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## Lessons from a Navy Admiral

*What does one of the most decorated Navy admirals have to do with Cursillo? Let's take a look at his ideas on what changes the world. These lessons were learned during his time in the military. Can we, as Cursillistas, change the world?*

**Admiral William H. McRaven**, USN, shares lessons learned in basic seal training, as they apply in life. I thought I'd share how they could apply to our Cursillo movement:

- 1. Start each day with a task completed.** As Cursillistas, one of our most basic tasks is prayer, *palanca*. This basic task sets the tone and outlook for our day.
- 2. Find someone to help you through life.** As Cursillistas, we know the importance of friendship and how others help us on our Christian journey. As we make these friends, we remember to continue to be a friend that will bring others to Christ.
- 3. Respect everyone.** We are all different. We may encounter others that are our "heavenly sandpaper". We should not gossip about or defame others because their opinions are different from ours. This is an opportunity for more *palanca* – for them and for ourselves to grow.
- 4. Know that life is not fair.** This lesson is being felt by all, not just Christians, as we navigate the "new normal" post pandemic. Our movement is having what I call unfair obstacles to its regeneration. If we all have the same mindset (that of Christ) and want to bring others to Christ, then what we need to do and how we do it should be secondary. Yes, we need to have new Cursillistas, but we also need to have others willing to lead *Ultreyas*, lead School of Leaders, be on the Secretariat to serve the Archdiocesan movement and to be faithful to the charism.
- 5. Know that you will fail often.** As Cursillistas and Christians, we are called to leaven our environments – to be salt and light. This is a task that I personally fail often at but continue to try. I think it was Albert Einstein who said that the only time you fail is when you quit trying.
- 6. Take some risks.** Are you taking risks in your Christian walk? Are you willing to truly discern where and to what God is calling you? Are you willing to live what you learned on your Cursillo? Will you risk friendship? These are just a few risks that you may consider.
- 7. Step up when times are the toughest.** For our movement, now is the toughest of times. We are needing new faces, ideas, people willing to do what is necessary to restart. Will you prayerfully consider how and where you will step up?



**A Word From  
Deacon  
Joe Mueller**

## CATECHESIS 101

God made us to know Him, love Him and serve Him. These three things follow one after the other. If we know Him, we love Him. If we love Him, we serve Him.

An atheist was the guest of a good Catholic man. While at dinner the atheist began to boast saying, "I am proud to say that I am the only one in the room who has the honor of not believing in God." His host, a man who knew God and therefore loved Him said, "I'm afraid you are mistaken. You share the honor with my Airedale in the corner. But he doesn't boast about it."

Unlike the atheist or the Airedale, we are given a knowledge of God from our earliest days. Our belief in God should make us appreciate this fact and let our faith grow in that knowledge.

If we know God, it means we will love Him. There is a plant called the compass flower because it points to the North. When the sun is shining and warm the compass flower points to the North. Even if the heavens are filled with darkness, the compass flower still points to the North. No matter what the weather conditions the compass flower always points northward.

So it is our hearts should point toward God. Like the little compass flower in sunshine or darkness, our hearts should point Godwards. God made us to serve Him. If we know God, we love Him. If we love Him, we will serve Him and if we server Him in this life, we will be happy with Him forever in the next.

*(Adapted from Sunday Morning Storyland, Wilfrid Diamond)*

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**8. Face down the bullies.** Bullies come in all forms...let's just say "negative Nellies" or "complaining Charlies". They are vocal about how it was, how we are 'dying' and ask why we can't just do it the way it used to be. I would love to turn their frowns upside down – I would love to see everyone at a regional meeting, attending Ultreya, or volunteering to help with a 4th or 5th day celebration. If you are interested in sharing ideas or volunteering. let a secretariat member know.

**9. Lift up the downtrodden.** This is part of our Cursillo mission – reach the far away. A far away person can actually attend Mass every day/week, but have never been introduced to Christ. A far away person can be a Cursillista who no longer practices the method and has lost faith in the charism. A far away person can be introduced to Christ through your example of Study, Piety and Action! Share the JOY!

**10. Never, ever give up.** This is a question of self-examination. Have you given up? Have you found something else to "do?" Do you attend small group but not support Ultreya? Never ever give up. Remember ULTREYA means ONWARD. Together, we can.

To watch and listen to probably the best speech you will ever here at graduation ceremony go to **Admiral William H. McRaven University of Texas at Austin 2014** God bless each of you.

May your day be one filled with the joys of Christian living using the method of Cursillo.

**Theresa Gorman**

**WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES, INC.**

Our anti-abortion ministry website now has a donate button! Our Movement is worth supporting.

### Prayers Needed

Following a stroke, Deacon Rick Risher was released from SouthEast Health in Dothan and is recovering at home. He will be watched closely and will follow up with his doctors.



### John 10:22-30

Friends, in this Gospel, Jesus teaches that if a brother has something against us, we must be reconciled with him before we offer our gift at the altar. This reconciling requires a change of heart and mind.

The word often misleadingly translated as “repent” is “metanoiete.” This Greek term is based upon two words, “meta” (beyond) and “nous” (mind or spirit), and thus, in its most basic form, it means something like “go beyond the mind that you have.”

The English word “repent” has a moralizing overtone, suggesting a change in behavior or action, whereas Jesus’ term seems to be hinting at a change at a far more fundamental level of one’s being. Jesus urges his listeners to change their way of knowing, their way of perceiving and grasping reality, their mode of seeing.

What Jesus implies is this: a new state of affairs has arrived, the divine and human have met, but the way you customarily see is going to blind you to this novelty. Minds, eyes, ears, senses, perceptions—all have to be opened up, turned around, revitalized. “Metanoia,” mind transformation, is Jesus’ first recommendation.

*Bishop Robert Barron*

Please send in your applications so we can plan the next 3-day Cursillo!

Go to [mobilecursillo.org](http://mobilecursillo.org) for applications and send to the Secretariat!



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## THIS AND THAT

When Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo, Founder of the Cursillos In Christianity Movement passed away, was 90 years old. Not long after hearing this news, I worked the spring Cursillo. One evening while in the Chapel they were reading Everyone's Way of the Cross, and on the last page Jesus says that "Your way is not complete unless you crown it by your life".

This got me thinking about how Eduardo Bonnin, by saying yes to God throughout his life, had crowned his life. And how God had helped him, and how many people worldwide had come to know Jesus Christ in a more profound way.

I know not all of us are called to have this type of impact on society. But by "blooming where we are planted" we can have an effect on our family and our environments. For me Cursillo was profound and it changed my life for the better, and I look at the world in a very different way since my weekend. Through all the years since, the spirit hasn't abandoned me ; it's only gotten stronger. It is amazing what God can do, and will do, for those who say "Yes" to Him!

I've included an old article our bishop of Rockford, Illinois, wrote about his experience on his weekend. I thought you might like it . DeColores!

Sam



## BISHOP REFLECTS ON THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT

In 1972 the movement had started in Rockford, and as Bishop I was interested in what they were doing. I signed up to find out what it was all about but did not expect that it would have a lasting effect on my own spiritual life. Our Cursillo was held at the old St. Joseph School in Elgin, Illinois.

From the first evening I was impressed with the sincerity and zeal of the presenters and of all the team. It was really important to them. The frequent reference that others on the outside were praying and doing penance for us was very impressive. The discussions in small groups developed understanding of the thoughts and feelings of the others.

The whole experience made Jesus Christ more real and approachable and the bonding with others was a welcome experience. I will always remember our Cursillo because on Sunday morning Oct. 15, 1972, the pastor came over from St. Joseph rectory to tell me that Father Bob Schneider had died. The Cursillistas responded with great support. Even today, many years later, there are some around who greet me with DeColores!

Cordially in Christ,  
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