

**Diocese Of Birmingham Alabama**

**School of Leaders**

**August 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**



## **3-Day Cursillo Chair, aka “the Handler” – lots of coordination!**



- After team qualified SoL members have been received from SoL chair and Secretariat approves recommended Rector/Rectora, then the action starts!
- Pre-Cursillo meets “the Cursillo” or Where the baton is passed! The opportunity is upon us to, introduce the method to make possible the true living out of a Christian’s baptismal commitment.
- The weekend does not happen by chance, and let us never lose sight of the fact that, “It can be said that a Cursillo Weekend is the realistically joyful communication of being Christian.” (page 91 of the Leaders Manual)





## 3- Day Chair cont



- The 3-Day Chair is the conduit between Pre-Cursillo and Team leaders, specifically the Rector/Rectora and Set-up Chief; working items like candidates with special needs, i.e. diets, disability accommodations, etc.
- These last five weekends have been more of a challenge than normal due to the new construction at Sacred Heart convent –candidate drop-off/pick-up, escorting to Clausura - thank you for your patience
- Also the 3-Day Chair is the primary POC with the Retreat Center Director: any changes in dates, logistics, damage to the Retreat Center or dorms, etc. are communicated to the 3-Day chair





## 3-Day Cursillo to Post Cursillo



- There are redundancies built into our process, but **PARAMOUNT** is that the Sponsor has done his/her responsibilities!
- We “fall apart” when:
  1. there is no identified group for the new Cursillista(s) to go to **immediately after** the weekend
  2. New Cursillistas are not invited, carried to and introduced at the first available local Ultreya
- Cursillo Chair ensures that all new Cursillistas’ updated contact information is relayed from the Set-up chief to the Post Cursillo chair, ensuring that communications to new Cursillistas are ongoing!

# 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. Website has Candidate and Team Name Listings. Drop off/pick up and Clausura instructions will be posted this next week.
- † The Remote SOL is now held on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month. **Next Remote SOL will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 7pm.**
- † **Next SOL meetings will be on Saturday, September 13, 9:30-11:30am** and will be SATELLITE. The SOL Satellite locations are St Joseph's parish in Huntsville and Holy Spirit parish in Tuscaloosa.
- † The **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.



# Announcements



- † **Nominations for the Secretariat positions of School of Leaders Chair, Cursillo Chair and Secretary will occur at the October Combined SOL meeting.** Begin now to prayerfully discern whether you are open to serving the Movement in this capacity.
  
- † **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 Saturday, 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*.



# Discussion

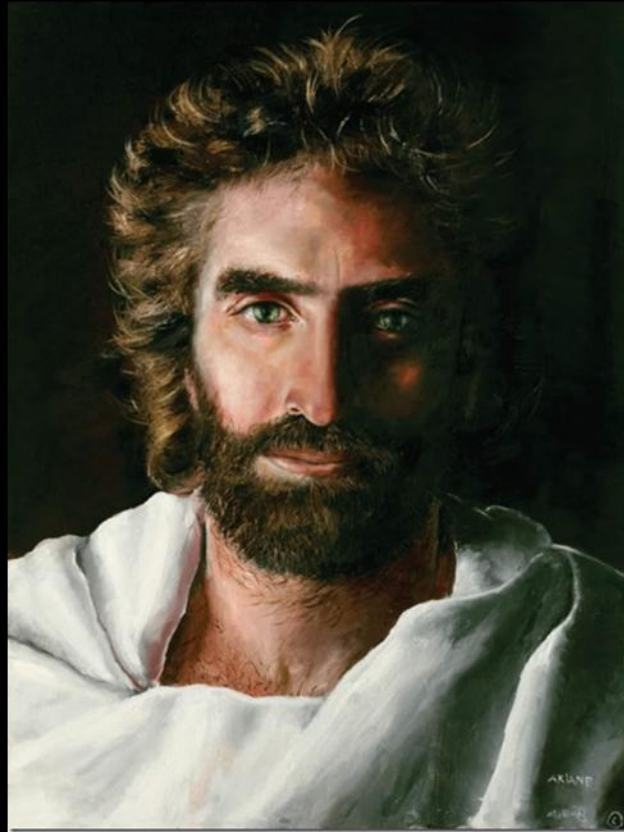


## Closing Prayer



- † 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**