Charlotte Cursillo

June 2018 Newsletter

~ Want Ad ~

We are looking for a coordinator to manage and transport our Cursillo Trailer. This will require someone who has both a vehicle to pull the trailer and access to storage. The trailer is about 20 feet long by 6 feet wide. A 1/2 ton pickup would work best. However, for the past 5-6 years it was pulled with a Nissan Murano. You can contact Don Phipps at (704) 430-9685 for any questions.

2018 CALENDAR

Cursillo de Cursillo: January 25-28, Winnsboro, SC

Spring Encounter: April 20-21 Macon, GA

Women's Weekend
July 26-29, 2018
Charlotte HS, Charlotte, NC

Men's Weekend
August 16-19, 2018
St. Paul, Greensboro, NC

National Encounter: August 16-19 Seattle, WA

Weekends Reunion: October 13 (1-4) Sacred Heart Gym, Salisbury, NC

Fall Encounter: October 19 -20 Biloxi, MI

School of Leaders: 9:00 - 11:30 at St. Aloysius, Hickory, NC

School of Leaders Dates: 2/17, 3/17, 4/7, 5/19, 6/9, 7/21, 9/15, 10/6, 12/1

Contact Information

Sponsors can obtain the **Weekend Application** for candidates from the website.
Website: www.charlottecursillo.com
In addition: Check the website for the trifold brochure, forms, Ultreya information, related links, and more.

National: www.cursillo.org

Ultreyas are Growing

I want to share some of the joy I have been experiencing this year as a result of our Ultreyas. Carole Ball, our Postcursillo Chair, and I haven't visited all the Ultreyas yet, but we did go to our newest Ultreya in Gastonia. They are blossoming as a result of the effort of *Celeste Durasoff*, the Ultreya leader, and the area Cursillistas who are putting their hearts into Cursillo. I was impressed with an attendance of 16 at the last Ultreya but more impressed with the true friendship I found. Well done **Gastonia**!

Salisbury was very welcoming and enthusiastic. Over the last few years, the Secretariat has been working on authentic Ultreyas – they have all the recommended parts – Beginning and ending prayers, a witness with echo, group reunion, Spiritual Advisor's summation. Both Salisbury and Greensboro are proving that staying authentic promotes strong Ultreyas. A team of leaders in Salisbury is spreading the load and all are benefiting. *Erwin and Olivia Schmidt* and *Ted and Mary Blanton* should be commended for all their hard work.

James Ball is doing an excellent job in leading the **Greensboro** Ultreya. Carole, his wife, is a big help along with several that help with music, food, and whatever is needed. Attendance is up and Christian Community is on the rise.

Carole and I recently visited **Hendersonville** in the Western Ultreya region. There are some challenges and struggles as we all have had but we were encouraged after our visit. Groups are strong and It looks like we may have some Cursillistas interested in stepping up to help with the Ultreya. As I expect from Cursillistas, everyone was delightful. A big thanks to all in the area that are working for Cursillo.

In July Carole and I are looking forward to visiting the Winston-Salem Ultreya. I am hoping all the rest of the Ultreyas will invite us to visit them. ~ Kathy Crisson ~

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Cursillo Questions: Contact the Lay Director on the website.
Secretariat: Welcome to *Erin Hoyle*, Secretary and *Beth Ann Dulin*, Assistant Post Cursillo.
Cursillistas: Let us know what you would like to see covered in our Newsletter. Remember, it is for YOU.
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Deacon Ron Steinkamp
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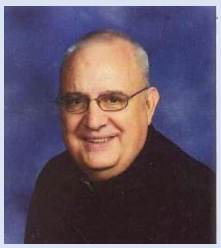

The Charlotte Diocese Cursillo Movement would like to pay special homage to Deacon Ron Steinkamp for the extensive work he has done to promote Cursillo in the diocese. For 3 years prior to becoming Director of Charlotte's Permanent Diaconate Program, he was the Spiritual Advisor for the Cursillo Movement in the diocese, promoting Weekend Retreats and participating in Group Reunions and Ultreyas to assist the new "babe chicks," and provide guidance for the more seasoned members.

Deacon Ron was an unwavering advocate for Cursillo, as is his wife, Bette. As a couple, they have been strong models of Christian spirituality. Following their lead, let us aspire to do likewise.

~ CCN ~

Cursillistas Serving in the Role of Sponsor… Should:

- Have a good understanding of the purpose and method of Cursillo.
- Have a good understanding of the purpose and responsibilities of Sponsoring.
- Focus on personal contact, authentic witness of life, and real Palanca with their friends.
- Have a good understanding of what it means to study our environment…of people.
- Read and apply the information contained in the Sponsor's booklet.
- Have a good understanding of the candidate selection and preparation process.
- Focus on knowing, placing, enlightening, and accompanying your candidate during the three phases: Precursillo, 3-Day Cursillo, and Postcursillo.
- Provide the candidate with a copy of the booklet: *The Cursillo Movement - What is it?*
- Spark the desire for a hunger for God and encourage an attitude of conversion.
- Follow up with candidates and give witness to the method of Group Reunion and Ultreya.

A Message from the Lay Director

Friends,

Here are some updates of Cursillo activities in the Charlotte Diocese. The Secretariat tries hard to study the movement and lead according to the charism given Eduardo Bonnín. Most of us attended the CDC (Cursillo De Cursillo) in January of this year. This was co-sponsored by the diocese of South Carolina and Charlotte. Members of Region VII Team and National presented the information. This is our opportunity to get the most current information. I can assure you, it was time well spent. Our knowledge for the movement increased, our enthusiasm for Cursillo increased, important contacts were made and an invaluable manual was given to us that National has told us we can share with the School of Leaders. Come check it out. We will have several copies for use by the School. It is a fantastic overall view of the Movement.

Weekends are coming up very shortly. We need your palanca – your prayers and sacrifices. Please write a *general* palanca letter telling everyone on the weekend how you are supporting them. Our prayers are essential and Christ is counting on us.

Precursillo is preparing a Sponsor's workshop to help us set up our candidates for success in Cursillo.

Postcursillo is always trying to improve our Ultreyas and give suggestions if you are having trouble in your groups. This year we are beginning a plan to grow Cursillo in our Diocese. This plan will be Ultreya based. Information will be sent to each of the Ultreya leaders soon. Be on the lookout.

If you have any suggestions or questions you can always contact me through the website. There is a link at the top right of the home page. I would love to hear from you.
Your Sister-in-Christ,

Kathy Crisson

~ Hot Off the Press ~

In an effort to strengthen the Weekend experience and community, we are establishing a new annual event, **Weekends Reunion**. It will be held 1 to 3 months after the Weekends each year and will be for all of the babe-chicks, team, and babe-chick sponsors of both Women's and Men's Weekends, and their spouses too.

This year the Weekends Reunion will be from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 13th in the Sacred Heart gym in Salisbury. Specifics, such as (1) room set-up, (2) child care, (3) beverages/snacks, and (4) schedule of events for the afternoon still need to be finalized, but will certainly include (5) social time, (6) grouping, and brief (7) speakers / announcements.

The Weekends Reunion will rekindle friendships, give our new Cursillistas an opportunity to ask questions and get help with any problems they might be experiencing, and let them know that we have not forgotten them!