

PASS IT ON

FORT WORTH CURSILLO – ENGLISH

JULY 2002

(THE ENGLISH SIDE OF THE FORT WORTH ENGLISH-SPANISH CURSILLO COMMUNITY)

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NEW CURSILLISTAS FROM THE SPRING WEEKENDS!

Terry Barnhard, Ed Brady, Gary Deines, Scott France, Dennis Helgeson, Clyde Hymel, Rafael Garcia, Mike Gonzalez, Wil Lampka, John Pawlowski, Gene Phillips, Jason Powell, Bill Quackenbush, Louis Sanchez Jr., Noel Santillan, Terry Verbois, Karen Crimmins, Maika Cummings, Alvina Davila, Aileen Fisher, Deborah Gonzales, Charlene Hymel, Zulema Martinez, Vickie Newell, Stephanie NG, Tonia Powell, Madelene Rafalko, Betty Staples and Kim Swank.

Upcoming Fall 3-Day Weekends

Men's Weekend: Oct. 3 - 6

(Deadline minimum 12 candidates: Thurs., Sept. 5)

Women's: Oct. 24 -27

(Deadline minimum 12 candidates: Thurs., Sept. 26)

Fall Weekend Coordinators, elected at the June 12 School of Leaders Meeting, are Roy Shelton and Enrie Shelton.

The Fall Men's Team is: Deacon Ed Bowden, Roy Shelton, Dennis Walo, Tony Hernandez, David Casselman, Larry Lepinski, Terry Verbois, Louis Sanchez Jr., Bill Quackenbush, Steve Klein, Tom Glasgow, David Kaiser, Russ Adams, Dan Martin, Manny Trevino, John Malachi, John Trenshaw, Ed Bach, Michael Gonzales, Joe Trippany & Bill Johnson.

The Fall Women's Team is:

Enrie Shelton, Yolanda Hernandez, Mary Casselman, Velma Garcia, Terry Sambrano, Elizabeth Stewart, Susan Eichenberger, Jeannie Miller, Betty Mathews, Brenda Wellmon, Amanda Hernandez, Cynthia Pulido, Sue

Martin, Cathy Serrano, Lana Wilborn, Billie Trenshaw, Liz Johnson, Tolan Nguyen, Maria Sanchez, Elva Perez, Evelyn Maxwell and Mary Trevino.

Please pray for the Teams and the Candidates God is calling.

Need Weekend Applications?

Call Enrie Shelton 817.569.6858

Upcoming Events

NOTE: No July or Aug. School of Leaders Meetings

- Aug.27 (Tue) **Secretariat Mtg** – 7 pm, St. Andrews
- Sept.5 (Thu) **Deadline for min. 12 Men Candidates** for Fall Weekend
- Sept.11 (Wed) **School of Leaders** at Cursillo Center - Mass 7 pm - Mtg after.
- Sept.24 (Tue) **Secretariat Mtg** – 7 pm, St. Andrews
- Sept.26 (Thu) **Deadline for min. 12 Women Candidates** for Fall Weekend
- Oct. 3-6 **Men's Weekend**
- Oct. 9 (Wed) **School of Leaders** at Cursillo Center, Mass 7 pm, Mtg after.
- Oct. 24–27 **Women's Weekend**
- Oct.29 (Tue) **Secretariat Mtg.** – 7 pm, St. Andrews
- Nov. 13 (Wed) **School of Leaders** at Cursillo Center, Mass 7 pm, Mtg after.
- Nov.16 (Sat) **Return Ultreya** – Location Pending



Come Holy Spirit!

Perseverance in the 4th Day – Community is Critical:

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. (Next one: July 27th, St. Barts)

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. (Next one: Aug. 24th, St. Ann's)

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

Group Reunion

Don't have a group? Ask your Sponsor. Ask Cursillo friends. Ask at School of Leaders meetings and Ultreyas. Ask the Post-Cursillo Coordinator: Chris Tice, 817-282-7711, or anyone on the Secretariat.

School of Leaders

School of Leaders Meetings are for ANY Cursillista, to help further the efforts of the 3 Phases of Cursillo:

Pre-Cursillo: Reaching out to those God is calling to a deeper service for Him through the Cursillo

3-Day Weekend: 3 Days that teach us how to live more for Christ.

Post-Cursillo: Strengthening all Cursillistas in persevering in the 4th Day.

Cursillista Parish Reps

Holy Family – Celine Aaron
 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 Seton – 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
 If your parish is not listed above, contact Enrie Shelton 817.569.6858, royen38@msn.com to become your parish's Cursillo rep.!

FW English Cursillo Secretariat

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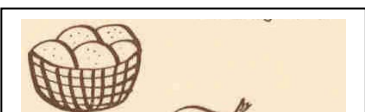
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The above list includes the 5 persons recently elected to the Secretariat: Lay Director/President, Vice-President/Director of School of Leaders, 3-Day Cursillo Coordinator; Palanca Coordinator, Treasurer; and Pass It On Editor.

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



Evidence of Your Weekend?

How has your Cursillo weekend been evidenced in your life?

3 Cursillistas responded as follows:

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I was driving to school at Mid-Western University in Wichita Falls, for my final Masters defense of my research utilization paper, when I was overwhelmed with emotion remembering the Thursday night of my Cursillo Weekend. That night I heard our spiritual director tell us about herself being a family nurse practitioner and her love of GOD. I remember thinking WOW I want to be like her when I grow up.

That was October 1998 and here I am finishing my family nurse practitioner degree . I'm seeing God's hand in every aspect of my life, even down to weight loss, learning to be confident and loving myself. All secret prayers in the secret recesses of my mind GOD has heard them all. I remember the final words GOD gave to me on that monumental weekend: "IT IS FINISHED". All the pain from childhood and whatever else clogs my brain and soul is over. God has healed me and set me free. The baggage is no longer there if I will let go of it. Yes I have days that I have to remind myself and choose not to take the baggage back and I have to work hard on living my faith, but the difference is I do and can make a difference with God's help.

I suddenly have realized while writing this how important evangelization is. It awakens my heart and soul to what God has done for me and maybe I can give a glimpse to someone else of the love He has for you and me. Our Father is absolutely in love with us and he wants us to be madly in love with HIM.

Cursillo is the icing on the cake for some and it is the meat and potatoes for others. Wherever you are you will meet GOD at Cursillo. I have met HIM and I pray I will never let HIM go.

De Colores
 Lea Anne Gilley

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I was privileged to have experienced a Cursillo weekend in Fort Worth in April 2000.

Cursillo has influenced me in so many ways but the lesson I have chosen to concentrate on is the need to expand my ministry. Prior to my Cursillo I served as an active member in Our Mother of Mercy choir as a saxophonist, as well as in my former church (Saint Rita) choir. I thought this amount of service was adequate to satisfy my music ministry but thanks to Cursillo I was proven incredibly wrong. As a matter of fact, I wasn't truly aware I was even considered as a music minister until my Cursillo experience.

It has been 2 years this Spring since my weekend and I am more involved in music than ever before. I am now in the Christian Rock band Foggy Church, which includes thirteen musicians of various ages and backgrounds. We have performed at Catholic youth conferences in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and recently were invited to participate at NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference), which was held in Indianapolis this past December. We have done a lot but there is still more in the upcoming months.

My involvement in Foggy Church has made me realize that if not for Cursillo I would not have been exposed to the idea of expanding my music ministry. I realize that there is much more work to still be done in the future. De Colores!!!!

Brandon Tinsley

Editor's Note: Brandon said the band's name, "Foggy Church", comes from 1 Cor. 13:12: *"For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known."*

Band Website: www.foggychurch.com

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The question, "How has your making a Cursillo weekend been evidenced in your life?" comes at a pretty tough time for me right now.

I have to admit, also, that making a Cursillo saved my soul!

I was raised as a Roman Catholic, attended Catholic Elementary school, taught by Nuns and Priests. In the 60's no less. I never had any doubt there was a God. But, I never learned about Jesus the way Cursillo helps us learn about Him.

I made my Cursillo in October 1986. The whole weekend, for me, was just awful! I now know there are a lot of people who feel the same way. I had a very hard time adjusting to being around a room full of people who not only told their life stories, but shared their love and WANTED TO HUG! All the time!! If I could have found a way to get out of that building and get home I sure would have.

But, boy, are those people persistent. And am I ever thankful for them.

The whole chaos has helped to bring order to my life.

Cursillo helped me in changing my attitude about myself, about people, about the Church, about the whole world. I still find myself falling deeply back into the attitude I'm not good enough and I'm not doing the "right" things. But, my weekly group really helps me get through those tough times. I shudder to think where I would be today with out that awful weekend! DeColores!

Rhonda Lamb

Our Journey

by Fr. Allan Hawkins, St. Mary the Virgin Church, Arlington

Travel, they say, broadens the mind. Have you ever noticed how the Bible is filled with travel stories?

Abraham leaves Ur, he takes his son Isaac to Mount Moriah, the Israelites escape famine by traveling to Egypt. Then in the great story of the Exodus they journey towards the Holy Land. They go into exile, and they return from Babylon. Jonah, albeit reluctantly, goes to Nineveh. Tobias goes to

Ecbatana in the company of an angel. Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem for the census. The Holy Family flees to Egypt. Jesus goes up to Jerusalem to suffer, die and rise for us. The disciples walk to Emmaus. The Acts tells us of many journeys, and especially of St Paul's travels which eventually took him to martyrdom in Rome.

Speaking recently in Rome of the Cursillo Movement, Pope John Paul II said that "The little seed sown in Spain more than 50 years ago has become a great tree rich in fruits of the Spirit". That "little seed" was a pilgrimage of young people to the shrine of Santiago de Compostela in 1948.

We are all, St Peter says, strangers and pilgrims, without permanent citizenship in this world. At the heart of Cursillo is the call to be pilgrims and "to fix one's gaze on the face of Christ". The Holy Father emphasized that this gaze implies trust in the primacy of grace to undertake a *journey* of catechesis and prayer, of conversion and holiness of life" – a pilgrimage, we might say, leading to "a renewed impetus for evangelization in the realms of daily life and activity."

Ultreya!

Another Lesson from Life's Experience

by Deacon Ed Bowden, Cursillo Spiritual Director

Life has many surprises. Occasionally a surprise may change our life significantly.

I have never been a patient in a hospital. Personal health issues have not been a concern ever. Recently I was told I have cancer and will need surgery soon. Initially, the indication was that it appears to be in an advanced state. After learning this from my physician, Mary Ellen and I walked out of the clinic shocked and dazed by the news. Further tests indicate it has not spread to the bones.

The following days my mind became a storm of thoughts ranging from anger,

depression, hope, prayer, to consideration of what to do should this be my demise.

The outcome of that process was a view of what my real priorities are. My business, projects, hobbies, and "stuff", all became very small in my field of vision. Family emerged at the top of the priority and the community in Christ stood as an extension of family. Of course survival was also a major part of the priority stack.

It is times like this when a Christian Community is tested. My experience has been mostly at the giving end, praying and consoling those in need. Now Mary Ellen and I call on the Community for prayer and support. It is clear that experiencing Jesus in this world comes through our brothers and sisters.

There is nothing new in this, but there is confirmation that our work in building Community based on the Holy Spirit bears fruit. I found a renewed spiritual strength. I know God is with me through this time as always. It seems that God wants me to continue to work with the Cursillo Community.

The lesson I am getting from this experience is really a review rather than new material.

We are workers in the vineyard. There is much work to be done in building the Kingdom. The people he has called out of this world are the tools God chooses to work with. We can work more efficiently as we free ourselves of the "stuff" around us, and focus on what Jesus calls us to do. Our mission is to spread the Gospel by our actions as motivated by the love Jesus places in our heart. Everything else, is "stuff".

