

Charlotte Cursillo

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



2018 -2019 CALENDAR

Cursillo de Cursillo: January 25-28,
2018, Winnsboro, SC

National Encounter: August 16-19,
2018, Seattle, WA

Weekends Reunion: October 13 (1-4),
2018, Sacred Heart Gym, Salisbury, NC

Fall Encounter: October 19 -20, 2018
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

Men's Weekend

March 28-31, 2019
Valley Haven Retreat Ctr., Hickory, NC

Women's Weekend

April 4-7, 2019
Valley Haven Retreat Ctr., Hickory, NC

Spring Encounter: April 26-27, 2019,
Lawrenceville, GA

Contact Information

Sponsors can obtain the **Weekend Application** for candidates from the website.

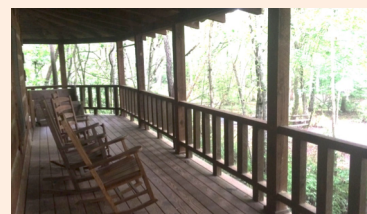
Website: www.charlottecursillo.com

In addition: Check the website for the trifold brochure, forms, Ultreya information, related links, and more.

National: www.natl-cursillo.org



Main Lodge



Covered Porch with Rocking Chairs

A New Site for Weekend Retreats?

"Our passion is Jesus... His Gospel. His Cross. His Grace. His Kingdom. **Valley Haven Camp and Retreat Center** is located on 175 acres of beautiful, wooded land full of winding creeks, open fields, and mountain views. Our mission is to provide a peaceful place of rest where people experience renewal in Jesus Christ." These are the opening lines in the retreat center's website. The site (a family-owned business which began in 1960) is just outside of Hickory, NC.

So...what are the features of this camp / retreat center...for our Cursillo Weekend? There are 2 large cabins that each sleep 30. All beds are twin size. Each cabin has 2 floors and each floor has two baths. We will use the 2 floors, but can use the lower bunk beds. The cabins have rocking chairs and a swing on their covered porches that span the full length of the cabin. They have excellent cooling and heating. The chapel accommodates 100, has sound equipment, podium, cd, and DVD player. The den, which is in the lodge, has a meeting table, several couches, and a wall-mounted TV with DVD player. There is also a chapel in the woods. The dining hall seats 75 at round tables and has a full commercial kitchen.

Because the cabins are separate from the Lodge (which has the Dining Hall, Chapel, and Kitchen), it is not handicap accessible, particularly for wheelchairs.

So, besides a passion for Jesus, Valley Haven has a passion for affordability and sacrificially cuts costs to accomplish this. We like the sound of that! (Check out valleyhavencamp.com for more information about our prospective retreat site.)

Cursillo Questions: Contact the Lay Director on the website.

Cursillistas: Let us know what you would like to see covered in our Newsletter. Remember, it is for YOU.

~ Telling Your Story ~

The following is a sharing from Celeste Durasoff in Gastonia who leads our newest Ultreya. She graciously agreed to tell us a little of how God is working in her life. Without her leadership the Gastonia Ultreya would not exist. They just had three babe chicks attend our last weekend with another three on the wait list. They are averaging about 15 who participate in Ultreya.

Commitment to the love of Cursillo. Our Father sent His Son and with the Holy Spirit, the Triune enters me with the words and action to share with those I encounter each day. I continue to become closer to Jesus with my consistent prayer, study and action. Being natural and sincere when I speak of Cursillo in my life. It is a sign of Christ in "me." "Me" is Christ within us.

The foundation of my journey was my Cursillo weekend. The weekend when special people are placed with a purpose by God. Blessings and gratitude abound.

This is just a seed. We are not alone with our prayer, we have family. Together we feel special and excited to grow. Weekly grouping begins our friendship with Cursillo sisters and brothers, eager to share our blessings from prayer, to and with God, Mary, and the saints. Prayer comes in many forms of study and action that are part of our daily life.

Ultreya is our monthly sharing that brings us together with an outreach of witness with other Cursillistas.

More family!

Then it happens -----someone out of the blue -----notices! And you find yourself speaking of your Cursillo life..

A Message from the Lay Director

News From the National Encounter

I wanted to give you a brief update on the National Encounter held at Seattle University in Seattle, WA on the 17th and 18th of August. Deacon Mike Martini, Miralee Ackerson, and I attended and one important item that came out of the Encounter was that there will be a new manual which will replace the Weekend 3-Day Manual. It is titled, "Step by Step." They did not give us a lot of details but it should be coming out in November, and will be presented to the Regional Coordinators first. This presentation will last one day and will take place in November. Our Regional Team will then present the information at the Region VII Encounter in Lawrenceville, GA from April 26 to 27, 2019. This will be after our next weekends, which are back-to-back weekends at the end of March and the beginning of April, 2019. We should have plenty of time to prepare for the next weekends. I would love to see a large attendance from our area. It is close enough to drive and we should be able to save money on transportation and hotel accommodations.

Also there was a very interesting talk on succession. While it focuses on succession within the Cursillo Movement, I believe it can be used in a broader sense. Cursillo tries to help everyone find their place in society that God has in store for them. There were five steps laid out to help prepare people to take on new rolls. Some of the terms for members of the Secretariat will end at the end of 2019. We want to have the best leaders possible to protect the Charism and to keep Cursillo moving forward in the diocese. Members of the Secretariat come from the School of Leaders. If you are interested in serving but want to know more you can speak with anyone on the Secretariat. We will be looking into the best ways to prepare people to serve.

~ Want Ad ~

We are "still" 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.

Winston-Salem Ultreya

Debra Horton currently heads our Winston-Salem Ultreya, taking it over from John and Pattie Eiffe a few months ago. The present format evolved over many years under John and Patti's effective leadership. This leadership is evidenced by a well-organized Ultreya and strong friendships among its members.

Although the format for Ultreya is set, each Ultreya has things that make it unique. Winston has an activity they call "Change for Change". At the end of their meeting they pass around a box for whoever wishes to drop in change. They average about \$500 a year. A 3-person committee determines where the funds are best utilized. It is introduced as "Change going to a cause that might benefit someone." It could be used for someone who is ill or someone who needs a weekend scholarship. It could be any need.

The Ultreya is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month and starts around 6:00 pm after Mass. Participants bring wine and snacks and have a brief social until the meeting begins at 6:15. They keep to 1 hour and "count off" for the Group Reunions.. Debra sets up the meetings, brings the sign-in sheets and prayer request book and gives the announcements. She is currently looking for someone to select the witness speakers. They usually have one echo and a spiritual commentary. Other people have specific assignments: Someone is in charge of paper products. Paul Cronin and Tim Ronan begin and end the meetings with song and supply lyric sheets for everyone to sing along. Paul also sends out the correspondence. Dick Egloff is the Ultreya Master of Ceremonies.

On my visit I saw first hand a model of friendship and organization. They welcome visitors. You might want to check them out!

~ Tita Wofford, editor ~

OUR RECENT CURSILLO WEEKENDS

~ Women's 82nd Cursillo Weekend ~

July 26-29, 2018

Charlotte Catholic HS, Charlotte, NC

Rectora: Trish Bunch / Candidates: 25

Candidate Parishes: W-S 4, Salisbury 4, So. Charlotte 11, Mountains 1, Gastonia 3, Our Lady of Consolation 2

~ Men's 80th Cursillo Weekend ~

August 16-19, 2018

St. Paul the Apostle, Greensboro, NC

Rector: James Ball / Candidates: 18

Candidate Parishes: W-S 1, Salisbury 3, So. Charlotte 8, No. Charlotte 2, Gastonia 1, Our Lady of Grace 2, Greensboro 1