

February 2004

**To:** National Mailing Recipients  
**Fm:** National Cursillo Center  
**Re:** February National Mailing

## **Victor Lugo Selected as National Cursillo Executive Director**

The Executive Committee of the National Cursillo Movement of the United States met in Dallas, Texas, on December 16, 2003, for the purpose of interviewing and selecting the new Executive Director for our Movement.

The number of applications was narrowed down to three possibilities. The candidates then met individually with the Executive Committee.

After much prayerful discernment it was formally announced on February 4, 2004, that the Executive Committee had selected Victor Lugo as the Executive Director of the National Cursillo Movement of the United States, effective February 1, 2004. Victor has been serving the National Cursillo Movement as the National English-speaking Coordinator.

We thank all who applied for the position. God surely has plans for their service to Him and His Movement in their current areas.

We also thank Jorge Barceló for his service during the past four months serving as Interim Executive Director.

Please continue to offer palanca for Victor, his wife Veronica and their family as they begin this new chapter in their lives, for the National Staff, and for the Cursillo Movement.

## **Mother Teresa of Calcutta: Silence and Prayer**

*Mother Teresa (1910-1997), the founder of the Missionaries of Charity, was beatified on October 19, 2003. She described the spiritual experience that shaped her life in this way: "In 1946 I was going to Darjeering, to make my retreat. It was in that train, I heard the call to give up all and follow Jesus into the slums to serve Him among the poorest of the poor. I knew it was His will, and that I had to follow Him. There was no doubt that it was going to be His work." Here she describes the connection of prayer and silence that aided her ministry.*

### **PRAYER IS A DIALOGUE**

Prayer is a two-way process: speaking and listening. God speaks to us: we listen. We speak to God: God listens. God speaks in the silence of our heart, and we listen. Then we speak to God from the fullness of our heart, and God listens. Our words are useless unless they come from the bottom of our heart.

## **SILENCING OUR HEARTS**

**If we really want to pray, we must first learn to listen; for in the silence of the heart, God speaks. Silence of the heart, not only of the mouth, is necessary. Our prayer life suffers so much because our hearts aren't silent. The contemplatives and ascetics of all ages and religions have sought God in the silence and solitude of the desert, forest, and mountain.**

**We too are called to withdraw at certain intervals into deeper silence and aloneness, with God, together as a community as well as personally, to be alone with God, not with our books, thoughts, and memories but completely stripped of everything, to dwell lovingly in God's presence – silent, empty, expectant, and motionless.**

## **LISTENING IN SILENCE**

**We need silence to be looking for God. There we accumulate the inward power which we distribute in action, put in the smallest duty and spend in the severest hardships that befall us.**

**Listen in silence, because if your heart is full of other things you cannot hear the voice of God. But when you have listened to the voice of God in the stillness of your heart, then your heart is filled with God. Then you can hear God everywhere: in the closing of a door, in the person who needs you, in the birds that sing, in the flowers, the animals – that silence which is wonder and praise.**

## **GIVE YOURSELF FULLY TO GOD**

**God will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in God's love than in your weakness. Just once, let the love of God take entire and absolute possession of your heart. Let your heart apply itself continually to increase this love of God by seeking to please God in all things.**

**These are only the first steps toward prayer, but if we never make the first step with determination, we will not reach the last one: the presence of God.**

## **MOTHER TERESA'S PRAYER**

**Come Holy Spirit,  
Guide me, protect me,  
Clear out my mind.**

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## 14<sup>th</sup> National Encounter – Seattle, Washington

The 14<sup>th</sup> National Encounter will be held July 29 thru August 1, 2004, at Seattle University, Seattle, WA. The theme for the encounter is “UNITY WITH CHRIST” – “Let us profess the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:14-16).

Enclosed is the tentative agenda for the encounter. As we mentioned in our last mailing, the format for this encounter differs from last year’s encounter. The format consists of several workshops on all aspects of the Cursillo Movement and are based on the following books, “Structure of Ideas” by Eduardo Bonnín, Bernardo Vadell and Francisco Forteza; and the revised 3-Day Manual. Participants will be able to select which workshops to attend. The above mentioned books will be available for purchase at the 2004 Encounter.

The cost for attending the encounter is \$250 per person. This covers the cost of meals, lodging, workshops, and activities, including the transportation to and from the Seattle Airport. Dinner and lodging is provided from Thursday evening until breakfast Sunday morning. The facilities will only accommodate 600 participants. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to submit your registration form as soon as possible.

Included with this mailing is a registration form so that you can be assured a place at the 14<sup>th</sup> National Encounter. Registration and the full payment of \$250 need to be completed by May 21, 2004. All registration forms and payments received after May 21, 2004 will be required to pay \$300 per person. Registration forms and payments received after June 18, 2004 will be required to pay \$325 per person. Cost for registering at the 14<sup>th</sup> National Encounter will be \$350 per person. It is imperative that we have a very good idea of the number of participants a couple of months in advance in order to coordinate an event of this magnitude.

Here is the tentative agenda:

### 14th National Encounter at Seattle, WA “Unity with Christ” July 29 – August 1, 2004

#### Thursday, July 29, 2004

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|-------------------------|--|
| <i>1:00pm – 10:00pm</i> | <b>Registration for the National Encounter</b><br><b><u>Registration will not begin until 1:00pm</u></b> |
| <i>5:00pm – 6:45pm</i>  | <b>Dinner</b>  |
| <i>6:30pm – 7:15pm</i>  | <b>Orientation session for first-time Encounter participants</b>   |
| <i>7:30pm – 8:00pm</i>  | <b>Opening of the 14<sup>th</sup> National Encounter - <i>Main Conference Room</i></b>                   |

- a. *Opening Blessing: Bishop James A. Tamayo, National Episcopal Advisor*
- b. *Opening Prayer: Fr. Pedro Garcia, National Spiritual Advisor*
- c. *Welcome: Pete Jancola, Lay Director of Seattle*
- d. *Welcome: Natalie Vierra, Organizers*

**8:00pm – 8:45pm**      *Keynote Address*

**8:45pm – 9:00pm**      **Night Prayers and Opening of Reconciliation Service – Fr. Pedro Garcia (All priests participate)**

**Friday, July 30, 2004**

**6:30am – 7:45am**      **Breakfast (All participants)**

**8:00am – 8:30am**      **Morning Prayers & Meditation (together at Champion Residence Hall)**

**8:45am – 9:15am**      **1<sup>st</sup> Major Presentation: Purpose of the Movement**  
*(This presentation will be given separately in English and Spanish)*

**9:15am – 9:30am**      **Break**

**9:30am – 10:30am**      **Workshop Session #1 (A thru I)**  
*(Twenty-five minute presentation, a thirty-five minute question and answer)*

**There will be (3) Workshop Sessions on Friday. Workshop Session #1 will include (9) workshops, A thru I. Workshop Sessions #2 & #3 will include (6) workshops, A thru F. The participants may select (3) of the (9) workshops. Below are the (9) workshops taken from the text, *Structure of Ideas*, along with their appropriate page number in parenthesis:**

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|-----------|---|----------------|
| <b>A.</b> | <b>Precursillo</b>  | <b>(pg 12)</b> |
|           | 1. <b>Selection of Cursillistas</b>   | <b>(pg 13)</b> |
|           | 2. <b>Material Preparation for the Cursillo</b>                                   | <b>(pg 19)</b> |
|           | 3. <b>Spiritual Preparation for the Cursillo</b>                                  | <b>(pg 21)</b> |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>3-Day Weekend</b>  | <b>(pg 27)</b> |
|           | 1. <b>Living Experience</b>   | <b>(pg 28)</b> |
|           | 2. <b>The Sounding Technique</b>  | <b>(pg 29)</b> |
|           | 3. <b>The Stabbing Technique</b>  | <b>(pg 33)</b> |
|           | 4. <b>Liveliness and Environment</b>  | <b>(pg 40)</b> |
|           | 5. <b>Very Important Details that are valuable in building a Cursillo climate</b> | <b>(pg 41)</b> |
|           | 6. <b>Clausura</b>  | <b>(pg 66)</b> |
| <b>C.</b> | <b>Rollos</b>   | <b>(pg 44)</b> |
|           | 1. <b>Preparation of the Rollo</b>  | <b>(pg 44)</b> |
|           | 2. <b>Remote preparation</b>  | <b>(pg 44)</b> |
|           | 3. <b>Immediate preparation</b>   | <b>(pg 45)</b> |
|           | 4. <b>Preparation of the environment before the rollos</b>                        | <b>(pg 46)</b> |
|           | 5. <b>Development and duration of the rollos</b>                                  | <b>(pg 46)</b> |

6.	Notes for the Rollos	(pg 47)
7.	Process of the Spiritual and Lay Rollos	(pg 54)
8.	Setting each rollo	
a.	Collective	(pg 55)
b.	Individual	(pg 55)
<b>D.</b>	<b>3-Day activities</b>	
1.	Prayer	(pg 61)
2.	The Style of Prayer in the Cursillo	(pg 62)
3.	Rules for the Visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament	(pg 63)
4.	Other collective acts in the Cursillo	(pg 64)
5.	Meditations	(pg 64)
6.	Meetings of the Decurias	(pg 65)
7.	The Instructors' meeting	(pg 66)
8.	Clausura	(pg 66)
<b>E.</b>	<b>Postcursillo</b>	(pg 67)
1.	Individual Sanctity	(pg 67)
2.	Service Sheet	(pg 68)
3.	In the Vanguard position	(pg 68)
4.	Contact with those who make us better	(pg 72)
5.	Contact with those whom we can make better	(pg 72)
6.	Group Reunion	(pg 79)
7.	Group Reunion with whom you wish	(pg 95)
8.	Group Reunion with the ones you should meet with	(pg 95)
9.	Ultreya	(pg 95)
10.	Clausura	(pg 102)
<b>F.</b>	<b>Leaders School</b>	(pgs 22 & 103)
1.	Precursillo Responsibility (not in the Structure of Ideas, but should be addressed)	
2.	3-Day Weekend responsibilities	
a.	The Priest's role	(pg 61)
b.	The role of the Rector	(pg 62)
c.	The role of the laity	(pg 62)
3.	Relationship with the Secretariat (not in the Structure of Ideas, but should be addressed)	
<b>G.</b>	<b>*The Lay State</b>	
1.	Lay life	(pg 72)
2.	Criterion	(pg 73)
3.	Individual treatment	(pg 74)
4.	Books	(pg 75)
5.	Spiritual Exercises and the better World Movement	(pg 79)
<b>H.</b>	<b>*Secretariat: Its Essence and Motive</b>	(pg 104)
	Types of Secretariats	

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|-----------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1.        | <b>Diocesan</b>  | (pg 105)                           |
| 2.        | <b>Regional</b>  | (see Regional Structure Guideline) |
| 3.        | <b>National</b>  | (106 & 114)                        |
| <b>I.</b> | <b>*Secretariat: Meetings for Intellectual Formation</b> | (pg 111)                           |
| 1.        | <b>On the intellectual plane</b>                         | (pg 117)                           |
| 2.        | <b>God's Will</b>  | (pg 121)                           |
| 3.        | <b>Man's need</b>  | (pg 122)                           |
| 4.        | <b>Purpose</b>   | (pg 125)                           |
| 5.        | <b>Making Christians</b>                                 | (pg 125)                           |
| 6.        | <b>Making Christianity</b>                               | (pg 126)                           |
| 7.        | <b>Spirit and Criterion</b>                              | (pg 129)                           |
| 8.        | <b>Technique</b>   | (pg 129)                           |
| 9.        | <b>Individual technique</b>                              | (pg 130)                           |
| 10.       | <b>Important note</b>                                    | (pg 131)                           |

**\*Workshops G, H & I will be given only on Workshop Session #1**

- 10:30am – 10:45am Prepare for Mass (remember to Fast)**
- 10:45am – Noon Mass - Archbishop Alex J. Brunett, Archbishop of Seattle**
- 12:10pm – 12:30pm Lunch (Those whose last names begin with A thru G)**
- 12:30 – 12:50pm Lunch (Those whose last names begin with H thru P)**
- 12:50pm – 1:30pm Lunch (Those whose last names begin with Q thru Z)**
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm Workshop Session #2 (A thru F)**  
*(Twenty-five minute presentation, a thirty-five minute question and answer)*
- 2:30pm – 2:45pm Break**
- 2:45pm – 3:45pm Workshop Session #3 (A thru F)**  
*(Twenty-minute presentation, a twenty-five minute question and answer)*
- 4:15pm – 5:00pm 2nd Major Presentation: To Know, To Place, Enlighten, To Accompany and the Technique of the Cursillos in Christianity (Structure of Ideas pgs 135 - 183) (This presentation will be given separately in English and Spanish)**
- 5:10pm – 5:30pm Dinner (Those whose last names begin with A thru G)**
- 5:30pm – 5:50pm Dinner (Those whose last names begin with H thru P)**
- 5:50pm – 6:30pm Dinner (Those whose last names begin with Q thru Z)**
- 6:30pm – 7:00pm Gather at Campion Residence Hall to share, songs, etc.**
- 7:00pm – 7:45pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Major Presentation: What is Fundamental for being Christian (This presentation will be given once to all participants)**

8:00pm –? Regional meetings (each region conducts their own Night Prayers)

**Saturday, July 31, 2004**

6:30am – 7:50am Breakfast (All participants)

8:00am – 8:30am Morning Prayers & Meditation (together at Champion Residence Hall)

8:45am – 9:15am 4<sup>th</sup> Major Presentation: *The purpose of the 3-Day Cursillo Weekend* (This presentation will be given separately in English and Spanish)

9:15am – 9:30am Break

9:30am – 10:30am Workshop Session #4 Workshops #1 thru #9  
(Twenty-five minute presentation, a thirty-five minute question and answer)

There will be (3) Workshop Sessions on Friday. Workshop Session #1 will include (9) workshops, A thru I. Workshop Sessions #2 & #3 will include (6) workshops, A thru F. The participants may select (3) of the (9) workshops. Below are the (9) workshops taken from the text, *Structure of Ideas*, along with their appropriate page number in parenthesis:

There will be (4) Workshop Sessions on Saturday. Workshop Session #1, #2, and #3 will each include (9) workshops, 1 thru 9. Workshop Session #4 will only include (6) workshops, 10 thru 15. Participants will select (4) of the (18) workshops. (Workshops given separately in English and Spanish)

Below are the 18 workshops from the 3-Day Cursillo Manual:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Ideal                            | Presented by a layperson |
| 2. Habitual Grace                   | Presented by clergy      |
| 3. Laity in the Church              | Presented by a layperson |
| 4. Actual Grace                     | Presented by clergy      |
| 5. Piety/Holiness                   | Presented by a layperson |
| 6. Study/Formation                  | Presented by a layperson |
| 7. Sacraments                       | Presented by clergy      |
| 8. Action/Evangelization            | Presented by a layperson |
| 9. Obstacles to Grace               | Presented by clergy      |
| 10. Leaders                         | Presented by a layperson |
| 11. Study of Environments           | Presented by a layperson |
| 12. Christian Life                  | Presented by clergy      |
| 13. Christianity in Action          | Presented by a layperson |
| 14. Cursillista beyond the Cursillo | Presented by a layperson |
| 15. Total Security                  | Presented by a layperson |
| 16. Role of the Team                | Presented by a layperson |
| 17. Role of the Rector              | Presented by a layperson |
| 18. Role of the Spiritual Directors | Presented by clergy      |

10:30am – 10:45am Break

<i>10:45am – 11:45am</i>	<b>Workshop Session #5</b>	<b>Workshops #10 thru #18</b> <i>(Twenty-five minute presentation, a thirty-five minute question and answer)</i>
<i>Noon – 12:20pm</i>	<b>Lunch (Those whose last names begin with Q thru Z)</b>	
<i>12:20 – 12:40pm</i>	<b>Lunch (Those whose last names begin with H thru P)</b>	
<i>12:40pm – 1:00pm</i>	<b>Lunch (Those whose last names begin with A thru G)</b>	
<i>1:00pm – 1:30pm</i>	<b>Break</b>	
<i>1:30pm – 2:30pm</i>	<b>Workshop Session #6</b>	<b>Workshops #1 thru #9</b> <i>(Twenty-five minute presentation, a thirty-five minute question and answer)</i>
<i>2:30pm – 2:45pm</i>	<b>Break</b>	
<i>2:45pm – 3:45pm</i>	<b>Workshop Session #7</b>	<b>Workshops #10 thru #15</b> <i>(Twenty-five minute presentation, a thirty-five minute question and answer)</i>
<i>3:45pm – 4:15pm</i>	<b>Prepare for Mass</b>	
<i>4:15pm – 5:45pm</i>	<b>Mass (Sunday anticipatory Mass) – Bishop James Tamayo, National Episcopal Advisor</b>	
<i>6:00pm – 6:20pm</i>	<b>Dinner (Those whose last names begin with Q thru Z)</b>	
<i>6:20pm – 6:40pm</i>	<b>Dinner (Those whose last names begin with H thru P)</b>	
<i>6:40pm – 7:00pm</i>	<b>Dinner (Those whose last names begin with A thru G)</b>	
<i>7:00pm – 7:15pm</i>	<b>Break</b>	
<i>7:15pm – 8:45pm</i>	<b>Ultreya (together)</b>	
<i>8:45pm – 9:00pm</i>	<b>Night Prayers (together)</b>	
<i>9:00pm - 11:00pm</i>	<b>Fiesta</b>	

**Sunday, August 1, 2004**

*6:30am – 8:30am*      **Breakfast (All)**



## **2004 National Evangelization Walk**

**Our 3<sup>rd</sup> National Cursillo Evangelization Walk will be held this year again. We at the National Center would like to thank all regional and diocesan leaders who made our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> National Evangelization Walks a marvelous success, both spiritually and financially. The Movement is able to continue its service to all Cursillistas partly thanks to the funds raised from the Walk and other fund-raising activities benefiting our Movement. We do hope we will continue to receive the same cooperation from you in this worthwhile endeavor.**

**We decided to order the T-Shirts for the Walk without the date (not even the year) in the logo imprint on the shirt so that the left over supply can be used for other occasions and for the following year's Walk. Since we did not receive many early orders in January as we had announced in our 2003 December National Mailing, we decided to go ahead ordering the shirts more or less based upon the statistics from the 2003 Walk. We expect to have the Walk T-shirts available in early March 2004. Please send in your orders as soon as possible so that we can accommodate your plan in a timely manner. Starting last year, you have been given the opportunity to decide on the date for your Walk in your area at your convenience. However, we still maintain the original objective date, the Saturday before Pentecost (May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004), for prayerfully and explicitly promoting the evangelizing efforts of our Catholic Church within our Movement and our local diocese.**

**We would like to receive photos of the Walk of the past year in your diocese for an exposition of our Movement's activities at our coming National Cursillo Encounter in Seattle, WA, from July 29<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 and also on our national website. Please take pictures of your special events and send them to us for sharing. For further information on the Walk, please contact Joachim Le at [joachimle@juno.com](mailto:joachimle@juno.com) or (714) 891-6216 (home) and (714) 277-9888 (mobile). Thank you for your precious cooperation.**

**Your Servants in Christ,**

**Victor Lugo – National Executive Director**

**Jorge Barceló – National Spanish-speaking Coordinator**

**Joachim Le – National Vietnamese-speaking Coordinator**

**14<sup>th</sup> National Encounter at Seattle, WA**

**July 29 - August 1, 2004**

*Registration Form*

*Cost for the 14<sup>th</sup> National Encounter is \$250.00 if paid in full by May 21, 2004*

**(Please use a separate form for each registrant)**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY – THANK YOU – FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS**

Preferred Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Complete Name for Name Tag:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Age group (Circle one):      Under 30                      30-45                      46-60                      over 60

Health (Circle one):              Excellent                      Good                      Fair                      Poor

Gender (Circle one):              Male    Female    If married, is your spouse attending? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If you do desire to room with a specific individual (spouse, friend, etc) **then that other individual's registration form must accompany this form.** We will not be able to guarantee any particular roommate if the forms do not accompany one another. **There are only 2 persons per room this year.**

Roommate preference? (Circle one):    Yes    No    If yes, name: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs (dietary/handicap/walking or problems with steps, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

When and where did you live your Cursillo? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently involved in music ministry?      Yes \_\_\_      No \_\_\_

Would you like to be part of the Liturgical Team for the Encounter?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ What is your talent? \_\_\_\_\_

*Send form and payment to:*  
**National Cursillo Center**  
**P.O. Box 210226**  
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Full payment of \$250 per person and form must be received by May 21, 2004  
Registration cost will be \$300 per person from May 22, 2004 – June 18, 2004  
Registration cost will be \$325 per person from June 19, 2004 – July 27, 2004  
Registration cost will be \$350 per person after July 27, 2004