

January Cursillo Report

Summary of the SOL—In January, the SoL was COMBINED and held in Cullman at Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 9:30-11-30am. The doctrine talk was given by Fr. Pat Egan, OSB, pastor of Sacred Heart parish, and the technique talk covered the three day encounter known as the Cursillo de Cursillo. The slides for the January SOL can be found at www.bhmcursillo.org (note the new website address).

Additional announcements concerning the movement are:

- The Secretariat held its November meeting and officially accepted the nominations and voted upon the positions of Lay Director and Treasurer. Mark Bonucchi, St John's, Madison has been named the new Lay Director and Bill Drescher, St Thomas the Apostle, Montevallo has been named Treasurer. Mark and Bill will both serve for the next three years, and will be officially installed into their new positions at the January Combined SOL in Cullman.
- A women's weekend (#130) is now confirmed and will be held April 3-6, 2014. The Women's Rectora is Mary Ellen Roberts from St John's, Madison. The team has been formed and is beginning its formation meetings.
- The roster for Weekend #130 is FULL. A list of the confirmed candidates can be found on the website under "Cursillo" then "Confirmed Candidates." Please allow several moments (usually less than 20 seconds) for the file to download and display on your screen. There is also a waiting list for candidates who have turned in applications. Contact the Precursillo Chair, Rosalie Geoffroy (nonna51@otelco.net) if you do not see your candidate listed on the confirmed list OR the "Applications on File" list (found under "Precursillo", "Applications on File" tab). Applications for the men and women are ALWAYS being accepted, so if you have a candidate who desires to attend a Three Day weekend, please complete the application and send in because another weekend WILL be scheduled as soon as there are enough applications on file (20 applications on hand for men or women).
- Registration for the Cursillo de Cursillo (CdC) being held in the Diocese of Birmingham, September 25-28, 2014 at St Bernard's Retreat and Conference Center in Cullman is now OPEN. Spaces are limited, so if you desire to attend this "follow-on" weekend for Cursillistas (men and women) who have already lived their original weekend, please fill out a registration form and send in as soon as possible, as available slots will be based upon date of receipt of application.

Registration form, Information Overview Sheet, and other materials about the CdC have been attached to this email, but can also be found and downloaded at www.bhmcursillo.org under “Postcursillo”, “Cursillo de Cursillo” tab.)

- The next Remote SOL will be held on **February 6, 2014 at 7pm**. (The topic will be from the January SOL) The Dial-in # is: (641) 715-3300. At the prompting, the access code is 1098398#. FYI—the call-in number and access code remains the same each month.
- The next SOL will be SATELLITE, and will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014, 9:30-11:30am. Locations for the Satellite SOLs are:
 - Birmingham area--St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2 Xavier Circle, Birmingham, 35213, in the St Joseph’s Room.
 - Huntsville area—Queen of the Universe Catholic Church, 2421 Shady Lane Drive, Huntsville, 35810, in the parish hall.
- The next Region VII Regional Encounter will be held on April 25-26, 2014 in Palm Beach, FL. It was a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our Cursillo brothers and sisters from across the Southeast, so encourage you to consider making plans to participate. More information can be found at the Region VII website (www.cursillo.org/region7)

Cursillo Methodology—“The ‘Work of the Sections’ is important to ensure that all parts of the Cursillo process are active and functioning within the larger movement. No one section should be given precedence over the other two sections. Neither can any section be treated with less integrity than the other two sections. To thoroughly understand the Cursillo Movement, one must understand that it is comprised of three equally important phases. To injure any one phase injures the entire Movement.” (*Leaders Manual, U.S. Catholic Cursillo Movement, p. 62*).

Cursillo Procedures—For those who attended the January School of Leaders you will have experienced the “Work of the Sections” being implemented. The hope is that this will ensure that all phases of the movement are active and functioning, and also to provide an easy forum for Cursillistas to bring any ideas or concerns regarding any of the phases and how it is being lived out in the diocese to the attention of the Secretariat member responsible for that particular section, AND also allow for YOUR participation in developing solutions and implementation. If you are unable to attend in person, please send any idea, concern or possible solution to the School of Leaders Chair, Paul Semmens (epaul.semmens@imprimis-

[inc.com](#)) so it can be addressed by the appropriate section during the “Work of Sections” part of the SOL agenda.

Questions/Concerns—

“I would like to attend the Cursillo de Cursillo (CdC) weekend in September, but have not been very active in living out my Cursillo lately by grouping and attending Ultreya regularly. Can I still participate in the CdC? If so, what should I do?”

The answer is YES, you DEFINITELY can participate. The CdC is for any Cursillista who desires to grow in their understanding of the movement so as to live it out more fully in the future. You can find more information at the diocesan website (www.bhmcursillo.org), under “Postcursillo”, “Cursillo de Cursillo” tab. Simply download the application, and send it in with your \$50 deposit as soon as possible to ensure you secure a slot as space is limited. Hope to see you there!