

## July/August Cursillo Report

**Summary of the SOL**—At the July SOL and the August Remote SOL Teleconference, the technique talk focused on the topic of the charism of the Cursillo Movement and then the August SOLs held in Huntsville and Montevallo, the technique talk focused on the topic of friendship, specifically, how the associated strength of friendship is the “key to BEING a Christian, not just doing Christian things.” The slides from the July and August SoLs can be found at ([www.cursillo.org/birmingham](http://www.cursillo.org/birmingham))

In addition, the July and August SoLs included:

- Doctrinal talks: In Huntsville, July’s talk was given by Fr. Vincent Bresowar, Associate Pastor of Holy Spirit, Huntsville and then in August, by Fr. Joe Lubrano, Pastor of St Joseph’s, Huntsville. In Birmingham, July’s doctrinal talk was given by Deacon Doug Moorner of Our Lady of Fatima, Birmingham.
- Additional discussion at the July SOLs focused upon two suggested changes to the By-Laws—1) that Secretariat terms of office (currently two year terms) should instead reflect the National guidelines (three year terms); and 2) whether married couples should be prohibited from serving simultaneously together on the Secretariat. In both SOL locations, it was agreed that Secretariat terms should be changed to reflect national guidelines, so the By-Laws will be amended show that Secretariat members will serve three year terms rather than the current two year terms. It was also agreed that although having married couple serve simultaneously upon the Secretariat is not preferred, and should not be encouraged, there should not be a restriction preventing it. Therefore, no change to the By-Laws will occur regarding this issue.
- Announcement that the next **Men’s 3 Day Cursillo weekend will be held on September 5-8, 2013 at Sacred Heart, Benedictine Sisters, Cullman**. Palanca can be sent to Tony Padron, Palanca Chief, at [teadg@yahoo.com](mailto:teadg@yahoo.com) or by bringing it to the monastery at check-in for the weekend on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Due to a lack of applications on file, there will be NOT be a women’s weekend in the fall. The next possible dates for a Three Day weekend are April 3-6, 2014 and/or August 14-17, 2014.
- The next Regional Encounter will be held Oct 25-26, 2013 in Mobile, AL. All Cursillistas are encouraged to participate in this event with Cursillistas from throughout Region VII (FL, GA, SC, NC, AL, and MS). For more information go to

our website, [www.cursillo.org/birmingham](http://www.cursillo.org/birmingham) or to register, go to:  
<http://www.cursillo.org/region7/encounters.html>

- A Grand Ultreya will NOT be held this fall, instead Cursillistas are encouraged to attend the Regional Encounter in Mobile, October 25-26th.
- Save the date—a **Cursillo “4<sup>th</sup> Day Retreat” Day will be held at Casa Maria Retreat House on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 9:30am-4pm.** There will be an opportunity for Mass, Adoration, Confession, a meditative rosary and presentations about fully living out the Christian vocation. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. For more information, go to: [www.cursillo.org/birmingham](http://www.cursillo.org/birmingham)
- The next Remote SOL will be held on **September 5, 2013 at 7pm.** (The topic will “Friendship” from the August 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 combined and held in Cullman at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.** Topic of the next SoL Technique talk will be “Apostleship.”

**Cursillo Methodology**—The essence of Cursillo (its Charism)--“The Cursillo in Christianity is a movement which, by its own method, attempts from the interior of the Church to give life to essential Christian truths in the singularity, originality and creativity of the person, so that in discovering their potential and accepting their limitations, they will direct their freedom with their conviction, reinforce their will with decisiveness and direct their friendship with the virtue of constancy in their day-to-day life, personally and with others.” (*Cursillos in Christianity: Study of the Charism*).

#### **Cursillo Procedures—**

To implement the desire within the Cursillo community throughout the diocese (as expressed at the July SOLs), for national guidelines to be followed so that each member of the Secretariat will serve three year terms, an implementation plan has been developed and will take effect immediately. The following lists the positions comprising the Secretariat and the three year cycle rotation:

Year 1--Lay Director and Treasurer

Year 2--School of Leaders Chair, Cursillo Chair and Secretary

Year 3--PreCursillo Chair, PostCursillo Chair

**Questions/Concerns—**

*“In light of the three year cycle for Secretariat positions, how will this cycle be implemented in relation to the current members of the Secretariat?”*

The result of the newly adopted three year cycle means that the various positions on the Secretariat will now be available according to the following timeline:

October, 2013	Lay Director, Treasurer
October, 2014	School of Leaders Chair, Cursillo Chair, Secretary
October, 2015	PreCursillo Chair, PostCursillo Chair

This rotation will then repeat itself. Each of the current Secretariat members has agreed to the termination and/or lengthening of their current two year terms by one year in order to bring about a smooth implementation of the desired three year term cycle.