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Travel with friends was the theme of the Region 7 meeting held in Biloxi October 22-23rd at Our Lady of Fatima parish. This regional event was a breath of fresh air – the joy was palpable. For the past 20 or so months, we have been living in isolation, fear and really in our own cocoons. What a gift to be surrounded by Cursillistas filled with joy, smiling, hugging and living de Colores! It was a taste of the community that we have all been missing.

During the weekend, much was shared – including how to reinvigorate our Movement. What was interesting to me was that for some, Cursillos had restarted while for others there are none being planned. Why?

Those that are not restarting are not necessarily worried about COVID or the location of a Cursillo weekend, but how our Movement has turned into a series of "retreat weekends". This 3-day mentality is killing the joy and love shared by Cursillistas with their greater communities. We become so focused on "putting on" a Cursillo that we forget to live what is essential to it. We're worried about being on a team instead of making sure others have that opportunity. What do we do to overcome this 3-day mentality?

We could do what the Vietnamese speaking community did and shut down all of their Cursillos in order to study and fully understand the charism. They embraced this and meet weekly in School and have for 10 years - yes, 10 years. They realized that if our Popes were telling us to return to and maintain the charism of the movement that we had better understand it. After 10 years of study, they are planning their 1st Cursillo next year in 2022.

More importantly is the why. Why do we have Cursillos? Is it for the team? The Candidates? We have Cursillos in order to vertebrate our environments; to share the charism with others to that they may have those 3 encounters (Christ, others, themselves); and to better show what a Christian community can look like.

Speaking of community – Have your Ultreyas restarted? What is your Cursillo action? What is your Cursillo attitude? Do you see with the language of love? Is Cursillo something you do or something you are living?

If we are all truly living our Cursillo, then we would realize that we cannot have a Cursillo weekend until our communities are reformed. Our Ultreyas (the reunion of small group reunions) are just now starting to meet. We need to see each other, share our joy, and begin the process of rebuilding. We need to take action and invite others to join us for coffee, Mass, Ultreya or small group. We need to have an attitude of grace that is attractive to others so that they will say "I want what he/she has". We need to accompany one another for a while and live our 4th day.

As my spiritual advisor once said, "Don't get ahead of the grace". We need to start our palanca (knee mail) now so that when the time IS right for a Cursillo we can in one joyful voice sing De Colores! **God bless each of you as we renew our movement,**
Theresa



**A Word From
Deacon
Joe Mueller**

READY OR NOT!

One of the most memorable games from childhood days is the game of hide-and-seek. On many occasions throughout the year, the family would gather at a neighbors's home. The children would start a game of hide-and-seek. When the game started, someone was chosen to be "it". A spot was chosen to be "base". Whoever was "it" would stand at "base" with closed eyes and count to 100. The other players ran and hid.

Then it was "its" job to find them before they could return to "base." The game ended when everyone made it back to "base," or when "it" found

someone who was hiding. In the next game, the person who was caught became "it." The part of that game that still echoes is what "it" would say before he or she came looking for those who were hiding. "It" would always say, "Ready or not, here I come." When "it" said you had better be ready, or you were going to be in trouble.

When I read this, that old childhood game came back to memory. Jesus is telling His disciples there will be a day when He will come again. That day will arrive whether people are ready or not. (SNB files)

Prayers Needed

**Prayers are asked for
the Regional Spiritual Director,
Deacon Mike Martini,
who is battling cancer.**

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**Barbara Deep (Michael Castanza's
mother in law) - in hospital after
suffering a major heart attack - she
is recovering. Please pray for her
and her family**

*for email prayer requests
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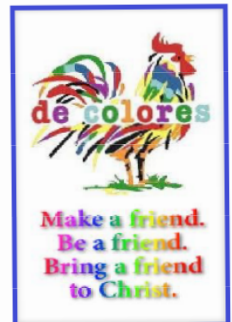
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EVELYN POPE SAT, NOV 6

Thanks so much for all those who came out for Ultreya. We had a great meeting, with a visit from Theresa Gorman, Lay Director of the Secretariat, to share with us information from the Fall regional encounter. She talked about our movement forward in Cursillo and in community. Some of the topics we discussed:

The Rooster - Mobile Cursillo newsletter - needs articles from any (and all) Cursillistas. If you would like to share an article about how you are living your fourth day they would love to hear from you! We need to share our stories with one another. She shared what she learned about the format of the weekends - there is now an outline for the weekends - something we have never really had. School of Leaders - we need to have one school for the whole diocese - we can all study the same material but we can be working within our deaneries to meet and learn more about the charism. If you are interested in participating in, or leading SOL Theresa can help with information to get started again. We talked about bringing the JOY (bringing Jesus to Others through You) back to our church and how we need human contact (and how COVID has really brought this to the forefront). It was a lively discussion, which really boiled down to the fact that we need each other and have to find a way to begin again. The first step is to make sure we are grouping, attending Ultreya, and participating with School of Leaders. We don't have dates on the next weekend but that is a goal.

In the meantime, if you have anyone you want to invite to a future weekend, bring them to an Ultreya or invite them to your grouping. This is the way to bring a friend to Christ and to Cursillo!

We also had a witness talk from Mat Pope on the same book that Michael Castanza spoke on last month. The book is Transforming Your Life Through the Eucharist by Fr. John Kane.

Thank you all for your attendance. Our next Ultreya will be Dec 7 at 5:30pm at St. Bede Family Life Center. Hope to see you then! *De Colores, Evelyn*

SUMMER NATIONAL ENCOUNTER

The next National Encounter will be held

July 21 – 24, 2022

at Chapman University,

1 University Dr, Orange, CA 92866.

Closest airport is John Wayne Airport.



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