

## October Cursillo Report

**Summary of the SOL**—At the Satellite SOLs in Huntsville and Birmingham, the technique talk was dedicated to the Nominations Procedures of Secretariat members, specifically, for the positions of Lay Director and Treasurer. The slides from the October SoL can be found at: ([www.cursillo.org/birmingham](http://www.cursillo.org/birmingham))

In addition, the October SoL included:

- In Huntsville, the doctrinal talk was given by Deacon Jim Bodine, Deacon at Our Lady of the Universe, Huntsville.
- Discussion at the October SOL in Birmingham included a suggestion that the usual November SOL be replaced by attendance at the Cursillo Day of Reflection scheduled for Saturday, November 16, 9:30-4pm at Casa Maria House in Birmingham. **This suggestion has subsequently been approved by the SOL Chair and the Secretariat via email, therefore, all Cursillistas who attend the November Day of Reflection will be recognized as having attended SOL in the month of November. (Information on the Day of Reflection is below)**
- Nominations for the Secretariat positions of Lay Director and Treasurer resulted in the following people being nominated AND accepting their nomination to be considered. For Lay Director: Mark Bonucchi, St John's, Madison. For Treasurer: Bill Drescher, St Thomas the Apostle, Montevallo. Nominees will be officially voted upon at the November Secretariat meeting and will be announced at the November SOL.
- Additional announcements are that all Cursillistas are invited to offer and prepare Palanca for those Cursillistas within our diocese who are currently preparing for ordination to the diaconate on December 7, 2013. A list of the names of diaconate candidates is currently being prepared and will be posted to the website in the near future. Sally Smith has volunteered to be the point of contact for collecting all letters. The address for where to send palanca letters will be provided and posted on the website by the middle of November.
- 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 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 Cursillo “4<sup>th</sup> Day Retreat” Day of Reflection will be led by Fr. Michael O’Connor, of the Fathers of Mercy and will be held at Casa Maria Retreat House in Birmingham 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. To register, fill out a retreat registration form on the Sister Servants website ([www.sisterservants.org](http://www.sisterservants.org)), or call (205) 956-6760.
- 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**—“A Cursillo Leader, therefore is a dedicated Apostle; a person who puts all of his/her abilities in the service of Christ.” (*“Leadership Within the Cursillo Movement”*, National Cursillo Center Mailing, December 2009).

**Cursillo Procedures**—In accordance with the By Laws for the Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Birmingham, nominations received and accepted by the nominees at the October SOL, will be considered for the position(s) to which they have been nominated at the next scheduled Secretariat meeting. After prayerful consideration, nominees will be informed of their selection/non-selection, and the Cursillo community will be informed of the new Secretariat members at the November SOL.

#### **Questions/Concerns—**

*“I am interested in serving on a Three Day weekend team. How do I go about making sure that I am considered when teams are being formed?”*

First, spend time in prayer discerning whether Cursillo is your Apostolate—i.e. if God is asking you to spend your time, talents, and resources in sharing the Cursillo methodology. If so, ensure that you are growing in your knowledge and understanding of the Cursillo movement by living out the methodology through weekly grouping, regular attendance at Ultreya, and attending the School of Leaders once a month—either in person or remotely. Finally, to indicate your availability for an upcoming weekend, fill out a Team Application form found on the Diocese of Birmingham Cursillo website ([www.cursillo.org/birmingham](http://www.cursillo.org/birmingham)), and submit it to the Three Day Cursillo Chair.