

Summer Cursillo Report

Summary of the SOL—The SOL in June was SATELLITE and was held in Birmingham at St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Gardendale and in Huntsville at St John's, Madison. The topic was Precursillo. The SOL in July was COMBINED and was held in Cullman at Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 9:30-11:30am. The technique talk was Postcursillo. The slides for both the June and July SOL can be found at www.bhmcursillo.org under SOL presentations.

Additional announcements concerning the Movement are:

- A Men's weekend (#131) will be held August 14-17, 2014 at Sacred Heart Monastery (Benedictine Sisters). The Men's Rector is Bob McCoy from Holy Spirit, Huntsville. A list of team members as well as confirmed candidates is posted on the Cursillo website for palanca purposes (under the tabs, "Cursillo," then "Team Members" and "Confirmed Candidates"). There is also a link to sign up for prayer slots to pray for the team and the candidates during the #131 weekend is located at the top of the Confirmed Candidates page.
- Clausura for Men's #131 will occur on Sunday, August 17 at 4pm at Sacred Heart Monastery (Benedictine Sisters) in the Large Conference Room located in the NEW RETREAT HOUSE FACILITIES. Due to the recent renovations at Sacred Heart, the old Mary Hall, Joseph Hall and Dining Room have been demolished. Subsequently, procedures and link up for Clausura will be COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. Therefore, you are asked to arrive a little early, in order to allow time for you to follow signs and instructions that will be provided when coming on to the property on Thursday during candidate drop off and on Sunday for Clausura and candidate pick up. Instructions will also be posted to the website (as one of the scrolling announcements and on the top of the Confirmed Candidates page) by August 13th for your reference.
- There are still some slots available for the upcoming **Cursillo de Cursillos (CdC)** that is being held in the Diocese of Birmingham, **September 25-28, 2014** at St Bernard's Retreat and Conference Center in Cullman. 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 is \$225 per person. However, if cost is an issue for you to attend the CdC, PLEASE know that funding is being made available for anyone who desires to attend the CdC, so please register, and simply mark "Funding" at the top of your registration form.
 - Since CdC slots are on a "first-come, first-served" basis, please fill out a registration form and send it in as soon as possible. A list of registration forms received thus far is available on the website and can be seen and downloaded under "Postcursillo", "Cursillo de Cursillo" tab.

- Due to requests from the Cursillo community, the Remote SOL will now be held on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month at 7pm. The next Remote SOL will be held on August 6, 2014 at 7pm.** (The topic will from the July 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, August 9th, 9:30-11:30am, at the following locations:
 - Birmingham: St Thomas the Apostle parish, Montevallo, 80 St Thomas Way, Montevallo, AL 35115.
 - Huntsville: Queen of the Universe parish, 2421 Shady Lane Drive, Huntsville, AL 35810.
- The next Regional Cursillo Encounter will be held October 17-18, 2014 in Savannah, GA. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our Cursillo brothers and sisters from across Region VII (Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina), so please consider making plans to attend as ANY Cursillista is welcome to participate. More information can be found at the Region VII Cursillo website (<https://www.cursillo.org/region7.org/>). Also, Cursillistas from the Birmingham Diocese WILL be attending, so if you would like to carpool, please contact Christina Semmens, 256-603-0225, semcsem@aol.com.

Cursillo Methodology—“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.*” (*Leaders’ Manual, U.S. Catholic Cursillo Movement*)

Cursillo Procedures— “An authentic Postcursillo provides the means for each person to persevere in striving to live out the Christian life by being mindful of both the individual and community aspects of Christian life, to help each person to BE more, to be able to accomplish the vision presented during the Three Day Weekend by participation in Group Reunion and Ultreya. Finally, more effort should be put into the Postcursillo than into any other phase of the Movement, including the Three Day Weekend, so that each person is enabled to become more effective apostles and more Christlike each day.”

Questions/Concerns—

“Why should I group and attend Ultreya?”

Grouping and Ultreya are the means through which you and the larger Cursillo community are sustained, encouraged and challenged on the journey of faith by sharing the joys and trials of Christian life, and by helping you to remain attentive to the three encounters (piety, study and action) in the midst of your daily life.