

October Cursillo Report

Summary of the October SOL—The SOL in October was COMBINED and was held in Birmingham at St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Gardendale from 9:30-11:30am. The doctrine talk was given by Deacon Tim Vaughn and was on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The technique talk was about the Role of the School of Leaders. In addition, nominations were held for the Secretariat. The slides for the October SOL can be found at www.bhmcursillo.org under SOL presentations.

Additional announcements concerning the Movement are:

- Nominations for the Secretariat positions of School of Leader Chair, Cursillo Chair and Secretary were held during the October SOL. The following Cursillistas accepted nominations to the following positions:
 - School of Leaders Chair: Sally Smith, Sacred Heart, Anniston
 - Cursillo Chair: Mary Ellen Roberts, St John's, Madison
 - Secretary: Jasper Levio, St Thomas, Montevallo; Sabine Wlodarski, Holy Spirit, Huntsville; and Miguel Rodriguez, St John's. Madison.
 - Elections will be finalized at the upcoming Secretariat meeting scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 1st. The Cursillo community will be notified of those who have been selected to serve once the discernment process has been completed.
- **The Cursillo Day of Reflection will be held on Saturday, November 8th, 8:30-4:30pm at the Casa Maria Retreat House in Birmingham.** The topic will be "Deeper Prayer as the Foundation for Evangelization" and the presenter will be Dan Burke, managing editor for the National Catholic Register, and author of the book, *Navigating the Interior Life*. Cost is \$35 per person and will include lunch. **To participate, RSVP by Tues, Nov 4th directly to the Sister Servants at Casa Maria, 205-956-6760, sclaremarie@sisterservants.org.** Attendance at the Day of Reflection will be considered attendance at SOL as well.
- **The Cursillo de Cursillo (CdC) was held September 25-28, 2014 and was attended by 53 Cursillistas** from our diocese as well as Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida and North Carolina. The weekend resulted in an increased and deepened understanding about the Cursillo Movement, especially about its charism, purpose and mentality. If you attended, please share what you learned with other Cursillistas, or, if you did not have a chance to be there, ask someone who attended to share their experience with you. God is good! ☺
- **A Women's weekend (#132) has been confirmed and will be held February 26-March 1, 2015 at Sacred Heart Monastery (Benedictine Sisters).** The Women's Rector is Mary Ann Lopacki from Holy Spirit parish, Tuscaloosa. Team selection is currently underway. **The weekend is currently NOT full.** Applications are continuously being accepted using a rolling

admissions policy, so please continue to submit applications for both male and female candidates, especially since once there are enough applications on file, another weekend will then be scheduled.

- **The SOL will NOT meet in December, but will resume in January on Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 9:30-11:30am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cullman and will be COMBINED.** Plan now to attend.
- The Remote SOL is now held on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month at 7pm. The next Remote SOL will be held on February 4, 2015 at 7pm.** (The topic will from the January 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 Regional Cursillo Encounter will be held April 24-25, 2015 in Venice, FL.** 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/>).

Cursillo Methodology—“The Cursillo de Cursillos (CdC) is a course on the Foundational Charism of Cursillo. The CdC provides Cursillistas with knowledge and a living experience of what is essential in the mentality and methodology of the Movement.” (*Cursillo de Cursillos Personal Study Guide, p.5*)

Cursillo Procedures— “The School of Leaders is the place where suggestions, issues and/or concerns about the Movement and how it is being implemented and lived within the diocese is supposed to be discussed by the Cursillo community. If a Cursillista is unable to attend a School of Leaders gathering, they are encouraged to forward their suggestion, issue and/or concern to the School of Leaders Chair, another member of the Secretariat, or the Lay Director, Mark Bonucchi, 256-975-3871, mmbonucchi@msn.com.

Questions/Concerns—

“I heard that the upcoming Women’s Cursillo weekend is full, but I have a candidate who is interested in attending. Should I submit an application?”

MOST DEFINITELY. Remember that the Precursillo never stops, but is ONGOING. We should always be “Making a friend, being a friend, and bringing that friend to Christ.” This is the reason why applications are continuously accepted on a “rolling basis,” and also why once there are enough applications on file (16 men or 16 women), a weekend is then confirmed, and team formation begins.