collecting this most important element PALANCA, PALANCA, PALANCA!

***There must be a minimum of 15 confirmed candidates for each of the Fall weekends by July 10, 2017 or the weekends will be cancelled.*** This minimum number has proven to be necessary for the proper dynamics and functioning of a Cursillo weekend with respect to both the Candidates and the Team.

## 2017 National Encounter- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cursillo!

The National Encounter will be held on July 27-30, 2017 at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. Bishop Francisco Senra Coelho, OMCC Spiritual Advisor, will deliver the keynote address. The registration is now open! Please visit our National Cursillo website to register online or download the forms at: <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/encounter2017/>.

It is expected to be a fully packed National Encounter as we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cursillo in the United States.. Come meet the Cursillistas of the First 3-Day Cursillo held in the USA in Waco, Tx in 1957!

### Cursillistas in Action!

Ministry involvement and the development of new ministry opportunities are fruit of the Cursillo experience. One such new ministry was started by Anne Thublin with Visitation Monastery. In an effort to spread the word of Visitation Monastery, Ann started tours of the Retreat House, grounds and Chapel. Tours are coordinated with the Sisters' schedule and usually run 1 -1 ½ hours. Ann developed a Docent training program so that the Visitation story can be told in its entirety. School tours, church tours, women's groups all have been hosted. If you would like to serve as a docent, or provide information to interested groups, contact Ann at (251) 487-0355 or Cathy Eilers at (251) 443-5419. It usually takes 3 docents for a tour, depending on the size. ***Also we would like to showcase any ministry you are involved in ! Please send photo plus info to: Deborah Farmer at swmbo6@att.net.***



*Members of Semmes Baptist Church finish their tour of Visitation Monastery ! Members toured the Retreat House, grounds and ended with a tour and talk in the Chapel. Cursillistas Cathy Eilers, Deborah Farmer, Lynn Suberly and Cheryl Collins conducted the tour. (Can you find Deborah in the picture?)*

**Archdiocese of Mobile Cursillo Movement**

**2017 Important Dates:**

**April: 21-22 Region VII Spring Encounter**  
(Birmingham, AL)

**May: 4-7 CDC in Bay St. Louis**  
sponsored by Biloxi Cursillo  
13 Secretariat Meeting (Greenville?)

**June: 24 Secretariat Meeting**  
Ultreya Leaders & SOL Facilitators  
(Holy Spirit, Montgomery)

**July: 27-30 National Encounter – Trinity University**  
San Antonio, TX (60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**August: 11-13 Men's #134 Formation (?)**  
25-27 Women's #135 Formation (Fairhope?)

**September: 7-10 Men's Spanish Cursillo # ?**  
(Holy Trinity)  
9 Men's #134 Retreat (Greenville?)  
16 Secretariat Meeting (Greenville?)  
21-24 Women's Spanish Cursillo # ?  
(Holy Trinity)  
13 Holy Hour at Visitation Monastery  
Men's #134  
14-17 Men's #134 Weekend  
(Visitation Monastery)  
23 Women's #135 Retreat (Greenville?)  
27 Holy Hour at Visitation Monastery  
Women's #135

**October: 9/28 to 10/1 Women's #135 Weekend**  
(Visitation Monastery)  
**20-21 Region VII Fall Encounter**  
(St. Petersburg, FL)

**November: 4 Secretariat Meeting (Greenville)**  
(Date reset to avoid Veteran's Day)

*Last amended 4/17/2017*

**Mobile Ultreya Calendar**

*Ultreyas follow after Mass Time and covered  
Dish dinner.*

**May 20: Holy Family (1400 Joyce Rd)**  
5:30 pm Mass 7 pm Ultreya

**June 17: St. Vincent de Paul ( 5023 Camelot Dr.)**  
5:00 pm Mass (New Location)

**July 15 St. Catherine of Sienna**  
(2605 Springhill Ave)  
5:00 pm Mass

**Aug. 19 St. Dominic ( 4156 Burma Rd)**  
4:30 pm Mass

**Sept. 16 Corpus Christi ( 6300 McKenna Dr.)**  
5:30 pm Mass

**Oct . 21 St. Ignatius (3704 Springhill Ave.)**  
4:30 pm Mass

**Nov. 18 Mobile/Baldwin Ultreya**  
St. Joan of Arc (1260 Elmira St.)  
4:00 pm Mass (?)

**For further information on Ultreyas contact:**

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**Small Group Locator**

If you wish to start a new small group , are looking for others in your area or have openings in an existing small group – send an email to:

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(251)- 633-8840

Our Savior- 7 pm – Wednesdays- Quiet Room in Church. POC Cheryl Collins (251) 459-2269 or ccollins072709@gmail.com.