



# Cursillo

Diocese Of Birmingham Alabama

School of Leaders

March 2014

**“A Cursillo Leader, therefore is a dedicated apostle; a person who puts all of his abilities in the service of Christ.”**



# Agenda



- † Leader's Prayer
- † Leader's Group Reunion
- † Technique Talk: Cursillo Essence
- † Doctrinal Talk
- † Work of the Sections
- † Announcements
- † Discussion Items
- † Closing Prayer-Chapel visit





## 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 which distracts from You, everything which divides or discourages.



## Leader's Prayer con't



- † 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 task 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
- † Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas, Pray for Us.
- † St Paul, Patron of the Cursillo, Pray for Us.



**TECHNIQUE TALK**



## Cursillo Essence



- † Essence is “the intrinsic (belonging naturally) nature or indispensable quality of something, esp. something abstract”
- † The spirit, core, heart, soul of the movement.
- † The essence of the Church is Jesus Christ, thus He is the essence of the Cursillo movement as well
- † Love is the essence of God; the core of Christ’s new covenant
- † Christ’s love is a person to person love
- † Which changes one’s sense of reality and values



# Cursillo Essence



- † With full reliance on the Holy Spirit, the essence of the Cursillo is:
  - The reality of Love
  - The reality of friendship
  - The reality that Christ is my friend
  - The Good News that Christ Love me
  
- † The essence is achieved by making Christians in order to build Christianity; to leaven ordinary life



# Doctrinal Talk



# Work of the Sections





## Work of the Sections



- † Work of the Sections is designed to be the opportunity for the members of the School of Leaders to identify, design, and help implement solutions to any issues within the three sections--PreCursillo, Cursillo and PostCursillo
- † Work of the Sections is directed and conducted under the leadership and guidance of the current Secretariat member responsible for that section
- † SOL members count off and distribute evenly between the 3 sections—unless they are actively serving on a particular committee within a particular section (i.e. Palanca committee members work with the Precursillo section, Communications committee members work with PostCursillo, etc...)

# Announcement Items





# SoL 2014 Schedule



Month (2014)	SoL Meeting Location	Comment
Jan	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
★ Feb/Mar	Satellite – Hsv and B’Ham	Quarter 1
Apr	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
May/Jun	Satellite – Hsv and B’Ham	Quarter 2
Jul	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
Aug/Sep	Satellite – Hsv and B’Ham	Quarter 3
Oct	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
Nov	Satellite – Hsv and B’Ham	Quarter 4

**Remote SoL 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each Month; 1900  
Go to [www.BhmCursillo.org](http://www.BhmCursillo.org) for details**



# Announcements



- † Secretariat meetings during 2014 will be held after each of the Combined SOLs and other months will held the first Sunday afternoon with location TBD by the Secretariat
- † Women's 3 Day Cursillo Weekend is now confirmed for April 3-6, 2014, will occur at Sacred Heart Monastery (Benedictine Sisters) in Cullman, and is FULL. Mary Ellen Roberts has accepted the position of Rectora for Cursillo #130. Team has been chosen, and formation meetings are ongoing. Please pray for Deacon Mike
- † Next Cursillo Region VII Encounter, April25-26, 2014 in Palm Beach, FL. Link to Registration form and other info is on Region VII website, [www.cursillo.org/region7](http://www.cursillo.org/region7)
- † Cursillo de Cursillos weekend will be 25-28 September 2014 at St Bernard's Retreat Center. Registration is now underway.



# Discussion

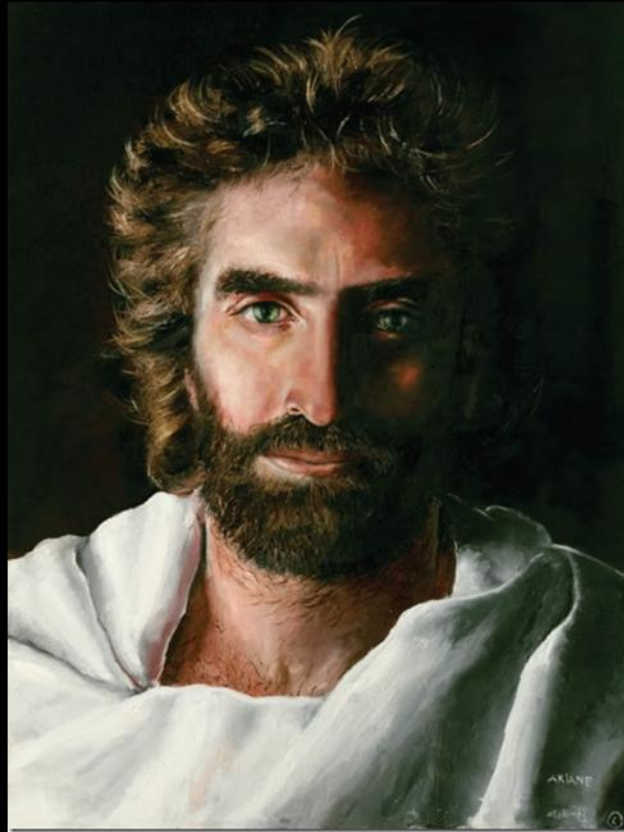


## Closing Prayer



- † Dear Lord, we must have fraternal charity, or we can accomplish nothing for you.
- † In loving you, help us to have a genuine concern for one another, a generosity in sharing one another's burdens, a gallantry in defending the reputation of our group, a sincere sympathy in sharing one another's suffering and sorrows, and a joy in sharing their spiritual growth.
- † By this shall all men know that we are your Apostles. Amen.

# The Diocese of Birmingham School of Leaders



**I Am Third**