

# THE FOURTH DAY



## Aid offered on NEC Conference fees Housing in private homes to be available

Thirty scholarships of \$100 are being offered to Diocese of North Carolina Cursillistas and clergy to help them register for the annual conference of National Episcopal Cursillo in Charlotte this fall.

The awards will help pay the regular registration fee of \$275 per person for the three-day meeting, which runs from Oct. 16 through Oct. 19. But “early bird” registration, if paid by July 31, will cost only \$225 (Details, page 3).



The theme of the conference will be “Run the Race, Keep the Faith.” The keynote speaker will be by the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, the bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17. (See his “Crazy Christians” sermon at the 2013 General Convention at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abJMKeyCWoQ&index=1&list=PLBzbTURbosLbD04ikp8CU1t7OFRb9OYz>.)

Delegates who do not live within commuting distance of the Hilton Charlotte University Place, the conference site, may also have to pay for lodging. The Hilton is at 8629 JM Keynes Drive on the northeast edge of the city, near the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. From Interstate 85, take northbound Exit 45A or southbound Exit 45B.

Dave Millar of Concord, the lay leader for Cursillo No. 104, is in charge of housing for in-state Cursillistas in the homes of volunteers from Charlotte-area churches. If you can offer lodging for an in-state person, or if you want to stay in an area home during the conference, get in touch with Dave by e-mail ([dmillar@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dmillar@carolina.rr.com)) or by phone at 704-782-1318 or 704-796-0536.

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## Visits, weekend, conference give Cursillo a full plate

By Sid Chadwick  
Lay director, N.C. Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat

Good morning, fellow Cursillistas. This note is to help keep you informed of what’s happening at your Cursillo Secretariat – from my perspective.

**First**, several Secretariat members have been visiting parish priests this first half of 2014. We have learned invaluable lessons, firsthand, about what’s needed. We found out, for example, that many parish priests are uninformed, or misinformed, about Cursillo.

We also learned that many priests need supportive prayer-and-share reunion groups. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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NEC leaders say the conference offers a chance “to connect with Cursillo leaders from all over the country, celebrate and grow in our abilities to bring Christ into our environments.”

Conference presentations will include:

- The Ministry of Presence
- Communications online
- The Lord’s Prayer
- Ignation Contemplative Prayer
- Telling God’s Story to the Modern World
- Fundraising for Cursillo - panel discussion
- Cursillo websites – panel discussion
- Cursillo newsletters – panel discussion

Robert Selby of St. Clement’s, Clemmons, is in charge of organizing the volunteers who will help the National Cursillo Committee put on the NEC Conference in Charlotte. Selby, an N.C. Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat member, was appointed by Calvin Hefner, the conference chairman, to head the Host Committee, an umbrella panel that will oversee the work of a number of separate committees. Hefner is a past lay director of the N.C. Cursillo Secretariat .

If you want to volunteer, call Selby at 336-831-4804.

North Carolina volunteer Cursillistas will also lead the subcommittees under the Host Committee in putting on the conference. The Rev. Nancy Allison of Raleigh, retired, will head the worship committee, assisted by the Rev. Candy Snively, deacon, of St. Paul’s, Cary, and the Rev. Jane Holmes, regional deacon for the southern region of the diocese.

Tom Ham of St. Thomas, Reidsville, the keeper of the Cursillo trailer for weekends and a veteran of many weekend teams, will lead on logistics and supply. Steve Hoar will head the publicity within the Diocese of North Carolina. Fran and Manning Huske of St. Martin’s, Charlotte, will help with the NEC Shop where books, booklets and other materials will be sold to conference delegates.

David Zoernig, the music director at All Saints, Gastonia, will lead the music team. Angie Forde of St. Martin’s, Charlotte, will be in charge of registration and credentials volunteers.

Bill Fierke, of St. Paul’s, Cary, the Secretariat treasurer, will work with NECC Treasurer Dave Millar. Betsy Neal of Columbia, S.C., will be the site planner. Each volunteer chairperson from the Diocese of North Carolina will have a liaison between the national organization and the Host Committee.

## To change your life, change your thinking

by Father George Calvert, Spiritual Director, San Diego Cursillo Community

**‘Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.’  
Romans 12: 2**

These words, written by the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome, are one of the greatest passages in scripture. They contain the wisdom and Grace of God, the wisdom and Grace that we need to change us. We should humbly come to these words expecting God to act inside of us, transforming every aspect of our lives.

As the Prayer Book says about all of Scripture, with these words we need “to hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” them. We need to digest these words inwardly until they become a part of us. As these words become part of us, God will transform us.

In this scripture passage, it is clear that the only way to change our lives is to change our thinking.

God tells us, “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Real transformation must be from the inside out, and must begin with the renewal of our minds.

New thinking is the beginning of new actions. In order to let God act in our lives, we must let God’s Word change our thinking. This is why it is so important to read the Bible and ask ourselves, “What is God trying to say to me through this scripture passage?” God’s Word needs to be inwardly digested for transformation to happen.

Your friend in Christ,  
Father George

**BE TRANSFORMED**



*Reprinted from newsletter of the San Diego Cursillo Community*

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And those few priests who have active prayer-and-share reunion groups would not, in my opinion, want their parishes to function without them.

In my view, *every parish* should have men's and women's prayer-and- share reunion groups. If you are interested in forming one or joining one – call or drop us an e-mail message and we will come and help start one in your parish.

**Second**, make sure you read the piece on page 5 from our Secretariat's head spiritual advisor, the Rev. Nancy Allison, with her observations and opinions about the problems of Cursillo.

**Third**, if that piece from the Rev. Nancy Allison doesn't stir you, I hope you'll read the "State of Cursillo" report I sent to the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry before my annual visit with him. The Secretariat reviewed it before it was submitted in May, and it is printed on pages 9 and 10 of this issue.

During that visit Bishop Curry dictated this note to the deans of the seven groups of clergy that meet regularly across the diocese:

*I am writing to ask you to include a presentation by representatives of our diocesan Cursillo at your clericus meetings over the next two years. Our Cursillo in North Carolina has really reimagined and reinvented itself as a way of growing more deeply in the way of Jesus. I am proud of the work they have done, and thankful to God and to them for it. I invited them to share this with the clergy of our diocese through the meetings of the various clericus groups....*

We will be following up on this most important invitation, and we invite you to participate.

**Fourth**, we have one open position on the Secretariat: executive secretary. Also, in response to our growing opportunities, the Secretariat wants to add one or two members to serve terms of three years each. The names and e-mail addresses of current Secretariat members are listed on the last page of this issue. If you are interested, please send us a short spiritual biography.

**Fifth**, the 2014 National Cursillo Conference is to be held in Charlotte Oct. 16 through Oct. 19. There's lots of supporting information in this issue about where, when, and how to register. Your Secretariat

granted \$3,000 to support \$100 scholarships per Cursillista or priest to attend. Receipts of expenses should be submitted to Bill Fierke, our Secretariat Treasurer, for reimbursement, after the Conference. (Bill's contact information is on the last page of the newsletter.)

**Sixth**, to defray expenses of Conference attendees from this diocese, if you plan to attend and would be interested in staying at a Cursillista home in the Charlotte/Concord area, submit your request by e-mail or snail mail to Robert Selby, who's Host Committee Co-Chair, for assignment and coordination. (Contact information is the last page of this newsletter.)

Finally, see the sample invitation for Cursillo weekend participants on page 4. You should follow-through and place it in both your Sunday bulletin and your parish newsletter.

If any of you are bored – looking for something meaningful for your limited time left in this life – give us a call, or drop a Secretariat member a note with your contact information. There is so much that deserves and needs our best efforts.

Respectfully,

Sid Chadwick

### Registration for NEC conference:

- \$225 for pre-registration until July 31
  - \$275 after July 31
  - \$135 for Friday only or Saturday only
- Meals included*

\$95 for leadership training (ECLW) on Thursday, breakfast and lunch included

Click [here](#) to register, or register by phone at 843-488-2956

To request a \$100 scholarship, send an e-mail to Bill Fierke, Secretariat treasurer, at [wfierke@att.net](mailto:wfierke@att.net) or phone him at 919-349-0634.

# Author traces history of Cursillo movement

By Gail Russell  
Diocese of Washington, D.C.

We have all heard bits and pieces about the origin and history of Cursillo passed along from one to another, but as I recently discovered, Cursillo has a rich and interesting story far beyond those often shared anecdotes. I happened upon a remarkable book that I was surprised I had not known of before: *The Cursillo Movement in America: Catholics, Protestants & Fourth-Day Spirituality*, by Kristy Nabhan-Warren, The University of North Carolina Press.

She was doing research in Arizona on a different subject, the Virgin of Guadalupe, and many of those being interviewed spoke about their Cursillo experience. She vowed to study the movement at a later date, and from her subsequent research this book was born.

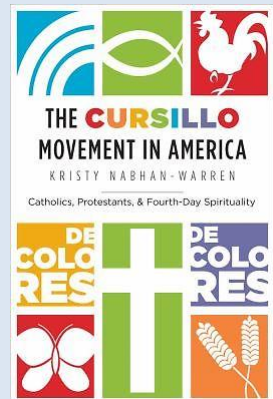
She begins with a bio of Eduardo Bonnín, a look at the religious and political climate in the 1930s and '40s, and the very first "Cursillo" weekend in 1944. She traces the Cursillo journey to the U.S., and its expansion into Protestant denominations. She looks at offshoots "Teens Encounter Christ" and "Kairos", and more radical variations "Christ Renews His Parish" and "Great Banquet." In the

brief section on Episcopal Cursillo, she even quotes from interviews she did with our own Sue Davis and Thom Neal . . . who knew?

I have gained a deeper appreciation for the gift of my own Cursillo by understanding what made it possible, and I discovered that I didn't know nearly as much as I thought I did about where Cursillo came from. It was no accident that I discovered this. chronology; I believe God led me to it, and to share it with you. I recommend this book to anyone interested in Cursillo or any of its related movements – I believe it will change the way you think about Cursillo.

*Ultreya!*

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## SAMPLE INVITATION TO A CURSILLO WEEKEND

to publish in your parish's Sunday bulletin and newsletter

Have you ever wondered or asked yourself, "What is my purpose in life? Why am I here?  
Does God have a plan for me? Are faith and belief the same thing?"

If you have or have had these types of questions or similar ones,  
perhaps you should consider attending a Cursillo weekend.

Cursillo is a spiritual renewal movement in the Episcopal Church. In the Diocese of North Carolina, Cursillo has the full support of our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry. The weekend has fifteen talks, over three days, given by lay persons and clergy, **then discussed in small groups**. All worship services are from *The Book of Common Prayer*. Praise music is very much a part of the weekend.

If you feel your faith journey has slowed or needs to be kick-started, consider attending a weekend.

To get more information or to obtain an application, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ or  
\_\_\_\_\_ in person or by e-mail at \_\_\_\_\_  
or by phone at \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. We are praying and waiting to hear from you.



# Who can rouse Cursillo? Ordinary Christian soldiers

by the Rev. Nancy Allison, head spiritual advisor, N.C. Episcopal Cursillo

I write this on the 6th of June, 2014. All day the news media have been broadcasting the ceremonies from the landing beaches of Normandy commemorating the 70th anniversary of D-Day, the massive allied invasion to free Europe from its enslavement to false idolatries.

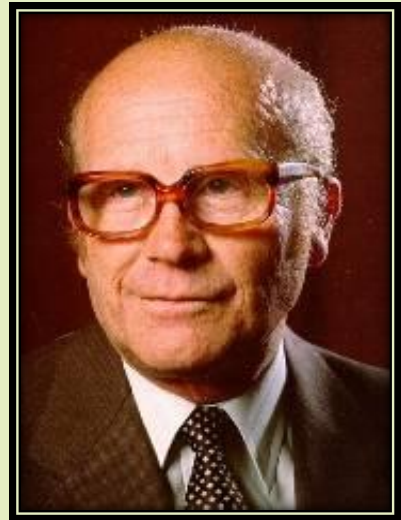
All day, very old men, mostly in their 90s, recalled the enormous sacrifices that were made by boys, some as young as sixteen, who quickly found themselves at the point of the spear. All the strategy, all the planning, all the preparation had come down to them. It was their courage, their faithfulness, their choice to push past fear – to get off those beaches and take the coastal batteries – that won the day. And, everyone from Gen. Dwight David Eisenhower on down knew it: It is the ordinary man, the ordinary woman who wins the war.

This doesn't apply only to physical warfare. It is the law of the Spirit, as well. We are all on the front line of human destiny. We choose, every day, to incarnate something of God's kindness, God's forgiveness, God's healing, God's welcome and encouragement, both in our own life and in the lives of those among whom we live and work.

It's often scary business. It's too easy to turn away in indifference, or fall back into empty convention and platitudes – never getting close to where the battle is really raging in another soul; never revealing our own struggle to find a living, transformative faith. Somewhere along the line, we got the idea that this is the job of the church, mostly the job of paid, professional clergy – and maybe some sweet young Sunday School Teachers. What nonsense! Jesus puts the warfare of the Kingdom of God squarely on the shoulders of each and every disciple. He never mentions a seminary degree, or a beautiful church edifice, or some fool-proof program that will carry the day.

Sure, sometimes these things help, but just as often they hinder. The only battle plan of heaven is to follow Christ on his journey, casting aside everything that holds us back, or tempts us to turn our face from the plow, our eyes from the prize of God's Kingdom. Church programs are just the

flavor of the month, like everything else in this fast-paced world. Don't put your trust in programs. Instead, put your trust in the Holy Spirit of God. Your editor asked for an article on "what Christians do when the going gets tough." He was thinking, of course, about the decline of the Cursillo movement in this diocese. Well, first of all, Christians do not ignore the issue. There has been a precipitous decline in candidates, monthly Ultreyas and regular reunion groups in the diocese. Who knows why? Something has died – perhaps needed to die – but now, something fresher, truer, and closer to the Spirit needs to be born. God is not interested in reviving programs. God wants his children to hear and respond to the ever new, and ever life-giving, breath of the Holy Spirit.



Eduardo Bonnin, Founder of Cursillo

Cursillo came into being from just such roots. It was 1944 – the same year as D-Day – when a Spanish layman, Eduardo Bonnin, began a three-day course to train leaders for pilgrim groups to the shrine of St. James at Compostela. That Medieval pilgrimage was a statement in itself. At a time when Spain was still under the dictatorial rule of Francisco Franco, the Pilgrimage to Compostela revived the spirit of Reformation and Renewal by which the people of Spain took back their land from the Moorish invaders in the fifteenth century.

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Maya Angelou  
(1928-2014)

## A believer's testament of faith

'When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin.'" "  
I'm whispering "I was lost,  
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble  
and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed  
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect,  
My flaws are far too visible  
But, God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches  
So I call upon His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not holier than thou,  
I'm just a simple sinner  
Who received God's good grace,  
somehow.'

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Bonnin knew that the Pilgrimage was only a vehicle. The course he offered was a way to change people's lives. Cursillo, that short three-day course, opened the human heart to life lived in God's Grace. Just think of those gray, dark days of World War II. Think of a world trapped under the boot of false powers and false ideologies. And, then think of some ordinary person, sensing the truth, taking courage, and rallying his comrades to break through the illegitimate control of the dictators of this world and step into the light of God's true colors, and God's blessed freedom.

That's the way God works. The agent of change is never an institution – not even the most holy institution, the church. It is always an ordinary man or woman who hears the call, feels the wind of the Spirit, leaves behind the baggage of old ways to travel into the future with the Lord of Life. Everything dies. But, everything that is true and life-giving will be raised up. The true colors of Faith, Hope and Love will shine forth again. It's up to us, the ordinary people of the church, to make it happen.

If your reunion group has not met for some time, call those people together again, or at least, find out what has happened in their lives. Practice the evangelism of ordinary social life. If you are invited to a cocktail party, take the opportunity to ask a friend, "What's really happening in your life?" Sometimes wonderful things are happening, and sometimes people are just so lonely they don't think they will ever see a true ray of hope again. It's only you, the ordinary people of the church, who can ask and do something about it.

We would love to revive Cursillo in this diocese. Send the names of Cursillistas from your parish to the editor of this publication. Let us know about your reunion group and other reunion groups that are functioning in your parish. Let us know what help you need. Cursillo only lives by sharing one another's burdens, bearing one another's pains, and rejoicing in one another's hopes and accomplishments.

The Kingdom of Heaven is always at hand. It is up to us, the ordinary men and women of the church, to make it a reality. De Colores!

*Nancy Allison, a retired priest, made Cursillo in the Diocese of Georgia in 1981.*

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and  
accomplishments.'

# Be the change you want to see

by Walt Joyce

The following is an excerpt from Edward Kennedy's eulogy of his brother Robert, who died 46 years ago on June 6.

*"Like it or not, we live in times of danger and uncertainty. That is the way he lived. That is what he leaves us. My brother need not be idealized, or enlarged in death beyond what he was in life; [he should] be remembered simply as a good and decent man who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it.*

*"Those of us who loved him and who take him to his rest today, pray that what he was to us and what he wished for others will someday come to pass for all the world. As he said many times, in many parts of touch him: **Some men see things as they are and ask why. I dream things that never were and say why not.**"*

Every time I read or hear these words I wonder what others would say of me.

Am I a good and decent person? Do I see wrong and try to right it? Do I see suffering and try to heal it? Do I see war and try to stop it?

That is what Christ calls me and all of us to do. And with that calling he also calls us to dream --- to "dream things that never were and say why not."

We are called to "be the change we want to see in the world." But we are also called to dream. God also has a dream for us. He dreams that we would all love Him with our whole being and also that we love each other. In doing that we can live out all the other things.

It's all about love. It's that easy . . . and that hard.

*Walt Joyce made Cursillo No. 100 and worships at St. Clement's in Clemmons*

**Fourth  
Day  
Thoughts**  
by Walt Joyce

## Grandma's Grave

by Freya Manfred

The Mother and I brush long drifts of snow from the gravestones of my great grandfather and grandmother, great uncle and aunt, two of mother's brothers, each less than a year old, and her last-born brother, George Shorba, dead at sixteen:

1925-1942

*A Mastermind. My Beloved Son.*

But we can't find the grave of Grandma, who buried all the rest.

Mother stands dark-browed and musing, under the pines, and I imagine her as a child, wondering why her mother left home so often to tend the sick, the dying, the dead.

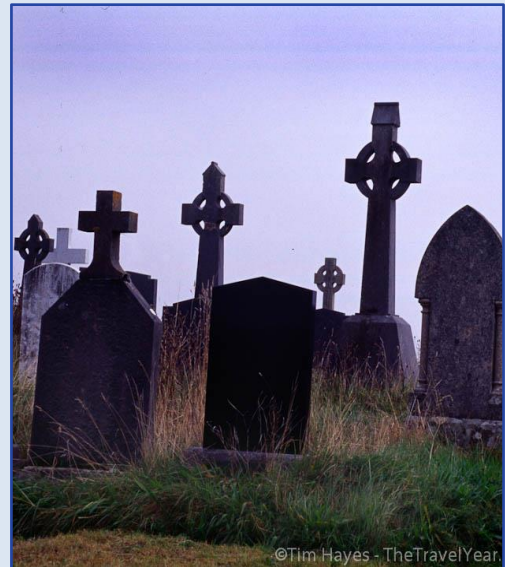
Borrowing a shovel, she digs, until she uncovers:

1889-1962

*Mary Shorba*

Mother almost never cries, but she does now. She stares at this stone as if it were the answer to all the hidden things.

*Submitted by Bruce Nash, who made Cursillo No. 100 and worships at St. Clement's in Clemmons. Reprinted without permission from Swimming with a Hundred Year Old Snapping Turtle. © Red Dragonfly Press, 2008.*



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# 'KINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE'

## Pilgrims learn that love guides our actions

By Bill McCartney, lay rector, Cursillo No. 190, Diocese of Alabama

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second [commandment] . . . is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12: 30-31) While you read this, there will be thousands of Cursillistas around the world invoking the Holy Spirit. Like you, they begin, “Come Holy Spirit, enter the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.”

We always begin with a reminder that we need God’s love in our hearts to guide our actions. Cursillistas know this love is not a noun, some “thing” we keep to ourselves. Instead it is a verb to define and guide our actions.

For me the “magic” of The Cursillo Method is how in just three days a pilgrim’s heart can be opened to love as a verb, and that opening will forever change the way they interact with the world. Then in our forever long Fourth Days, love as action is reinforced in weekly Reunion Groups and monthly in Ultreyas as we highlight what we did last week and what we plan to do in the coming week. It is clearly an amazingly successful method, and one that our Diocese rekindles five times a year.

Five times a year Cursillistas from across our diocese are called together to form a unique staff [It’s called team for Christ in the Diocese of North Carolina] to shepherd the pilgrims [participants] they are given for three days. Five times a year a staff takes their pilgrims’ hands and leads them into the “magic” of their Three-day Weekend, letting go as each is ready to embrace what is offered.

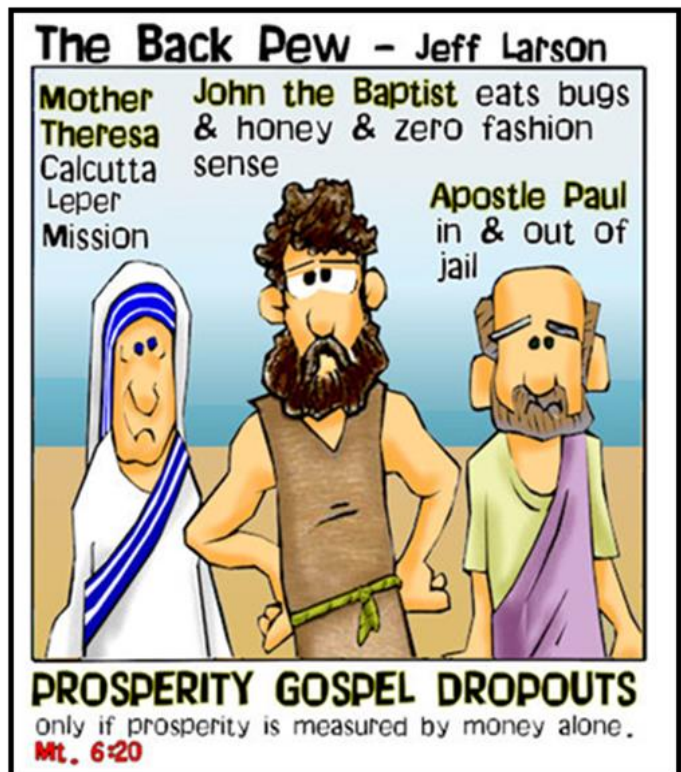
Five times a year wide-eyed pilgrims morph into a focused and coherent congregation that eagerly experiences the Holy Spirit kindling the fire of his love in their individual and collective hearts. Five times a year the Alabama Cursillo Community gathers to sing, and laugh, and cry, and hug new Cursillistas into a new way of life. Then we begin preparing for the next “magical” year to unfold.

For the last year or so I have been part of the Alabama Diocese’s 190th Cursillo staff. It is a

*‘. . . [W]ide-eyed pilgrims morph into a focused and coherent congregation that eagerly experiences the Holy Spirit kindling the fire of his love in their individual and collective hearts.’*

wonder-filled experience that will be over too quickly. Each staff member and each pilgrim is my favorite, as is every song in Alleluia III. Each is uniquely wonderful! I eagerly look forward to meeting the pilgrims we have been given, watching the “magic” unfold as the Holy Spirit kindles in them the fire of his love; and seeing your smiling faces welcoming them into a new way of life! Then watching “the best one ever” happen five times again next year.

*From Vivencia, the Cursillo newsletter of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama*





# Secretariat's report to Bishop Curry

**To:** The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, bishop, Episcopal Diocese of N.C.

**From:** Sid Chadwick, lay director, N.C. Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat

**Subject:** Cursillo Secretariat Report to Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop

*The report was presented to Bishop Curry on May 12, 2014, by Sid Chadwick, lay director, accompanied by the Rev. Candy Snively, spiritual advisor, and Steve Hoar, communications chairman.*

Secretariat visits to individual parishes over the last six months – for purposes of introducing Cursillo to parish priests, and starting-up Prayer and Share Reunion Groups, has raised our awareness to the challenges within our parishes – facing our priests, facing our deacons, facing the leadership of our NC Diocese, and certainly facing us as a Secretariat and as individuals.

As an observation of self-examination, we recognize that we have been too comfortable: too comfortable with what we have; too comfortable in who we think we are; too comfortable in not “going out”; too comfortable with too many priorities; too comfortable in our own skin. And when each of us steps out of that comfort zone, each of us – each time, seems to learn something important about ourselves, as well as those whom we go out to. This process is sometimes – often – a little unnerving; but when we struggle, we grow.

There is a collective sense on the Secretariat that we face an environment, a broad-based society and community, in which our greatest challenge ultimately resides within ourselves – to get out of our individual comfort zones. To be willing to be truly inclusive – as Cursillistas, as Episcopalians, as genuine messengers of Christ's message. To reach out, and to continue reaching out.

It is our honor to serve Christ's ministry in our daily lives, and vocations, and to serve a Cursillo Ministry that serves the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina.

For all that we accomplished, or almost accomplished this past year, we recognize that we have so much more needing our time, our individual and collective resources, our individual and collective best personal efforts.

## Cursillo's immediate goals

**For 2014 and 2015, following up our 2013-2014 Pastoral Plan, we intend to continue:**

- (a) to visit individual parishes and their priests – introducing Cursillo, and the value and opportunity to form Prayer and Share Reunion Groups;
- (b) to develop parish-based Prayer and Share Reunion Groups, using the Reunion Card model;
- (c) to conduct one Cursillo Weekend this year – and prayerfully – two in 2015;
- (d) to build additional support at the parish level for parish-based Cursillo Weekends.
- (e) to seriously consider becoming more inclusive, and flexible – in accepting Weekend Participants – who may not be confirmed Episcopalians, but who are in good standing with their church, which is in good standing with the Episcopal Church. This has been an ongoing challenge for every Cursillo Weekend – for at least the last six years. As non-denomination churches have Tres Dies, and Methodists' have a Walk to Emmaus, and Lutherans' have Via de Christo, and Presbyterians' have Presbyterian Pilgrimage, we believe we need to consider this issue of inviting others outside our Episcopal Church.

## Looking back at 2012-13

**Accomplishments These Past 12-15 Months:**

1. Successful development and refinement of a parish-based Cursillo Weekend, including refined liturgy, identified required resources, defined Team development requirements, and what's required for a successful parish-based weekend. Benefits to this change include but are not limited to significantly reduced costs for Participants, and Team members.  
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2. Support from local parishes for our first parish-based weekend.
3. Parish-based Cursillo Weekend No. 104.
4. Offers developed from five parishes to support a parish-based weekend: St. Christopher's and St. Mary's in High Point, All Saints' in Concord, St. John's in Charlotte, and Church of the Ascension – in Advance.
5. Development of at least two new Reunion Groups at local parishes, and the promise of several more.
6. Secretariat introductory visits to ten parishes. Purpose of the visits is multiple: (a) introduce Cursillo to the local priest, and (b) discuss the potential for development of a parish-based Prayer and Share Reunion Group – to support local priest and parish. More parishes are to receive introductory visits in the immediate future, plus follow-up visits to previously visited parishes – between Secretariat meetings. Progress and updates are reported at each

bimonthly Secretariat meeting.

7. Development of nine signed Participant Applications, and the Weekend Leader for Cursillo No. 105. When we develop fifteen Participants, we will announce Cursillo Weekend No. #105 schedule.
8. Acceptance and support for the 2014 National Episcopal Cursillo Annual Conference, scheduled for October 16-19 in Charlotte. Scholarship funds are being made available to NC Diocese attendees. Secretariat members are chairing – and supporting – the Conference Host Committee. We are honored that Bishop Michael Curry is the Keynote Speaker.

#### **Supporting Enclosed Exhibits:**

*The Fourth Day* newsletter, Issue No. 15

Cursillo Weekend No.14 Participant Letter, from Athena Hahn, published in the newsletter.

2014 National Episcopal Cursillo Conference schedule

*'I don't pray  
to change God.  
I pray because  
I have to.  
I pray because  
I can't help myself.  
It doesn't change God.  
It changes me.'*

*– C.S. Lewis*



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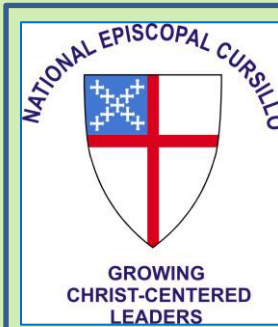
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### Meeting Schedule:

**July 19\*, September 20, November 15**

*Meetings are held at All Saints Episcopal Church, 4211 Wayne Road in Greensboro. They run from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and are open to the public. Cursillistas are encouraged to attend.*

*\* This meeting only at St. Clement's in Clemmons.*



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