



*Message from the Lay Director
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Welcome Babe Chicks!

What a wonderful time for all of you to begin your Fourth Day! And what a wonderful time for all of us roosters and cluck hens to reflect back to the time when we began ours. Our Lord has risen! And we have risen with Him. Thank you for the wonderful witnesses you shared with us at your closings. Whenever one of you commented on the love that you experienced you enabled each of us in the audience to relive that precious weekend that we've all experienced. When Father Emile said, "What if everyone in the world could experience Cursillo?" I heard a collective sigh as we all reacted to the thought. While you were reminding us of our weekend experience, I hope that we were giving you a glimpse of life in the Fourth Day. Although it's hard to imagine at this point, your weekend is just the beginning. It gets better. The "magic" about Cursillo is that we persevere through life much like we persevered through the weekend. And as a result we experience the same emotions that we experienced during the weekend. We

place ourselves next to Jesus, we surround ourselves with His friends and we share Him with our friends. Group Reunion and Ultreya are the vehicles that we use. We rely on a simple tripod of tools: 1) our Piety which leads our growth towards Holiness, 2) our Study of Jesus and His Church which results in our "metanoia" or continual Formation into being His loving imitator, and 3) our response to the call to Action that will lead us to Evangelize the world or at least the Environments where He has put us.

Sponsorship

The words to the song "Pass It On" include the phrase, "That's how it is with God's love, once you've experience it. You spread His love to everyone. You want to pass it on." Everyone needs to come to Jesus. Many experience Him in a special way through Cursillo. But their attraction to Cursillo must come through a "friend". We "Make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Jesus" – in that order. Our friends must see the transformation that has taken place in our lives before they can desire it for themselves. Sometimes, in our enthusiasm, we underestimate the importance of the first two parts. It takes time to become a true friend to a person and to show them the friendship that is essential before we invite them to Cursillo.

Cursillo is not about numbers - but an important element of the weekend is if we do not have a sufficient number of candidates to fully realize the community that is built so

easily when Christ is at its center. The larger the ratio of candidates to team that we have, the more self evident it is that every environment can be transformed - if a few good people resolve to transform it.

Recently our men's weekends could have been shared with even more men. In fact, on the surface, it appears that one men's weekend per year will be sufficient. It's possible, however, that many of us are not beginning the process early enough to properly prepare potential candidates. We in the secretariat therefore, have decided that we will continue to plan two weekends per year but will only begin team preparation for the Spring weekends if the attendance in the Fall indicates the need for two per year. Since there is actually a waiting list for the women's weekends, this decision will primarily affect the men's weekends. Please start the process early so that every person who should attend a Cursillo has a friend who will prepare and bring him or her to it.

Applications for Couples

As we all know, Cursillo is a life changing experience. Attendance at the three-day weekend is the first step towards a life of increased commitment to Christ's mission in the world. In many cases, our lives are changed as a result of the special encounter with Christ that we experience during the weekend.

For married couples, the joy experienced by Cursillo is multiplied immensely by the fact that they are able to be shared. More importantly, they will be prepared to help each other persevere during their fourth day. In contrast, the inability to share the same experience to its fullest, can become a source of irritation for both parties.

For that reason, the secretariat will continue to require that both husband and wife experience Cursillo within a reasonable timeframe of each other and we will require that sponsors submit both applications at the same time. Recently, there have been numerous situations wherein one or more parties to a marriage are disinterested in sharing the Cursillo experience with their spouse. Since the most important environment within a marriage is the marriage itself, we ask that all sponsors consider and prepare *both* partners so that they can realize the joy of Cursillo together. In the case of a non-Catholic spouse, every effort should be made to help the non-Catholic find a similar program so that the experience can be properly shared.

Fourth Day Reunion – April 24, 2004

The Fourth Day Reunion for the new babe chicks, their sponsors and team members from the recent Spring weekends will be held on **Saturday, April 24, 2004 at St. Stephen's in Winter Springs from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

Come out to welcome them into their Fourth Day and support them throughout their Cursillo

journey. The purpose of the day is to offer the new Cursillistas the History and Purpose of the Cursillo Movement, the Role and Responsibility of Sponsors, proper preparation of future candidates, a model Ultreya, music, food, and fellowship. There will also be a segment for the School of Leaders during the day as well.

Hope to see a large crowd there.

Ultreya Coordinators' Workshop

Ultreya Coordinators, please join us for a workshop and appreciation dinner on Sunday, May 16, at St. Stephen Catholic Community in Winter Springs. We will begin the workshop at 2:00, and end with dinner at 6:00. If you can not make it, please send someone in your place. Also, if you have someone who assists you, they are welcome as well. RSVP to Stephanie at (407) 657-6180 or kovatsnco@earthlink.net

Calendar

4 th Day Reunion	April 24, 2004
August Retreat	August 21-22, 2004
Men's Weekend #79	October 14-17, 2004
Women's Weekend #85	October 21-24, 2004

School of Leaders	Monthly - 2cd
Saturday	
Secretariat Meetings	Monthly - 2cd
Tuesday	

August Retreat

Make plans to attend the August retreat on the weekend of August 21-22, 2004. Plans as to times and events are still being finalized. However, the end of the retreat will coincide with the rededication of the outdoor cross. Please make plans to be there and renew your Christian spirit.

Website

Please continue to visit the website at www.orlandocursillo.org

There is plenty of fantastic information there, so make sure your place into your favorites folder

Camp San Pedro

DeColores - This article is written on behalf of the holy ground that we all love - the holy ground of San Pedro Center - where most of us had our first opportunity to experience the presence of Jesus on our Cursillo weekend.

San Pedro Center has asked INFINITY PRESS, INC. for our assistance in producing a quarterly directory that will help to distribute timely information, support our Christian community and curtail the budgetary demands that San Pedro is facing.

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