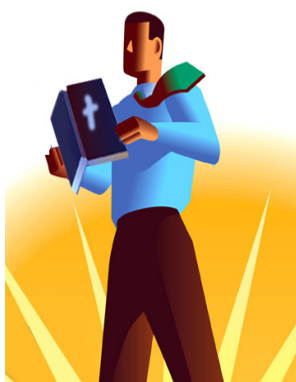


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De Colores, Brothers and Sisters,

First and foremost, Happy New Year. The year is off to a good start already. The men's and women's weekends are a go. Personally, I would like to see a few more candidates on each weekend. Now would be a good time to ask our friends (possible candidates) for completed applications.

2019 was somewhat of a disappointment for the Mobile Cursillo movement. This was the first time that we postponed three Cursillo weekends due to the low number of candidates. The required number of candidates for a weekend to move forward was fifteen. Our actual number of candidates floated from the low of six to ten. In 2018, we had cancelled one of the Cursillo weekends. Several proposals were considered and discussed regarding our movement and numbers of candidates going forward.

The two primary solutions are feasible:

- 1.Reduce the number of weekends from four to two a year or and have smaller teams to accommodate a smaller group of candidates.
- 2.Reduce the number of candidates. This has been reduced from fifteen to ten and may go as low eight for a weekend to move forward. Anything less than this would be a disservice to the candidates who begin to form community during the 3-Day Cursillo.

According to National Guidelines, the Cursillo weekend is actually supposed to be scheduled when we have enough candidates to host a weekend. [We have Cursillos not because we have candidates, but we have candidates because we have Cursillos.] The reality today is that problems arise in securing a venue that is affordable. To secure the dates with the venues that we use, we must book a year in advance.

Some of you may have already attended the Step by Step Workshops that discuss moving the Movement back to the original concept and how it will look going forward. Your Secretariat believe that the Mobile Cursillo community would be best served by reducing the size of the teams in order that we may serve any size group of candidates. The Men's and Women's Spring Weekends will have smaller teams. What previously was Set Ups, Kitchen and Palanca Teams will be combined into one Service team; thus reducing the number of people that are needed to serve on the 3-Day weekend. This is in accordance with the new Step By Step Guide that is in the process of rolling out.

The Step By Step Guide workshops have been offered to several of the Ultreyas in the Diocese. Additional workshops will be offered in upcoming months and then rolled-out through the local School of Leaders. The Step By Step Guide is designed to help us move back toward the original concept of the first Cursillo.

God Bless,
Rob Wilburn, Lay Director - Cursillo Movement
Archdiocese of Mobile



A Word From

Deacon Joe Mueller

AND WHAT ELSE SHOULD WE CELEBRATE?

My daughter and I went to Wal-Mart in the late afternoon on New Year's Day. What do you suppose we saw displayed along the main aisles? Valentine's Day paraphernalia! I guess that meant Christmas is "officially" over, commercially that is. So what do we have to celebrate next waiting for Valentine's Day to arrive? Our Church is still celebrating Christmas. Over the next couple of weeks and months we will continue to celebrate the life of Christ. His coming to us as The Incarnate Word. Celebrating the arrival of the Magi on Epiphany

who came to honor the newborn king. We will celebrate the Baptism of our Lord as he began his public ministry. The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple by Mary and Joseph who followed Jewish Law and Tradition by offering their first born son to God.

Even though our Christmas and New Year's celebrations are over, we have **much to celebrate** as we continue to immerse ourselves in Christ's life, especially through His Word and Sacraments throughout the year.

Scheduled Cursillo Weekends

Cursillos are generally scheduled for a Men's Weekend and a Women's Weekend each fall at the Visitation Monastery in Mobile, and a Men's Weekend and Women's Weekend each spring at the Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Holy Trinity (Fort Mitchell). We currently have the following weekends scheduled:

Spring Weekends 2020

**Men's Weekend #144: Feb 27 – Mar 1,
Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Holy Trinity
Rector: Rob Wilburn**

**Women's Weekend #145: Mar 5 – 8,
Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Holy Trinity
Rectora: Peg Gawne-Mark**

Our planned weekends for Spring will be here very soon.



**On Thursday, January 9,
we will review talks for
the weekends at Leader's
School.**

Secretariat meets January 18.

**Please send your candidate applications in
before that date so we can insure that we have
enough for the weekends to take .**

**You can send them directly to Bob Spano or I
can take them with me to the Secretariat
meeting. The Women's team meeting will be
here at St. Columba.**

**More information on this after the Secretariat
meeting.**

**Peg Gawne, Leader's School Coordinator
St. Columba**

We shouldn't have to postpone a Cursillo again

It is better to have a Cursillo with 10 or 15 candidates than to not have a Cursillo at all.

Our next Cursillos are February 27-March 1, 2020 for men and March 5-8, 2020 for women at Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat. There will be Cursillos at Visitation Monastery in the fall, but we are sponsoring people to a Cursillo, not a venue. The Cursillo is the same. Transportation is not a barrier or excuse. Our teams are from all areas of the diocese and transportation can be arranged if needed.

Pray about the candidates in your group reunion and work together to bring a friend to Cursillo.

De Colores!

Bob Spano, Secretariat Pre-Cursillo

Let's take a moment to review the application procedure.

All candidates applications must be signed by the candidate's pastor in the appropriate place on the application. The candidate application, along with the sponsor form and a check for \$25 as a deposit from the sponsor, should be given to the Ultreya leader. There is scholarship money and no application will be rejected because of money.

There are a few things that you can do to speed the process and eliminate errors. First, and most important, ensure that the application is legible. The application forms on the Mobile Cursillo website are PDF forms and can be filled in on most computers.

Now some good and bad news. The good news is that my term on the Secretariat is ending and Anthony Nguyen will be assuming the Pre-Cursillo chair in June. Anthony is already learning the system and will be joining the Secretariat in their next meeting.

The bad news is not a surprise and long past due. Because of a necessary increase in rental fees, the suggested donation to attend a Cursillo is now \$150. It is still a bargain at that price, but is necessary if our sisters are going to be able to continue to operate the retreat centers. It is also considerably less that others pay to use these facilities.

Bob Spano, Secretariat Pre-Cursillo

Secretariat



Brothers and Sisters,

The Secretariat has been discussing a donation program for our Cursillo Movement for the past year. The name of the program is 'Rooster Booster.' I volunteered the Phenix City Ultreya as the pilot program. The results have been positive when I remember to set the basket out. There isn't a set amount for donations, just request that you donate if possible.

The reasoning for this request is based on various factors:

- (1) To help cover the costs of the venues.
- (2) Attempt to keep the costs of weekends down.
- (3) To maintain our annual dues to National and Regional.
- (4) To help cover the cost of our annual insurance program.
- (5) To support the Mobile Cursillo Movement activities such as supplies, retreats, etc.
- (6) To provide scholarships for those who are in need.

The Ultreya Leaders would be responsible for explaining the program and collecting the donations during your Ultreya. [Please, don't pass a basket around, just set it up on a table and remind people about it.] When the Ultreya has ended collect the funds, deposit them into your account, write a check for Mobile Cursillo for the amount donated and mail it to Lynn O'Neill-Robb, (ADDRESS HERE.) Each Ultreya is encouraged to participate.

Thank you and De Colores,

Rob Wilburn



School of Leaders

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Blessings for a wonderful Ephipany!

I see the appeal of renewal. Being from the Midwest, I guess snow is my preferred metaphor, but you can also see the promise of change in 12 blank calendar pages, or in the two seconds when the ball drops on the TV and everyone around you clinks glasses, a toast to a switch we've all decided to flip together.

This is what's known as the "fresh-start effect." Researchers from the University of Pennsylvania have found that after "salient temporal landmarks, like the New Year, a birthday, or even the start of a new week, people were more committed to pursuing their goals. Life offers very few true fresh starts—I guess if you want to be extremely literal about it, birth is the only one you get. Most of life is a continuation. Short of moving to a new place or starting a new job, it's pretty hard to find a new beginning. So we slice up time and create our own. But a fresh start is only fresh while you're anticipating it. Once the New Year begins, it's no longer special. The party is the night before. We celebrate the transition, then go to bed. January 1 is not a day of celebration—it's mostly a bank holiday. Once you put a footprint in new-fallen snow, you can't have the unspoiled landscape back. I've been thinking a lot about the dual nature of the word resolution—it's both a pledge to do (or not do) something and the moment when a problem is solved. The word simultaneously suggests a beginning (setting a goal) and an end (achieving that goal), but it doesn't say much about the middle. If your goal is to complete a discrete task, then your resolution can have a resolution.

Have you made your Cursillo resolution? Are you going to make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ? We have all made the pledge and many have seen the end at the clausura – but are you living 'the middle'? Let's resolve to fill the weekends to the brim so that Christ's love is outpouring before, during and after! Together we can make a difference – one friend at a time.

De Colores!

*Theresa Gorman, Secretariat
School of Leaders Facilitator*



GRAND ULTREYA

Calling All Cursillistas from the Archdiocese

Saturday July 11, 2020 9am-3pm
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
 8570 Vaughn Rd., Montgomery AL

Bring a covered dish to share for lunch
Drinks and snacks provided

Contact Bob Wheat for more information 251-490-9350

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