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"Something Worth Crowing About"

Calling all Cursillistas!

Men's Weekend #146 – 5 Candidates

Women's Weekend #147 – 7 Candidates



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Comforter / Counselor / Advocate: All three words are translations of the Greek parakletos, from which we get "Paraclete," another name for the Spirit. When Jesus went away, His disciples were greatly distressed because they had lost His comforting presence. But He promised to send the Spirit to comfort, console, and guide those who belong to Christ. The Spirit also "bears witness" with our spirits that we belong to Him and thereby assures us of salvation.

Cursillo is a charism gifted from the Holy Spirit. We are called to "tap on the shoulders" of those around us to bring them into a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Identify people who are ready to have the 3 Encounters: Jesus, Others, and Themselves.

I challenge each of you to cast the vision of Cursillo – to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world by making friends, being friends, and bringing friends to a relationship with Christ. Who is ready to do this?

We have 7 women and 5 men for the upcoming weekends. Let's double this by June and triple it by July! Fill the weekends (25 Candidates each!) Like the Holy Spirit, be Advocates for the Movement.

Is the Holy Spirit calling you? Let's get going and reinvigorate our movement. Fill it with the attractive goodness on all our faces that is reflected in the joy we emanate to others. Let us give thanks to God for all the fruits that through the years of Cursillos have generously given to our environments, the Church, and our World!

De Colores!
--Theresa Gorman



A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller

THE RIGHT TIME

In our practical daily life, Easter means experiencing the power of Jesus Christ at THE RIGHT TIME.

A well known passage from one of the Wisdom books, Ecclesiastes, was so popular that in the late 1950s, Pete Seeger, of the famed trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, put verses 1-8 to song. In 1965, the music group, The Byrds, made it an international best seller on the music charts (TURN, TURN, TURN).

While these verses and the song capture the essence that everything in the universe is given a time and a season, there is a wealth of insight in the following verses.

"I have considered the task that God has appointed for the sons of men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time,

and has put the timeless into their hearts...from beginning to end, the work which God has done." (10-11)

God has made everything in its time, but we cannot come to know what the right time is. God has given us a "sense of past and future," but it is impossible to know what God is doing. Everything exists in the present moment. We do not know what will happen next but God does.

"I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do well during life. Moreover...enjoy the good of all their toil—this is a gift of God. I recognized whatever God does, will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered." (Eccl 12-14)

Do we ever think about that?

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: Nell O'Donnell**

Mobile Cursillo Weekends

**Now Accepting
Applications!**

A review what our beloved Cursillo Movement has achieved since 2017

We all knew that the Covid-19 pandemic has turned our lives upside down since 2020 and we had to cancel many in-person Cursillo activities due to Covid-19 lockdown measures. Was Cursillo dead? Absolutely not! On the contrary, our Cursillo Movement has found a creative way to keep the fire of Cursillo burning during this difficult time. Indeed, We could attend many virtual Regional Encounters Ultreyas, School of Leaders, Group Reunions, etc. back- to-back thanks to Zoom application. It's similar to the period when Eduardo Bonnin and the Cursillo Movement in Mallorca had to spend almost 10 years in 'the desert' from 1956 to 1964 under Bishop Enciso's jurisdiction. During that time, they had to hold Ultreyas at coffee tables in the Plaza Major (the main city square) in order to maintain a strong bond of union and a collective enthusiasm" (p. 153 – Cursillo History & Memory).

I must confess that the main reason for me to attend virtual National Encounters or Regional Encounters during the last two years was not about listening to the rollos (although they were all excellent), but about counting and seeing the faces of my dear friends radiating love and friendship on the screen!

I believe our 'Cursillo tree' was pruned by our Lord during the Covid-19 pandemic so that its roots could grow deeper and stronger for a 'full bloom' in no time!

Our Lord Jesus gave me a hint to summarize the 'past, present and future of the Cursillo' even into one word: that is LOVE. Indeed, Love can endure any trials and overcome any obstacles. Love never fails! (1 Cor 13:8) See you all at the 2022 In-Person National Encounter in July. I can't wait for a 'Cursillo hug'! I can't wait to hold your hands singing the 'De Colores' after Masses! I can't wait to be a child again during Fiesta!

Hoang Tran, an Apprentice Cursillista



ULTREYAS

Auburn/ Opelika

- Leader: Heidi Strother. Phone 334-319-6511. auburnopelikaultreya@gmail.com

Baldwin

- New leaders needed. Currently meeting via committee.

Dothan

- New leaders needed.

Mobile

- Leader: Cathy Burch (251)709-6968 burchce13@hotmail.com

Montgomery

- New leaders needed

North Baldwin

- New leaders needed.

Phenix City/Columbus

- New leaders needed.

South Baldwin

- New leaders needed.

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SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Why is Leadership Important?

It is important because it inspires, motivates, and sets an example for people to accomplish positive changes in the world.

Are you the next Cursillo leader?



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Submit and Surrender

When Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo, Founder of the Cursillos In Christianity Movement passed away. He was 90 years old. Not long after hearing this news, I worked the spring Cursillo. One evening while in the Chapel I was 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 his saying yes to God throughout his life, with the graces God bestowed on him, helped so many people worldwide come to know Jesus Christ in a profound way.

Now, I understand that not all of us are called to have this type of impact in society. But by "blooming where we are planted" we can certainly have this profound affect on our family and our environments.

Reading about his life can "encourage us to love and good works." It is amazing what God can, and will, do to those who say Yes to him! He certainly turned my life around some 50 years ago. I went to church on Sundays only because I felt I had to ,and then someone asked me to make Cursillo and thanks to Bonnin my life was changed.

DeColores!

--Sam Genovese

Updated Rector's Guide

The updated Rector's Guide is now available in print and the Savannah School of Leaders will be looking at it over the next few months. This month we will examine the start of the Cursillo on Thursday evening. Everyone is welcome to join in our discussion on Zoom.

When: May 9, 2023 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYuc-qorjlsG9BPkM-tRLZeDJaHQdZYcUyD>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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