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Cursillo Annual Picnic & Farewell to Bob De Anna Sunday August 31-08 2:00 p.m. St. Bernadette Parish 6543-132 St. Surrey B.C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: LAY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

One more year has come and gone and this one so full of blessings that if we stood to count them it would take us hours. I don't mean to say that everything was roses during the year, but at all levels of Cursillo, be it Ultreyas, Secretariat, Leader's School, we knew and felt God's presence with us at every step of the way. We had many joys and some sorrows but God's love was there to comfort and give us strength and His Holy Spirit provided hope and guidance and even perseverance when we needed it.

It is a pleasure for me as Lay Director to do a recap of the year's activities. I'll try to be accurate and brief.

Secretariat has been meeting regularly every second Saturday of the month. Although some members have been working doing double duty (and more!) spirits have been high, and we have grown in closeness. There is great openness and seriousness when discussing Cursillo business and much has been accomplished in the two hours that we are together.

The highlights of the year were, of course, the **Women and Men's weekends** at Our Lady of Fatima which were very well attended. Marna Omichinski was the Ladies' Rectora and the Men's had Scott Roy as Rector. Both told us at Ultreya how awesome their weekend had been, how impressed they were with the candidates and teams, and how God's presence was so real.

We hold **Ultreyas** at St. Bernadette's on the first and third Fridays and when the month has a fifth Friday we also have Ultreya at St. Paul's Mission in North Vancouver. Ultreyas are always a time of great joy and are well attended. Some of the more recent 'graduates have been participating regularly.

School of Leaders continue to meet at Debborah and Sid's on the second Wednesday of the month. Although the group is small there is nothing small about the discussions, We are studying Eduardo Bonnin's writings and going deep into the roots of Cursillo. It has been for some of us an eye-opener and we have shared moments of awe at the realization of how the Spirit moves and what He accomplishes.

We had planned to have a **Fourth Day Workshop** shortly after the Women's Weekend but somehow ``things`` got complicated and there was never the possibility of having one. We will try to rectify this as soon as possible as we know how important the formation we receive at the workshop is.

The weather did not favour our **annual picnic** in August at St. Bernadette's. The day was grey, blustery and cold and we were few in attendance but we had good fellowship, the food was tasty and plentiful and the children had fun anyway.

In November, Debborah O`Shea, our representative at the National, was back East attending the National Cursillo Officer's Group Meeting. She always comes back rejuvenated and brimming with good news. She told us that the next National Cursillo Conference is going to take place in Kelowna this year, June 26th to 29th. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with fellow Cursillistas from across the country and you should make an effort to attend if you can. Mark your calendars and approach either Debborah or Sid if you have any questions.

Our Spiritual Director, Fr. Patrick Chisholm, celebrated Mass for the repose of the soul of deceased Cursillistas on November 16th here at St. Bernadette.

Karen Mahoney travelled to Mallorca, Spain, to attend a Cursillo of Cursillos and she loved it. She brought back some photos and great memories. The most important is that she had the pleasure of seeing and hearing our founder, Eduardo Bonnin.

This is the sorrow that I was speaking about at the beginning. That our founder, Eduardo Bonnin, was taken from us. Most of us never met him but simply by being Cursillistas we cannot deny the influence he has had in our lives. Those of us in the School of Leaders who are studying his writings marvel at how profound his thoughts and feelings were and how inspired by the Spirit he was. We will miss his guidance but we know he is in the loving arms of his Lord whom he served with full heart and soul. And so, although we miss him, we know that he is watching over us from heaven.

To end on a high note we are preparing for another Women's Weekend in May at Fatima again. Peggy Maas has been chosen as Rectora and she has assembled a very good team. We have quite a few registrations already and the front team is starting to meet to present rollos.

Today I have called the secretary at Fatima and booked the facilities for the upcoming Men's weekend in October.

Before I close my report, I would like to thank all my wonderful co-workers in Secretariat for their love and dedication and Fr. Patrick for his support and guidance.

Good bless you all. De Colores!

Odete Redondo
Lay Director

We Have A New Web Site.

Check It Out At:

<http://decolores.ca>

It is good!

Good News! After much work by Deborah O`Shea and our new Web Provider our new website is up and running. There is still work to be done but you can now go into our own site and see what is happening with the Archdiocese of Vancouver Cursillo Movement. It is exciting. Soon you will be able to see pictures of our weekends, the National Conference, our picnic and other activities that we do. You will also be able to read an accurate history of Cursillo by Fr. Gaston Rioux O.M.I. one of our National Officer Group Spiritual Directors. There will be links to other Cursillo information that will give you great information on Cursillo. You will also be able to go into the website to read the Current Fourthday Newsletter and also archived copies (this will take a little time before it is ready). Enjoy our new website!

Curillos of Cursillos

July 2-5-2009

Kitchener, Ontario

Limited Registration

Next year, July 2-5,2009, there will be a Cursillo of Cursillos held in Kitchener Ontario. This Cursillo of Cursillos will be based upon the Cursillo of Cursillos that was held last year in Malloca, Spain. It is an exciting event that is very much like making your Cursillo Weekend again. Spaces are limited to 120 persons. Think about this event and making it a part of your summer 2009. You will not be disappointed. More information will be available soon. This, too, will be on our new website!

Welcome to our Newest Cursillistas: (Ladies Weekend May 2008)

Megan Alvarez, Mary Au, Marjorie Currie, Marcella Gonsalves, Eliza Ho, Susanna Lee, Kristina Martyn, Grace Mora, Joy Tancowny, Ellen Schuetze, Vanessa Rigolo, Andrea Jordan, Sandre Lavallee, Melissa Lim, Sylvia Kowton, Janine Jang, Laura Kerssens, Linda Malesku, Janine Huntley, Patricia Sabanes.

Archdiocese of Vancouver
Men's Cursillo Weekend
October 10-13-2008
Rector: Larry Bowen

For more information check out our website at <http://decolores.ca>

Or

Call any member of the Secretariat
(telephone numbers or e mail addresses on the back of the Newsletter)

Sponsors please register your candidates now!

GOD IS IN CHARGE - A Rector's experience

It was an amazing weekend, as all weekend's are. They each have their own flavour, personalities, different numbers, sometimes different locations, but one thing remains as always...God is in complete control. Often in our enthusiasm we forget this. We worry about menus, table settings, decorations, nerves...and we really do forget who is in control.

It never ceases to amaze me how many times you can hear rollos presented and learn new, amazing things about your friends, about God and about yourself. What was so prevalent to me on this weekend was everyone's complete surrender for the greater cause. If you think about it, that in itself is a miracle. We ask several dozen strong Christian women to come together and set aside creature comforts and personality quirks to introduce another group of equally strong Christian women who have to put their complete trust in strangers to care for them for three whole days. Well, this can only happen when all of these women exercise a spirit of surrender. And that can only happen when God is in charge.

God assembled an incredible group of ladies at our Lady of Fatima for the women's weekend, awesome candidates AND team, and I am thankful. I am actually part of a new group that includes 2 candidates from this weekend! My dorm, along with a few team, was in the "Pre-K" room where a sign on the wall read "When one teaches, two learn". This summed up our weekend. Thank you, Lord!

Peggy Maas

New Publications

FAQ-Frequently Asked Questions And The 4th Day-A Perennial Cursillo

The National Catholic Cursillo Conference of Canada has published two new booklets that are filled with great information about Cursillo. These are booklets that may answer a lot of questions you may have. Cost is \$6.00 for The 4th day-A Perennial Cursillo and \$4.00 for the FAQ. (Shipping extra or come to an Ultreya and save the shipping costs.) They are both worth having. For more information called the Fourth Day Newsletter at 604-274-7610.

*The Cursillo Movement is also at the origin of many other
Movements: (81)*

... in various Christian Churches

Anglican Cursillo, Camino, Crum Christo, DeColores EnCristo, DeColores Ministries, Dias con Cristo, Diaspora, Discipleship Walk, Ecco-I, Episcopal Cursillo, Faith Walk, Great Banquet, Journey Through Faith, Journey To Damascus, Jubilee Journey, Koinonia, Life, Lutheran Cursillo, Methodist Cursillo, Presbyterian Cursillo, Paseo con Cristo, Presbyterian Pilgrimage, Tres Dias, The Way of Christ, Unidos en Cristo, United Church Cursillo, Via de Cristo, Walk to Emmaus.

... for Youth

Aventura, Arcoiris, Awakening, Celebration, Challenge, Círculos de Juventud, Chrysalis, Days with the Lord, Deco-Tec, ECOS, EPJ-Encuentros de Promocion Juvenil, Faith Quest, Footsteps, Happening, Happening Ecumenical, Jornadas de Vida Cristiana, Journey, La Flambée, La Relève, L'Étincelle, My Fathers House, New Beginnings, R3, Search for Christian Maturity, TEC - Teens Encounter Christ, The Journey, Tirosh, Troops Encounter Christ, Veritas, Vida Nueva, Vision Jeunesse, Vocare, Youth Encounter.

... for different Social Categories

Alarga, Canku Wakan, Chayah, Credo Recovery, Cursillos for the Deaf, Epiphany Ministry, HEC: Handicapped Encounter Christ, Joie de Vivre, Kairos, Kairos Outside, Kairos Torch, Keryx, REC: Residents Encounter Christ, Reflets et Lumière: Hope in Love, Rescate Catolico.

In Cursillo to “be” is more important than to “do”.

In Cursillo the “what” is more important than the “how”. Juan Ruiz - President OMCC
(May 08 monthly newsletter)

The Need for Palanca:



July 14, 2008

Dear friends in Christ,

This is a crucial time in our community, country and world. This week Fr. Lucien Larre was ridiculed by most news stations for giving back his medal to protest Henry Morgentaler receiving the Order of Canada. Prayer seems more important than ever. It is with this thought that I ask you to join me in prayer. Many who will receive this letter already are disciplined in praying for the Cursillo Movement. **We ask that you might find the time to pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory be to the Father.** By recommitting or committing for the first time to join this group we are able to send palanca letters to those on Cursillo weekends around the world and let them know that they are not alone. We feel a part of a group supporting one another "as we live and move and have our being".

As a member of the Secretariat, I have been asked to gather these prayers and send the palanca letters. If you would like to let me know that you are participating, please email me at judithanne94@shaw.ca. Please add whether you are praying daily, weekly or several times a week so I can make a spiritual bouquet that reflects our efforts? I am thankful for the internet in helping us support and touch one another.

De Colores
Jude Maddalozzo
Pre-Cursillo



PALANCA:

As always we place before God our palanca requests:

- for our Archbishop Raymond and our co-adjutor Archbishop Michael; for the priests and religious of the archdiocese
- for the CCCC Officers Group
- for the soul of our founder Eduardo Bonnin
- for those suffering from cancer and any other ailment
- for families who are struggling in any way
- for those in our families who have died
- for those who are dying
- for all of our requests
- for our local Cursillo Movement

CCCC National Conference: Kelowna BC June 2008

How often do we forget that God is in charge? As usual He showed us that with trust in Him all goes well. God allowed His Spirit to flow through the Conference giving us the understanding and the insight into His desires for the Cursillo Movement in Canada.

The theme for the Conference was on the Pre Cursillo. So often we see Pre Cursillo as the mundane work of finding a place for the weekend, the weekend preparations and finding candidates. This is a part of the Pre Cursillo but in this Conference we learnt that it is much more than that. We discovered that the Pre Cursillo, the Cursillo and the Post Cursillo are so closely linked that they are one entity.

The living of our Post Cursillo inserted into the Pre Cursillo of our friend (candidate) may cause a desire for them to search for more in their lives than they already have, searching for that something that they see in our Post Cursillo that may then want to go on a Cursillo.

When we live our Post Cursillo authentically we live the life of grace instilled in us by God. We understand and know that God loves us. We want to spread this knowledge, this feeling, this happiness. Others see a difference in us and we begin to have an influence upon their lives. Our Post Cursillo becomes apart of their Pre Cursillo.

The Kelowna Conference was exciting in that we began to understand the 'Why' of the Pre Cursillo and how important this phase of the whole of Cursillo is to the formation of the person. We talked with each other about Pre Cursillo and we began to understand. This is great.

We renewed friendships and we made new friendships. We laughed, we had fun at the Fiesta night. My, there was a lot of great talent. The Ultreya was done according to the Malloracan Method. Again, this was a new experience for some.

The Rollos, the meditations, the Liturgies, the prayer oases were all well presented and had so much for us to consider that I believe we will have enough to think about until the next Conference.

I thank the CCCC Officers Group for giving us a genuine path to travel on our Cursillo journey to the Father.

De Colores

Sidney

A Little Humour:

Dreaded Old Age:

I have always dreaded old age. I cannot imagine anything worse than being old. How awful it must be to have nothing to do all day long but stare at the walls or watch TV?

So last week, when it was suggested that we all celebrate Senior Citizen Week by cheering up a senior citizen, I decided to do just that. I would call on my new neighbour, an elderly retired gentleman, recently widowed, and who, I presumed, had moved in with his married daughter because he was too old to take care of himself.

I baked a batch of cookies, and, without bothering to call (some old people cannot hear the phone), I went off to brighten the old guy's day. When I rang the doorbell this 'old guy' came to the door dressed in tennis shorts and a polo shirt, looking just about as ancient and as decrepit as Donny Osmond.

"I'm sorry I can't invite you in," he said when I introduced myself, "but I'm due at the Racquet Club at two.

I'm playing in the semi-finals today." "Oh that's alright," I said. "I baked you some cookies..."

"Great!" he interrupted, snatching the box. "Just what I need for the bridge club tomorrow! Thanks so much!" I continued, "...and just thought we'd visit a while. But that's okay! I'll just trot across the street and visit on Granny Grady."

"Don't bother," he said. "Gran's not home; I know. I just called to remind her of our date to go dancing tonight. She may be at the beauty shop. She mentioned that at breakfast that she had an appointment for a tint job."

So I went home and called my Mother's cousin (age 83); she was in the hospital...working in the gift shop.....I called my aunt (age 74); she was on vacation in China; called my husband's uncle (age 79), I forgot;.....he was on his honeymoon...I Still dread old age, now more that ever. I just don't think I'm up to it! -Author Unknown

Notes from the Editor:

Dear Friends:

It is exciting to know that we have a new website for the Vancouver Cursillo Movement. We are looking forward to being able to bring to you up to date information as to what is going on in the Vancouver Cursillo Movement. You are able to access the website at <http://decolores.ca> Right now there is work that needs to be done but we are getting there.

Larry Bowen has accepted the challenge to be the next Rector for the October Men's weekend. He has been forming his team and soon they will begin the preparations for the weekend. If you have any candidates please register them soon. I know that it will be an awesome weekend for all.

Our annual Cursillo picnic is Sunday August 31 at approximately 2 p.m. at St. Bernadette parish in Surrey. We always have a fun filled time. Please come. Bring your children and games and food to share. Last year the children tired me out (that's not hard to do) playing bacci ball. It was a lot of fun. It is also a great time to get together with cursillistas friends to renew friendship and just to be with each other. At the picnic we will be wishing Bob de Anna well as he goes into the seminary at Christ the King in Mission to begin his studies towards becoming a priest.

The new publications from the CCCC Officers Group are exciting. The FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) is a treasure of great information about Cursillo. The new 4th Day Booklet is wonderful and gives great insights into our journey in Cursillo. They are both worth having and if you would like to purchase them just let us know and we will get them for you. The FAQ booklet is \$4 and the 4thDay booklet is \$6.

The National Conference in Kelowna was great. We worked hard but from that hard work we gained a lot. God is good. I now have a clearer understanding of the 'why' of the pre cursillo and how important it is to see how the pre cursillo, the cursillo and the post cursillo work together as a single unit to bring us to the awareness that God loves us.

De Colores
Sidney (editor)

Leader School:

Everyone who wishes to learn more about the Cursillo Movement is welcome to attend Leader School. It is an exciting hour and a half in which we read and discuss writings of our Founder Eduardo Bonnín or some other pertinent Cursillo writing that will help us to understand what Cursillo is all about.

Leader School is held once a month on the second Wednesday at 9391 Piermond Rd. in Richmond. It begins at 7:30 p.m. sharp and ends at 9:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call 604-274-7610. It is a great hour and a half!

Remember: God Loves You!

A Few Reminders:

If you have moved or changed e mail addresses please let us know so that we can keep our data base up to date.

If you would like to be put on our prayer line give us your e mail address and it will be added to the prayer line.

Your financial aid is always appreciated. Please send your donation to Vancouver Cursillo Movement, 9391 Piermond Rd. Richmond BC V7E 1N1. A tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$10.00 or more.

We send the Fourthday Newsletter out to you free of charge but it does cost money to print it and to send out hard copies to those who do not have e mail. Your donations to the Newsletter are also appreciated. Again please send your donation to Vancouver Cursillo Movement, 9391 Piermond Rd., Richmond BC, V7E 1N1.

If you know of any cursillista who has died and moved on into their Fifth Day please let us know so that we can put their name in our 'Book of the Dead' so that we may continually pray for them. Call 604-274-7610 or write 9391 Piermond Rd. Richmond BC V7E 1N1. Thank you.

Please register your candidates for the October 10-13, 2008 Men's Cursillo Weekend as soon as you can. Go to our website at <http://decolores.ca> to enter their names.

Christ and I are an overwhelming majority!

