"Something Worth Crowing About"



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Hello everyone,

It has been a while. I hope you are all well and I hope you are able to continue to group and keep our Cursillo movement alive in your area. We had a great meeting on Saturday to go over the step-by-step workshop that was presented on Zoom by National Cursillo Secretariat members a few years ago. The workshop went through the new Rector/a manual and had a lot of great information and inspiration from the Founder, Eduardo Bonin.

If you would like to gather and watch it in Montgomery, please let me know and I would be happy to help facilitate that.

Part of the discussion that day also centered around the need for Secretariat members to fill vacant positions. Currently, the following positions need to be filled:

Lay Director Secretary Treasure Pre-Cursillo School of Leaders

We do have some volunteers to fill some of these positions and we will utilize Zoom for Secretariat meetings so travel should not be an issue. In-person meetings are still ideal and we will also incorporate them when possible.

We still do need a few more volunteers to have a full Secretariat and get on with the business of having weekends again. We would like to have all Secretariat members in place before the Spring Encounter, which is to take place in Columbus, GA at St. Anne's Church on April 19-20. I plan to be there and I hope to see as many of you as possible. Pollyanna Brannon will be the witness speaker!

The registration form is attached to this email. Please make your plans to join us that weekend in Columbus

De Colores, Evelyn Pope

More information on pages 4-5



# A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller

# THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD

If you've ever been to St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan, the first thing you notice walking out the front door, is the image of someone literally carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. This image is a statue of the god Atlas with the earth balanced on his shoulders.

Why this image of Atlas with the world on his shoulders outside the Cathedral? It's a reminder of life's burdens. A world of demands and deadlines that we would rather forget, not have to deal with.

All of us carry some kind of burden or disappointment in life.

Life doesn't always happen they way we planned or hoped it would be. Children don't obey or follow parent's rules or advice. They get in trouble and we feel responsible for them, even if they are grown.

We lose a close friendship because of something we said or did.

A chosen career or job change doesn't bring us the fulfillment and happiness we expected. It brings pressure and stress to our life.

Throughout our lives, whether we are young or old, adults or seniors, we live in a world with rejection, hurt feelings, emotional turmoil, physical ailments, anxiety and fear. We face uncertainties, perhaps even a spiritual burden, like doubt, temptation or sin, some shame or regret.

These are burdens we carry.

Jesus knows what weighs us down. He knows what's on our minds that pull us away from Him. Jesus' invitation to "Come to Me" is His promise to give us respite, rest and relief from our fears and anxieties.

He takes upon Himself the yoke of our sufferings, our anxieties, our burdens because of the love He has for us.



### **Bishop Robert Barron**

Friends, in the of Gospel (John 5:1–16), we find the beautiful healing of a paralyzed man who had been ill for thirty-eight years. Jesus sees the man lying on his mat, next to a pool, and asks, "Do you want to be well?" The man says yes, and Jesus replies, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." Immediately, the man is healed.

Now at this point, the story really heats up. We notice something that is frequently on display in the Gospels: the resistance to the creative work of God, the attempt to find any excuse, however lame, to deny it, to pretend it's not there, to condemn it.

One would expect that everyone around the cured man would rejoice, but just the contrary: the Jewish leaders are infuriated and confounded. They see the healed man, and their first response is, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your mat."

Why are they so reactive? Why don't they want this to be? We sinners don't like the ways of God. We find them troubling and threatening. Why? Because they undermine the games of oppression and exclusion that we rely upon in order to boost our own egos.



# 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



Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat
Peace in the Pines

The Blessed Trinity Retreat Center will be closing after December 2024. The Missionary Servants of the Blessed Trinity plan to celebrate the history that has been lived at the Retreat Center and all of the blessings that have been granted to so many who have come there on retreat over the years. All will be invited. More Information to come.



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# CURSILLO IN CHRISTIANITY - REGION VII SPRING ENCOUNTER APRIL 19-20, 2024

#### St Anne Catholic Church - 2000 Kay Circle - Columbus, GA 31907 REGISTRATION FORM

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SELECT ONE: Diocesan Spiritual Advisor/AsesorEspiritual/Linh Hướng Diocesan Coordinator/ Coordinador Diocesano/ Điều Hợp Viện Giáo Phận Secretariat member/Miembro del Secretariado/Thành viên 86H Other/otro/Tham dơ viên () (Specify)
Diocese/Diócesis/Giáo Phâns
Group/Grupo/Mhóm: English Español Vietnamese Other (Specify)
This is my first time attending a Regional Encounter. Yes O No O
MEAL PLANNING: (Check the appropriate boxes if you are joining us for the following meals) Friday dinner (hosted by English speaking community) Saturday Breakfast (hosted by English Speaking community) Saturday Lunch (hosted by English speaking community) Optional Take away Saturday dinner (box sandwich meal)
REGISTRATION - REGISTRATION IS DUE BY MARCH 31
Registration: \$40 per person by mail/\$40 por carred/Ghi danh \$40 cho mỗi người, bằng thơor at the door/en la puerta/hay khi vào cửa(select one)
Make check payable to/Cheque pagadero a /Chi phiến xin trả cho: <u>Diocese of Savanah Cursillo</u>
MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT TO/Enviar registración y cheque as /Gót don ghi danh và chi phiến tới địa chi saus
Cursillo – Lawanda Jones
103 Country Club Road
Folkston, GA 31537
OR/ó/Hey là

EMAIL TO /Correo Electrónico /Gởi email tới: savcursillodocs@yahoo.com

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS** - (Please check one below)

(	I am staying at a hotel and <b>WILL NEED</b> transportation to and from the Airport/Hotel and Regional Encounter.
(	I am staying at a hotel; am providing <b>MY OWN</b> transportation to and from the Airport/ Hotel & Regional Encounter.
(	I prefer housing provided by other Cursillista; <b>WILL NEED</b> transportation to & from the Airport/Regional encounter.
(	I prefer housing provided by other Cursillista; providing <b>MY OWN</b> transportation to/ from the / Regional Encounter.
(	I prefer to arrange my own accommodations and transportation

For additional information/ para mas informacion/Néu cần giúp, xin gọi:

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Huong Tran (Vietnamese) 704-804-0172

NOTE: Bring your Cursillo Pilgrim's Guide with you. We will be using it during prayer times throughout the Encounter. / Favor de Traer Guia Del Peregrino, la estaremos usando para las oraciones y durante el Encuentro./ Xin mang sách Chỉ Nam tiếng Mỹ để dùng trong những lúc cầu nguyện trong suốt Đại Hội Miền

#### Schedule

**Friday April 19: 5:30-6:30pm - Mass**: Check in/Registration and dinner. / Misa, registracion, y cena/ Ghi tên, sau đó có Thánh Lễ và ăn tối.

**Saturday April 20: 8 AM – 9 AM**, Registration, Lite-Breakfast and opening prayer. / Registracion, desayuno ligero, oracion de opertura / Ghi tên, sau đó có ăn sáng, cầu nguyện

## St. Anne's Church is exit 6 off I-185

5236 Armour Rd - I-185 exit 8

# Suggested Hotels-All in Columbus, GA

Comfort Inn City Mills
3460 Macon Rd. - 1801 1st Ave.

Days Inn by Wyndham Columbus Hotel Indigo: Columbus @ Riverfront Pl 3452 Macon Road - 21 West 14th Street

Quality Inn Columbus Marriot 3443 Macon Rd. - 800 Front Ave

Howard Johnson by Wyndham

AC Hotel by Marriot
3201 Macon Road

1225 Broadway

Courtyard by Marriot Army Lodging

3501 Courtyard Way - I-185 exit 7 https://moore.armymwr.com/ucheecreekcampground

Downtown 19 miles from church

Comfort Suites Columbus State U. Area Rental Cars from ATL airport start @ \$40 per day.

Groome Transportation from ATL Airport to Columbus and return – about \$82 plus tax, per each. https://groometransportation.com/columbus/