

## April Cursillo Report

**Summary of the SOL**—In April, the SoL was COMBINED and held in Cullman at Sacred Heart parish from 9:30-11:30am. The doctrine talk was given by Deacon Tim Vaughn. The technique talk discussed Environments. The slides for the April SOL can be found at [www.bhmcursillo.org](http://www.bhmcursillo.org) under SOL presentations.

Additional announcements concerning the movement are:

- A Men's weekend (#131) is now confirmed and will be held August 14-17, 2014. The Men's Rector is Bob McCoy from Holy Spirit, Huntsville. The team is currently being formed. There are still slots for the weekend available, so submit your completed applications as soon as possible. A list of the confirmed candidates will be posted soon.
- 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 going on now. The CdC is a "follow-on" Cursillo weekend for Cursillista, both men and women, who have already lived their original weekend, and is an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Cursillo charism and movement while having the chance to encounter Christ and deepen friendships with your fellow Cursillistas.
  - The cost for this weekend currently is \$225 per person (fundraising efforts are still ongoing in order to try and lower the per person cost). However, if the potential cost is a issue for you to attend the CdC, PLEASE know that funding is being made available for anyone who desires to attend to ensure that cost will not be a reason for not attending the CdC.
  - In addition, as of this Thursday (May 1<sup>st</sup>), CdC slots will begin to be assigned on a "first-come, first-served" submission of applications, so if you desire to attend, fill out a registration form and send in as soon as possible. Registration forms can 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 **May 1st, 2014 at 7pm**. (The topic will from the April 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 Saturday, May 10th, 9:30-11:30am, at the following locations:
  - Birmingham: St Thomas the Apostle parish, 80 St Thomas Way, Montevallo, 35115
  - Huntsville: Holy Spirit parish, 625 Airport Road, Huntsville, 35802, in the library.

- 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 will be following soon.
- The next National Cursillo Encounter will be held July 31-August 3, 2014 at Chapman University in Orange Beach, CA. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our Cursillo brothers and sisters from across the United States, so consider making plans to participate as ANY Cursillista is welcome to participate. More information can be found at the National Cursillo website (<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/encounter/>)

**Cursillo Methodology**— “...the ultimate purpose of the Cursillo is to vertebrae Christianity in society, the natural groupings of persons (environments), achieved through persons who live what is fundamental for being Christian, the love of God and neighbor, in their daily living, and who naturally exert a decisive influence over those environments.” (*Leaders’ Manual, U.S. Catholic Cursillo Movement, p. 25*)

**Cursillo Procedures**— Our task as Cursillistas is to share the love of God with others--all those we meet in the “square meter around us.” The environment in which we do our evangelization is the conditions under which we share God’s love, and it is important to understand them so we can better understand the motivations and the potential causes of frustration for all those whom we encounter as we “make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.”

**Questions/Concerns—**

*“I would like to attend the Cursillo de Cursillo (CdC) weekend in September, but unable to afford to pay the \$225 fee for the weekend. Can I still go?”*

Absolutely. Financial issues should not prevent any Cursillista from attending the CdC. Funding is available for those who need assistance in order to attend, therefore, if finances are an issue for you, simply send in your registration form and annotate “Finances” on the top of your registration form, and you will be contacted to discuss securing assistance. Just print out an application by going to the “Cursillo de Cursillo” page found under the “PostCursillo” tab on the diocesan Cursillo website ([www.bhmcursillo.org](http://www.bhmcursillo.org)), and then send it in as soon as possible to ensure you secure a slot. Decolores!