

Mobile Rooster



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"Something Worth Crowing About"

Editor's note: The following is a memo from the National Secretariat that encourages local secretariats to plan a Cursillo de Cursillo weekend workshop. It includes a list of topics from which to choose. Our Secretariat may consider such a workshop but no announcement has been made as yet. The memo also outlines topics for the School of Leaders for consideration as well.

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How do we continue to live the joyful proclamation of the Good News of God's love in the US Cursillo Movement? The goal is to encourage every diocese in the 12 Regions to schedule a Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC). Currently, there are four scheduled for 2023; Diocese of Evansville, Diocese of Oakland, Diocese of Covington, Lexington, and Cincinnati together, and the Diocese of Sacramento. The biggest challenge for a diocese in agreeing to have a CDC, is the lack of funds; therefore, you can always suggest that 2 or 3 neighboring dioceses have a CDC together so they can share the expense. This works really well.

A second option you can offer a diocese that absolutely cannot afford a CDC is to offer a one-day or two-day workshop. Below is a list of topics for the Secretariat to review. Ask the Secretariat if there are any special topics or needs, they would like covered during the workshop that are not listed below. You can customize a workshop according to the current Diocesan Cursillo needs.

- **The Foundational Charism**
- **The Life of Eduardo Bonnín & The History of Cursillo**
- **Christ, the Person, & Friendship**
- **Popes, Cursillo and Charisms**
- **Mentality**
- **Essence & Purpose**
- **Precursillo**
- **Three Day Cursillo**
- **Group Reunion**
- **Ultreya**
- **Secretariat**
- **School of Leaders**
- **Dangers in Cursillo**
- **Leaders**

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A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller

JESUS TOLD A PARABLE TO THE PHARISEES. EXPERTS AND WISDOM

Experts! Who are the Experts? We tend to think the Experts are those who possess a very high level of knowledge about a particular subject. We consider them to have a certain amount of wisdom because of their knowledge. We listen and heed their expertise in hopes of possessing their wisdom.

St. Paul posed a very good question for us in his letter to the Corinthians. "Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish?"

And we can ask ourselves, are the experts today wise or foolish? Are they only concerned about the wisdom of the world?

A lot of contemporary wisdom

seems to revolve around being in control and being the master of our own destiny. Seeking only what is best for ourselves.

Yes, we need wisdom to navigate through and in our world. We need a certain amount of wisdom to determine if our wisdom is good wisdom or foolish wisdom. St. Paul puts it rather straight forward.

"...in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith."

That's where our wisdom lies, in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Fall Weekends 2023

**Men's Weekend #146:
9/28 – 10/01
Visitation Monastery, Mobile
Rector: TBA**

**Women's Weekend #147:
10/19 – 10/22
Visitation Monastery, Mobile
Rectora: TBA**

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).

De Colores, Brothers and Sisters.

The fall weekend is scheduled – have you brought those friends you’ve been waiting to ask? Did you enroll as a team member? Volunteered to be rector/a?

Small groups are meeting – are you using the Method (sharing Piety, Study, Action, close moment) or just meeting as friends?

Our Ultreyas need leaders – have you thought about leading ? (Remember we are all Leaders)

Schools need to renew and restart – do you like to learn of and discuss the movement?

The Secretariat has two open positions (at least one more by June) – have you wanted to serve at this level?

Please know of our desire for Cursillo to continue in the Archdiocese, but we have obstacles to overcome. Are you an overcomer? Or have we all become part of the ‘far away’ (‘frozen chosen’) – participating at a surface level while no longer knowing/remembers our personal encounter with Christ, others or self on the 3-day weekend. Palanca is needed now more than ever.

Christ IS counting on you. Are you counting on Him?

--Theresa Gorman, Lay Director

“First method of estimating the intelligence of a ruler is to look at the men he has around him.”

— Niccolo Machiavelli
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School of Leaders

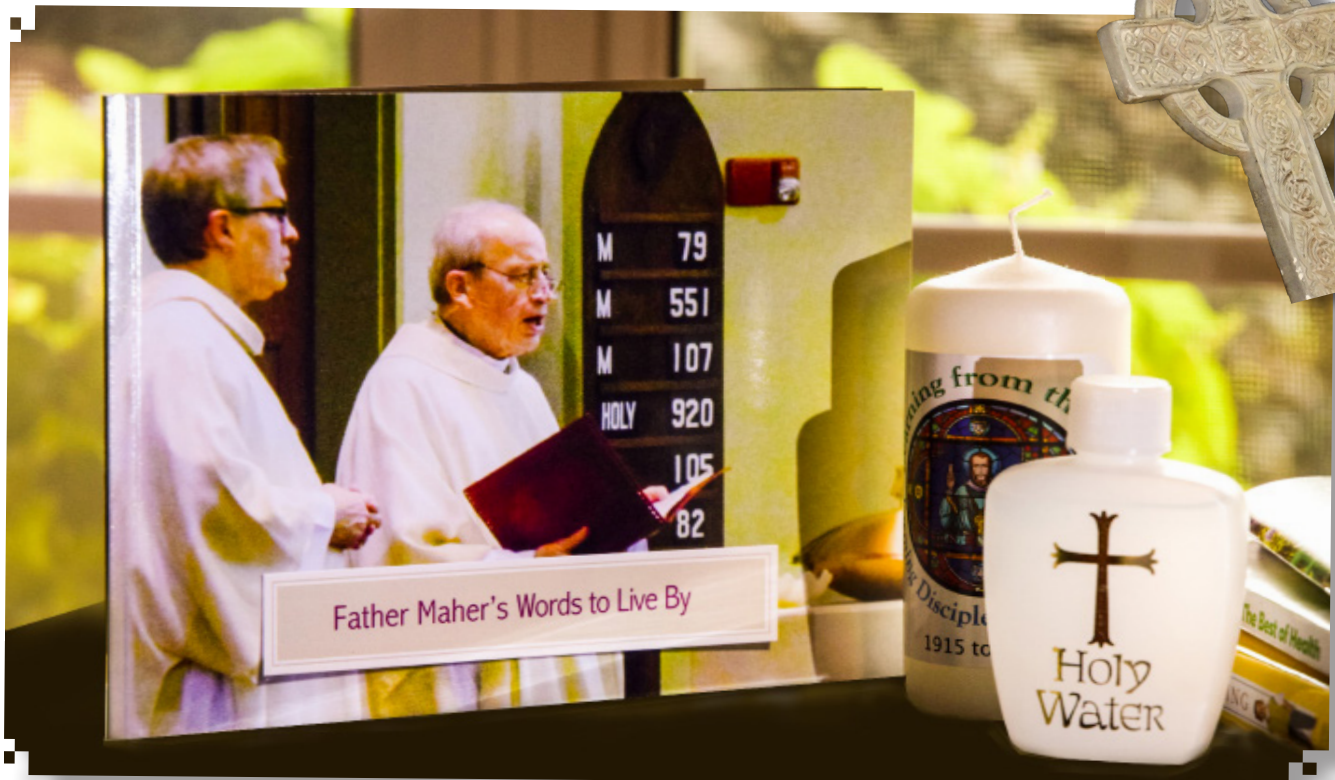
The School of Leaders is not yet
up and running at St. Columba.

Please keep the Cursillo in your prayers.



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Commemorative Book Pays Tribute to Beloved Priest Fr. Maher



Catholics throughout the Mobile Archdiocese were touched by Fr. Patrick Maher's ministry. He was ordained in Ireland and then left for the U.S., where he served in parishes and worked Cursillos across the Mobile diocese. He spent his final years at St. Columba parish in Dothan, where in retirement he continued to inspire the congregation.

This Book was Produced for the Knights of Columbus to aid the Father Maher's Scholarship Fund and as a memorial to his life. His famous saying "God is madly in love with you" and other witticisms are accompanied by color photos of the beloved priest.

***This 20-page soft-cover book is now available at the Church Gift Shop
cost \$15.00, or call Call Bill Clements 334-803-2859.***

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The 10 topics or rollos from the 1st Conversations at Cala Figuera can also be part of a Cursillo workshop and/or used for the “technique talk” in the School of Leaders since these topics are considered part of The Foundational Charism of Cursillo.

- **Person**
- **Freedom**
- **Love**
- **Friendship**
- **Conviction**
- **Sincerit**
- **Criterion**
- **Life**
- **Normality**
- **Joy**

One of the latest publications, The Thinking of Eduardo Bonnín has 18 rollos that Eduardo shared with Cursillistas world-wide. These rollos can also be used for workshops and/or for the “technique talk” in the School of Leaders.

- **Man Listens More to Witnesses Than to Teachers**
- **Cursillos: A Reality Not Yet Realized**
- **The Far Away**
- **Objectives Pursued by Cursillo**
- **Cursillos in Christianness**
- **Rediscover the Vision in Eight Points**
- **Essence and Purpose**
- **Process of Historical Distortion, Providential?**
- **Secretariats**
- **Evangelization Through Conversion**
- **Friendship**
- **The Foundational Charism, Korea 1997**
- **Signs of Hope**
- **Testimony of Cursillos**
- **Address at the III World Ultreya in Rome**
- **Encounter with Oneself**
- **Cursillos' Contribution to the Parish**
- **Foundational Charism, Mallorca 2007**

Rollos from National Encounters are an excellent resource for Cursillo workshops, encounters and/or for the “technique talk” in the School of Leaders.

- **Faithful Stewards of the Cursillo Movement (2006)**
- **Discipleship, Holiness and the Cross (2006)**
- **Piety - Developing an Intimate Relations with Christ (2009)**
- **Study - Discovering Self, Christ and Others (2009)**
- **Action - Choosing to Exercise the Power of Love (2009)**
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- **Cursillistas Called to Be Salt, Light and Leaven for the New Evangelization (2013) • Evangelization Through Friendship (2014)**
- **Friendship with Christ: Key to Evangelization (2015)**
- **Prayer & Discernment (2015)**
- **Attitudes & Reactions (2015)**
- **Kerygma & Precursillo (2016)**
- **Kerygma & Three Day Cursillo (2016)**
- **Kerygma & Postcursillo (2016)**
- **Why We Have Cursillo (2017)**
- **Unity in Diversity (2018)**
- **The Theology and Psychology of Cursillo (2018)**
- **Succession Planning (2018)**

There are 3 Cursillo books that were recently published which are excellent for study in the School of Leaders. These books include information that can be used for Cursillo workshops:

1. **Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló: 100 Years, Biography & Mentality**

This is an excellent book because its content includes the life of our Founder, Eduardo Bonnín [biography] and an explanation of specific elements of the Charism of Cursillo [mentality] and the history of Cursillo. This information can be used for Cursillo workshops and/or for the “technique” rollo in the School of Leaders.

2. **The Thinking of Eduardo Bonnín, Book I**

This book contains 18 articles/rollos that Eduardo gave during his world-wide travels. These articles/rollos can be used for Cursillo workshops and/or for the “technique” rollo in the School of Leaders.

3. **History of a Charism**

History of a Charism reflects the living trajectory that the Foundational Charism of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement have been following since its beginnings, and the difficulties it has encountered throughout its history to keep it true to its identity.

I am always available to assist you with a CDC or a workshop. Let me know if you need my assistance since my calendar will begin to fill up.

--Submitted by Theresa Gorman, Lay Director