

# Charlotte Cursillo

**MARCH 2018  
NEWSLETTER**



Welcome to our first Charlotte Diocese Cursillo Newsletter in a number of years. We want this to be user friendly, informative, and interesting. We plan to issue it Quarterly. This issue will inform you of dates for Cursillo events, plus, we have had numerous changes in staffing for various positions in the Secretariat, Ultreya, and other roles.

Please look below for these updates.

You might want to hang on to this newsletter so you can have all the diocesan Cursillo positions and contact information on hand. However, our Newsletters will be archived on the website.

## 2018 CALENDAR

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

**Spring Encounter:** April 20-21  
Macon, GA

**Men's Weekend**  
Information Coming Soon

**Women's Weekend**  
Information Coming Soon

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

**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/NA, 7/21, 8/18,  
9/15, 10/6, 11/NA, 12/1

## Contact Information

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

Website: [www.charlottecursillo.com](http://www.charlottecursillo.com)

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

**National:** [www.cursillo.org](http://www.cursillo.org)

**Cursillo Questions:** Contact the Lay Director on the website.

## Cursillo Secretariat

Lay Director	Kathy Crisson
Spiritual Advisor	Deacon Mike Martini
Assistant Lay Director	John Sequeira
School of Leaders	Tricia Bunch
Assistant School of Leaders	Aldona Towner
Treasurer	Christine Cathcart
Precursillo Women	Patti Eiffe
Precursillo Men	Don Phipps
3-Day Women	Miralee Ackerson
3-day Men	John Eiffe
Postcursillo	Carole Ball
Assistant Postcursillo	VACANT
Secretary	VACANT
Charlotte Cursillo Website	Warren Grasheim
Newsletter / Marketing	Tita Wofford

## Ultreya Leaders

Gastonia	Celeste Durasoff
Greensboro	James Ball
Mountains	Anthony Braun
North Charlotte	KC Shiners
Our Lady of Consolation	Helen Reid
Salisbury	Erwin Schmitt
South Charlotte	John & Molly Sequeira
Western Carolina	Kathy Crisson
Winston-Salem	John Eiffe

## Other Cursillo Leaders

Palanca Coordinator	Holly Kennedy
Trailer Coordinator	Don Phipps

## Regional VII Support

Regional Coordinator	Ron Paulinelli
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*Do you have an inspiring Cursillo story? This column is reserved for you! Keep it under 300 words, and yours might be selected for the Newsletter.*

Submit to: [www.charlottecursillo.com](http://www.charlottecursillo.com)  
Click on the "CONTACT THE LAY DIRECTOR" link.

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St. Pius X, my parish in Greensboro, had an evening of music, with record attendance, at its recently restored coffeehouse. To promote the event, I had sent over 50 fliers to friends. One of these friends encouraged a woman, interested in returning to the Catholic Church, to attend and introduce herself to me. After my performance she approached me. I engaged in conversation with her to get to know her better, as she was a complete stranger to me. She was from New York and had been in Greensboro about 2 years. She shared about her life and her family. As she stayed the whole evening, I took the opportunity to introduce her to my family and a number of friends.

I invited her to come to Mass the following Sunday and said she could sit with my sister since I would be in the choir. She did come, and following Mass there was an anointing. She was happy to participate in it as well. After the anointing I was speaking with a deacon's wife about a Lay Ministry class that I had just attended and my friend expressed an interest in attending a religious class as well. I suggested RCIA as a refresher in her knowledge of the faith. She enthusiastically agreed to start attending the following week. The deacon's wife participates in the instruction and has offered to take good care of my new friend. We texted right after our encounter and have continued to do so. This whole scenario transpired in less than 6 hours.

Make a friend, be a friend,  
bring your friend to Christ!

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*by Tita Wofford, parishioner, St. Pius X, Greensboro, NC*

## A Message from the Lay Director



Friends,

I hope to make this a regular article in our newsletter. Let me tell you about three projects the Secretariat is working on this year. We need YOUR prayers, YOUR input, and YOUR enthusiasm! The Movement consists of three areas - Precursillo, Cursillo (the 3-Day Weekend), and Postcursillo. Important work in these areas is done in the breakout sessions at the School of Leaders. There will be one project for each session. This is where we need your help.

- 1) Precursillo - A Sponsors Workshop on helping our candidates succeed and thrive in their ongoing conversions.
- 2) Cursillo (3-Day Weekend) - Reunion Celebration of babe chicks, sponsors, and team held 4-6 weeks after the 2018 Weekends.
- 3) Postcursillo - A plan to spread Cursillo throughout the Diocese.

The Spirit is alive and well in the Charlotte Cursillo Community. In January some members of our Secretariat and School of Leaders attended a CDC (Cursillo de Cursillo) in South Carolina. We were affirmed by National in the direction we want to go, and in February the Secretariat met for their yearly planning meeting. These projects were discussed and we are bringing them to the breakout sessions at the School of Leaders. Consider entering the discussion by attending the School. Everything in Cursillo moves on prayer and palanca. Christ is counting on us!

Kathy

### Did You Know?

- We should pray and sacrifice (palanca) for each other's plans. Then all in the group share the joy of the successes and the pain of the failures. A plan of one is a plan of all.
- The group reunion is the instrument for launching our apostolic offensive.
- Your idealism, self-surrender and spirit of charity are the minimum effort needed to find the fulfillment offered by the Cursillo. They should become permanent in the group reunion.