

**Diocese Of Birmingham Alabama**

**School of Leaders**

**July 2014**

**“A Cursillo Leader, therefore is a dedicated apostle; a person who puts all of his abilities in the service of Christ.”**



# Agenda



- † Leader's Prayer
- † Leader's Group Reunion
- † Doctrinal Talk
- † Technique Talk: Environments
- † Work of the Sections
- † Announcements
- † Discussion Items
- † Closing Prayer-Chapel visit





## Leader's Prayer



- † Lord grant that we may understand the necessity for depth in our Movement, rather than surface glory. Convince us of the truth that colorful programs do not constitute success.
- † My God, give us a spirit of self sacrifice so that we may offer everything for Your cause: our time, our abilities, our health and even our lives if necessary. Instill in us courage in our initiatives, good judgment in our choice of the right means, and that determination, which in spite of failures, assures victory.
- † Move away from us the tiny rivalries, sensitivities, discourtesies, pride, everything which distracts from You, everything which divides or discourages.



## Leader's Prayer con't



- † Help us to maintain at a high level, a meaningful supernatural and mutual charity among ourselves, so that each one will seek by preference, the most humble task and will rejoice at the good performed by others, so that all our spirits, united in a common purpose, will have one single spirit, Yours Jesus, and that this spirit may let us see Your attractive goodness marked in all our faces, Your warm accents in all our words, and in our lives something superior to the world, something that proclaims Your Living Presence among us. Amen
- † Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas, Pray for Us.
- † St Paul, Patron of the Cursillo, Pray for Us.



# Doctrinal Talk



**TECHNIQUE TALK**



# Purpose of PostCursillo



The Postcursillo is designed to renew, accelerate and continue the conversion of each individual, and through that conversion, to provide a continuous transformation of the environments each individual encounters during daily life. *Postcursillo is about seeing Christ in every person and in every moment.*

Why?

So each Cursillista may become a means to transform society (vertebrae Christianity); while sharing in groups in order to encourage and sustain a more authentic, constant and progressive Christianity

How?

Through use of the tools of Group Reunion and Ultreya. These are designed to supplement and complement the Church community.



# Authentic Postcursillo



An authentic Postcursillo provides the means for each person to persevere in striving to live out the Christian life—to become “fully alive” (St Irenaeus)

How?

By being mindful of both the individual and community aspects of Christian life

Goal is to BE more, not do more

Accomplish the vision presented during the Three Day Weekend by participation in Group Reunion and Ultreya

More effort should be put into the Postcursillo than into any other phase of the Movement, including the Three Day Weekend

To enable each of us to become more effective apostles and more Christlike each day



# Grouping and Ultreya is Key



Grouping and Ultreya are the means through which individuals and the larger community are sustained, encouraged and challenged on the journey of progressive conversion (sanctification/holiness)

How?

By sharing the joys and trials of Christian life

To ensure attentiveness to all three encounters (piety, study and action)

Grouping is based upon friendship—those you “want” to group with—and the sharing of piety, study, action, “closest moment”

Ultreya is focused upon creating an environment in which we come to know our brothers and sisters as we walk together as a Christian community in action—those you “should” group with

Ultreyas should be *available* weekly and be comprised of the following elements--personal contact, floating group reunion, witness, prayer, and availability to spiritual direction



## Signs that a Postcursillo is less than fully authentic



- † A lack of, or the same, leaders who are willing to serve the Movement
- † Misunderstanding that Cursillo is a special club that can only be shared with specific groups of people—i.e. those “mature in their faith”
- † A lack of study and desire to grow in understanding of the Cursillo charism
- † A belief that everyone should make a Cursillo—even if they are not qualified--i.e. those who can not receive the sacraments
- † More attention given to the Three Day Weekends than to Precursillo and/or Postcursillo
- † Misunderstood to be just another program or parish ministry or as a means to develop parish leaders
- † Focusing upon one encounter at the expense of the others—i.e piety and little study, action but little piety, etc



## How Cursillistas can live an authentic 4<sup>th</sup> Day (Post-Cursillo)



- † Continue to deepen your Christian conversion in all three encounters—self, Christ and others
- † Keep studying and growing in your understanding of the Cursillo charism and methodology
- † Ensure your fellow Cursillistas and candidates have a group. Invite him/her to your group if/when necessary
- † Regularly attend and invite your fellow Cursillistas to Ultreya and School of Leaders
- † Actively see candidates all the time: be a friend, make a friend, bring a friend to Christ
- † Be mindful that Christ is counting on you, so you must depend upon Him in all things by praying and offering palanca daily



## Postcursillo Summary



- † Each person continues to discover and deepen friendships in each of the three encounters using the methodology of through Group Reunion and Ultreya
- † Environments encountered by Cursillistas are transformed to become more Christ-like
- † Cursillistas are a living proclamation of the best news that God in Jesus Christ loves us, and this news is communicated through friendship with the best end of each person—a person fully alive—as the goal
- † A Movement that understands the Cursillo charism and purpose, attracts others through its authenticity, and develops numerous leaders willing to serve within the Movement

# Work of the Sections





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- † Work of the Sections is designed to be the opportunity for the members of the School of Leaders to identify, design, and help implement solutions to any issues within the three sections--PreCursillo, Cursillo and PostCursillo
- † Work of the Sections is directed and conducted under the leadership and guidance of the current Secretariat member responsible for that section
- † SOL members count off and distribute evenly between the 3 sections—unless they are actively serving on a particular committee within a particular section (i.e. Palanca committee members work with the Precursillo section, Communications committee members work with PostCursillo, etc...)

# Announcement Items





# SoL 2014 Schedule



Month (2014)	SoL Meeting Location	Comment
Jan	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
Feb/Mar	Satellite – Hsv and B’Ham	Quarter 1
Apr	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
May/Jun	Satellite – Hsv and B’Ham	Quarter 2
★ Jul	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
Aug/Sep	Satellite – Hsv and B’Ham	Quarter 3
Oct	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
Nov	Day of Reflection—Casa Maria, B’Ham	Quarter 4

**Remote SoL 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each Month; 1900**  
**Go to [www.BhmCursillo.org](http://www.BhmCursillo.org) for details**



# Announcements



- † Men's #131 will be held August 14-17, 2014 at Sacred Heart Monastery (Benedictine Sisters) in Cullman, AL. See the website for Confirmed Candidate and Team Listings.
- † Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC) weekend will be September 25-28 , 2014 at St Bernard's Retreat Center. Cost is \$225 per person. Registration is ongoing.
- † Next Cursillo Region VII Encounter, October 17-18, in Savannah, GA. Link to Registration form and other info is on Region VII website, [www.cursillo.org/region7](http://www.cursillo.org/region7)
- † Cursillo Day of Reflection will be held on November 9, 2014 at Casa Maria Retreat House in Birmingham. Topic is "Prayer as the Foundation for Evangelization" and the presenter will be Dan Burke, author of *Navigating the Interior Life*.
- † Nominations for the Secretariat positions of School of Leaders and Cursillo Chair will occur at the October SOL meeting. Begin to prayerfully discern now whether you are open to serving the Movement in either capacity.



# Discussion

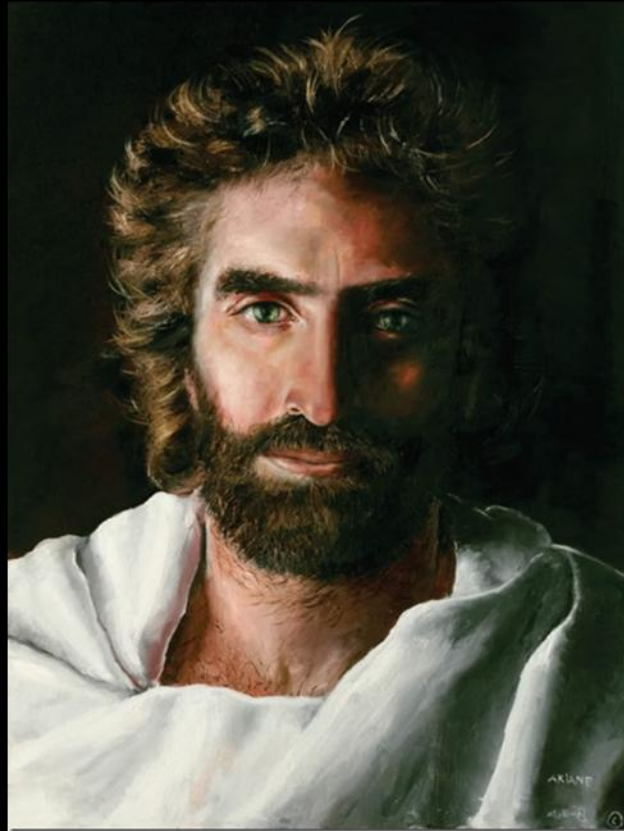


## Closing Prayer



- † Dear Lord, we must have fraternal charity, or we can accomplish nothing for you.
- † In loving you, help us to have a genuine concern for one another, a generosity in sharing one another's burdens, a gallantry in defending the reputation of our group, a sincere sympathy in sharing one another's suffering and sorrows, and a joy in sharing their spiritual growth.
- † By this shall all men know that we are your Apostles. Amen.

# The Diocese of Birmingham School of Leaders



**I Am Third**