



### 2023 CALENDAR

#### CURSILLO WEEKEND DATES

Men's - June 15-18

Women's - June 22-25

Location: TBD



*Season's Greetings*



*Wishing blessings to all  
and peace this  
Christmas & New Year!*

#### 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)

### Director's Cut



Merry Christmas to all and to all best wishes for a Happy New Year! As another year comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful events of the past year and busily planning for those of the upcoming year.

Looking back, we have been blessed by welcoming Deacon Jack Staub as our new Cursillo Spiritual Advisor, holding successful Women's and Men's Cursillo Weekends (welcoming 31 new babe-chicks into our fold), the opportunity to attend a full year of informative and spiritually refreshing School of Leaders meetings, a fun and friendship-filled Grand Ultreya, and an opportunity to attend the Regional Fall Encounter in Lawrenceville, GA.

As the year comes to an end, we also find ourselves experiencing a number of changes in our Secretariat leadership team as selected chairs end their terms of office and their replacements arrive ready for their new responsibilities. At the end of the month, we will be saying goodbye to Beth Ann Dulin (Charlotte) who has been planning and presenting our School of Leaders each month; to Olivia Schmitt (Salisbury) who has been chairing our Cursillo Women's Weekend team, to Hamp Dulin (Charlotte) who has been faithfully leading our Postcursillo team, and to Bill Wells (Oak Ridge), who is passing the Treasurer's baton to his spouse, Mary, while continuing in his role as our Communications advisor. We owe all these faithful servants our deep gratitude for...in spite of all the time demands of today's society...they have found time to serve God through our Cursillo ministry.

As we tearfully say goodbye to our outgoing friends and colleagues, we also look forward to working with a new team of top-notch replacements. Starting in January, Sue Tinker (Mint Hill) will chair our School of Leaders; Patti Eiffe (Lewisville) will be our new Women's Cursillo Weekend chairperson; Pam Kelly (Winston-Salem) will be our new Postcursillo chairperson, and Mary Wells (Oak Ridge), will be our new Treasurer. We are blessed in our diocese to have such talented and dedicated Cursillistas willing to step forward and serve faithfully.

Our new Secretariat team will be holding our annual planning and spiritual retreat at the Catholic Conference Center in January where we pull together the 2023 Cursillo Calendar. While we have not yet finalized the location of our 2023 Cursillo Weekends, we have fixed the dates as June 15-18 (Men's) and June 22-25 (Women's). Time to make those friends, be those friends, and bring those friends to Christ!

Merry Christmas!



**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



## What's Happening On Our Cursillo Website?



We are very excited about a “refresh” on the website. This will include:

- New graphics
- Improved communication with our Cursillo Community
- Enhancement for managing the documentation for the Weekend.

The refresh will be ready by the First Quarter of 2023.

Stay tuned!

## The Regional Encounter is for YOU! And it is coming to CHARLOTTE

**April 14-15, 2023 at St. Matthew Church**

- Spend a day and a half with Cursillistas from all over Region 7
- Rollos-group discussion-music-food-liturgy-fellowship-friendship-reflection, and an all-around Cursillo experience.
- There is much work to be done and **your** help is needed: hospitality, food, transportation, setup/cleanup, liturgy planning, and much more. Contact Chris at [chris.schneider0805@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.schneider0805@yahoo.com) or Pam at [kellyphk@gmail.com](mailto:kellyphk@gmail.com).
- Look for more info through your Ultreya Leads, Facebook (Cursillo-Catholic Diocese of Charlotte) & website ([charlottecursillo.com](http://charlottecursillo.com)).

## The Grand 2022 Grand Ultreya!

Pam Reid & Chris Schneider - Coordinators

Like most events, it takes a dedicated group of people, with a dedicated leader, to pull it off. So was the case with this year's Grand Ultreya. Approximately 60 people gathered on October 8 at Dan Nicholas Park (Salisbury) for a day of inspiration, beautiful scenery, food-too-good-for-words, fun and laughter, fellowship, and worship. Who could ask for more?

When asked what they liked best, attendees' first reactions included "The speakers were great. Deacon Jack (Staub) set the tone with his talk about God's love, and Eric (Kennedy)'s witness talk followed up with great tools to nurture that love."

- Patti Poll

"I liked the community and the flow. Time for visiting, spiritual inspiration, and all the activities at the park." - Tricia Bunch

During the opening prayer and announcements, we were joined by the Hispanic community, which was holding its event at a nearby shelter. They also joined us for mass, celebrated by Monsignor John J. McSweeney at the close of the day.

Grillmaster, Hamp Dulin, did his magic over the flames and we all feasted on everyone's delicious contributions.

Activities included cornhole, Erwin Schmitt's annual "Pass It to the Right" game plus many fun opportunities at the park.

Many thanks to the Postcursillo Group, led by Pam Kelly, Chris Schneider, and their committee. Everyone did a great job of organizing and executing. What a special day for all! If you weren't able to come this year, be sure to put it on your bucket list for 2023.



The Pavilion



Eric Kennedy – Deacon Jack Staub



Good Eats



Time for Relaxation



Chris Schneider



Hispanic Grand Ultreya