



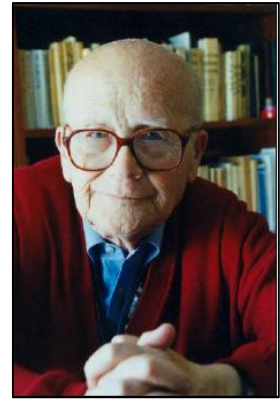
Cursillos in Christianity National Newsletter

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The Good News of 2015!

February 5, 2015 – The first step in the process of Beatification and Canonization of Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló was announced by Don Pep Adrover Vallbona, Chancellor of the Diocese of Mallorca. He read the written petition as a first step towards the cause of Beatification of Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló. The announcement took place at the Church of the Capuchins in Palma de Mallorca, one day before the 7th anniversary of the death of Eduardo Bonnín.

The National Secretariat invites everyone to join them in praying the rosary, visit the Blessed Sacrament, attend Holy Mass, communion, etc. for the Beatification of Eduardo Bonnín, Founder of Cursillos in Christianity.



National Cursillo Center Highlights for Fiscal Year 2015

Administration

- Google Groups have been created for the English, Spanish, and Vietnamese Lay Directors and Regional Coordinators in an effort to improve communication between the dioceses and regions.
- The National Cursillo Movement is an active core-team member of the Catholic Ecclesial Movements and New Communities in Conversation. The Conversation consists of National Cursillo Movement, Charismatic Renewal, Focolare Movement, Arise International, Neocatechumenal Way, Apostolic Movement of Schoenstatt, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and Couples for Christ USA. The Conversation hosted the Second Gathering of Movements and New Communities in Schriever, LA from June 8–10 and a Luncheon with Bishop Friends of Movements and New Communities on November 17 in Baltimore, MD.

Resource Center (Bookstore)

- Provided an additional 10% discount on book orders thanks to the \$3/YR campaign fund.
- The National Cursillo Center introduced new books from FEBA (Foundation of Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló):
 - ✓ Reflexiones I & II
 - ✓ Evidencias Olvidadas
 - ✓ Cursillo History and Memory, and Study of the Charism.
- Other new books available on the bookstore include:
 - ✓ On Evangelization in the Modern World by Blessed Pope Paul VI
 - ✓ The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis

- ✓ The Fulfilment of All Desire and The Urgency of the New Evangelization by Dr. Ralph Martin
- ✓ The Cursillo Episodes 1 and 2 that aired on EWTN are provided on DVD.
- New Pilgrim Guides in Spanish and English are scheduled to be released around December 2015 - January 2016 timeframe followed by a Vietnamese version in the near future.
- The National Cursillo Center continues to collaborate with FEBA on a project to translate and publish the writings of Eduardo Bonnín.

Donation Center

- Continued to promote the \$3/YR donation campaign. The National Cursillo Center received a total donation of \$93,880 as of 11/23/15. The funds from the campaign have been used to:
 - ✓ Supported 9 establishing movements in terms of bookstore vouchers, free National Encounter registration vouchers, workshops, etc. \$5,000.
 - ✓ Provided an additional 10% book discount in 2015. \$35,000.
 - ✓ Reduced National Encounter registration fee: \$39,000 (compared to 2013 NE).
 - ✓ Provide 140 National Encounter vouchers to Lay Directors. \$13,950
- The Los Angeles Filipino Cursillo Movement is the only winner of the \$5 Million Drive contest by donating \$3,000 or more between October 1 and November 4. Their Spiritual Advisor, Lay Director and School of Leaders Chairperson will receive free tickets to attend the National Encounters in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Event Center

- Planned and implemented the 25th National Encounter which was held at Villanova University in Villanova, PA in July 2015. Total attendance was 650 Cursillistas. The registration fee was \$60 less than that of the 23rd National Encounter in New York.
- Finalized contract with Lewis University in Romeoville, IL near Chicago where the 26th National Encounter will be held.

Finance and Operations

The National Cursillo Center had a negative income of \$23K due to the additional discount provided on book orders (\$35K) and National Encounter registration fee (\$39K). The fluctuation in the Investment Fund also affected the National Cursillo Center revenue. The \$3/YR Campaign fund has covered for the loss and acted as a buffer for strategic implementation of reducing book prices and National Encounter fees.

2016 National Encounter

The 2016 National Encounter will be held during August 4-7, 2016 at Lewis University which is located in Romeoville near Chicago, IL. Lewis University is a Catholic University sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers. It offers the ideal setting for the National Encounter with a wide array of facilities and services. A cozy chapel with seating for 600, air-conditioned residence halls and innovative meal plans are available. For more details regarding Lewis University, visit <http://www.lewisu.edu/welcome/>. There are only 600 seats available. The 2016 National Encounter registration fee will be determined based on the \$3/YR Campaign donation amount received by the end of December 2015. Therefore, the more Cursillistas donate, the possibility of

lowering the registration fee can become a reality and thus, more Cursillistas can join us at Lewis University for next year's National Encounter!

The registration form will be available on January 15, 2016. The National Encounter is expected to be a fully packed event so make sure to register early. See you there – bring a friend!

Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC)

Cursillo de Cursillos is a course that has provided Cursillistas with a treasure of knowledge and a living experience of what is essential in the mentality, essence, purpose, and method of the Movement in light of its Foundational Charism. This course has provided many Cursillistas with an opportunity to discover the immense possibilities that Cursillo has to offer the person and the Church.

In 2015, Cursillo de Cursillos were held in the Diocese of Manchester, Archdiocese of Mobile, Archdiocese of Kansas City, Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Diocese of San Bernardino, Diocese of Hawaii Diocese of Camden, and the Archdiocese of Washington, DC.

Visit <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/resources/cursillodecursillos.pdf> to read the article, *Cursillo de Cursillos, Opportunities & Benefits* and view a list of Cursillo de Cursillos scheduled for 2016. Make the decision today to attend a Cursillo de Cursillos and allow the Charism of Cursillo to form you, inform you, and transform you. Christ is still counting on you!

Cursillo Resource Center (CRC)

The CRC is a hub to disseminate official information regarding the Cursillo Movement. The information is offered to compliment what is being studied in the Diocesan School of Leaders. The National Cursillo Language Coordinators are providing these tools and resources to help Cursillistas in spreading the Good News that God loves us to others in their moveable square meter where God places them at any given moment! The information is presented in text, video, and MP3 audio so feel free to read, listen, or download the format of your preference. Your help is needed to communicate to other Cursillistas that these resources are available through the CRC.

Video

- There are 24 videos available and approximately 8,362 videos have been viewed in 2015.
- Added 11 videos along with Cursillo Episodes 1 and 2 that aired on EWTN.
- Added Pope Francis' meeting with the Cursillistas in Rome during the European Ultreya as they celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

MP3 Audio

- There are 27 audio MP3's available and approximately 2,379 MP3's plays in 2015.
- Added an MP3 of The Joy of the Gospel presented at the National Encounter at Chapman University.

Text Articles

- There are 230 text articles available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- There were 10 new articles published in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese in 2015.
- Text articles are the most popular download and the CRC is the most popular webpage.
- Visit the Cursillo Resource Center at <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/resources/>

Message from the National Secretariat & Staff



joyful and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

De Colores!

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Joachim Le – National Vietnamese Coordinator

The National Secretariat and National Staff extend their sincere thanks to all Cursillistas who continue to share the ‘Good News that God loves us’ to everyone you encounter in your moveable square meter - your environments!

All your contributions in making a friend, being a friend, and bringing your friends to Christ through a living and joyful witness of being Christian is much appreciated!

Wishing you and your loved ones a