

Open Letter to All Cursillistas from Secretariat

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We hope this letter finds you well and continuing to live out your Fourth Day in all areas of your life where the Lord has asked you to bloom where you are planted. May you continue to feel God's presence in your lives and in your works knowing that God is always with you and carries you in the palm of his hand.

You are receiving this letter because God called you, at some point in your life, to make a Cursillo weekend. For some of you it was many years ago, for others perhaps as recently as a few months ago. Take a moment, if you will, and think back to your weekend. How you felt on Thursday when you arrived, not really knowing what you had gotten yourselves into; but as the weekend progressed and the talks were given, an overwhelming clarity surfaced letting you know that it was Jesus who wanted you there. Each of you were called to be His apostles. Each of you called to have a deeper relationship with Christ.

Certainly Cursillo, for many of us, is a cherished event in our lives that we will never forget because of the impact it has in our lives moving forward. Well, you are receiving this letter because Cursillo needs you *right now*. We, the Orlando Cursillo, are faced with a challenge that we have not encountered in many, many years, if ever. We are writing to you in an effort to elicit your assistance and **yes**, we mean monetary assistance. The fact of the reality is very real, just as everything around you has increased in cost; gas, food, electric, etc.... so too have the costs involved with putting on each weekend increased...substantially. Since 2004 after the Hurricanes we have struggled to fill our weekends. It will cost approximately \$14,000.00 to put on the upcoming Men's and Women's weekends, we have \$9,500.00 in our treasury at the moment. **The need is real**. We have changed our application to let candidates know they will be asked to contribute \$150.00. Team members will be told that their contribution should be \$150.00. We believe these measures will correct our deficit moving forward.

Secretariat is asking all Cursillistas for some green palanca! We are aware that times are tough and that everyone is stretched, but in the true sense of sacrificial giving....this is our time of need. We are not asking for a pre-determined amount. We are aware that we are not an entity that will offer you a "tax deduction". We do know, however, that with your help we can raise the funding necessary to continue to have the weekends and allow others to share in the joy of what Cursillo is...consider your gift the gift that keeps on giving! Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Orlando Cursillo. No amount is too small...and certainly none too large. If each person receiving this letter gifted Orlando Cursillo \$25.00 it would make huge strides towards covering the future weekends. Again, please prayerfully consider your gift. Your gift goes a long way!

Please mail your gift to:

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