



### 2021 CALENDAR

#### UPCOMING

#### School of Leaders

Time: 9:00 – 11:30

June 26

July: Replaced by Women's Weekend

August 28

September: Replaced by Grand Ultreya

October 23

November 13

December 11

*(Zoom Virtual Meetings to coincide with  
Live meetings)*



#### Cursillo Weekends

##### Women's 84<sup>th</sup>

July 29 - August 1

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
High Point, NC

##### Men's 82<sup>nd</sup>

August 5-8

St. Therese  
Mooresville, NC

#### Grand Ultreya

**Saturday, September 25**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Lake Norman State Park

<http://www.ncparks.gov/lake-norman-state-park/home>

### 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



John Sequeira

A year ago in this column, I wrote that "it's Groundhog Day again at the Sequeira residence" since we were in the 4<sup>th</sup> month of the initial COVID-19 lockdown. At the time, I had no idea this would end up being a 15-month global ordeal-that is still going.

Well, today feels like a "New Day" rather than "Groundhog Day." I am now meeting with my 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group (all fully vaccinated) at one of our member's home. And, praise God, we just had our first face-to-face School of Leaders meeting since the 2020 lockdown. We met outdoors at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salisbury and it was a beautiful day. The sun was shining and so were all those faces I had so sorely missed. While I am grateful to the folks who developed Zoom since it kept us on life-support for 15 months, it just isn't the same as the "real thing."

I know we are not altogether out of the woods with this virus. Many of you are still reluctant to remove your mask or dispense with social distancing. For that reason, we will continue to provide access to our School of Leaders and other large group meetings via Zoom when appropriate. Should our School of Leaders team decide to meet indoors with the summer heat coming, we will be sure to provide adequate space for those of you who wish to join physically but also wish to keep your masks on and maintain social distancing.

As to our upcoming Cursillo Weekends, we really do not know what is in store with regard to COVID-19 protocols. We will follow whatever NC State and Diocesan guidelines are in force at the time the Weekends take place. Much will also depend upon the guidelines issued by the parishes where our Weekends will be held. Time will tell.

Please be sure to reach out to any prospective candidates you might know for either Weekend. You can download an application at our Charlotte Cursillo website: <http://charlottecursillo.com>. Teams have been assembled for both Weekends and planning is in full force. Time's a wasting, so let's get going. It's a New Day!



**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



## LAY DIRECTOR— What Does He/She Do?



Hi everyone. My name is John Sequeira and I am currently the Lay Director for the English-speaking Community in the Diocese of Charlotte. Along with our Spiritual Advisor, I report to the bishop and am responsible for ensuring that the Cursillo Movement in our diocese grows while remaining true to the charism of our original founder, Edward Bonnin, and the guidelines of the worldwide Cursillo Movement.

Remember those old TV shows where a sergeant faced a line of troops and asked for a volunteer for some difficult task; then everyone, with the exception of one poor guy, took one step backwards? Well, that's pretty much how God placed me into this position. I had some pretty big shoes to fill as our two prior Lay Directors (Kathy Crisson and Mary Phipps) had worked tirelessly to strengthen and grow our Movement in our diocese...as well as others before them. But then, as you know, "God does not call the qualified but rather qualifies the called," so here I am.

Among the things I am responsible for are: (1) ensuring that all of the positions needed to support the Cursillo Movement in our diocese are staffed by fellow Cursillistas interested in promoting the Movement, (2) preparing for and directing all of the meetings of our diocesan Cursillo Secretariat, (3) promoting a spirit of unity among the Secretariat and the School of Leaders, (4) providing an annual report to the Bishop, and (5) serving as a member of the Region VII Secretariat. Aside from being the representative of our movement within our diocese, our region, and the worldwide Movement, the only thing I have to do is ensure that everyone else is doing their job. The key is to have a dedicated and excited group of Cursillistas in all of our key positions. With God's grace, that's where we are today.

My term of office began on January 1, 2020 so I am mid-way through my 3-year term. And boy does time fly. It will be my honor to serve our community through December 31, 2022. My biggest challenge over the next 18 months will be finding our next Lay Director. Will all volunteers please take one step forward?

~ John Sequeira ~

## OUR CURSILLO TRAILER NEEDS A HOME



We are in need of a place to park our Cursillo trailer containing the Weekend supplies. This can be at a parish or at someone's home/property.

We also need someone to tow the trailer to the Weekend locations. It would be great to have a team of volunteers to share this duty.

If you would like to be part of this team, please contact Warren Grasheim @ 475-225-4031 or Olivia Schmitt @ 336-413-1530.

Thanks in advance for helping.

## School of Leaders

### First In-Person Meeting Since the Beginning of COVID-19

As you can see from the photos, we could not have had a more perfect day for our first School of Leaders (SOL) outing. Literally. Even though rain threatened, we were comfortable... and dry...and joyful!



The meeting followed its usual protocols: Grouping, the Spiritual Talk by Deacon Mike Martini (*I Heard God Laugh*) by Matthew Kelley, & the Technique Talk on *Techniques for Encouraging Friendship During the 3-Day Weekend*, given

by Warren Grasheim.

Finally, members met in their respective Breakout Groups: Precursillo discussed the Quadrant Sheet which helps the Weekend Team get to know the candidates better, and open vs closed Group Reunions; 3-Day participants got to fill out the Hobby Sheet which, likewise, helps each one get to know areas of interest of both the Team and candidates; and Postcursillo held a lively discussion regarding this year's Grand Ultreya (September 25) with a committee of five established to work out all the details.

The Men's and Women's Teams met after the SOL, this time indoors, in continued preparation for the Weekends.

~ Tita Wofford ~