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"Something Worth Crowing About"

Cursillo 101 - Back to Basics



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The Cursillos in Christianity is and has been from its beginning a "living experience" whereby one meets Jesus through a communal shared existence.

Looking squarely at the method and mentality of the Cursillos urges upon the leaders (remember that we are all leaders!) "the conviction that the Cursillo implies a conversion which flows into life. It involves a practical attitude which draws its source from grace and inspires the transformation of life."

The Cursillo establishes a progression in the process of its unfolding. Recall the three morning meditations which prepare us to look at others through the lens of Christ, to encounter Christ and then to encounter ourselves. In these we discover the responsibility of a conscious and shared grace.

Those three encounters on the Cursillo are a reflection of the method of Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo and Post-Cursillo in that each is an unfolding lived in community. In the Pre-Cursillo, we make a friend. This may take minutes or years but is an essential part of journeying together. Once our friendship is established and after we have prayed for our friends, we might invite them to a 3-day Cursillo. This 3-day Cursillo is a lived experience, shared among friends who grow closer as they participate in the rollos, prayers and examples of Christian living. Really before the end of the Cursillo, when the 4th day community is invited in, the Post-Cursillo begins. Together we vertebrate our moveable square meters, sharing the love of Christ with our brothers and sisters, and leavening our environments through action and example.

One phrase used expresses well what Cursillo covers: "In the Cursillos, truth is conveyed so that entering through the head it explodes in the heart." That is why the Cursillo must be lived and experienced. It will be different and personal for each person experiencing it. Each then, in living their witness, should want to give a clear animation of the Gospel messages. We should not want to minimize Cursillo to a "religious retreat" or make it seem something it is not by changing the method to suit our current setting or wants. We need to live this now through the other three encounters of small group reunions, Ultreya and School of Leaders. Small group reunions ideally consist of 4-6 persons who share their piety, study, action and have a plan for the week. Ultreya (the reunion of small group reunions) is a chance to share with a larger base of fellow Cursillistas thereby encouraging them and ourselves in living our 4th day. The School is the underlying support- the foundation which the method and principles are shared and carried on.

I pray that our Cursillo movement gets back to the basics. We should be participating in small group reunions. [If you need a small group, let your Ultreya leader or a Secretariat member know that you're searching. Small groups are not closed cliques, but opportunities to share with others and therefore should be open to new members.] We should want to revitalize and participate in our Ultreyas and School of Leaders. We should want this so that together, while living our 4th day, we can then joyfully, through the friendship in Precursillo, invite friends to the shared experience of a 3-day Cursillo.

De Colores!
Theresa Gorman



**A Word From
Deacon
Joe Mueller**

RESOLUTIONS

Happy New Year! We're already past the first week Happy New Year! We're already past the first week or two in the New Year. How's it going? What resolutions, if any, did you make this year. Perhaps you are still contemplating what aspirations you have for yourself in 2022!

Deacon Greg Kandra wrote in Our Sunday Visitor that most of us will forget our New Year's Resolutions by February. He says, take heart. There are other options for our New Year's Resolutions: PRAYER!

It's simple, basic and fundamental for our lives as Catholics. Best of all it can be done anywhere, anytime! So instead of dusting off that exercise bike with the hangers on it or counting those 10,00 steps, consider shedding the overweight of indifference and build up those muscles of faith.

Here are some suggestions by Deacon Greg:

Practice Gratitude. Despite the negative news and world crisis, surely there's something to be thankful for.

Pray the Basics. There are many short and simple Catholic prayers that can be prayed in a minute's time. Most of you already know them.

Read Spiritual Books. There's easy access to books on the Internet, podcasts and daily reflections from various Catholic sources. How about checking out a book on Saints?

Spiritual Communion or Adoration. If you aren't able to make it to a daily Mass once in a while, how about 15 - 30 minutes in Adoration of the Eucharist.

Lose the Weight of Your Sins. A good one to consider. We all have some kind of sin to confess. They might not be Mortal, but even the small ones need attention.

These are only a few of the Spiritual Resolutions you can make for 2022. Hopefully many of us have already made our Spiritual Resolutions! God Bless all of us this year!

Prayers Needed

**For our Regional Spiritual Director,
Deacon Mike Martini,
who is battling cancer.**

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The next National Encounter will

be held

July 21 - 24, 2022

at Chapman University,

1 University Dr, Orange, CA 92866.

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Hello all from Montgomery!

Here's a recap of our Ultreya the other night. We had good attendance, which just shows that we are looking for our community to come back from COVID. We are all asking about weekends and looking to bring more friends to Christ. God willing, that will happen soon. I attended the women's retreat at BTRSR a couple of weekends ago and they are back hosting in person, with precautions, but it was a blessing.

As for Ultreya, Rob Barranco was our witness speaker and his talk really centered on the struggle of living the fourth day in a meaningful way during COVID. We have all felt the challenges of trying to group and join together in any way. Rob asked for prayers from our Cursillo community for returning to regular grouping and his fourth day journey .

Tom Ohland suggested watching Fr. Andrew Jones' *The Journey Home* on EWTN.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qya9PqbsTZY>

Dothan Restarted Ultreya in January

St. Columba's first Ultreya-- since Covid changed everything--went better than anticipated. Before the pandemic shut us down, we usually had around 20 to 25 in attendance; this time that number shifted downwards to 11, probably due to lingering hesitation about the virus and the fact that it was a winter night. But for the brave, it was great to be together again. Melissa Kennamer offered her experience in prayer and the Eucharist, leaving us with an inspiring prayer by Padre Pio, *Stay With Me*, that speaks to her--and to us!

Our next Ultreya will be held on Thursday, February 10, in the Boucher Center classroom.



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Crowing About*

Something to think about

We are summoned. We need to renew our Faith in God. We need a deeper and personal relationship with Jesus and His Church this is exactly what we do in the Cursillo Movement. We open the door for our brothers and sisters to know Christ. Our weekends, groupings and Ultreyas all focus on our relationship with Christ. We help each other deepen this relationship with God.

The Cursillo Movement has a clear goal with a developed strategy and approach to Structuring Our Christian Life. It has a method which helps people become more committed to Christ and His Church, a method which can help them persevere and grow in holiness, a method which can help them to remain linked together. It is this method that provides what is needed to make it possible. This method promotes proclaiming Christ as a witness, People are touched more by witnesses than teachers. But the most effective teachers can be the most effective witnesses when Christ-centered, and personal. It is a road to conversion. We are summoned and we need to renew our Faith in God. We need a deeper and personal relationship with Jesus and His Church this is what we do in the Cursillo Movement. We open the door for our brothers and sisters to know Christ. Our weekends, groupings and Ultreyas all focus on our relationship with Christ. We help each other deepen this relationship with our Lord.

We are a group of people who are all working to have Christianity lived in society by means of a certain strategy and method. The measure of the Cursillo Movement's success is the degree to which change is being made in the world. The Cursillo Movement is succeeding when more and more people are striving to form Christian life in their environments, when more and more people are coming to know Christ and becoming what Christ wants them to be, or when they feel that their faith is being taken away from them by uncontrollable forces.

The Cursillo Movement has a clearly unified goal with a developed strategy and approach, structuring Christian life. It has a method that helps people become more committed to Christ and His Church, a method which can help them persevere and grow in holiness, a method which can help them to remain linked together. It is this method that provides what is needed to make it possible.

This method promotes proclaiming Christ as a witness, People are touched more by witnesses than teachers. Yet teachers can be the most effective witnesses when Christ-centered, and personal. It is a road to conversion. I made my weekend in 1962 and I still remember three of the witness talks. We are all touched by the witness of others in our lives. We remember the witness of the speakers from the weekends even if we do not remember anything else from the talks. That is why we group and share at all our meetings.

We need to be more Faithful. For Jesus and each other. Faith is not just a state of mind or a belief. It is who we are and what we do. Believing is not enough. Action is required to fulfill our beliefs. True belief turns into action that allows us to be Witnesses for Him. We are called to serve. We are called to lead. We are all touched by the witness of others in our lives.

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Joy be with you, Sam Genovese