

## March Cursillo Report

**Summary of the SOL**—In March, the SoL was SATELLITE and held simultaneously in Madison at St John the Baptist parish, and in Montevallo at St Thomas the Apostle parish from 9:30-11:30am. In Huntsville, the doctrine talk was given by Fr. Joy Nelissary, Associate Pastor of St John's, and Deacon Tim Vaughn presented in Montevallo. The technique talk covered the essence and purpose of Cursillo. The slides for the March SOL can be found at [www.bhmcursillo.org](http://www.bhmcursillo.org) under SOL presentations.

Additional announcements concerning the movement are:

- 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 (16 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 **April 3, 2014 at 7pm**. (The topic will from the March 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 will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014, 9:30-11:30am, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the GYM.

- 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))
- The **Cursillo Grand Ultreya/Summer Social will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2014** at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Hanceville, AL from 10am-3pm. More details to follow soon.

**Cursillo Methodology**—“The essence of the Cursillos in Christianity is just the essence of Christianity, the living content of what is Christian, the soul of Christianity that encourages and informs all the acts and all the moments of a Cursillo.” (*Leaders’ Manual, U.S. Catholic Cursillo Movement, p. 17*)

**Cursillo Procedures**—In the course of living out the 4<sup>th</sup> Day, Cursillistas are encouraged to constantly “Make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ.” This will result in men and women expressing a desire to become part of the Cursillo movement. When this desire is expressed, it is important for those men and women to fill out and submit an application as soon as possible. This is because once there are 16 applications of either men or women, then a weekend will be scheduled and a team formed. So, keeping “making a friend, being a friend, and bringing that friend to Christ,” but don’t forget the paperwork! 😊

**Questions/Concerns**—

*“I would like to attend the Cursillo de Cursillo (CdC) weekend in September, but heard that there is some sort of April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. What is that all about?”*

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. But until April 30<sup>th</sup>, anyone is an active member of the School of Leaders, or who is currently serving in a position of leadership (like an Ultreya Facilitator), is being given priority for registering. But don’t worry, if you send in your application and deposit, you’ll be able to secure a slot and participate. To get an application, go to the diocesan website ([www.bhmcursillo.org](http://www.bhmcursillo.org)), and under “Postcursillo”, click on the “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. Looking forward to seeing you there!