Charlotte Cursillo

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER



2022 CALENDAR

UPCOMING

School of Leaders: 9:00 – 11:30 AM 01/29, 02-26, 03/26, 04/30, 05/28, 06/25, 07/30, 08/27, 09//24, 10/29, 11/19, 12/3 or 17 (Live & Zoom Virtual Meetings)

Spring Regional Encounter April 22-23, 2022 Birmingham, AL

Women's 85th Weekend July 14-17, 2022 St. Ann, Charlotte, NC

Men's 83rd Weekend July 21-24, 2022 Sacred Heart, Salisbury NC

National Encounter July 21-24 Orange, CA (Chapman University)

18th Eucharistic Congress August 5-6, Charlotte Convention Center

Post-Weekend Reunion August 27, 2022 Sacred Heart, Salisbury 1:00-4:00 PM

Grand Ultreya & Fundraiser October 8, 2022 Dan Nicholas State Park, Salisbury NC

Fall Regional Encounter October 21-22 (Location: to be announced)

Contact Information

Candidate Weekend Application for Sponsors is on the website. Website: <u>www.charlottecursillo.com</u> National: <u>www.natl-cursillo.org</u>

Director's Cut



Hi Everyone, Molly and I just returned from our 40-day long European vacation. (Yes, a vacation of biblical proportions!). While away, we had the opportunity to visit a number of locations mentioned in the bible, including Athens, Crete, Ephesus, and Cappadocia), and a visit to our Mother Mary's home in Ephesus was moving. Best of all, we were able to experience our "catholic" (universal) church by visiting numerous sanctuaries from simple 1st century Roman chapels to ornate, Baroque 16th Century cathedrals. Our Catholic heritage runs deep and wide. With our handy "Magnificat" and "Give Us This Day" in hand, we attended mass in multiple languages while always feeling "right at home." All the same, it is good to be back home again.

So, summertime is here "and the liven' is easy." Or so, Ella Fitzgerald once sang. I'm sure it is for some folks. But for those with Cursillo Weekend leadership positions, it's preparation time. John Eiffe has assembled a team of dedicated men to plan and work the upcoming Men's Cursillo Weekend (July 21-24) and Cris Brincefield has gathered a wonderful group of ladies to plan and deliver the upcoming Women's Cursillo Weekend (July 14-17). Please pray for these team members and all the candidates who are considering their commitment. Now is the time to step up all our Palanca efforts.

This year we will be hosting a post-weekend Reunion on August 27th for all team members, new babe-chicks, and all sponsors and supporters. The Reunion is a critical part of the Cursillo Weekend as this is where much of the 4th Day information will be provided to the new Babe-chicks. So, mark your calendars.

Finally, we will be hosting another "Grand Ultreya" this Fall. This year's event will be held on October 8th at the Dan Nicholas State Park in Salisbury, NC. The event will include great food, board and physical games, and Saturday's vigil Mass. You won't want to miss this once-a-year social event with some of the nicest folks you've ever met.

See you there.

~ John Sequeira ~

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



Cursillo Secretariat Newsletter & Marketing



John & Kim Moloney have been parishioners of St Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville, NC for 22 years now. They recently celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary in May and have two daughters, Katie (27) living in Atlanta and Megan (25) living in Chicago. Kim made her Cursillo weekend in 2016 and John following in 2017 at the Men's 79th at Charlotte Catholic High School.

John & Kim both serve at Catechists in the Faith Formation program at St Therese and have been involved in various capacities in the parish over the years. John is the General Manager of Penske Technology Group in Mooresville which provides wind tunnel / aerodynamic & vehicle dynamic test, engineering, and development services to the Penske NASCAR, IndyCar, and SportsCar race team(s). John is an avid pilot, Certified Flight Instructor (CFII) and experiences many of his weekly 'moments closet to Christ' (and evangelization) in the skies -a bit closer to heaven.

Duties & Responsibilities of the Secretariat Secretary:

- Attend all meetings of the Secretariat.
- Promote and maintain an authentic Cursillo.
- Attend School of Leaders and Ultreyas and other 4th Day activities on a regular basis.
- Record the meeting minutes of all meetings and see to it that they are reviewed and approved by the Lay Director within one week following the Secretariat meeting.
- Record and update the Secretariat Action Tracking Report (ATR) spreadsheet which documents and tracks Secretariat member and committee action items and associated schedules.
- Following the Lay Director's review and approval of the meeting minutes and ATR, distribute the meeting minutes and ATR to the Secretariat members and to all others who shall receive them.
- Record attendance at monthly Secretariat meetings.
- Retain a copy of all the meeting minutes for the permanent record.
- Assure that all Secretariat mailing and contact lists are up to date.
- Respect confidentiality with regard to sensitive issues which may be discussed during Secretariat meetings.
- Other duties as directed by the Secretariat
 ~ John Moloney ~

Guys at the Park



Grouping Creativity Has No Limits!

I'm sure our story of *Guys at the Park* is a fairly common one. Years ago, we were guys at "Chick-fil-a." But, the Covid hit and we were, for a brief time, guys in various chairs around the house, looking weird on cell phones pointed up our nostrils. Luckily, this was the shortest rendition of "Guys at..."

We really like our new spot at the park. We see the dog-walker lady with two Dalmatians every Tuesday. We wave at the iron man trainees as they leap off their bikes, snatch on their running shoes, and exit the opposite side of the lot near where we set up our camp chairs.

In the summer, when daylight stretches on past the end of our reunion, we retreat under the large magnolia tree on the small rise to stay in the shade and catch whatever breeze may blow. We greet the park ranger on his golf cart who was wary at first, but now smiles broadly and waves knowing we're no trouble brewing, just guys in chairs, sharing.

Fall brings lots of kids and moms out...not too near our area, but the whole place is humming with activity. We, too, seem to rise to the occasion with renewed vigor, perhaps from helping on recent Weekends, still riding the high from renewed contact with friends we hadn't seen in a while, or asking if you met so and so...they were so interesting.

As the holidays approach, lots of communication erupts about who's in town and, yes, we're going to meet, but probably not between Christmas and New Year. When the long dark days of winter are upon our little rise, the chairs move down from the magnolia, almost into the parking lot, but still near the streetlight to get away from the breeze we sought back in the heat of summer. Heavy coats and sometimes blankets or sleeping bags accompany the old standby camp chair. Hot coffee in stainless cups make it more festive. With hats pulled down and collars turned up, we often are more reflective, perhaps being so well covered makes deep sharing seem safer somehow. But, winter does eventually relent. Plans are laid for the Lenten journey. Before Easter arrives, lots of encouragement has been given along with healthy doses of healing for failures and setbacks on 'Our journey to Easter.'

Spring bursts out with all the flowers and trees and the pleasant warm breeze returns, and we move back up the hill and greet the lady with the Dalmatians and we start all over again...we...*Guys at the Park*!

~ Hamp Dulin ~

NOTICE: Our Fundraiser, scheduled for June 11, had to be cancelled due to COVID. However, it has been rescheduled to take place during the Grand Ultreya on October 8. Now, you'll have twice the enjoyment!