

November Cursillo Report

Summary of the SOL—In November, the SoL was replaced by the Cursillo Day of Reflection on Saturday, November 16 from 9:30-4pm at Casa Maria House in Birmingham and led by Fr. Ben Cameron of the Fathers of Mercy. It was a wonderful day filled with opportunities for prayer, reflection, fellowship and receipt of the sacraments. The Sister Servants were wonderful hostesses, and we look forward to their hosting another event for us in the future.

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.
- All Cursillistas are encouraged to pray and offer palanca for the soon to be ordained 18 Diaconate candidates and their spouses. [A list of the names of all Diaconate candidates and their spouses are below.](#) We will be giving palanca bags to all the Deacons on Dec. 7, after their ordination. The theme and picture on the bag will be -- Matthew 25:21 – “Well done good and faithful servant.”

If you wish to send a Palanca letter to the candidates, send them via email or standard mail **BY DECEMBER 3rd** to: Sally Smith, ssmith@bhate.com, 5029 Red Oak Drive, Oxford, AL 36203 call with questions to cell (205) 983-415.

Candidate Name—Spouse Name

- Robert J. Becher, Sr. (Bob) – Kyle M.
- Serge L. Brazzolotto – Sarah
- Richard A. Chenault Sr. – Peggy
- Louis J. Citrano
- William D. Clawson (Bill) – Deborah (Debbie)
- John H. Cooper – Rhonda
- Kenneth D. Hall – Cecilia
- Kenneth M. Kreps – Charlotte
- Patrick W. Lappert – Patrice
- Robert G. Long – Krista
- Danny W. McCay – Marianne
- Peter C. Nassetta – Sondra W.
- Daniel L. Rodgers – Sally
- Mark N. Squires – Veronica

- Greg S. Thompson – Karen
 - Timothy L. Vaughn – Penny
 - Jonathan F. Williams (Fred) – Doris
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- A women’s weekend is now confirmed and will be held April 3-6, 2014. The next Women’s Rectora is Mary Ellen Roberts from St John’s, Madison.
 - The Region VII Regional Encounter was held on October 25-26, 2013 in Mobile, AL. It was a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our Cursillo brothers and sisters from across the Southeast, and much was learned. Some takeaways from those who attended were:
 - It’s all about the other person – make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ.
 - Friendship equals love.
 - It is only 12 inches from your head/brain to your heart, but it can be the longest distance of your faith journey.
 - Formation/Study is not the end, rather a means to further Christian Love!
 - Any study must be rooted in a life of prayer.
 - The next SOL will be COMBINED, and will be held in Cullman at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on January 11, 2014, 9:30-11:30am.
 - There will be NO Remote SOL held until **February 6, 2014 at 7pm**. (The topic will from the January SOL) There will be no remote SOL until February since no technique talks will be given until the January SOL because the Day of Reflection will be in lieu of the November SOL, and there is no SOL held in December. 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.

Cursillo Methodology—“Cursillos in Christianity” is a movement that, through a method of its own, tries to (and through God’s grace manages to) enable the essential realities of Christian life to come to life in the uniqueness, originality and creativity of each person.” (*“Important Criteria or Principles on the Essence, Mentality and Purpose”*, National Cursillo Center Mailing, February 2007).

Cursillo Procedures—The School of Leaders is the place to bring any ideas, concerns or questions regarding the Cursillo Movement and how it is being lived out in the diocese. If you are unable to attend in person, please send any idea, concern or issue to the School of Leaders

Chair, Paul Semmens (epaul.semmens@imprimis-inc.com) so it can be addressed during the “Discussion” part of the SOL agenda.

Questions/Concerns—

“I am looking for some more information about the Cursillo Movement. Where can I get more information?”

First, check out the different Cursillo websites at the diocesan (www.bhmcursillo.org), regional (www.cursillo.org/region7) and national (www.natlcursillo.org) levels. Especially check out the “Resource Center” and the “Cursillo Literature” links on the National website as you are able to download materials and/or order books on a myriad of topics concerning Cursillo. Another place to learn more is at the School of Leaders and your Ultreya—check out the diocesan website for dates/times/locations. Finally, feel free to send an email to the PostCursillo Chair who will be glad to point you in the right direction to find more about the Cursillo Movement.