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FORT WORTH CURSILLO – ENGLISH

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

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New Cursillistas from the Spring 2003 Weekends



Bob Garrison, Charlie Reiling, David Colley, David Nikirk, Michael Baerd, Eufernie Vahierra, George Blackwood, John Kluge, John Parker, John Zevchak, Jude Harrington, Kevin Secrest, Marc Evans, Michael Darby, Michael Trahan, Brion Davis, Mike Marshall, Mike Rudd, Paul Gonzales, Peter Krause, Reymundo Rodriguez, Robert Parker, Steve Whitaker, Tom Howard, Tracy Brown, & Wilmer Fajardo



Ginnie Alegria, Mariea Baerd, Cindy Bird, Rosa Borjon, Fe Chowning, Eulalia Garza, Fay Gonzales, Wendy Gonzales, Lorinda Holland, Marie Louise Lafkiotes, Marie R. Lafkiotes, Regina Lafkiotes, Tonya Mangum, Laura Marshall, Therese Martinez, Cheryl Matteucci, Rosa Moreno, Diane Pena, Lydia Ramirez, Danielle Reboli, June Rodeback, Margie Rolfsmeyer, Sarah Rudd, Liz Ruiz, Anna Salazar Algalara, Paulette Sanders, Barbara Shropshire, Lucy Villarreal, Jane Vonderheid, & Mary Wright

NOTE: No Aug. School of Leaders Mtg.

- Wed, Sept. 10, **School of Leaders**, Cursillo Center, Mass 7 pm, Mtg after.
- Fri.-Sat., Sept. 12 –13 **Regional Meeting**, Cursillo Center (see below)
- Sept. 19-21, **English Youth Retreat**, Cursillo Center
- Wed, Oct. 8, **School of Leaders**, Cursillo Center, Mass 7pm, Mtg after.
- Oct. 2-5 **Men's Weekend**
- Oct. 23-26 **Women's Weekend**
- Sat. Nov. 8, **Return Ultreya**, Mass 5 pm, Potluck and Meeting after. Most Blessed Sacrament, 2100 N. Davis, Arlington
- Wed, Nov. 12, **School of Leaders**, Cursillo Center, Mass 7pm, Mtg after.

Cursillo Regional Meeting to be at Fort Worth Cursillo Center

The Cursillo Movement in the U.S. is divided into 12 Regions. We (Texas Dioceses) are in Region 8, along with Dioceses in Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Regional Meetings, open to all Cursillistas, are held several times a year at different locations. The Sept. 12 –13, 2003 Regional Meeting will be held at our Fort Worth Cursillo Center. We (Fort Worth Diocese Cursillo) will host this meeting, preparing programs, making arrangements for food, lodging, etc. Much help is needed. Contact Enrie Shelton: 817-569-6858 royen40@aol.com to help.

In addition to hosting the Regional Meeting, all Fort Worth Diocese Cursillistas (English & Spanish) are invited to attend. It is a time of prayer, learning, fellowship and much fun, along with other Cursillistas in our Region. Those who attend always say it was very much worth their time.

The application to attend the Regional Encounter is in this issue of the PASS IT ON. (See page 5) The application should be mailed **to arrive NO LATER than August 15.** (Call if you can not make the deadline)

"Goodies" Needed for Regional Meeting.

The hosting Diocese usually gives the attendees from Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico a bag of goodies. These promotional items are "give aways" from local companies and little religious items. The host team is soliciting any items that the community can provide. We plan to

assemble 150 bags. If you can help, please contact Karen Burns at kaksattic@hotmail.com or Enrie Shelton: 817-569-6858 royen40@aol.com

English Youth Retreat

An English Youth Retreat will again be held this year after the successful first one last year. It will be Sept. 19 - 21 at the Cursillo Center. Sr. Elvira Mata is the Coordinator of this retreat. To help, contact Sister at 817-560-3300.

Secretariat Positions Filled

Elected at the June 11 School of Leaders were the Secretariat Positions of:

Pre-Cursillo Coordinator: Manny Tevino

Post-Cursillo Coordinator: Terry Verbois

Secretary: Roy Shelton

Upcoming Fall Weekends

Coordinators for the Fall Weekends (Men's **Oct. 2-5**, Women's **Oct. 23-26**) were also elected at the June School of Leaders Mtg:

Fall Men's Coordinator: Ed Bach

Fall Women's Coordinator: Mary Casselman

The **Fall Men's Weekend Team** is: Fr. Francis Fernandez, Deacon Ed Bowden, Ed Bach, Bill Johnson, Mike Trahan, Marcos Castellon, Manny Trevino, Brion Davis, Terry Verbois, Mark Demma, Mike Steiner, Gene Phillips, Mike Baerd, Ed Brady, Phil Kastner, Joe Greenawalt, Bill Quakenbush, Pete Schumacher, Robert Gonzales, Bill McNeill, & Joe Urbanski

The **Fall Women's Weekend Team:** Fr. Francis Fernandez, Fr. Jovian Lang, Deacon Ed Bowden, Mary Casselman, Enrie Shelton, Yolanda Hernandez, Margo McNeill, Celine Aaron, Mariea Baerd, Paula Davis, Nicole Boyer, Amanda Hernandez, Evelyn Maxwell, Marion Stank, Cheryl Greenawalt, Lana Wilborn, Terry Sambrano, Lea Ann Gilley, Mary Jean Nagy, Liz Johnson, Velma Garcia, & Sue Martin

Please pray for the Teams in Formation and the Candidates
God is calling to come.

School of Leaders

School of Leaders Meetings are for ALL Cursillistas. The meetings are held the 2nd Weds. of each month at the Cursillo Center.

Ultreyas

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: Aug. 30, 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: Sept. 26, St. Ann's)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Keller:

2nd Friday at 7:30 pm. For more info call Mary Munson 817-431-3903.

Cursillista Parish Reps

Holy Family – Celine Aaron

Holy Redeemer – Gail Arnold

Most Blessed Sacrament-Mary Jean Nagy

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 – Cliff Sistrunk

St. Mark- Manuel and Mary Trevino

St. Mary (Graham)-Dick & Lea Anne Gilley

St. Mary the Assumption – Angie Brady

St. Paul -Larry Peplenski

St. Peter - Mary Flynn

St. Stephen – Dan & Sue Martin

St. Thomas – Becky Lopez

St. Rita – Clyde & Charlene Hymel

If your parish is not listed above, contact Enrie Shelton 817.569.6858, royen40@aol.com to become your parish's Cursillo rep.!



Sponsoring Someone to Attend a Weekend?

So you want to sponsor someone to make a Cursillo Weekend.

As a sponsor there are certain things you should know:

- Do you know the goal of the Cursillo Movement in general and the 3-Day Weekend specifically? Do you know who can go? Do you know who ought to go? In depth answers to these questions can be found in the 'Sponsor's Booklet'. (Pre-Cursillo Coordinator has copies).
 - Should your potential candidate make the upcoming Weekend? How well do you know the person you want to sponsor? **Remember to speak to God about others before speaking to others about God.** How open are they to developing their relationship with God? What environments are they in? Are they the type of person who could influence others? How active are they in their parish? How interested are they in attending the Cursillo weekend? How open are they to developing a deeper relationship with God? Is this a good time in their life to make a Weekend relative to their family and personal life?
 - Do they meet the basic requirements to make a Cursillo Weekend?
1. The candidate must be a baptized, and practicing Catholic. **(Non-Catholics are not eligible to attend the Cursillo Weekend. There are other non-Catholic Cursillo type movements that we can refer our non-Catholic friends to)**
 2. The candidate must be able to participate in the Sacraments of the Church.
 3. The candidate must be able to make decisions as an individual.
 4. The candidate should be free from any obstacles that would hinder their ability to join a Group Reunion.
- Based on the above considerations, if you are now ready to sponsor your candidate, you & your candidate must fill out a one page application. Applications can be obtained from the Pre-Cursillo Coordinator, the Coordinators of the upcoming Weekends, or any

member of the Secretariat (see list in this newsletter).

- If your candidate has special physical or other special needs, it is imperative that you discuss the needs with the Pre-Cursillo Coordinator or Weekend Coordinator prior to giving your candidate an application.
- The first step in the application process is for you to fill out and sign the sponsor part of the application. Then give to your candidate.
- The candidate fills out their part of the application and signs it.
- The candidate then has their pastor or deacon (or priest or deacon elsewhere that knows them) sign the application, as a witness that they are a practicing Catholic and are spiritually and personally ready for a Weekend.
- Explain to the candidate that there is a fee of \$75.00 due at the time they check-in. It is recommended that a \$25.00 deposit be submitted with the application, this is applied to the \$75.00 weekend fee.
- You must follow up your candidates' progress with the application.
- The application must be given or sent to the Pre-Cursillo no later than one week before the weekend so the Pre-Cursillo Coordinator, Weekend Spiritual Director and Weekend Coordinator will have time to review and, if necessary, contact the sponsor for more info.
- If the application is not received in time or is not complete, it will be returned to you as the sponsor for completion. Applicants with incomplete applications will not be able to attend the Weekend.
- Once the complete application is submitted and reviewed, your candidate is ready to attend the Weekend. Brief them on what to bring (bedding, comfortable, casual clothing, towel, toiletries, In addition, recommend if possible, that they take half a day off work in order to get ready for the Cursillo.
- As a sponsor, on the Thursday evening of the Weekend, you are to bring your candidate to the Cursillo for registration on time. Your candidate needs to be at the Center no later than **6:30 P.M.** so they can be checked in, settled in, relaxed and ready to begin the Weekend

with everyone else by the 7:00 P.M. starting time.

- Let your candidate's family know how to get hold of you during the weekend for any emergency contact of the candidate. Any contacts must be through you.
- Make sure that palancas for your candidate from their parish Cursillo community get to the center in time for distribution.
- Ask the candidate's family (children too) to write a personal note to the Candidate without referring to the word Palanca.
- Ensure that your candidate gets personal palancas from the whole Cursillo Community by making sure their name is on the distributed lists.
- Inform the family the time of the closing so that they may be there to greet the candidate if possible, if not, you are to take them to their home after the closing.
- Arrange for the candidate's parish Cursillo Community to schedule a welcoming event for your candidate asap after the Weekend.
- After the candidate completes the 3-Day Weekend, your duty as sponsor is definitely not over, in some respects, it is really just beginning. It is your duty to make sure that there is a Group Reunion they can join. It is your duty to make sure they attend Ultreyas, starting with the Return Ultreya. As time goes on, it is your duty to stay in touch with the Candidate (Cursillista) to see how they are doing. Are they continuing to be a part of a Group Reunion and attend Ultreyas? The new Cursillista needs your personal attention as much after as they did before and during the Weekend.

Cursillo is unique among many different kinds of Retreats because we are given a tool to maintain the deeper spirituality we gained during the Weekend. That tool is the Group Reunion.

We have all heard of the saying, **"If you talk the talk you have to walk the walk."** Are you grouping? Do you attend Ultreyas? Your candidate (Cursillista) should be able to see, in you, the positive results of being part of a Group Reunion and attending Ultreyas. They should see Jesus Christ within you and be attracted to His Presence.

In you and in the other Cursillistas around them, the Candidate (New Cursillista) should see evidence of a Method (Group Reunion & Ultreyas) that works to keep God's Light shining brightly within.

If you are not in a Group Reunion, find a Cursillista, who is an actively Grouping and attending Ultreyas, who can co-sponsor your candidate. It would not be fair to your candidate to have a sponsor who is not actively using the tools of the 4th day. Remember brothers and sisters, as a sponsor you are entrusted with this most important task of 'Make a friend, Be a friend, and Bring a friend to Christ.'



Decolores,
Roy Shelton

We are Humble Servants of Christ

One of the major Obstacles to Grace that members of a Christian Community like Cursillo face, is sometimes thinking we are superior spiritually to our peers and therefore in a position to judge. Only Christ has that privilege. Another Obstacle is the human tendency to want to control everything and everyone.

We must remember that the very crux of Metanoia (the process of conversion) is changing from an egocentric being to a Christ centered being.

We must check the motives for our thoughts and actions. If these motives stem from the desire to control, or edify our image in the eyes of others, or because we think we are more developed spiritually, then perhaps we should rethink our motives and turn them over to Christ.

It is easy to justify our behavior and say the Spirit is leading us. But, we must be careful - which spirit? Remember the source of evil is a liar and deceiver capable of masquerading as the holiest of beings. He delights in creating strife and anger among people and communities trying to follow Christ. He turns up the thermostat when people are actually doing some good.

Unselfish love is the trademark of the transformed person. This love is not a happy-feels-good emotional experience. It is a character trait that is

willing to sacrifice self. This sacrifice frequently manifests itself when a person chooses to remain silent rather than lash out when offended. Likewise, such a person is sincerely thankful for the gifts God has given to others, for the benefit of the Community, even though it means their own gifts are different and may be as noticed or appreciated. This is dying to self. Dying to self is difficult, but it is not an option. If a person does not develop their spirituality as Jesus teaches, by learning to die to self, then that person is spiritually stagnate and is not bearing fruit. The more we let go of the old self, the more we can become like Christ and serve Him and others. All of us have to deal with our personal weakness everyday. Too often we tend to recognize the weakness in others much sooner than we see what is inhibiting our own progress.

A leader in Christ's kingdom develops as Metanoia develops. There are plenty of people in this world who are ready to be boss. There are far fewer who are willing to take up the role of serving others for the betterment of the community.

Ultreya,
Deacon Ed



CURSILLO LEADER'S PRAYER
Lord, grant that we may understand the necessity for depth in our movement, rather than surface glory. Convince us of the truth that colorful programs do not constitute success. My God, give us a spirit of self sacrifice so that we may offer everything for your cause; our time, our abilities, our health and even our lives if necessary. Instill in us courage in our initiatives, good judgment in our choice of the right means, and that determination which in spite of failures assures victory. Move away from us the tiny rivalries, sensitivities, discourtesies, pride, everything that distracts from You, everything, which divides or discourages. Help us to maintain at a high level a meaningful supernatural and mutual charity among ourselves, so that each one will seek by

preference the most humble tasks and will rejoice at the good performed by others so that all our spirits united in a common purpose will have one single spirit, Yours Jesus, and that this spirit may let us see Your attractive goodness marked in all our faces, Your warm accents in all our words, and in our lives something superior to the world, something that proclaims Your Living Presence among us. Amen

St. Paul, Patron of Cursillo – Pray for us.



Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas – Pray for us.



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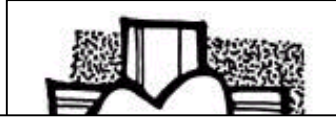
Submitted by Tony Perez
When I meditated on the word guidance, I kept seeing "dance" at the

end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky.

When one person realizes this and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. The one leading gives gentle cues, such as a nudge to the back, and the other responds, resulting in the two moving beautifully together, as if they were one body. Dancing takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one partner and skill and gentle guidance and from the other. That's how our relationship with God needs to be – like dancing, with Him

leading. We need to surrender to Him, trusting Him to lead and guide us through all the aspects of our life. My eyes drew back to the word guidance. It was then that I saw "G" for God, followed by "u" and "i" then "dance".

Together "God, "u" and "i" "dance."! Through a word, God reminded me of that I need to Let Go and Let God lead all that I do.



Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.
Mother Teresa

Pray for Other Communities' Weekends

Aug. 7-10:

- Women's – Tustin, CA
- Women's – W. Boylston, MA
- Women's – San Antonio, TX
- Women's – Brownsville, TX
- Women's - Virginia Beach, VA

Aug. 14-17:

- Men's – Mt. Pleasant, SC

Aug. 21-24:

- Women's – Mt. Pleasant, SC

Aug. 29-Sept 1:

- Men's – Oklahoma City, OK
- Women's – Richmond, CA

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