



The Cursillo® Movement

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To: National Mailing Recipients

Fm: National Cursillo® Center

Re: June National Mailing

ACTUALIZING CHRIST

During this past lent, we were called to be new: to learn to love as Christ, think like Christ, smile like Christ and, above all, pray like Christ, because in that prayer is our connection with the heavenly Father, just like Christ is one with the Father.

In the Gospel of St. Matthew 25: 35-36, Jesus says, "*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.*"

Therefore, apart from every lent, how many times have we heard this Gospel and the multitude of homilies explaining it?... How many times have we heard it at retreats?... How many times have we studied it in our schools of leaders?...

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus constantly invites us to a personal reflection to analyze our own experience and Christian coexistence of his will to live and share what is Fundamental to being Christian.

But, what is Fundamental to being Christian?... Without getting too much into theology, we can say what St. Paul tells us; "Love of God, love of neighbor and love of ourselves." That simple!... And that is because all God's things are very simple. We men, when looking for something more between the lines, we lose it, we confuse it, or we complicate it and if we don't abandon it, we change it for something that we do understand.

We need to be aware that God trusts us to make this a better world. In other words, God does not keep us from being part of his creation, demonstrating at the same time that we have the ability to help others. When we see injustice, do not mention "poor person" or "Why does God allows this?", but act instead, because our faith is shown by our actions. We need to demonstrate to others that God, through us, does remember them when they are hungry, when they are thirsty, when they need to be welcomed, when they need some clothes to cover their body, when they are sick or in prison.

We cannot tell our neighbor to come back another day, when we have what they need at that time. We need to actualize Christ through all our words and actions, during the 24 hours of the day. In this way, through our witness of life, we motivate all that surround us in any environment where we move, that is, in our Moveable Square Meter, so that they be open to the love and friendship of Jesus Christ as much as they are open to the air they need to breathe.

On Sunday, March 4th Pope Benedict XVI, spoke of the Transfiguration of Christ on the Mountain. He was telling the faithful pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's square for the customary Sunday address: "... *that is why He carried three of them to the mountain - he added - and reveals his divine glory, the splendor of truth and of love.*" *Jesus wants that this light may illuminate their hearts when they pass through the thick darkness of his passion and death, when the scandal of the cross will be unbearable for them. God is light, and Jesus wants to give to his most intimate friends the experience of this light, which is found in it. Therefore, after this event, he will be in them, this interior light, able to protect them from the attacks of the darkness. "Even in the blackest night, Jesus is the light that never shuts down."*

Just as Elijah's, Moses' and Jesus Christ's clothes sparkled during the Transfiguration on the mountain "*his clothing became dazzling white...*" (Mark_9: 2-13), our bodies can also shine the same way, by living and sharing together the way that Jesus tells us through his Gospel. And it is fundamental to maintain that light of truth, love and friendship glowing, to actualize Christ at any time and place in which we operate, in our Moveable Square Meter.

For anyone who has had an encounter with himself, Christ and others through a Cursillo of Christianity, this concept is already very familiar. All the methodology of the Charism of Cursillo is Kerygmatic, experiential, and the message of love and Friendship of God in Jesus Christ, is transmitted through the best vehicle which is Friendship, through the three phases of its methodology - Precursillo, Cursillo Weekend and Postcursillo.

This kerygmatic methodology motivates us to allow Jesus to penetrate our lives as we listen to his words and therefore, allow ourselves to be transformed by his truth and follow his way of life. And the vehicle of friendship that is utilized by Cursillos to convey the love and the friendship of God in Christ Jesus launches us to live and share what is fundamental to be Christian. This Christ-like life style, when lived 24 hours of every day, converts us into authentic Christians who constantly actualize Christ in every word and action that comes from our being. It is essential that our testimony of life projects a **Living, Normal and Near** Christ. A Living Christ so that everyone in our environment, our own "Moveable Square Meter", knows that He has resurrected as is told in the four Gospels, and is present through our words and actions as well as through every human being, nature and all things that surround us.

A normal Christ, so that all those within our Moveable Square Meter, can see that He is our friend and brother and we can talk with him, as we do with any other person, in a normal and natural way.

And a nearby Christ, that is near so that all environments know and are convinced that He is still waiting and is available to anyone who wants to accept the truth, the love and the friendship that He constantly offers and at no cost.

Jesus Christ shows us this closeness in the Gospel of John 4: 13-14 when he speaks with the Samaritan woman ...Jesus answered and said to her, " Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water that I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life"

We need to be aware that actualizing a Christ that is **Living, Normal and Nearby Christ** in the naturalness and normality of the reality in which we live the 24 hours of each day, is to allow this water to spring forth from the supplier that is within our own inner self, and soak all the people around us. This way, the message of truth, the love and friendship of God in Jesus Christ, will evolve in our own testimony of life, will be up to date and responding to the signs of the times.

Ultreya!

22nd NATIONAL CURSILLO[®] ENCOUNTER

Send your registration form **NOW** to attend the 22nd National Cursillo[®] Encounter. Date is Thursday, July 19 – Sunday, July 22, 2012, at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. The keynote speaker will be John Cuddeback, Ph.D.



Dr. Cuddeback holds a Doctorate in Philosophy from The Catholic University of America. He is Professor of Philosophy at Christendom College, Front Royal, Virginia. He writes and lectures on various topics including virtue, culture, natural law, contemplation, and friendship. His book *Friendship: Where Virtue Becomes Happiness* (sold through the National Cursillo[®] Center Bookstore, www.natl-cursillo.org.) was republished in 2010. His writings have appeared in *Nova et Vetera*, *The Thomist*, and *The Review of Metaphysics*. Dr. Cuddeback, a lay Dominican, is an avid gardener and lives with his wife and six children in the Shenandoah Valley.

The Encounter registration fee is \$385. The deadline has been extended to accommodate more registrations. We encourage you to submit the attached registration form **NOW** to the National Cursillo[®] Center. You may also register on-line at www.natl-cursillo.org. Rooms are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. The registration fee includes three nights lodging, dinner on Thursday evening, 3 meals on Friday and Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday morning. Shuttle service from **Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG)** will be provided on Thursday, July 19, 2012. Departure shuttle will be Sunday, July 22, 2012.

What to expect? Six hundred Cursillistas coming together to share in the 3rd Conversations of Cala Figuera:

- Meaning of Life: Discover that life has a meaning
- Attitude: The freedom of each person
- Creativity: The personal, original, unique form interpreting the person's vital role before a reality
- Communication: The field leading us to an encounter
- Confidence: The security that emerges from one's self without "being on guard"
- Transcendence: Faith incorporates the ultimate reality

The 22nd National Cursillo Encounter also includes:

- Spiritual Advisors Manual – Update of the new manual
- Spiritual Exercises Presentation – Deepening our spiritual growth
- Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Morning/Evening Prayers, Ultreya, and Fiesta, see the attached agenda.

NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN GROUP – NACG REQUEST

Dear Friends, the North America Caribbean Group (NACG) is holding its first ever International Encounter in Niagara Falls this August 2012. The Encounter is being planned by the NACG Executive Committee currently residing in the United States. We have already had a wonderful response to our invitation from the Caribbean – St. Lucia, Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica, Trinidad/Tobago and Cuba!!!! This is so exciting!!!

Surely we can count on your prayers for the success of this wonderful Encounter. In addition to the need for prayer, at this time there are Cursillistas in the Caribbean and particularly Cuba, who have financial needs to travel to the encounter. The accommodations are \$450 per person. Join us in sponsoring a Cursillista to attend this North America Caribbean Group Encounter. You can make an individual donation, or make a donation as a Diocese. Please make your check payable to “NACG Cursillo” and mail it: c/o Gail Terrana; 1502 100 Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

Thank you in advance for your sponsorship of our Caribbean friends and for your prayers. Palanca for the NACG Encounter can be sent to: NACG.OMCC@gmail.com . We are counting on Christ, and Christ is counting on you!!!!

De Colores!!! – Your friends in the North America Caribbean Group!!!

OMCC – WORLD CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY MOVEMENT

The OMCC World Cursillos in Christianity Movement is holding a World Meeting in Vockalbruck, Austria from June 7-10, 2012. Gail Terrana, Niagara Falls, NY and Fr. Einer Ochoa, San Bernardino, CA will be traveling to Austria to represent the North America Caribbean International Group (NACG) at this meeting. Agenda items include the OMCC Statutes revision, Fundamental Ideas book revision, and plans for a World Encounter. Please offer palanca and also pray for safe travel of all those attending. Palanca can be sent to: omcc.exec@gmail.com

NATIONAL CURSILLO® CENTER

The National Cursillo® Center will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2012, for Independence Day. It will re-open Thursday, July 5th at 9:00 AM. It will also close on Tuesday, July 17, thru Tuesday, July 24, 2012, for the 22nd National Cursillo® Encounter. The National Cursillo® Center will re-open Wednesday, July 25th at 9:00 AM. Please plan your book orders accordingly.

PALANCA INTENTIONS

Mondays – National, Regional, and Diocesan Secretariats

Tuesdays – Schools of Leaders

Wednesdays – Cursillistas in the United States

Thursdays – National Cursillo® Movement’s Apostolic Actions

Fridays – Cursillo Weekends

Saturdays – OMCC and NACG Executive Committee

Let’s continue to pray and offer palanca for each other, the 22nd National Cursillo® Encounter and National Cursillo® Movement.

Your brothers in Christ,

Victor Lugo – National Executive Director

Ceferino Aguillón, Jr. – National English-speaking Coordinator

Juan Ruiz – National Spanish-speaking Coordinator

Joachim Le – National Vietnamese-speaking Coordinator

22nd National Cursillo[®] Encounter
Xavier University – Cincinnati, OH
July 19 – 22, 2012

Thursday, July 19, 2012

- 2:00pm – 10:00pm All participants check-in at Fenwick Place
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm Dinner – Hoff Dining Commons
- 7:30pm – 8:00pm Opening of the 22nd National Cursillo[®] Encounter
All participants at Cintas Center – Duff Banquet Room
- 8:00pm – 8:45pm Keynote Address
All participants at Cintas Center – Duff Banquet Room
- 8:45pm – 9:00pm Break
- 9:00pm – 10:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Reconciliation
All participants at Cintas Center – Duff Banquet Room

Friday, July 20, 2012

- 7:00am – 8:30am Breakfast – Hoff Dining Commons
- 8:30am – 9:00am Morning Prayers – All participants at Cintas Center – Duff Banquet Room
- 9:00am – 10:00am Presentation: **Meaning of Life**
- Presentation – 30 minutes
 - Group Discussion – 30 minutes
- 10:00am – 10:15am Break
- 10:15am – 11:15am Presentation: **Attitude**
- Presentation – 30 minutes
 - Group Discussion – 30 minutes
- 11:15am – 11:30am Break, Prepare for Mass
- 11:30am – 12:30pm Mass – All participants at Cintas Center – Duff Banquet Room
- 12:30pm – 2:00pm Lunch (Two Groups) – Hoff Dining Commons
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm Spiritual Advisors Meeting – Priests, Deacons, and Vowed Religious

- 3:00pm – 4:00pm Presentation: **Creativity**
- Presentation – 30 minutes
 - Group Discussion – 30 minutes
- 4:00pm – 4:15pm Break
- 4:15pm – 5:15pm Presentation: **Communication**
- Presentation – 30 minutes
 - Group Discussion – 30 minutes
- 5:15pm – 5:30pm Break
- 5:30pm – 7:00pm Dinner (Two Groups) – Hoff Dining Commons
- 7:30pm – 9:00pm Ultreya – All participants at Cintas Center – Duff Banquet Room
- 9:00pm – 9:15pm Night Prayers – All participants at Cintas Center – Duff Banquet Room

Saturday, July 21, 2012

- 7:00am – 8:30am Breakfast – Hoff Dining Commons
- 8:30am – 9:00am Morning Prayers & Saturday Devotion to Mary
All participants at Cintas Center – Duff Banquet Room
- 9:00am – 10:00am Presentation: **Confidence**
- Presentation – 30 minutes
 - Group Discussion – 30 minutes
- 10:00am – 10:15am Break
- 10:15am – 11:15am Presentation: **Transcendence**
- Presentation – 30 minutes
 - Group Discussion – 30 minutes
- 11:30pm – 1:00pm Lunch (Two Groups) – Hoff Dining Commons
- 1:15pm – 2:15pm Regional Gathering
- 2:15pm – 2:30pm Break
- 2:30pm – 3:30pm Presentation: **Spiritual Advisor’s Manual**
- 3:30pm – 3:45pm Break
- 3:45pm – 4:45pm Presentation: **Spiritual Exercises**
- 4:45pm – 5:00pm Break – Prepare for Mass
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm Mass – All participants at Cintas Center – Duff Banquet Room

6:15pm – 7:45pm Dinner (Two Groups) – Hoff Dining Commons

8:00pm – 10:00pm Fiesta – All participants at Cintas Center – Duff Banquet Room

Sunday, July 22, 2012

6:00am – 8:00am Breakfast – Hoff Dining Commons

6:00am – 10:00am Check – out – Fenwick Place

22nd National Cursillo[®] Encounter Registration Form
Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH
Thursday, July 19 – Sunday, July 22, 2012

Cost for the 22nd National Encounter is \$385.00

(Please use a separate Registration Form for each person)

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

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Preferred Language: _____

Diocese: _____ Region: _____

Gender (Circle one): Male Female Specify: Bishop, Priest, Deacon, or Religious _____

If you wish to room with a specific person (spouse, friend, relative) **then the other person's Registration Form must accompany this form.**

Roommate preference? (Circle One): Yes No If Yes, Name: _____

Wheelchair/physically challenged: _____

Do you wish to participate with the Encounter Choir? (Circle one): Yes No

Make checks payable to: National Cursillo[®] Center

Credit Card payment: Circle one: MasterCard or Visa (No Discover or American Express)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Send this form and payment to:

National Cursillo[®] Center
P.O. Box 799 - Jarrell, TX 76537

Telephone: 512.746.2020, Fax: 512.746.2030, e-mail: nationalcursillo.center@verizon.net

Full payment of \$385.00 per person and this form must be received by May 31, 2012

Registration cost received June 1 – June 30, 2012 is \$435.00

Unable to guarantee attendance after June 30, 2012!

There is a \$40.00 non-refundable fee for all cancellations through May 31, 2012. No refunds after May 31, 2012 – No exceptions! The National Cursillo[®] Center is responsible for the payment to the University regardless of cancellations.

Confirmation # _____ Office Use Only
