

**Diocese Of Birmingham Alabama**

**School of Leaders**

**January 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
- † Doctrinal Talk
- † Technique Talks: Cursillo de Cursillo (CdC)
- † 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.





# Doctrinal Talk



**TECHNIQUE TALK**



## Cursillo de Cursillo (CdC)



- † The CdC is a *course* on the Foundational Charism of Cursillo
- † Is for Cursillistas who are searching for something *beyond* what they learned and experienced during the Cursillo Weekend
- † To help Cursillistas have a thorough understanding of the Cursillo Charism
- † Helps Cursillistas delve into the spiritual and technical elements of the Movement in light of its Charism
- † Opportunity to strengthen and renew friendships; make new friends
- † Get to share and learn from one another's personal experiences in discipleship and leadership; particularly in regards to the three encounters—with self, Christ and others





# Cursillo De Cursillos-background



- † Initiated by Eduardo Bonin in the decade before he died in 2007
  - In response to belief that movement was becoming distracted from its Charism—evangelizing the “moveable square meter” through friendship
- † CdCs have been conducted in the Spanish since 1966; First English CdC not conducted until 2007; first ones in US in 2009
- † Purpose: to emphasize the Charism and fundamentals of the Movement and provide opportunity to clarify misconceptions about the Cursillo methodology
- † Intended for all Cursillistas –men and women; to help deepen their understanding of the Movement







# Weekend Conduct



- † Similar schedule to weekends:
  - Start Thursday night, end Sunday afternoon
  - Attendees are organized by tables
  - Morning and Night prayers; Mass daily
  - Team presents rollos; then table discussion; HOWEVER more discussion as speaker then answers follow-on questions and continues discussion with entire group
- † More breaks/”down time” when compared to Three Day schedule
- † Warm, caring environment; there are table families, but opportunity to spend time with anyone attending the weekend
- † All questions are answered directly and honestly
- † CdC Team always has a member who knew/spent time w/Eduardo
- † Husbands & wives may attend together



# CdC Agenda



Day	Agenda
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome</li><li>• Meditation</li><li>• Way of the Cross</li><li>• Night prayers</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning prayers</li><li>• Organization of DeCurias</li><li>• Rollos:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mentality</li><li>• Cursillo Essence and Purpose</li><li>• Cursillo Strategy</li><li>• What is Fundamental to being a Christian</li><li>• Dangers and Deviations</li></ul></li><li>• Night Prayers</li></ul>



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Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning Prayers</li><li>• Meditation</li><li>• Rollos:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Cursillo Movement in the Ministry of the Church</li><li>• Precursillo</li><li>• Cursillo Weekend</li><li>• The Group and its Reunion</li><li>• The Authentic Ultreya</li></ul></li><li>• Live Ultreya</li><li>• Night Prayers</li></ul>
Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning prayers</li><li>• Rollos:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School of Leaders</li><li>• Secretariat</li><li>• The Spiritual Advisor in the Cursillo Movement</li><li>• Functions of the Lay Leader</li><li>• Going Forward</li></ul></li><li>• Mass</li></ul>



## Final Thoughts on CdC



- † “...the truth will set you free.” The great benefit of the CdC is that Cursillistas have the chance to deepen the journey begun during the Three Day Weekend
- † Opportunity to meet and learn from those who have “sat at the feet” of the Cursillo Founder, Eduardo Bonin
- † Chance to ask *any* question, and all questions are answered clearly; no gray areas
- † The team places no blame; they do not judge any current activities or practices; they just state the fact of what Cursillo is and how it should be lived



## Final Thoughts on CdC

- † The team understands that change is hard and they provide guidance on how Cursillistas within a diocese can determine what is non-essential and how to continue moving towards making a more authentic Cursillo Movement







## Summary



“...in Christianity, leaders are those who, having heard Christ’s call, throw themselves decisively into apostolic action with the capacity to influence others guiding them to encounter the Lord.”

— (Leaders Rollo, Three Day Weekend Manual)





# CdC Registration Process



- † 80 available slots at St Bernard's.
- † Current maximum POSSIBLE cost per person is \$250 (\$225 for room/meals, \$25 to cover team travel expenses). Monies are currently being solicited to reduce the per person cost.
- † % of slots are initially set aside for those in leadership (Ultreya Facilitators, Secretariat members, and *fully* qualified SOL members) until April 30<sup>th</sup>. After April 30<sup>th</sup>, remaining slots will be filled by the date of receipt of first come, first served applications and their NON-REFUNDABLE deposit (\$50 each)
- † A waiting list will be developed and maintained in accordance with postmark/date of receipt of registration application *and* deposit monies.
- † Per person cost will be finalized by June 15th.

# Work of the Sections





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- † 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



- † NEW Website up and going—[www.bhmcursillo.org](http://www.bhmcursillo.org)
- † Diocesan-wide Cursillo Email distribution list being complied—first email test sent this past week; This list is IN ADDITION to Ultreya Facilitator email distribution. Request to join email list can be submitted via website link or email request to: [email@bhmcursillo.org](mailto:email@bhmcursillo.org)
- † 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 beginning next weekend.
- † Next Cursillo Region VII Encounter, April 25-26, 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 officially underway.



# Discussion

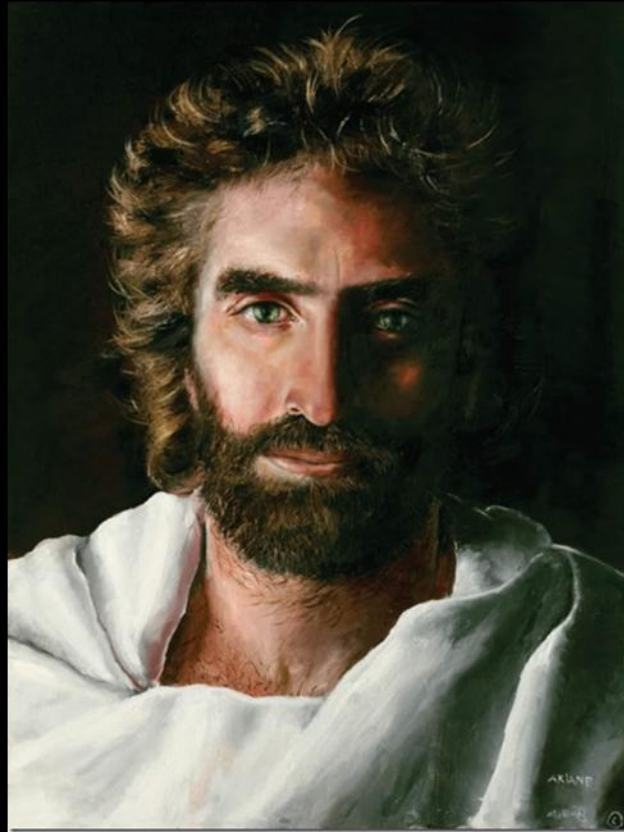


## Closing Prayer



- + 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**