

# PASS IT ON

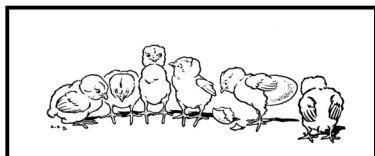
## FORT WORTH CURSILLO – ENGLISH

February 2002

(THE ENGLISH SIDE OF THE FORT WORTH ENGLISH-SPANISH CURSILLO COMMUNITY)  
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### WELCOME - NEW CURSILLISTAS FROM THE FALL WEEKENDS!

Kathleen Adams, Pat Alders, Dawn Anthony, Stephanie Alva, Mary Ellen Arredondo, Maria Blatnik, Barbara Brown, Michele Brown, Ronnie Cortez, Irene Cox, Susan Eichenberger, Margaret Figueroa, Linda Johnson, Pat Kinsella, Joan Lord, LuAnn Lucas, Jill Mach, Betty Mathews, Kim Pelteir, Leticia Ramirez, Adela Serrano, Elizabeth Stewart, Emily Utz, Valerie Vogan, Liz Johnson, Michele Bowden, Dorothy Wesolowski, Theresa Pawlawski, Nora Javier, Tim Aziere, Vincent Bove, Matt Casey, Larry Donovan, Michael Falkowitz, David Kaiser, Alan Lindahl, Patrick Mach, James Melfi, John Pefferkorn, Larry Peplinski, Arturo Perez, Matt Torres, Joseph Wenzell



### Spring Weekends

The Spring 3-Day Weekends have been scheduled:

Men's: May 2 - 5

Women's: May 23 -26

Deadline minimum 12 candidates:

Men's: April 4

Women's: April 25

Coordinators:

Men's: Chris Flemister

Women's: Mary Munson

Please keep the Team Formation in your prayers.

### Upcoming Events

- Mar. 10 (Sun)-**Cursillo Center Anniversary** Fund-raiser, 11 am – 4 pm, Cursillo Center
- Mar.13 (Wed) **School of Leaders** at Cursillo Center - **Mass with Bishop Delaney** – 7 pm - Meeting after
- Mar.26 (Tue) **Secretariat Mtg** – 7 pm, St. Andrews

- Apr.4 (Thu) **Deadline for min. 12 Men Candidates** for Spring Weekend
- Apr.10 (Wed) **School of Leaders** at Cursillo Center -Mass 7 pm, Meeting after, Talk by Deacon Aziere
- Apr.23 (Tue) **Secretariat Mtg.** – 7 pm, St. Andrews
- Apr.25 (Thu) **Deadline for min. 12 Women Candidates** for Spring Weekend
- Apr.28 (Sun) **Echo Lake Fiesta Fund Raiser**, 9 am – 4 pm, Echo Lake
- May 2-5 **Men's Spring Weekend** at Cursillo Center
- May 8 (Weds) **School of Leaders at Cursillo Center**, Mass 7 pm, Meeting after  
Nominations Open for Secretariat Positions: Lay Director, School of Leaders Chairman, 3 Day Weekend Coordinator, Treasurer, Palanca Coordinator, PASS IT ON Editor
- May 23 – 26 **Women's Spring Weekend** at Cursillo Center
- May 28 (Tue) **Secretariat Mtg.** – 7 pm, St. Andrews
- May 30 (Thu) **Nominations for Secretariat Positions Close.**
- Jun 8 (Sat) **Fiesta De Colores Fund Raiser**, 7 pm – 1 am, Our Lady of Guadalupe Comm. Center
- Jun 12 (Wed) **School of Leaders at Cursillo Center**, Mass 7 pm, Meeting after.  
Secretariat Positions Election.  
Nominations Open for Fall Weekend Coordinators
- Jun22 (Sat) **Return Ultreya** –St. Paul's in River Oaks, Mass 5 pm
- Jun25 (Tue) **Secretariat Mtg.** – 7 pm, St. Andrews
- July 10 (Wed) **School of Leaders** at Cursillo Center, Mass 7 pm, Meeting after.  
Weekend Coordinator Election.

### Fund-Raisers for Cursillo Center Upkeep

We need everyone's increased involvement in the following Cursillo Center Upkeep Fund-raisers:

Sunday March 10 (11 am - 4 pm):  
**CURSILLO CENTER ANNIVERSARY** @ the Cursillo Center. Music, Food for sale, games for the kids, and drawings for prizes  
(To help English's food booth, contact Mary Munson, 817-431-3903)

Sunday April 28, (9 am – 4 pm):  
**ECHO LAKE FIESTA** (Ripy Dr. Exit east of 35W - Mapsco 91B)  
Lots of good food for sale, games and rides for the kids, music  
(To help English's food booth, contact Chris Tice, 817-282-7711)

Saturday June 8, (7pm-1am):  
**FIESTA DE COLORES** @ Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Community Center, 3301 Clinton Ave., Ft. Worth  
Dance, snacks, drinks (BYOB).  
Drawing for 2002 Ford F150 XLT Super Cab Truck  
(To purchase or help sell Truck Raffle tickets, contact Mary Munson 817-431-3903. This is a MAJOR fund-raiser for the Community! Call Mary to see if there is a Sunday where the Truck could be at your Parish to help sell tickets)

Donations are also needed for other raffle items. So far, in addition to the Truck, there are two afghans, an exercise bike, and airline miles for a round trip within the US

Please support these Fund-raisers that support the upkeep of our Center.

Our Community mourns the loss of Roger Aaron and Rick DeRitis, who passed away recently. Rick earlier this month and Roger this past August. They will both be missed greatly.

Being on a weekend Team means being committed enough to attend

every team meeting and School of Leaders' meeting. This serious commitment is necessary to allow the Holy Spirit to form and bond the Team for His important Holy work. If you are interested in being considered for a Weekend Team, contact Pre-Cursillo Coordinator-Enrie Shelton @ 817.569.6858 or royen38@msn.com

### **New Weekend Application**

The previous separate candidate and sponsor applications have now been combined into one application. A copy of this application is in this issue of the PASS IT ON.

### **Ft Worth Cursillo Website**

[www.ftworthcursillo.org](http://www.ftworthcursillo.org).

Visit our website to read or post info, prayer requests, etc.

### **School of Leaders**

School of Leaders meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month @ the Cursillo Center, w/ Mass @ 7:00, and the meeting following @ 7:30. The meetings conclude at 9:00 pm. All Cursillistas are Welcome.

### **Ultreyas**

Ultreyas strengthen our Cursillo Community. All are welcome at any of these:

St. Catherine of Siena in Carrollton:  
Every Monday at 7:30 pm & Saturday at 10:00 am. For more info, call Diane Trippany 972-306-6148 or John Kalchbrenner 972-394-0624

St. Bart's in Ft. Worth:

Last Saturday of each month after 6:30 Mass, alternating with St. Ann's (see below). Potluck. For more info, call John or Carol Hunter 817-738-8298

St. Ann's in Burleson:

Last Saturday of each month after 6:00 pm Mass, alternating with St. Bart's (see above). Potluck. For more info, call Billie Trenshaw 817-295-1830

St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton in Keller: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 7:30 pm. For more info call Mary Munson 817-431-3903 or Mike Dennehey 817-439-1271

### **Group Reunion**

Regular sharing of our Faith Journey with fellow Christians is invaluable

help in living for Jesus. Grouping is an excellent, time proven way to do this. If you don't have a group, ask your Cursillo friends, ask @ School of Leaders meetings, Ultreyas, call the Post-Cursillo Coordinator – Chris Tice, or anyone on the Secretariat.

### **Prayers for Kairos Weekend**

April 11-14 will be the next Kairos Weekend in which several of our Cursillo Community people are involved. Kairos is a Cursillo type weekend for prison inmates. Please pray. If you'd like to sign up for a 30 minutes prayer segment during the weekend, contact Tony Perez – 817-596-8413 or [ltp8@hotmail.com](mailto:ltp8@hotmail.com). A literal paper chain is made listing the first names of those that are praying each ½ hour throughout the weekend. This chain is shown to the prison inmates during the weekend, providing a moving, powerful sign to them that people care about them.

### **Secretariat Positions**

At the May 8 School of Leaders Mtg., nominations will open for the following Secretariat Positions\*\*:

- Lay Director/President
- School of Leaders/Vice President
- Treasurer
- PASS IT ON Editor
- 3 Day Weekend Coordinator
- Palanca Coordinator

(The other Secretariat positions of Secretary, Pre-Cursillo Coordinator and Post-Cursillo Coordinator will be elected next year)

Nominations will close May 30.

Elections will take place at the June 12 School of Leader's Meeting.

\*\*The length of term for Secretariat positions is 2 years, with a required year off before being eligible for another Secretariat position, except the for the Lay Director/President term which is 3 years, with the possibility of serving 2 consecutive terms before a required year off. The 3 year term for Lay Director is a By-Law change was made last year by the Secretariat, approved by the School of Leaders. The change was made to have more continuity of secretariat leadership.

### **Fall Weekend Coordinators**

At the June 12 School of Leaders Mtg., nominations will open for

Coordinators for the Men's & Women's Fall 3 Day Weekends. Nominations will close June 30. Election will take place at the July 10 School of Leader's Meeting

### **Pastoral Plan**

In keeping with National Cursillo Guidelines, a Community Pastoral Plan was prepared to present to the Bishop. The Pastoral Plan is a focusing on the purpose and objectives of each of the 3, equally important, phases of the Cursillo: Pre-Cursillo, 3 Day Weekend, and Post-Cursillo. The effort defines and clarifies how our Community can more effectively carryout our mission to evangelize our environments, via all 3 phases of the Cursillo Method.

Per National Guidelines, the Community Cursillo Pastoral Plan is envisioned to, in time, go hand in hand with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the National Secretariat Pastoral Plan. The Community Pastoral Plan was prepared by a committee of 15 Cursillistas, including Fr. Francis, Deacon Ed, some members of the Secretariat, and some members of the School of Leaders, and it has been submitted to the Bishop.

### **Lenten Reflection**

From Pope John Paul II's Lenten 2002 Message:

"By opening our hearts to others in need, we realize more deeply that what we give to others is our response to the many gifts which the Lord continues to give to us. We have received without paying, let us give without pay."

### **There are No Unimportant People in God's World**

Leo Tolstoy, the Russian writer, tells of the time he was walking down the street and passed a beggar. Tolstoy reached into his pocket to give the beggar some money, but his pocket was empty. Tolstoy turned to the man and said, "I'm sorry, my brother, but I have nothing to give." The beggar brightened and said, "You have given me more than I asked for-you have called me brother."

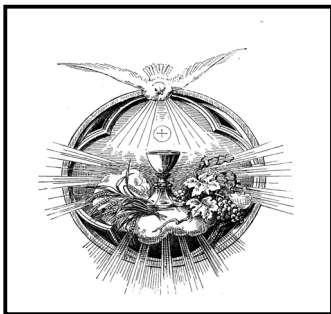
### **What Do I Have to Evangelize With?**

A Cursillista in our Community wanted to help a Pro-Life Center raise operational funds. Her family's finances were tight at the time, so she wondered what she had to offer that might be of value in helping the Pro-Life Center.

After praying about it, the idea came to her that she did have the skill of baking. She loves to bake and her baked things are loved by everyone who has eaten them. So she baked several, from scratch, apple pies that she took to a Pro-Life fund raising event. The pies sold immediately. So she made some more. They too were quickly sold.

That began an ongoing effort, with help from her Cursillista husband and friends, of baking and selling pies to raise money for local charity needs, and in the process, providing a strong witness of charitable hearts to everyone who encounters the pie sales. Since January of this year, they have made and sold more than 60 pies – all for charity.

One can ask, "What do I have to offer?, How can I evangelize with who I am and the skills I have? The answer, as our Cursillista friend has discovered, is to use the unique gifts and skills God has given each one of us. No matter how simple and ordinary they may seem to us, we are to use what God has given us to shine His Light to others.



### **My Friend Paul**

A few weeks ago I attended the funeral of my friend Paul.

I met Paul about 16 years ago, when my wife Mary and I had just bought a small weekend lake house at Cedar Creek Lake. Paul and his family lived across the street.

Over the years Paul and I became good friends. He would always call out that joyful, greeting: "Hey, Dave! How's it going!" Those who knew him will always remember that twinkle in his eye and that quick smile and laugh. Our families became good friends too. Our sons were close to the same age and would often spend the entire weekend together.

Paul would always be the first to show up anytime I needed help with anything. He loaned me tools and helped me with the lawn, the house, and the car. He would always say: "Dave, if we're not home and you need something just come over and get it, you know where it is."

Paul and I never really talked about profound things or tried to solve the world's problems. We talked about fishing, the weather....we just talked. He was always interested in where I had traveled and what we were doing.

As I came to know Paul, the subject of faith came up from time to time. He didn't talk much about it, but he did say that he was raised Catholic, that he had practiced for part of his adult life, but wasn't currently going to mass. It wasn't a comfortable subject for him so I didn't push it.

Over the years as our children grew up we spent fewer weekends at the lake, but I still looked forward to my visits with Paul. I always looked forward to hearing him call out: "Hey Dave!"

A few months ago we learned that Paul had lung cancer. He had been in great shape, but it hit him hard and fast. He lost a lot of weight and was in great pain.

When we heard about the diagnosis, we planned a trip to visit him the next weekend. I was nervous about going, partly because of the normal awkwardness of visiting someone who is ill, but mostly because I knew there was something else I had to do. In the few days before we heard that Paul had cancer, I had twice had the opportunity to reach out to others on behalf of Jesus, but both times I had failed to carry it out. This time I felt that God was making it very clear to me that I could not fail Him this time.

When we visited, it was hard for Paul because of the pain, but we still had a good talk. Even though I was nervous, talking with Paul put me at ease. Near the end of the conversation, I asked him about being raised Catholic. He said that he had gotten away from it but thought he needed to get back sometime. I told him that I would pray for him, but also asked him if he would pray for himself.

Mary told him that we had a prayer chain with some people in our Cursillo group and that we would ask others to pray for him. To our surprise, Paul's face lit up when we mentioned Cursillo. He told us that he had made a Cursillo in 1963 and had served on several teams back then, giving 4 of the talks. We also learned that he had taught adult religious education.

After our visit with Paul, I called Deacon Palms, from the local parish, St. Judes, whom we had come to know. I explained the situation to him over the phone, to see how we could help Paul get back to the Church. Deacon Palms wanted to meet with Paul, but said he wanted to go slowly and become friends with Paul first.....does that sound familiar? I smiled to myself and thanked Jesus for sending another Cursillista to help Paul.

I met with Paul again by myself. I told him about Deacon Palms and Father Andrew, the priest at St. Jude's. Paul said that he would like to meet with them.

Deacon Palms met Mary and I at our lake house and together we went to visit Paul. Paul and Deacon Palms hit it off right away. Paul told us more about some of his Cursillo experiences. He said that back then, he and the local Priest would drive to the fields around Waxahachie and pick up farm workers in the fields to group with them. Paul said that later he just got away from Cursillo and going to mass. He said he didn't really know why. At the end of our visit, Deacon led us all in prayer. Deacon called Paul later and arranged a time to bring Father Andrew to visit. Within a couple of weeks, Deacon Palms called, on a Sunday afternoon, to let us know that Fr. Andrew had

visited Paul and that Paul had received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion, and the Anointing of the Sick that afternoon.

The next morning Paul's family called us to let us know that he had passed away early that morning. His funeral mass was held at St. Jude's.

I miss my friend Paul, but whenever I think of him a warm feeling comes over me because I know that he is with his friend, Jesus.

This experience brought the story of the Prodigal Son home to me more vividly than ever before. No matter how long or how far we have wandered or how much of our Father's riches we squander, God always welcomes us back with open arms. *"Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the finest calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found."* Luke 15: 22-24

Your Brother in Christ,  
Dave Casselman

### **Interim PASS IT ON Editor**

Lisa Platt, former editor of the PASS IT ON, has accepted a position in Chicago with Catholic Extension, as Special assistant to the President, Most Reverend William Houck. Her responsibilities will include meeting with donors and connecting them with mission projects that may interest them.

Catholic Extension is a Papal Organization almost a 100 years old that solicits contributions from Catholics to fund mission projects.

Our Cursillo Community will miss Lisa greatly for who she is and all her gifts of time and talent. Mary Casselman, with the help of Tony Perez, have agreed to finish out Lisa's term as PASS IT ON editor.

### **Cursillo Database**

Please give us your address when you move! Contact: Karen Burns at [kaksattic@hotmail.com](mailto:kaksattic@hotmail.com) or Tony Perez at 817.596.8413, or [Ltp8@hotmail.com](mailto:Ltp8@hotmail.com)

The addresses we have for the following Cursillistas are incorrect. If you know the current address of any of the following people, please contact Karen or Tony: Debra Alexander, Debra Allen, Peggy Allen, Shawn Bader, Betty Barnes, Judy Castillo, Ann Chambers, Jean Connors, Mildred Coyle, Lela Craddock, Tommy Denton, Tisha Dollin, Michael Domingue, Cathy Douglas, Mary Drillette, Stephen & Diane Dulle, Deacon Frank Eschbach, Tim Fitzgerald, Judy Flores, Durinda Frantan, Tom Gavin, J.D.Hamacher, Elizabeth Hartman, Sam Holgin, Kathy Holler, Refugio Ibanez, Suzanne Jones, Adrian Kavanaugh, Paul & Lola Krassett, Rob & Sonya Lasher, Walter Loder, Susie Maldonado, Mary Maloziec, Georgia McDonald, Elizabeth McGinnis, Morales Merrill, Tony & Margaret Merrill, Larry Miller, Dorothy Mills, Kathy Malone, Ann Myzyka, Lisa Nicholas, Carmen & Sandra Paz, Bruce Pohl, Elizabeth Rhew, Kathy Roberts, Diana Rodriguez, Mauro & Sannon Salomao, Penny Sawitski, Georgia Schmidt, Ellen Shelby, Jennifer Schockley, Clarence Squyres, Al St. Arnold, Tom Steele, Bart Stephens, Sylvia Strutz, Mary Studer, Elizabeth Trout, Joan Vance, Dorothy Walker, Rev. Dan Williams, Adam & Debbie Wrublewski, Doug & Melissa Wynn, Timothy & Ann Zeddies

### **Cursillista Parish Reps**

Parish Reps are responsible for:

- 1) Compiling and keeping updated a list of Cursillistas in each parish.
- 2) Putting notices of Cursillo weekends in the Parish Bulletins.
- 3) Putting up 'What is Cursillo' Poster and replenish poster pamphlets.
- 4) Organizing a 'Parish Welcome' for new Parish Babe Chicks after a Weekend.
- 5) Encouraging regular Ultreyas
- 6) Encouraging group reunions among new and existing Parish Cursillistas

7) Being a source of info of Cursillo activities

If your parish is not listed below, contact Enrie Shelton 817.569.6858, [royen38@msn.com](mailto:royen38@msn.com) to become your parish's Cursillo rep.!

Holy Family – Francisco and Patty Novoa  
Holy Cross-Karen Fischer  
Most Blessed Sacrament-Tony & Yolanda Hernandez  
Our Mother of Mercy-Lorenzo & Lana Wilborn  
St. Ann - John & Billie Trenshaw  
St. Andrew -Ted & Catherine Wilson  
St. Bart – John & Carol Hunter  
St. Catherine of Sienna -Louis Larkin and Mo Elabd  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton – Mary Munson  
St.Francis -Irene Cox  
St. George- Evelyn Maxwell  
St. Joseph – Bill & Margo McNeill  
St. Maria Goretti- Dave & Mary Casselman  
St. Mark- Manuel and Mary Trevino  
St. Mary (Graham)-Dick & Lea Anne Gilley  
St. Mary the Assumption – Angie Brady  
St. Michael's – Rob Pelino  
St. Paul -Larry Peplenski  
St. Peter - Mary Flynn  
St. Stephen – Tony & Elva Perez  
St. Thomas – Becky Lopez

### **Secretariat**

Cursillo Center Director:

**Fr. Francis Fernandez**

Cursillo Spiritual Director:

**Deacon Ed Bowden 817-265-0106**

Lay Director/President:

**Ed Bach 972-642-5290**

Secretary:

**Billie Trenshaw 817-295-1830**

Pre-Cursillo Coordinator:

**Enrie Shelton 817-569.6858**

Post-Cursillo Coordinator:

**Chris Tice-**

Vice-President/Director of School of Leaders:

**Roy Shelton 817-569-6858**

3-Day Cursillo Coordinator:

**Ray Turco –**

Palanca Coordinator:

**Yolanda Hernandez 817-277-5351**

Treasurer:

**Marilyn Dennehey 817-439-1271**

Interim Pass It On Editor:

**Mary Casselman 817-277-2010**

**Tony Perez 817-596-8413**

**Fear Knocked  
Faith Answered  
No one was there**



**CURSILLO APPLICATION**  
 Fort Worth Cursillo Center  
 2221 North West 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Fort Worth, Texas 76106  
 (817) 624-9411

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION:**

Last Name:		First Name:		Preferred Name:						
Street:		City:		Zip Code:						
Home Phone:		Work Phone:		E-Mail Address:						
Education: (Circle years completed)		up to 8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16+
Occupation:		Employer:								
Age:		Marital Status (Please circle one): Single / Married / Widowed / Divorced								
If you have children, what are their ages?										
Organizations you belong to:										
Hobbies or Special Interests:										
Parish:				Currently Receiving Sacraments: Yes / No						
Parish activities:										
Have family members made a Cursillo? Yes / No					If yes, relationship?					
Why do you want to make a Cursillo?										
Any special additional information we need to know for your comfort on the weekend, such as diet, health, etc.?										
Emergency Contact:					Phone Number:					

**SPONSOR INFORMATION:**

Last Name:		First Name:		Preferred Name:	
Street:		City:		Zip Code:	
Home Phone:		Work Phone:		E-Mail Address:	
Date of Cursillo:		Parish:		Diocese:	
Do you attend Ultreyas? Yes / No				Do you have a group reunion? Yes / No	
1.	What support can your candidate expect from you and the Cursillo community in their Fourth Day?				
2.	In your opinion, is this candidate in a position of influencing an environment? (Family, parish, work, etc.)				
3.	Will you be responsible for your candidate's transportation? Yes / No				
4.	Would this candidate be a song leader or musician? Yes / No				

**SIGNATURES:**

Applicant:		Date:
Sponsor:		Date:
Priest or Deacon:		Date:

**To offset cost of the weekend, a donation of \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_ is recommended.**

PLEASE BE SURE APPLICATION IS COMPLETE. APPLICATION REQUIRES ALL THREE SIGNATURES APPLICANT, SPONSOR, AND PASTOR IN ORDER TO BE PROCESSED.

For more information call Enrie Shelton (817) 569-6858 (Application Issued 1 / 02)