



# ursillo

**Diocese Of Birmingham Alabama**

School of Leaders

April 14, 2015

at Sacred heart of Jesus Church in Cullman, AL



# SOL Agenda



- † Bible Enthronement
- † Leader's Prayer
- † Leader's Group Reunion
- † Lenten Doctrinal Talk: Deacon Tim Vaughn
  - Two Glorious Mysteries Affect Our Lives Today
  - The Resurrection and The Ascension
- † Technique Talk: Sally Smith
  - Divine Mercy and Forgiveness
- † Work of the Sections: Breakout Session
- † Announcements
- † Closing Prayer and Bible Dethronement
- † Chapel Visit (optional, but encouraged)



## 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.



# Leaders' Group Reunion



Count off for Grouping and discuss...

- **In this Easter Season (50 days),  
how can you spread the Good News  
that Jesus is Alive?**
- **Share a “Closest Moment”**



# Doctrinal Talk



by Tim Vaughn  
Cursillo Spiritual Advisor

Two Glorious Mysteries Affect our Lives Today

The Resurrection –

The Ascension –



# Techniques Talk



Cursillo Happenings and  
Techniques Talk Related to Tripod Leg -  
Piety

## **Divine Mercy Sunday and More**

Presenter: **Sally Smith,**  
Secretariat School of Leaders Chair



## Cursillo Happenings



### **Two Important Events in the History of the Cursillos Christianity Movement** Source: National Cursillo Newsletter-April 2015

**1. On January 11, 2015** - The installation of the new Cursillo Plaque at the Monastery of San Honorato in Palma de Mallorca, the cradle of Cursillo. Photo shows in the presence of the Bishop of Mallorca, Most Rev. Javier Salinas, and the President of the Mallorcan Diocesan Secretariat, Loren Marián.

- † **First Cursillo – August 19-22, 1944 – Cala Figuera de Santanyí – Mallorca, Spain**
- † **No. 1 Cursillo – January 7-10, 1949 – Monastery of San Honorato – Mallorca, Spain**





† Bishop Salinas and Loren Marián

† First Numbered Cursillo Plaque – January 7-10, 1949



## Divine Mercy and Forgiveness



- † **2. On February 5, 2015  
- First step in the  
process of Beatification  
and Canonization of  
Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló,  
the Founder of Cursillos  
in Christianity, a  
movement that has  
spread worldwide.**





## Cursillo Happenings



- † Some men, with the help of science and financial support have been able to go from the exterior of man to the surface of the moon. We are trying to achieve something that is immensely more difficult, i.e. to go from the exterior of man to his innermost being, in order to learn to understand ourselves and to move towards other people, so that we may become more aware of the wonder of our life.
- † Bonnín told his friends there were three ways of doing so:
  - Accept who you are,
  - believe you can be better, and
  - make the journey in the company of friends.



## Cursillo Happenings



- † **1st Cursillo Episode aired on EWTN in March**
- † In case you did not have an opportunity to watch ***Cursillo: Its Origins, Mentality and Purpose***, you can watch it on-line at <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/>



# More than just Divine Mercy Sunday



- † Today in the Vatican City, at 5.30 p.m., the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday, in St. Peter's Basilica, the Pope will officially convoke the **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**



## Divine Mercy and Forgiveness



- † The Pope has written and is releasing the publication of the **Bull of Indiction, “Misericordiae vultus”**.
- † To express his wish that the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy will be celebrated in Rome and throughout the world, Pope Francis will consign a copy of the Bull, to present it symbolically to all bishops,



## Divine Mercy and Forgiveness



- † Pope Francis wrote the publication of the *Bull of Indiction*, “*Misericordiae vultus*”. The Jubilee Bull, aside from indicating the duration, opening and closing dates, and the main ways in which the Holy Year will unfold, constitutes the basic document for understanding the spirit in which it was convoked, as well as Pope Francis' intentions and the fruit he hopes the Year will bear.



# Divine Mercy Revelation



- † St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), the Lord's "secretary of Divine Mercy."
- † In the 1930s, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a young, uneducated nun, received extraordinary revelations from our Lord Jesus regarding God's loving message of Divine Mercy.





## Divine Mercy Chaplet



- † “On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open; I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who will approach the fount of My mercy on this day. On this day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Therefore, Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet” (Diary 699)
- † “Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.”
- † “ For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”



## The Meaning of the Day

- † Clearly, Divine Mercy Sunday is not a new feast established to celebrate St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not *primarily* about St. Faustina at all — nor is it altogether a *new* feast!
- † As many commentators have pointed out, The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter; nevertheless, the title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does highlight and amplify the meaning of the day. In this way, it recovers an ancient liturgical tradition, reflected in a teaching attributed to St. Augustine about the Easter Octave, which he called "the days of mercy and pardon," and the Octave Day itself "the compendium of the days of mercy."



## His Merciful Heart



### † The Divine Mercy Devotion

- † Devotion to The Divine Mercy involves a total commitment to God as Mercy. It is a decision to trust completely in Him, to accept His mercy with thanksgiving, and to be merciful as He is merciful.
- † There are two scriptural verses that we should keep in mind as we involve ourselves in these devotional practices:
  - † 1. "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Isaiah 29:13);
  - † 2. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy"
    - (Matthew 5:7).



## Divine Mercy and Forgiveness



- † The devotional practices revealed through Saint Faustina were given to us for us to become as "vessels of mercy" through which God's love can be poured out upon the world, but they are not sufficient unto themselves.
- † It's not enough for us to hang The Divine Mercy image in our homes, pray the Chaplet every day at three o'clock, and go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the first Sunday after Easter.
- † **We also have to show mercy to our neighbors.** Putting mercy into action is not an option of the Divine Mercy Devotion; it's a requirement!



# Divine Mercy and Forgiveness



Comments?

Questions?

Take a Stretch Break .....



# First SoL Discussion Item



Is it time for a third satellite SoL to be established in Tuscaloosa or to start alternating satellite locations between B'ham and Tuscaloosa?

† **Remember Combined SoL in Cullman**

**(once every three months)- January, April, July, October**

† **Satellite Option 1:** Huntsville + Birmingham + Tuscaloosa

† **Satellite Option 2:** Huntsville + Birmingham (one month)  
Huntsville + Tuscaloosa (next month)

† **Satellite Option 3:** Huntsville + Birmingham (current way) with  
No Tuscaloosa Satellite SOL

**(Do you know we have eliminated the Remote (dial in) School of Leaders?)**



## Second SoL Discussion Item



We want your opinion about having Satellite SOL on different Saturdays, not just on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday to accommodate those Cursillistas for whom the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays aren't good.

- † **Option A:** Keep both Satellite locations on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday
- † **Option B:** Have one SOL location on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday;  
Have other SOL location on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

NOTE: Combined SOL in Cullman will stay 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday



## Work of the Sections – 15 minutes



- † “Work of the Sections” is the part of the SoL meeting when we break into groups to discuss, identify, design, and help implement solutions to any issues within the three Cursillo sections--PreCursillo, Cursillo and PostCursillo
- † The breakout groups are facilitated under the leadership and guidance of the current Secretariat member for the Section (Rosalie Geoffroy –Pre-Cursillo, TBD – Cursillo, Christina Semmens –Post Cursillo)
- † YOU decide to which group you want to brainstorm
- † Palanca committee members work with Precursillo section, Communications committee members work with PostCursillo,
- † **DO YOU WANT TO JOIN A COMMITTEE?**





# SoL 2015 Schedule

## Locations Tentative



Date	SoL Meeting Location	Comment
Jan. 10	Combined in Cullman at Sacred Heart	Quarter 1
Feb.14 and March 14	Feb. Satellite – Madison and Montevallo March Satellite – Holy Spirit in Huntsville and Our Lady of Sorrows in Homewood	
Apr. 11	Combined SOL at Sacred Heart in Cullman	Quarter 2
May 9 and June 13	Satellite – Location TBD for Huntsville and Prince of Peace Church in Hoover	
July 11	Combined SOL at Sacred Heart in Cullman	Quarter 3
Aug. 8 and Sept. 12	Satellite – Location TBD for Huntsville and Location TBD for Birmingham or Tuscaloosa (?)	
Oct. 10	Combined SOL at Sacred Heart in Cullman	Quarter 4
Nov. 14 Dec. - None	Satellite – Locations TBD Or Day of Reflection (TBD)	



# Announcements



**1. Women's Cursillo Weekend # 132 moved to August 20-23, 2015**

Sponsor a candidate and pray for potential candidates

**2. Men's Cursillo Weekend in November** – need 16 candidates minimum

Sponsor a candidate and pray for potential candidates

**3. Spring Regional Encounter** will be held in Venice, Florida, April 24-25th.

All Cursillistas are invited to attend. See Region VII website for more information and registration forms.

**4. Cursillo de Cursillo (CDC) Workshop** in Mobile, AL

– The Archdiocese of MOBILE Cursillo is hosting - May 14-17 weekend

**Go to [www.BhmCursillo.org](http://www.BhmCursillo.org) for details**



# Announcements



- † 5. A pilgrimage to the **World Meeting of Families** and **Pope Francis' visit** in Philadelphia from September 20-27th is being organized now. Anyone interested is welcome to participate, but must **reserve a spot**.
  - Cost per adult for the week is \$1400 per person and includes round trip transportation, hotel accommodations, and conference fee. \$100 refundable deposit due now, other monies not due until May and July.
  - A more detailed information flyer and registration form is available on the Cursillo website under Postcursillo, on the "Your 4th Day Connection".
- - Contact Christina Semmens phone 256-603-0225, [semcsem@aol.com](mailto:semcsem@aol.com)

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## 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.
- † **Perform Bible Dethronement.**