

Charlotte Cursillo

SEPTEMBER 2019
NEWSLETTER



2019 - 2020 CALENDAR

Men's Weekend

July 30 - Aug 2, 2020
St. Paul the Apostle, Greensboro, NC

Women's Weekend

August 6-9, 2020
St. Paul the Apostle, Greensboro, NC

Spring Encounter:

April 26-27, 2019,
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Weekends Reunion

June 1, 2019
Sacred Heart, Salisbury, NC

National Encounter:

July 18-21, 2019
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Eucharistic Congress: Sept 6-7, 2019

Grand Ultreya: Sept 20-22, 2019
Valley Haven Retreat Ctr, Hickory, NC

Fall Regional Encounter

October 18-19, 2019
Orlando, Florida

School of Leaders: 9:00 - 11:30 AM
3/16 – St. Aloysius / 4 – No School /
5/18 – St. Leo / 6/15 – Sacred Heart /
7/20 – St. Leo / 8/17 – Sacred Heart /
10/26 – Sacred Heart / 11 – No School /
12/7 – Sacred Heart

St. Aloysius, Hickory, NC
St. Leo, Winston Salem, NC
Sacred Heart, Salisbury, NC

Contact Information

Candidate Weekend Application for Sponsors is on the website.

Website: www.charlottecursillo.com

National: www.natl-cursillo.org

My First Experience at a Cursillo National Encounter



2019 National Encounter Attendees from the Charlotte Diocese



Tita Wofford, here,...your editor, taking this opportunity to tell you about my experience as a first timer at a Cursillo National Encounter. I have attended many of the usual Cursillo events: my own Weekend and as a team member, Grouping, Ultreya, CDC (Cursillo de Cursillo), and Regional Encounters, but never a National Encounter. (This was a

double treat for me as it took place in Scranton, PA...the home of my Italian ancestors.) So, what did I glean from this experience?

The Encounter was held on the beautiful campus of the University of Scranton, where we also ate and stayed overnight. And, although it was expected that around 700 would attend, 900+ actually participated. To top that, there was a diversity of language groups: English, Korean Filipino, Spanish, Portuguese, and Vietnamese: Rightly so, as it was the 75th Anniversary of the first Cursillo in Mallorca, Spain, and the 29th National Encounter!



We were graced with informative presentations, by five bishops, three priests, and a deacon. We had daily Mass, and enjoyed the camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts from all over the country. We were encouraged to meet in smaller groups with people we had never met before. Each day, the idea was to get to know as many people as possible. This was very effective and, I don't doubt, fruitful for many.

For me, personally, the highlight of the Encounter was listening to two speakers from Mallorca. The first was Miguel Sureda Tierno, 80, who met Eduardo Bonnin in 1965 and maintained a deep and fruitful relationship with him until Eduardo's death February 2008. Ramón Rosselló Nadal, 79, likewise enjoyed an intimate friendship with Eduardo and at times shared Group Reunion with him. Their talks "solidified" for me our current approach of going back to the foundation that Eduardo espoused in his charisma which created the Cursillo Movement. Be assured, that these men, who knew Eduardo best of all, have given us the thumbs up that we are on track for fulfilling Eduardo's vision for Cursillo: Creating friendships, and through that, bringing all to Christ!

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.

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Why Attend Ultreya?

ULTREYA

At the August School of Leaders, we had a conversation about Ultreya. Instead of spinning our wheels speculating about why many Cursillo friends aren't attending, we shared why we personally attend Ultreya. The following answers were quite candid:

◆ I see it on my calendar, but I don't want to go. I made myself go because I know that I should. I always enjoy myself and I'm surprised when I have the same reluctance month after month.

◆ I really want to attend my Ultreya because of the community. Unfortunately, I have RCIA and work, and I haven't been able to attend. I'm thinking about attending another Ultreya with a better day and time for my schedule.

◆ I always have the date on my calendar. I am very private. Ultreya has given me a roadmap to be in community with like-minded people and to share and to receive love and friendship

◆ I go to Ultreya to group with others that I don't typically see and for the community. Once I started to help with an aspect of Ultreya, I started to get to know people better and in a more intimate way.

◆ I like to go. I enjoy Ultreya because of the support and community of the group.

◆ Ultreya! Onward! It does this for me; it keeps me going. I gain insights that I would not get otherwise, especially in the Witness Talks. I always take something home with me.

◆ I go because I believe the Lord wants me to support Cursillo, and attending Ultreya is part of my commitment to the Lord.

◆ I work out of town all week and by the weekend I want to be with my husband and my family. It's not convenient for me to be there and my husband hasn't lived his weekend, but I go because I need that recharge in my life.

◆ I'm a rule follower. I was told at the Closing to go, so I go. I love Ultreya and being with others, the friendship and the depth of the Ultreya group reunion. Attending Ultreya also helps our weekly group to remain authentic.

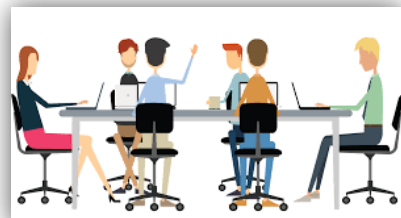
◆ There's diversity in the different groups that come from all over the mountains. We offer different perspectives for one another.

◆ Ultreya is a reminder of living in grace with the Lord just as we did on our weekend.

Currently, the Charlotte Cursillo has nine different monthly Ultreya gatherings sprinkled throughout the diocese. See <http://charlottecursillo.com/home/area-ultreyas/>. During the past several years, Ultreya participation has grown. If you haven't attended an Ultreya in a while, why not give it another chance?

"For I long to see you...that you and I may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith." Romans 1:11:12 (by Beth Ann Dulin & Carole Ball, Post Cursillo)

Secretariat Members to be Selected



Cursillo Secretariat assignments run 3 years and are staggered to maintain fluidity and consistency in the Cursillo Movement for our diocese.

The following positions are open in the Secretariat, which is in the process of voting.

- Lay Director
- Assistant Lay Director
- 3-Day Women's Chair
- Treasurer

Additional Cursillo News

The **Rector/Rectora** for the next Cursillo Weekends are being selected.

Step-by-Step Manual – A team of two (male & female) will head up the role out, subject to approval by the Secretariat.



September 21, 2019

Valley Haven Camp & Retreat Center

~ **COME ONE, COME ALL** ~

TO PARTICIPATE IN FAMILY FUN AND FRIENDSHIPS!

**Family Activities / Talent Show / Spiritual Talk
Witness / Cookout / . . .**

Registration Information on charlottecursillo.com