

THE FOURTH DAY



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As I write, the Augustine Literacy Project is preparing for a birth! The birth of our first Tutor Training Program at St. Thomas Episcopal in Sanford is imminent. We have spent much of the last year planning and preparing for this research-based training for all of our newest volunteer tutors. Training is open to all who are willing to tutor a low-income child in reading for 60 sessions. This two-week hands-on volunteer training is scheduled for July 11-22, here in Sanford. It will provide our tutors the critical knowledge base, skills, and feedback they need to help a low-income struggling reader to read.



Budget cuts wrought by the General Assembly this past month have dealt public schools in our state a stupefying blow. Each year, public school educators do more with less for more children from diverse backgrounds. Each year, the numbers of learners entering our schools without prior knowledge of English grow. Each year, the numbers of children from families suffering hardships of many kinds also grow. Teachers pour so much of their own time, talents, and treasure into making their classrooms positive places for children to learn not only academics but how to love and appreciate one another whatever the differences, that you know it is a calling, not just a job. They are stretched now, as never before.

What will happen to our children of promise with larger classes without teacher assistants? Many more children will fall through widening cracks into illiteracy. The statistics speak clearly. Children who do not learn to read adequately in early grades end up incarcerated at an alarming rate; 85% of juvenile offenders struggle with reading. There are states that build prisons based on 2nd grade literacy rates. We can teach kids to read or build prisons!

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Greeting Fellow Cursillistas!

Let's take a minute and remember the warmth in our hearts at the closing when we made our Cursillo. Let's rekindle our thoughts on that day. During our Fourth Day, there are many times we all recall those cherished moments. It is not unusual for us to say to ourselves "Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ." There is such joy in sharing God's love.

It is time to make more wonderful memories. Cursillo #102 is going to take place on October 13, 2011. Look around you. Are there friends you would like to Sponsor to be a part of this wonderful event? Can you dedicate some time and talent as a team member? Christ is counting on you.

Sponsor forms and Team Applications can be found online www.nccursillo.org. As the Lay Rector for Cursillo #102, I encourage you to prayerfully consider both of these actions.

Laura Felts — Cursillo #81, St. Thomas, Reidsville, NC

Fourth Day Workshop

On Saturday, June 4, a Fourth Day Workshop was held in Greensboro at All Saints' Episcopal Church. Most of the new Cursillistas from Cursillo #101 and their sponsors attended as well as a good number of Cursillistas from previous weekends.

An amusing skit on Sponsoring was presented by Jan and Dave Millar and Jeanne deWard. Valerie Devine, a new Cursillista, presented an enthusiastic Witness Talk as part of the Ultreya. Robert Selby gave insightful information about the importance of participating in a Reunion Group. The editor and producer of our diocesan newsletter, Sid Chadwick, relayed his experience in getting out the newsletter, "The Fourth Day"; in addition, he mentioned some ideas to encourage us to contribute to it.

Since serving others is often a by-product of attending a Cursillo weekend, several people spoke about ministries in which they are involved. Alice Rainey described the program in which she takes part. The Augustine Project is a multi-sensory, phonics-based reading program originally developed to help children who have dyslexia. It has been found, however to help most children with reading difficulties. Started in 1994 at Holy Family Episcopal Church in Chapel Hill, NC, trained tutors work with students 1-on-1 to increase their reading skills. The two-week intensive tutor training has now spread to other cities such as Winston-Salem, Charlotte, and Houston, Texas.

Manning Huske spoke about working on a crew to build a house for Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers, many from various churches, assist the future owner to build their home. Experienced Crew Chiefs, often from Americorps, oversee the workers, some of whom have never done any construction. The soon-to-be owner of the house must put in some "sweat equity" by working on other houses as well as their own. **(Continued on Page 5)**



Reunion Group Reflections

My reflections for this installment are about my reunion group. Some few years ago I became curious about our "Men's Group" at St. Clement's. There was a relatively small group of men (everything is small at St. Clement's) that met at the church on Saturday mornings. They did a few projects around the church from time to time and I was curious to find out more. What I didn't know then was that the basis of this group was a weekly reunion of Cursillistas.

One Saturday morning I showed up. I was welcomed warmly and introduced to a little card that provides a structure to the sharing of the group. We talked about Piety, Study and Action in the context of our own journey of faith in the previous week. One particular point was very interesting and moving to me – the "moment closest to Christ." Each man shared a moment in the previous week where he felt particularly close to Christ. What a blessing that was (and continues to be) to me!

Over time, the members of the group continued to share with me and with the others in the group and ultimately I made Cursillo 100, along with Sid Chadwick, another member of our little "Men's Group."

I guess I kind of had the cart before the horse, attending a reunion group before I ever went to Cursillo, but it worked for me.

Now, I treat my time with my close friends on Saturday morning as another part of my weekly worship. It is an important time to me, so important that my wife doesn't even schedule over it! She senses its importance too.

The message in all of this is – your Fourth Day isn't just about you. It's about your continued journey with your fellow brothers (and sisters) in Christ. As C.S. Lewis reminds us, Christianity is a group effort! Ultreya!

Walt Joyce — NC Cursillo #100, St. Clement's, Clemmons, NC

An Update From Your Lay Director

At the last Secretariat meeting, May 7, 2011 held at St. Paul's, Winston-Salem, The Rev. Nils Chittenden, the Young Adult Missioner of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina asked the Secretariat members several rounds of questions as to who we thought young adults were in age and why would a young person be interested in making a Cursillo. Good discussions followed and Nils would like to come back to work with the Secretariat again. A task force is being developed to pursue a Young Adult Cursillo weekend. Several of the young adults who made Cursillo #101 will be asked to serve on the task force.

The 2011 Pastoral Plan has been developed and awaits discussion and approval from Bishop Curry. Included in the Pastoral Plan are Action Items such as working with the Servant Community to establish and support Ultreyas within the Diocese. The Secretariat will study the possibility of future three-day weekends for the Spanish-speaking community, male weekends, female weekends and young adult weekends. The Secretariat is assessing the feasibility of parish based weekends and two possible sites have been located in Charlotte. The Secretariat will also work with the Bishop to present regional Cursillo Clergy Workshops. Once the Pastoral Plan is approved it will be posted on the www.nccursillo.org website and be presented in the newsletter for the Cursillo community.

The Secretariat thanks the Team for Christ, Cursillo #101, led by Jim Holliday and extends warm wishes in their Fourth Day for the seven Participants: Jeff Clayton, Valerie Devine, Sondra Folsom, Hyacinth Gilkes, Chris Hicks, Ben Padilla and John Richardson.

At the Closing for Cursillo #101, Laura Felts, St. Thomas, Reidsville, NC was announced as the Lay Rector for Cursillo #102 to be held October 13-16, 2011 at Camp Walter Johnson. Applications for team and Participants are now being accepted. Team Applications, Participants Applications and sponsor forms are at the www.nccursillo.org website.

NC Episcopal Cursillo celebrates its Thirty-Fifth Anniversary this year. The celebration of a Grand Ultreya will be in conjunction with the Fourth Day Seminar to be held at All Saint's, Greensboro, November 12, 2011. Watch for further details on the NC Cursillo website and in your Ultreya news.

Check the NC Cursillo website (www.nccursillo.org) for the updated look that has been designed and implemented by Shelly Ferner who is associated with Sid Chadwick, Secretariat member Chair of Communications and is the editor and producer of this newsletter.

Thanks to Fran Huske, Assisting Lay Director for the Secretariat and Jeanne deWard, Fourth Day Chair of the Secretariat for planning and implementing the Fourth Day Workshop held June 4, 2011 at St Paul's in Greensboro. The presentations by various individuals shed light on the workings of Cursillo and the Secretariat in our Diocese.

I will be attending the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee meeting in Bellevue, Washington on June 16 to June 18. I serve on the Cursillo Leadership Development Subcommittee and work with the Secretariats and Bishops of the Diocese of Alabama, Atlanta, Cuba, East Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Western North Carolina. I will plan a report for the next newsletter.

"Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring Your Friend to Christ." Ultreya!

Chaplain Calvin E. Hefner — TSSF 2011 Secretariat Lay Director



Getting To Know A Cursillista

My name is Fran Huske. I made Cursillo #21 in Nov. 1981 at Brown Summit, NC, sat at St. Jame's table, and attend St. Martin's in Charlotte. My most vivid memories of my Cursillo were receiving Palanca (I could not believe that people who did not even know me would take the time to write me a note), reading the posters from other Ultreyas, dioceses, and even some from other countries, and the Closing. To walk into that room singing DeColores and see that mass of people standing, singing, and clapping was overwhelming. That was my moment closest to Christ.

I am presently on the Secretariat and am currently Assistant Lay Director.

Two times a month I meet with four other Cursillistas in a Reunion Group. This is a very important gathering to me and helps to keep me on-track with my goals. I also greatly enjoy attending the Charlotte Ultreya, the third Sunday of each month. I always feel blessed and uplifted when I leave that group.

In my parish, I sing in the choir, am co-chair of the Pastor's Guild (we visit shut-ins), and make lunches and beds for Room at the Inn. While it is operating in the cold months, Room at the Inn is an inter-parish program which sleeps and feeds the homeless during the colder months. I also play the piano at the Taize service once a month.

I took the Augustine Project training several years ago and have been tutoring a student for two years. The Augustine Project is a reading program which focuses on students with dyslexia, but has been found to help most students with reading difficulties. This is a challenging, but very satisfying program for me.

The Oratorio Singers of Charlotte is the choral group of the Charlotte Symphony. It is great fun to sing with that group, particularly since my father was on the Board of Directors in its early years. I also take voice lessons.

My husband, Manning, our beloved dog Ike, and I happily live in Charlotte. I have three children, and Manning has one. We have five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

My hobbies include walking, growing herbs and flowers, reading the newspaper, spending time with my family and with friends, and occasionally, cooking. Life is good.

Fran Huske — Assistant Lay Director to the Secretariat



Would You Like To Serve On A Cursillo Team?

Has it been a while since you attended your weekend? Do you need refreshment? Do you want to make new friends in Christ?

If you answered yes to any of these questions it is very easy to apply to be on a team. The team will be formed from the applications that we have in hand. Every team consists of new and experienced members. Experienced members are formed by new people serving on team – like you, perhaps.

There are three easy steps and they should sound familiar.

1. Pray – ask God if you are being called to serve on a weekend team.
2. Study – check the dates and see if you can serve if called. Mark your calendar so you can be available.
3. Act – go to www.NCCursillo.org and click on the “Applications and Forms” on the left side, then click on “Team Application.” Print it off, fill it out and mail it to the address at the bottom.

Do NOT worry about the cost. If God is calling you to serve God will take care of that as well.

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With the specialized research-based training offered by the Augustine Literacy Project, tutors have the tools to help turn the tide of illiteracy one child at a time. I believe the Lord calls us to be the change that is needed in the world. I am called to help teach this training. Is the Lord calling you to a personal relationship with a youngster struggling with reading? Could you give up a couple of hours a week to change 2 lives?

At this writing, a few openings remain in our July training. Prayerfully consider joining us for this, or a future training. The need is great and you will change 2 lives forever! For more information contact yusk@windstream.net or askalice2004@gmail.com.

Alice Rainey MS/CCC-SLP, NBCT — Cursillo #100, St. Peter's Table, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Sanford, NC

Fourth Day Workshop (Continued from Page 2)

Earl Barber has been involved in Kairos, a prison ministry. He told what it is like to work on a Kairos weekend which is a Cursillo weekend held inside a prison. They are held at some men's and at some women's prisons. From his remarks, it is a ministry to which he obviously feels called.

Jan Millar spoke about Daughters of the King, a parish-based organization which she recently introduced to her church. Women meet and focus on projects needing attention in their own parish. The group enjoys fellowship while addressing specific needs there.

Following a delicious covered dish lunch, a mini workshop was held on the subject of Ultreya, led by Jeanne deWard. After that, "seasoned Cursillistas," Jim Holliday, David Zoernig, Craig Snively, Larry Conrad, and Jeff Cromer shared some insights about what it is like to be on a Cursillo team doing specific jobs. Then, Calvin Hefner, leader of the Secretariat, gave an exciting glimpse of what may be in the not-too-distant future for Cursillo in our Diocese.

The workshop ended with Eucharist led by Rev. Edwin Cox. We hope you will join us for our next gathering!

Fran Huske — Secretariat Assistant Lay Director



Ultreyas

Charlotte Area: Third Sunday of each month, location varies. Pot luck at 5:00 pm followed by the Ultreya. Hosted by leaders Mary Lou and Wayne Fowler. Contact them at 704-795-0714 or wfowler@vnet.net for future dates and schedules.

Greensboro / High Point / Winston-Salem: Contact The Rev. Ken Kroohs at 336-869-5311.

Raleigh / Apex / Cary / Durham / Chapel Hill / Smithfield: Second Sunday of each month, location varies, check this website for current venue. Potluck at 6 pm followed by the Ultreya. Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments. A small "green palanca" donation would be appreciated to cover incidentals. Contact Jeanne deWard 919-303-8360.

Rockingham County (Eden, Madison, Mayodan, Reidsville, Stoneville, Wentworth): First Friday of each month, location varies. Potluck at 6:30 pm followed by the Ultreya. Contact Martha or Tom Balsly.

Rocky Mount / Tarboro / Wilson / Scotland Neck: Meet 1st Sunday of month, 6:30-7:30 at St. Michael's Tarboro. Contact Ray Register 252-985-4907.

Daily Discipline — Meditation & Prayer

With some frequency I'm asked, "What does Chadwick Consulting do?" The essence is that our small team works to educate clients in the printing and publishing industry in how to use their resources (which tend to be significant) to improve their customers' economic performance — and well-being. (And if you don't have a servant's heart, you can't do it long term.) In effect, we provide options for clients for improved economic performance they didn't know were available — and which through alignment and proactive management — are designed to improve *their and their customer's* — economic performance.

I'm also sometimes asked, "What are your plans for retirement?" With that as a professional mission in life, why would I consider it? Cursillo provided me a deeper grounding of spiritual formation from which to draw — everyday. Because of Cursillo, my daily actionable discipline of meditation and prayer provide me and those I'm with — with a level of protection, guidance, discernment, and patience — I need, and count on being there — when I need it.

Finally, if you have not read *Celebrations of Discipline*, I recommend it for practical guidance on how to more quickly recognize the opportunities God brings to us, and how we might serve those opportunities, each day.

Sid Chadwick — Cursillo #100, St. Peter's Table, St. Clement's, Clemmons, NC

North Carolina Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat Calendar 2011

Secretariat meeting - August 6, Charlotte, St. Andrews (Elect-Spiritual Advisors)

Secretariat meeting - October 1, Raleigh (Elect Secretariat Members)

Cursillo #102 - October 13-16, 2011, Camp Walter Johnson

Fourth Day Seminar & 35th Year Grand Ultreya Celebration - November 12, 2011, All Saint's, Greensboro

Secretariat meeting - December 3, Winston-Salem (Welcome and Orientation of Secretariat Members)

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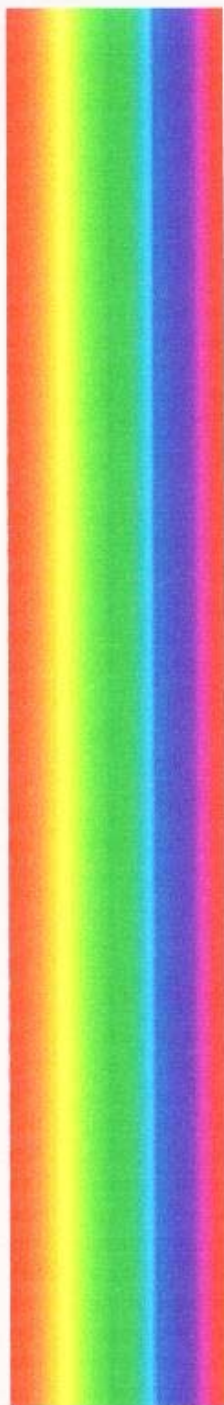
*The Episcopal Cursillo Community of the Diocese of Arizona
is praying for you as you make your Cursillo.*

*As the butterfly is a symbol of rebirth,
so we pray that your three days have been
a rebirth of your awareness of God's abiding love for you.*

May your Fourth Day be filled with His joy and peace. Ultreya!



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**GREETINGS FROM THE EPISCOPAL
CURSILLO COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL
FLORIDA, USA**

The Lord be with you and with thy spirit!

**Many prayers are being offered for you from the
Cursillistas of Central Florida on this weekend and
on your Fourth Day.**

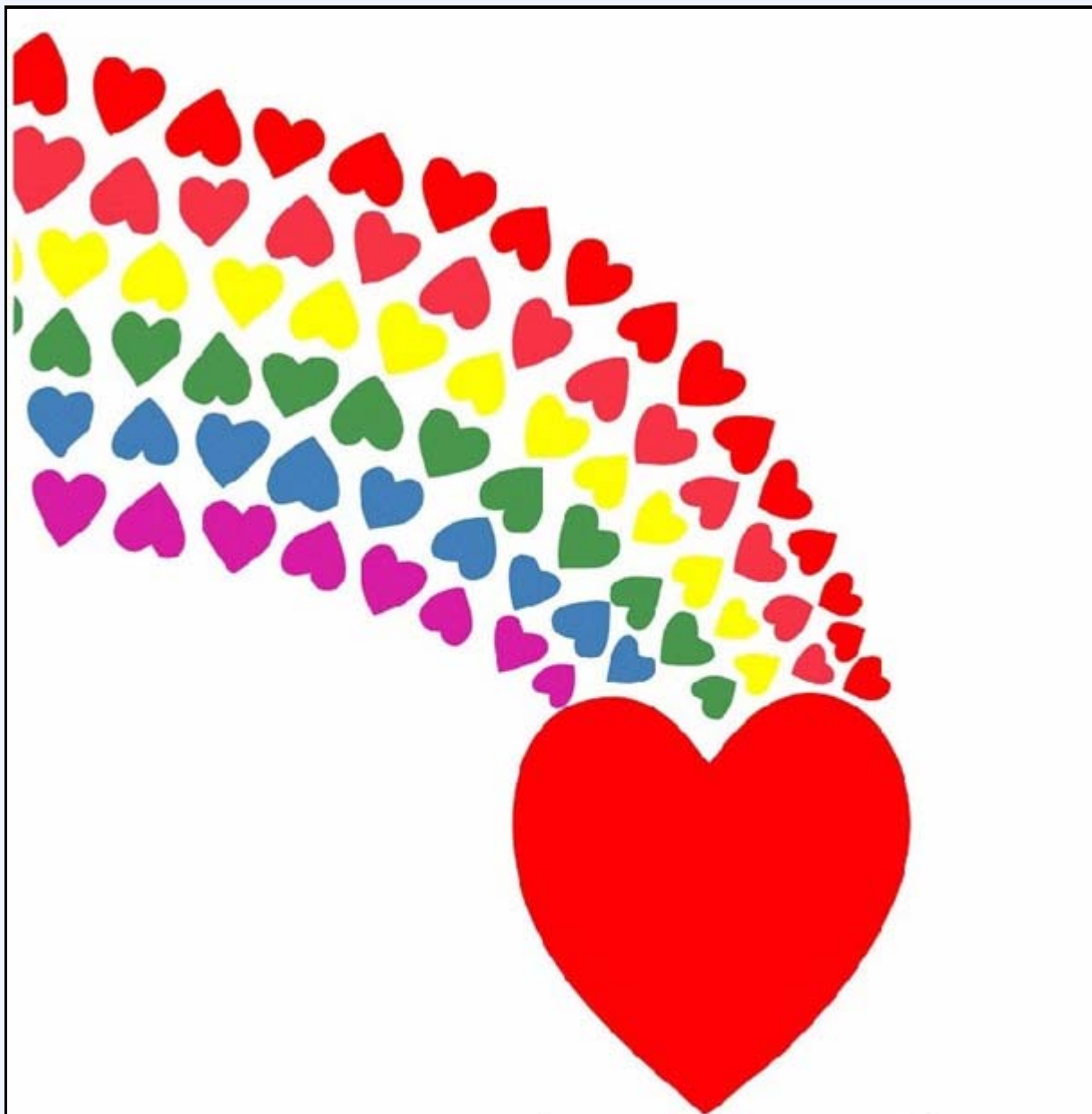
**The Love and Joy of Jesus Christ be with you now
and forever.**



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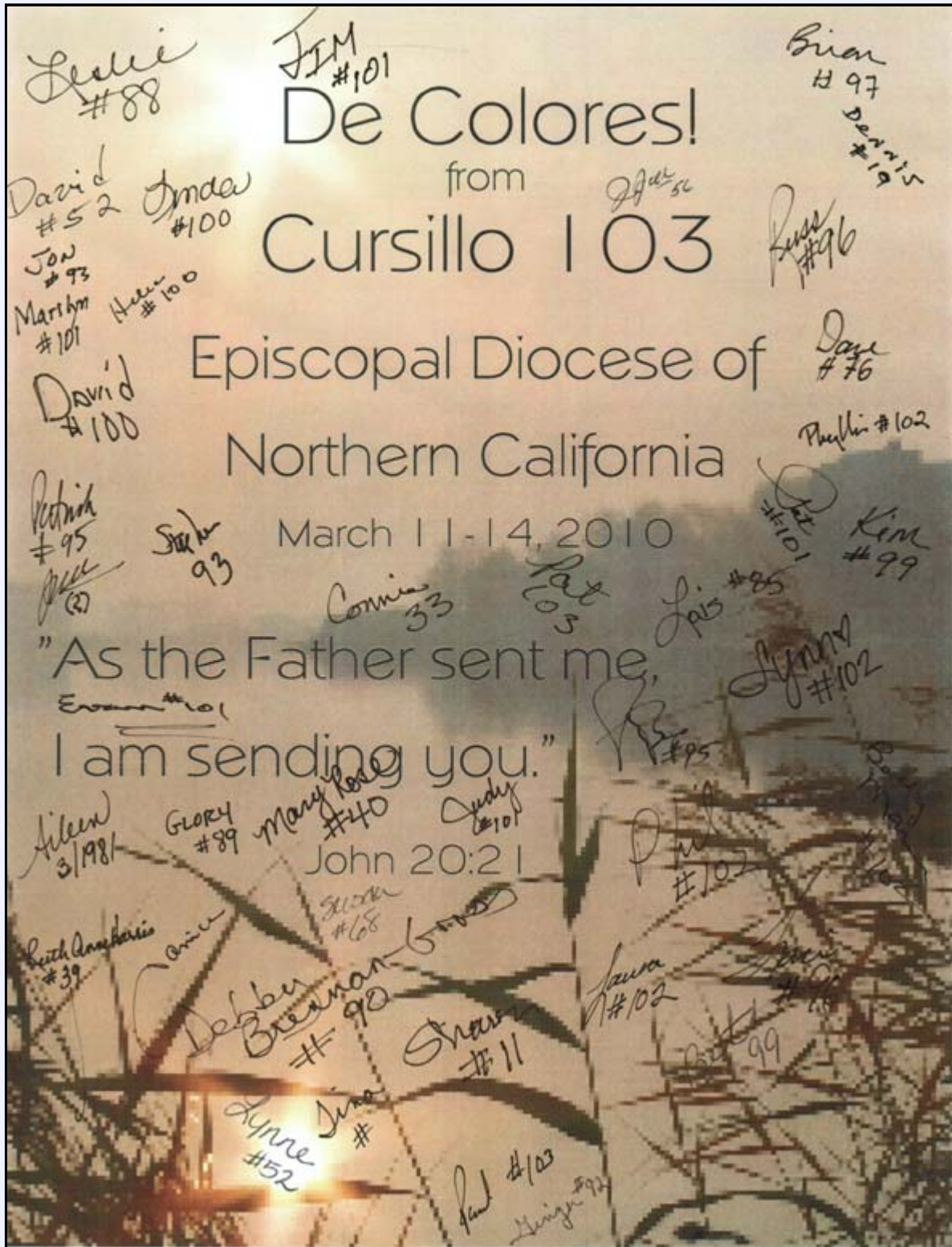


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*Love and prayers from
Maine Episcopal Cursillo*

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Greetings from
The Maribyrnong North West
Emmaus Community
Victoria - Australia



A tranquil bush scene in North Western Victoria, Australia – Somewhere to “Be still and know that He is God.”

We are thinking of you and praying for you. May the Love of God and the Power of the Holy Spirit be with you during your Walk No. on , and all of your following days.
Greetings to your whole Community. **De Colores!** From your Brothers and Sisters in Christ.
“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” Heb. 13:8

NOTES FROM AFAR... TO CURSILLO #101

Calgary Alberta Canada Anglican
Cursillo Community

Greetings in the name of the Lord.
We offer you our prayers and Agape this
weekend.

May God guide you to an even deeper knowledge
of Him and grant to you **Peace**, **Joy** and **Love** as
you go out into the world to serve in His name.

May you continue to grow in the Grace and
knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**'I can do all things through Him who strengthens
me'.**



Philippians 4:13

NOTES FROM AFAR... TO CURSILLO #101

May the spirit of God's
love fill you with his
unconditional love during
this week-end and
into your 4th day.



With blessings for a
wonderful experience.

Ultreya!

Diocese of Fond du Lac
Monarch Cursillo