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Joachim Le, National Vietnamese Coordinator Retires



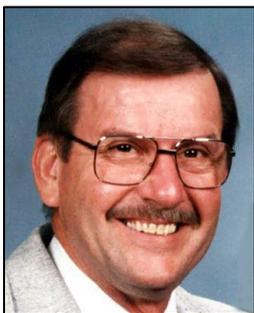
Joachim Le lived his Cursillo experience in 1982 in the Diocese of Orange, CA. Joachim was selected to serve as National Vietnamese Speaking Coordinator in 1996. After 20 years of service, Joachim has elected to retire in August 2016. Prior to being selected National Vietnamese Coordinator, Joachim served as Lay Director and eventually as Region XI Vietnamese Coordinator. He attended and served in many Regional, National, and World Encounters and workshops. The National Secretariat and Staff presented Joachim with a Leadership Award in appreciation for his exemplary leadership and friendship while serving Christ and his Church through the gift of Cursillo. Joachim and his wife live in Westminster, CA. Please join the National Secretariat and Staff in thanking Joachim for his dedication and service. Let us extend our best wishes and prayers for Joachim and his family!

Vincent Tin Pham, New National Vietnamese Speaking Coordinator



The National Cursillo Movement has selected Vincent Tin Pham to serve in the capacity of National Vietnamese Coordinator for the United States Cursillo, effective August 8, 2016. Vincent lived his Cursillo in Lafayette, Louisiana in 1983 and served the National Cursillo Movement as Region VIII Vietnamese Coordinator for two 3-year terms in 2003 and 2012. His leadership, conviction and love of Cursillo are the great assets he brings to the Vietnamese Cursillo communities. Please join the National Secretariat and Staff in congratulating and welcoming Vincent as he begins this new chapter in life. Vincent is excited to serve Christ and his Church through the gift of Cursillo. Let us extend our best wishes and prayers for Vincent and his family!

Ken Sittenauer, Past National English Speaking Coordinator



Kenneth P. “Ken” Sittenauer passed away on July 10, 2016. Ken served as National English Speaking Coordinator for the Cursillo Movement in the United States. Ken and his wife, Mary Teresa (Long), were highly active in the Cursillo Movement at the diocesan, national and international levels. He was a member of the Regional Cursillo Group, National English Speaking Coordinator (1979 – 1998), and the International Cursillo Coordinator (1989 – 2002). He served as Diocesan Lay Director in both Rockford and Kansas City. His conviction, leadership and service for Christ and his Church will always be remembered. The National Secretariat and Staff invite you to join them in prayer for Ken, Teresa and family.

IV Conversations at Cala Figuera and the Process of Beatification for Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló

IV Conversations at Cala Figuera

The IV Conversations at Cala Figuera were held during May 5-8, 2016 in Cala Millor, Mallorca. It was a great event of Friendship with more than 200 participants from various parts of the world. The following Rollos were presented:

Search by Juan Ruiz

News by P. Antonio Vadell

Encounter by Luis Reyes

Hope by Leila Hamuy

Fulfillment by Ramón Armengol

Gratitude by Gail Terrana

Signs by Loren Marian

More information about the IV Conversations Rollos will be available on the National Cursillo Website. Besides the rollos, there was time for group sharing, meditations and daily liturgy as well as witnesses by Cursillistas from around the world. The participants were provided with a brief presentation of FEBA, Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló Foundation. Furthermore, Postulator Father Gabriel Ramis provided the participants with a presentation on the initiation of the cause for Beatification for Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló. The announcement caused great joy among all those present.

The participants had the opportunity to meet with many friends and meet other people with whom the process of friendship had begun during the three days of the IV Conversations. The IV Conversations were a real encounter of friends, an encounter of prayer, in celebration and sharing one's love for the Lord and the Cursillo Movement. It was an opportunity to see the reality that surrounds us with new eyes . . . with a new vision.

The IV Conversations left all participants with renewed strength and encouragement in their hearts to continue their faith journey with enthusiasm and to remain faithful to the Charism and to be always De Colores!

Beatification Process for Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló

Postulator, Fr. Gabriel Ramis informed the IV Conversations participants that in order to initiate the cause of beatification of Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló witnesses of fame of holiness are required. This requirement will show that Eduardo Bonnín truly enjoys a solid and widespread reputation of the heroic virtues of a Servant of God among the faithful or if he has possible miracles.

For this reason, the IV Conversations participants were provided with an address for those who wish to send their personal witness duly signed and dated regarding the motive by which someone thinks that Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló, as a Servant of God, manifested a heroic degree in their Christian virtues. People can also provide examples of a simple miracle or great miracle after the intercession of Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló has been sought.

The information that should be included with the witness consists of: Date, Name and surname, Identity (ID, passport, etc.), Diocese, Address, Phone, Email, and Signature.

Submit personal witness in writing to:
Casa de la Iglesia
Delegación Causa de Los Santos
Calle Seminario N° 4
07001 - Palma de Mallorca
Balears, Spain

All Cursillistas are encouraged to distribute this information to whom they think could provide a personal witness of Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló character of holiness.

2016 National Encounter Highlights

The 2016 National Encounter was held during August 4-7, 2016. Approximately 725 Cursillistas gathered at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL to share in love and friendship as they celebrated the 26th Symphony (26th National Encounter) conducted by our Lord Jesus Christ. All Cursillistas and committees involved in planning the encounter are to be commended for their enthusiasm, self-giving, and spirit of charity.

This year's encounter included several members of the clergy and vowed religious. The encounter was blessed with the presence of all the Cursillistas made up of 7 language groups and especially the presence of Most Rev. Carlos A. Sevilla, SJ from the Diocese of San Jose; Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon from the Diocese of Joliet; and Most Rev. Eduardo A. Nevares from the Diocese of Phoenix. The National Secretariat and Staff appreciate the clergy's and vowed religious' support and contributions to Cursillo.

The theme that resonated throughout the encounter was Kerygma, a Greek word which is normally not in the Cursillistas' daily vocabulary; however, it is something Cursillistas live in the normality of their evangelizing efforts. The National Encounter was truly a living example of Kerygmatic Evangelization!

Kerygma and The Cursillo Movement

Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, SJ, National Cursillo Episcopal Advisor, delivered the Keynote Address on Kerygma and Cursillo. He mentioned that the word's original meaning is *proclamation, declaration or announcement*. He went on to say that Kerygma is a dynamic, impassioned preaching; something that takes into account the fact that doctrine can have its full meaning only as a way of life and that Kerygma is an appealing proclamation, directly and constantly linked to conversion.

Kerygma and Precursillo

In this rollo, Cef Aguilon, National English Speaking Coordinator, placed emphasis on the vital role of the 'sower', the 'sponsor', the 'Cursillo leader' in regards to a personal introspection before evangelizing others. Cef provided a brief overview of the practical method for bringing our friends to Christ as outlined in the Study of Environment rollo, an overview of living and sharing what is fundamental to being Christian and the Four Movements of Apostolic Action: to know, to place, to enlighten, and to accompany. The entire process begins with us!

Kerygma and the 3-Day Cursillo

Juan Ruiz, National Hispanic Coordinator, emphasized the need to be aware that Kerygma is simply the joyful proclamation of what is fundamental to being Christian. Kerygma is not the delivery of a reduced doctrine, such as what could be delivered in the beginning of an evangelization, but the

global proclamation of what the foundation is, the cause and content of Christianity. Every Rollo in Cursillo, whether secular or mystical, is composed of two parts, the fundamental truth of the message and the personal witness of the rollista which embodies the truth of the message and which needs to be fully in touch with the reality which the rollista is living so it can properly correspond to the signs of the times. If any of the two parts of the Rollo are missing, it is no longer a Cursillo Rollo.

Kerygma and Postcursillo

Joachim Le, National Vietnamese Speaking Coordinator, reminded us that the Cursillo Movement, with its unique and simple methodology, and through friendship, is a great experience and a useful tool for the New Evangelization. It helps each Cursillista create an environment and opportunity for an encounter with Jesus. Kerygma constantly renews and grows in the Postcursillo, as we continue to nurture and mature in our own friendships with God and neighbor in our Group Reunions and Ultreyas. It is made possible by our Piety, Study and Action. Ultimately, our Kerygmatic Proclamation of the Word must lead us to an ever deepening faith in our Lord Jesus Christ that allows us to see more clearly our interdependence as human beings, and as brothers and sisters in Christ.

National Cursillo Center Update and Synergy

Hoang Tran, National Cursillo Service Administrator, spoke about *synergy* and how together we can do the Work of God and provide a brighter future for Cursillo in the United States. He offered an overview of the services provided by the National Cursillo Center and the benefits associated with the \$3/YR Campaign. Approximately \$120K have been returned to the dioceses in the form of additional discounts on book sales, encounter registration vouchers, re-establishing Cursillo in some areas, and reduced national encounter registration fees. Hoang thanked all Cursillistas for their continued support and generosity.

FYI – Copies of the all the rollos will be posted on the National Cursillo Website soon.

2017 National Encounter

Mark your calendars! The 2017 National Encounter will be held at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX during July 27-30, 2017. The first Cursillo was introduced in the United States in Waco, TX in 1957. Therefore, 2017 marks the 60th Anniversary of Cursillo in the US. Come celebrate this historic milestone for Cursillos in Christianity!

De Colores!

Hoang Tran – National Cursillo Service Administrator
Ceferino Aguillón, Jr. – National English Coordinator
Juan Ruiz – National Hispanic Coordinator
Vincent Tin Pham – National Vietnamese Coordinator