

## February Cursillo Report

**Summary of the SOL**—In February, the SoL was SATELLITE and held simultaneously in Huntsville at Queen of the Universe parish, and in Birmingham at St Francis Xavier parish from 9:30-11:30am. In Huntsville, the doctrine talk was given by Fr. Joy Challisery, pastor of Queen of the Universe, and Deacon Tim Vaughn presented in Birmingham. The technique talk covered the essence and methodology of Cursillo. The slides for the February SOL can be found at [www.bhmcursillo.org](http://www.bhmcursillo.org) under SOL presentations.

Additional announcements concerning the movement are:

- The Church experienced the loss of a wonderful Cursillista and great friend of the Movement in Deacon Michael Branch of Sacred Heart parish, Cullman on February 15th. Our prayers and sincere condolences to Deacon Mike's wife, and Cursillo sister, Carolyn Branch, and the entire family during this time of sadness. If you wish to make a donation in honor of Deacon Mike, you may contribute to the DEACON MIKE BRANCH APPRECIATION FUND. Simply make checks payable to "Sacred Heart Church", with notation: DEACON MIKE BRANCH APPRECIATION FUND and then send to: Sacred Heart Church, P. O. Box 1085, Cullman, AL 35056.
- 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 is currently undergoing team preparation. 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. The CdC is a "follow-on" Cursillo weekend for Cursillistas (men and women) who have already lived their original weekend, so if you want to learn more about the essence of Cursillo and experience your encounter with Christ again, 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](http://www.bhmcursillo.org) under "Postcursillo", "Cursillo de Cursillo" tab.)

- The next **Remote SOL** will be held on **March 6, 2014 at 7pm**. (The topic will from the February 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 **Sat, March 8, 2014, 9:30-11:30am**. Locations for the Satellite SOLs are:
  - Birmingham area—TBD. Information will be posted and an email will be sent out as soon as arrangements are finalized.
  - Huntsville area—St John the Baptist, 1055 Hughes Road, Madison, 35758, in the basement 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](http://www.cursillo.org/region7))
- Mark your calendars now! The **Cursillo Grand Ultreya/Summer Social will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2014** at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Hanceville, AL. More details to follow soon.

**Cursillo Methodology**—“The mentality of the Cursillo Movement, as expressed by Eduardo consists of: proclaiming the best news of the best reality—that God, in Jesus Christ, loves us; it is communicated by the best means—which is friendship; and towards the best of each one—which is the person and his capacity of conviction, decision and constancy.” (*Leaders Manual, U.S. Catholic Cursillo Movement, p. 16*).

**Cursillo Procedures**—For those who are sponsoring candidates, please remember the necessity of submitting a \$25 deposit *along with* the application. This \$25 is NOT an additional fee, but is applied towards the \$200 weekend fee. The purpose of the deposit is two-fold—1) for the candidate to express their seriousness about attending an upcoming weekend; and 2) to provide an opportunity for the subject of payment regarding the weekend to easily be brought up between a sponsor and candidate. This discussion will then enable a sponsor to secure financing for any candidate that needs it prior to the weekend.

**Questions/Concerns—**

*“I have a candidate who might not submit an application if they need to submit the \$25 deposit. What should I do?”*

First, make sure your candidate understands that the \$25 is not an additional fee, but rather will be credited towards the \$200 weekend fee. Next, use this opportunity to ask whether paying the weekend fee will be a burden for the candidate. If so, discuss whether the candidate needs partial or full assistance, while also assuring the candidate that money is not an obstacle to attending the weekend, and whatever needs to be covered (including the initial \$25 deposit) will be taken care of.

Then, depending upon what is needed, determine how assistance will be provided (i.e. you can ask your group or Ultreya for help if you are unable to provide the assistance). Once a plan is determined, submit the application with the \$25 deposit, while also annotating on the Sponsor application that your candidate will need financial assistance (this is so the Precursillo Chair will contact the proper person whenever payment for the weekend needs to be discussed). If your candidate is still hesitant to submit an application due to the \$25 deposit, then offer prayer and sacrifice for their wisdom and discernment, and entrust the outcome to the Holy Spirit.