

# Charlotte Cursillo

## DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



### 2019 - 2020 CALENDAR

#### 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

**Grand Ultreya:** Sept 11-12 2020  
Valley Haven Retreat Ctr, Hickory, NC

#### Fall Regional Encounter

October 18-19, 2019  
Orlando, Florida

**School of Leaders:** 9:00 - 11:30 AM  
01/04, 02/08, 03/21, 04/04, 05/23,  
06/13, 07/11, 08/22, 09/19,  
10/10, 11/14, 12/05

*Sacred Heart, Salisbury, NC*

#### 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

**Eucharistic Congress:** Sept 11, 2020

### Contact Information

**Candidate Weekend Application** for  
Sponsors is on the website.

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

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

### CURSILLO SECRETARIAT

Lay Director	John Sequeira
Spiritual Advisor	Deacon Mike Martini
Assistant Lay Director	Miralee Ackerson
Assistant Lay Director (Analytics)	Bob Desch
School of Leaders	Beth Ann Dulin
Assistant School of Leaders	Barbara Dean
Treasurer	Christine Cathcart
Precursillo Women	Patti Eiffe
Precursillo Men	Don Phipps
3-Day Women	Olivia Schmidt
3-day Men	Warren Grasheim
Postcursillo	Hamp Dulin
Assistant Postcursillo	<b>VACANT</b>
Secretary	Erin Hoyle

### ULTREYA LEADERS

Gastonia	Celeste Durasoff
Greensboro	Bill & Mary Wells
Mountains	Anthony Braun
North Charlotte	KC Shinnars & Eric Kennedy
Our Lady of Consolation	Helen Reid
Salisbury	Colette & Greg Miller
South Charlotte	Kim & Chris Greene
Western Carolina	Jeri Schneider
Winston-Salem	Debra Remley & Paul Cronin

### OTHER CURSILLO LEADERS

Step by Step Lead	Kathy Crisson
Step by Step Assistant	John Eiffe
Charlotte Cursillo Website	Warren Grasheim
Newsletter / Marketing	Tita Wofford

### REGIONAL VII SUPPORT

Regional Coordinator	Ron Paulinelli
Regional Spiritual Advisor	Deacon Mike Martini

### OPEN POSITIONS (**VACANT**)

Palanca Coordinator  
Trailer Coordinator

**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.

**Editor:** Tita Wofford

## 2019 Charlotte Diocese Grand Ultreya



Grand Ultreya Talent Show Winners – The Wong Family



White Rooster



Nighttime Bonfire & Gathering

If you were not at the Valley Haven Camp and Retreat Center in Hickory mid-September for our first Grand Ultreya in a number of years, you missed a great gathering of Cursillistas. This 2-day event (or 1-day if you so chose) combined plenty of activities to satisfy just about everyone.

With a total of 58 in attendance, there was plenty of room for “bunkers.” Lunch and dinner were provided on Saturday. There were games aplenty for adults and kids.

A high point of the weekend was the Talent Show, which included group songs, family performances, comedic skits, and vocal solos. Our winner this year was the musical Wong family, now the proud holders of the prized “White Rooster.” The Wongs will be defending their title next year.

Everyone enjoyed Deacon Mike Martini’s spiritual reflection: *How is your faith life? Who is your King? Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.* (St. Aug.) His talk was followed by a communion service...the icing on our *spiritual* cake!

Another special treat was walking along a lighted pathway one evening leading to a bonfire, where people gathered, engaged in conversation, and toasted smores.

Grand Ultreya did not disappoint. See ya’ll next year!

## Eucharistic Congress

Charlotte Diocese Cursillo was present during this year’s Eucharistic Congress. A booth, staffed by Cursillistas, had literature available for anyone interested in learning more about the Movement. *Consider helping to staff this booth next year if you are planning to attend the 2020 Eucharistic Congress*

## Cursillo Keeps Growing

*There has been a lot of activity in the Charlotte Diocese Cursillo this past year. The Cursillo Movement continues to assess its direction, all the while trying to follow the true charism of its founder, Eduardo Bonnin.*

**Step by Step** is the original Weekend Rector’s Guide developed by Eduardo Bonnin. A committee in our diocese has been formed to implement these guidelines.

**School of Leaders** (which is *the working arm* of the Movement) has taken a big leap forward by creating groups or teams that will gather in breakout sessions during the meetings to discuss their activities in (1) making Step by Step viable for a Weekend Retreat, (2) enhancing the meal experience via the Kitchen assignment, (3) creating a Cursillo presence at the Eucharistic Congress, (4) preparing for our next Grand Ultreya, and (5) working to Grow and Spread Cursillo in the Diocese.

**Secretariat** has just revised its *bylaws* to better reflect its activities. Changes in membership have recently taken place: some have dropped off while new ones have taken over those assignments.

At this time, we recognize our retiring Lay Director, Kathy Crisson, for her efforts working to serve the Movement. **John Sequeira** will be our new Lay Director.

**Miralee Ackerson** is leaving Women’s 3-Day Chair for her new position as the Assistant Lay Director. **Olivia Schmidt** will be stepping in as the 3-Day Women’s Chair.

**Warren Grasheim** will replace John Eiffe for the Men’s 3-Day Chair.

Carol Ball is leaving Postcursillo and will be succeeded by **Hamp Dulin**. The Assistant Postcursillo position will need to be filled.

**Beth Ann Dulin** will be taking over for Tricia Bunch for School of Leaders. Adona Towner steps down from Assistant School of Leaders to be replaced by **Barbara Dean**.

Each of the Chair positions on the Secretariat has a term of 3 years. *(See the current list on the front page.)*



Celebrating Christmas at Winston-Salem Ultreya