



¡De Colores Cursillista!

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The time for this summer's Cursillos are fast approaching; the men's is in June and the women's in July. The rector, Tom Allen and rectora Mellissa Murano, are in the process of finalizing their teams and beginning to assign rollos to the team members. As the teams prepare and other assignments are delegated, it behooves ALL of us to pray about asking candidates to experience this very special three day encounter with themselves, Christ and others.

If you have not sponsored a candidate before, please be aware of certain responsibilities and steps to follow in order to make the Cursillo weekend a most memorable and special experience. Please refer to the March issue for further details and explanations regarding being a sponsor.

You will be asked by candidates, "What actually is a Cursillo?" In the following paragraphs taken from the Leaders Manual, Cursillo Manual and some Cursillo web sites; a short description of a Cursillo is portrayed.

Cursillo is a Christian movement recognized by the Roman Catholic Church (and which has subsequently spread to several other Christian churches). It began in Spain in 1949 and was started by Bishop Juan Hervas and Dr. Eduardo Bonnin. Its name comes from the Spanish word "Cursillo", which means "short course." The original, full name is "Cursillos de Cristiandad", meaning, "short course in Christianity."

However, it is neither a theoretical course nor a traditional retreat; it is best described as an experience. It is an experience which leads to discovering a better life and what is fundamental in Christianity. During the three days of the weekend, participants have a deep and profound experience of Christian life:

We get to know ourselves better (encounter with self).

We experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ (encounter with Jesus).

We see the goodness that can be provided by a loving and caring Christian community (encounter with other).

The whole point of the Cursillo movement is that ordinary people can steadily grow in the love and service of God and man for the rest of their lives. During the three days the following sacraments and prayers are celebrated; daily Mass, reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, the rosary, time in the chapel for silent prayer and adoration. Also, you will have the opportunity to interact with other men or women who are here to share their journeys and spiritual lives. There will be time to socialize, table discussions, private time alone, great food and time to forget your daily routines and focus on Jesus.

Please pray about this, "Talk to God about a friend, before you talk to a friend about God." Invite someone and have them encounter a weekend interruption of their lives which will pay dividends well into the future. From the gospel of John, Jesus says; "I called you, you did not call me."

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George Weissbeck, School of Leaders, Co-Chair

CURSILLO

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ULTREYA

- Apr 13th - St. Mary's
- May 11th - St. Marks

SCHOOL OF LEADERS MEETINGS

TUES @7PM - ST MARKS

- April 9th
- May 7th

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The last 3 letters, I have focused on piety, study and action. This one, I would like to focus on combining these three legs of the tripod to grow closer to Jesus and be a better apostle for Christ. God calls us to change the world. This is an inside out job. We send an incredibly stronger message when we are living our tripod in Christ. An excellent example of this is Pope Francis. Pope Francis humbly exudes Christ in his life and his strong relationship with Jesus that



only comes from being strong in piety and study that flows into the action of evangelization.

I don't know what you have experienced from your friends' reactions to Pope Francis, but I have seen Mormon, Protestants and non-religious friends become really fascinated by him. I admit that I am also fascinated. I wouldn't be surprised if part of the reason that Pope Francis did not move into the papal suite is that he knows that he would have a tougher time evangelizing those in the Vatican if he was secluded. Just like

St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis is leading by example as a means to rebuilding God's church.

What can we learn from Pope Francis that we can apply to our lives? You can tell that he has an amazingly strong relationship with Jesus through prayer. Notice how one of the first things that he did is ask us to pray for him. His sister (who stayed in Argentina at his request and donated the money to the poor) also mentioned that he asked her to pray for him. While being a model for Christians in piety, Pope Francis is also strong on his study leg of the tripod. His homilies are hard hitting and to the point. That only comes from strong formation. He speaks in a language that everyone can understand and has a depth in his simplicity, similar to the way that John writes in his gospel. Since Pope Francis has strong piety and study legs, his action leg just flows out of the other two legs. He constantly is taking opportunities not only to be a servant but also to share the Good News of Christ.

What can we learn from this? First and foremost, we need all three legs of the tripod as we learned on our Cursillo weekend. Second, we should use either St. Francis of Assisi or Pope Francis as our model and emulate them. By doing so, we will truly start from the inside and reach out to bring the world, and especially our friends closer to Christ.

God Bless,

Mike Schauble

Southern Idaho Lay Director



SUMMER 2013 CURSILLO DATES
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EVANGELIZATION: PRIMARY MISSION OF THE CURSILLO



Frequently we forget to evaluate the Cursillo Movement based on its primary mission. The primary mission of the Cursillo is not putting on a three day weekend. The primary mission of the Cursillo is the same mission as the Universal Church, evangelization. *“Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.”* (Matt 28:16-20). I believe that in the days to come, you will read a lot about evangelization from our new Pope Francis.

After making a Cursillo many are eager to begin this mission. They promptly volunteer for activities at their parish. They want to work in the soup kitchens, go to Africa or some other location that needs to hear the word of God. The problem with this approach is that on many cases we are not yet ready to take on this mission. We must begin with ourselves. If we are not prepared we can easily be invaded by the devil. *“Keep sober and alert, because your enemy the devil is on the prowl like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand up to him, strong in faith and in the knowledge that it is the same kind of suffering that the community of your brothers throughout the world is undergoing.”* (1Pt 5:8-9)

Are we ready now? Maybe not. First we must get our house in order. To put it another way, evangelization begins at home with your spouse and children. Even if our children are no longer living at home, we never lose responsibility for them. After they reach the age of reason, they are responsible but our leadership remains.

That is what the Cursillo is all about, spiritual leadership of us to our families and our environment. Do any of these words Environment, Leadership, Faith, or Evangelization sound like Rollos titles? Yes they are.

Are we ready, yet? With the prayers of our brother and sister Cursillistas, which we meet with, we are ready. Remember, Christ never sent his disciples out by themselves but two by two for their protection and fellowship, like J.R.R. Tolkien’s “Fellowship of the ring.”

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