

Mobile Rooster



February 2024

"Something Worth Crowing About"

Cursillo Region VII SPRING ENCOUNTER

Presented by the Diocese of Savannah

April 19-20, 2024

The Encounter will be hosted by the Columbus/Phenix City Ultreya at St. Anne Catholic Church, 2000 Kay Circle, Columbus, Ga 32907. There will be a planning meeting on Saturday, February 11, at 1:00 pm in the meeting room at the church. All are welcome to come to the meeting and the local Ultreya members are encouraged to be present.

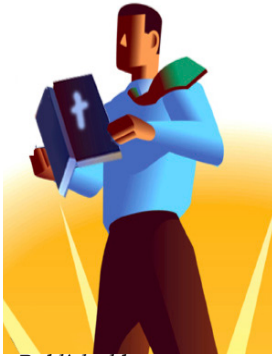
Although the encounter team will be composed of Cursillistas from many areas, the local Ultreya is essential for the planning and preparations.

The Encounter is conducted in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

From our local Ultreya we need:

- A Spanish speaking liaison
- A Vietnamese speaking liaison
- People familiar with the local area to pick up travelers at the airport or at Groome Transportation and take them to their hotel, as well as see that they have transport to and from the Encounter.
- Hosts willing to have a visitor in your home. You would be a tremendous blessing to the traveler.
- People able to set up and take down at the facilities
- Kitchen crew
- Greeters to direct visitors to the facilities

The Regional Secretariat will meet on Friday morning, April 19, prior to the Encounter. We will need to provide coffee and water, as well as pastries and a simple lunch for about 50. **De Colores Evelyn Pope**



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A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

When you get to read this article, Lent has already started. And in our Scripture readings and reflections, we hear the three basic pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Which one do you choose?

Any attempt to build a spiritual life that neglects the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving is building on sand.

Prayer purifies our intentions and relates all we do to God. Fasting detaches us from our

comfort and from ourselves. Almsgiving reflects our brotherhood with the poor of Jesus' family and reminds us that our true wealth is not in things, but in the love of God.

We all need to do a reality check on our spiritual lives to make sure we are committed to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

As we begin the Lenten season, we are also reminded of the need to make reparation for our sins and be reconciled with God.

The School of Leaders

The School of Leaders is a gathering of the leaders of the Cursillo to share in the discussion of the charism of the Cursillo and how to support the growth of our Christian community. Anyone wishing to participate on a Cursillo team must be in a group reunion, attend the monthly Ultreya, and the School of Leaders. The School Of Leaders meets monthly on the second Tuesday of every month at 8:00 pm eastern time.

Since we are many and scattered over such a large area, we are currently meeting online on zoom. us. You are invited to a Zoom meeting. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/844866114>

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

For questions about the School of Leaders or to request a topic for the School of Leaders, email your request. It is my hope and prayer that someone from the Montgomery area will feel moved to participate in these events and join us on the Secretariat to keep our movement alive.

Please prayerfully consider spending some time with friends at the Encounter, attending a training, checking out the resources from the School of Leaders, and serving on the Secretariat.

De Colores Evelyn Pope



Bishop Robert Barron

Friends, our Gospel for today (Mark 1:40–45) has to do with Jesus’ healing a leper. There aren’t that many lepers around today, but there are plenty of people that we treat as outsiders or pariahs. Like Jesus, we should be welcoming to them. Now, I have nothing particularly against that way of reading the situation, but I suspect that we’ve all heard it a thousand times.

Let me propose a symbolic reading a little different from the customary one. I propose that the leper here stands not so much for the socially ostracized but for the one who has wandered away from right worship, the one who is no longer able or willing to worship the true God. That’s why Jesus tells the man to “go, show yourself to the priest.” In other words, go back to the temple from which you’ve been away for so long.

What is so important about worship? To worship is to order the whole of one’s life toward the living God, and, in doing so, to become interiorly and exteriorly rightly ordered. To worship is to signal to oneself what one’s life is finally about. It’s nothing that God needs, but it is very much something that we need.



ULTREYAS

Auburn/ Opelika

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

Baldwin

- New leaders needed. Currently meeting via committee.

Dothan

- Leaders: Don and Vickie Gardino (334) 805-3506 vickigardino@gmail.com

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.

Mobile

- Leader: Nell O’Donnell nellodonnell@bellsouth.net

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?



Grand Ultreya

The Region VII Encounter ends on Saturday afternoon with a Grand Ultreya in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Ms. Pollyanna Brannen will be our witness speaker during the Grand Ultreya. She is a dynamic and an engaging and charismatic speaker with a story of personal encounter with the Holy Spirit that will knock your socks off. Pollyanna lives near Auburn, Alabama, in the Mobile Diocese, and is passionate about her Cursillo community and experience which give meaning to her life. Trust me, you will love her.



*Please welcome Pollyanna Brannen
to the Columbus '24 Regional Encounter Team.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE SECRETARIAT

Fellow Cursillistas, the Secretariat is planning for training from National Cursillo on the Step-by-Step program to use as we go forward with future weekends and to continue in our ministry. If you have an interest in a role on the Secretariat, this training is for you! We need to fill empty places on the Secretariat and having everyone on the same page with the National Cursillo is an important part of keeping our movement alive. The positions available on the Secretariat are Lay Coordinator, Pre-Cursillo, Treasurer, and School of Leaders.

If you are interested in participating in a training and/or have an interest in serving on the Secretariat, please reply to jscksims@gmail.com. Please let us know how you would like to further participate in the ministry, by training, offering your volunteer time, or if you have an interest in working a future weekend. We would like to hear from you!

Our first training and interest meeting is planned for February 24, 2024 at Christ the King Immaculata Center from 8am-12. There will be a video session by National English Coordinator, Ceferino Aguillon, Jr. Please let us know if you can attend or if you would like to have a session in your area.

Your early response is appreciated. **De Colores Evelyn Pope**