



2021 CALENDAR

UPCOMING

School of Leaders

Time: 9:00 – 11:30

March 27
April 24
May 29
June 26
July 31
August 28
September 25
October 23
November 13
December 11

(Zoom Virtual Meetings)

If you have never (or rarely) been able to attend School of Leaders, now is the perfect time to...
GIVE IT A TRY!
Best part...no travel



Cursillo Weekends?

Please hold

Late July | Early August

for 2021 Cursillo Weekends. Obviously, our ability to have Weekends will be dependent on Covid-19 restrictions at these times. Your prayers and palanca are requested.

Contact Information

Candidate Weekend Application for Sponsors is on the website.

Website: www.charlottecursillo.com

National: www.natl-cursillo.org

Director's Cut



John Sequeira

If you had told me back in March 2020 that we would still be wearing masks, social distancing, and be locked out of our parish meeting rooms a year from now, I would have said, "No way." Well, unfortunately, that's the way it turned out. Such is life.

Fortunately, many of our older (excuse me, "seasoned") Cursillistas have already received their double COVID-19 vaccinations and more of our Cursillistas will be scheduled to do so over the next few months. While only time will tell, our Secretariat team is assuming that the current COVID restrictions will be loosened sufficiently for us to hold both our Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends by late July/early August.

So, it's time to "seriously" start praying for all those men and women who you have been thinking would be good candidates for our 2021 Weekends. While it is certainly more difficult to approach a prospective candidate under our current COVID restrictions, friends don't stop caring about friends simply because they can't meet face-to-face as easily as before. "Make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ" is still the best way to transform those who are "Far Away" into excited, energetic, joyful apostles of Christ. So, it's time to stop procrastinating and finding excuses for having that conversation with someone the Holy Spirit is nudging you to speak with. Just "get 'er done."

Also, let's not forget our obligation to perform "palanca" for all of our Weekend candidates and their support teams. Palanca, comes from the Spanish word for "lever," which is a tool that allows someone to move something beyond his or her capabilities. In the Cursillo sense, it is the prayer and Sacrifice we offer to God in petition for the grace which allows our candidates and team to accomplish more than they would have been able to do so otherwise. Whether or not we have specific candidates in mind for this upcoming Weekend, we can always offer our joyful prayers and sacrifice in support of the Weekend.

We are nearly at the end of our COVID doldrums. Keep the faith. Run the good race. And reach out to that one person you know who needs to move from being a faithful Catholic to being an energized, joyful, builder of the Kingdom of God.



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



PRECURSILLO CHAIRS – What Do They Do?



Don Phipps



Patti Eiffe

The purpose of Cursillo is for all people to know the Good News: God loves them...loves us. This purpose is accomplished through the Holy Spirit by the way of *friendship*, so that those who attend a Cursillo will have the experience that Christ loves them. Precursillo is the first phase in the method of Cursillo which aims to bring us to a 3-Day Cursillo phase and the Postcursillo phase, and then generates anew the Precursillo, in a continuous circle.

In the Diocese of Charlotte, the role of the Precursillo Chairpersons requires membership in the Cursillo Secretariat. This ensures that the Movement maintains its focus on identifying leaders within the diocese.

The Precursillo Chairs make sure that the proper procedures are in place to have a smooth transition from Precursillo to Postcursillo. Their responsibilities are to study the environments and search for candidates within those environments. The Chairs must make certain that the selection and preparation of the candidates are implemented properly. They work with the candidates, sponsors, and Ultreya leaders before the Weekend to answer any questions about the application process and Weekend itself, so that there is a smooth transition to the candidates' 4th Day.

Another responsibility of the Chairs is to conduct workshops so that sponsors or groups sponsoring candidates *know* their candidates and have a *sincere friendship* with them. Further, it is important to communicate all necessary information about the candidates to the Rectors.

As you can see, without a well-planned Precursillo phase, and the vigilant activities of its Chairs, the 3-Day and Postcursillo phases could be negatively impacted. As noted earlier, it is our mission to transition from pre-Weekend to 3-Day, and ultimately post-Weekend, seamlessly!

~ Patti Eiffe ~

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.

If you can help us with either or both of these, please contact Warren Grasheim @ 475-225-4031 or Olivia Schmitt @ 336-413-1530.

Thanks in advance for helping.

Palanca Requests

If you open the National Cursillo USA website, you will find the following listings: My Resource Center, Cursillo Literature, What is Cursillo?, Links & Contacts, Forms and Memo, National Newsletter, and Palanca Requests. Now, you may not have been aware of this last category as a section unto its own. *First*, the site defines the palanca letter as a letter..."that is sent to the candidates and team, informing them of the prayers and sacrifices that you are offering to God on their behalf. A letter may be sent explaining what type of palanca is being offered, but the letter is NOT the palanca. The palanca is the action – intercessory prayer, sacrifice, or works of mercy, and it can be done without writing a letter." *Second*, by *subscribing*, you can receive an electronic reminder weekly of upcoming events and Weekends. *Third*, an **> ADD YOUR EVENT** button allows you to add your own Cursillo Weekend to the website. In our diocese, Patty Mead, our Palanca Coordinator, handles this. (See the current listing in the table below.)

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
3/19/2021	3/21/2021	Men's 456 Fr	Quebec Can
3/18/2021	3/21/2021	Women's 19 E	Salina KS
3/18/2021	3/21/2021	Men's 78 Sp	Denver, CO
3/18/2021	3/21/2021	Men's 59 Sp	Tyler, TX
3/25/2021	3/28/2021	Women's 109 E	Springf, MO
4/09/2021	4/11/2021	Women's 457 Fr	Quebec Can
4/08/2021	4/11/2021	Men's 211 E	Pitts, PA
4/15/2021	4/18/2021	Women's 212 E	Pitts, PA
4/22/2021	4/25/2021	Men's 111 E	Springf, MO

NOTE: The table above, plus a "SEND EMAIL" 5th column, has an [Email Palanca](#) link on each line. When you click the email link next to the event, it brings up a blank email with the event in the Subject line. You then can write your palanca where it will be sent to the specific Weekend. It doesn't get any easier than that!

Event: Fr=French, Sp=Spanish, E=English
Location: Outaouais, Quebec (Canada)
Springfield/Cape Girardeau, MO