



# Cursillos in Christianity National Newsletter

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## **Eduardo Bonnín's Address at the III World Ultreya in Rome**

We come from so many distinct and distant places, but like the first Christians, we are united in one heart and one soul. We have lived the experience of a profound encounter with Christ in a Cursillo in Christianity Weekend and from that moment the living Christ of the Gospel, He who presents us the Church, has been our reference point, our constant motivation and our guide. This is the purpose of our Movement: to make possible for people to encounter Christ who grows and develops in the Christian through grace in a conscious, profound and infectious manner.

Today, I am moved and grateful because the idea which was placed in our soul when we were twenty years old, was not an illusion, nor a youthful fancy, nor an excitement proper to one's age, but a plan from the Spirit of God.

The fact of being united here invites us to reflect on the origins of the Foundational Charism of our Movement and to remember that the personal and vital disposition of men or women within the area of influence of the Cursillo, is always the same in whatever latitude, place or culture. Personal disposition does not take up time or space. It is a posture facing the fact of living life.

Cursillos in Christianity is a Movement which, by its own Method, attempts from within the Church, to give life to the essential Christian truths in the singularity, originality and creativity of the person. In discovering their potential and accepting their limitations, they will direct their freedom with their conviction, reinforce their will with decisiveness and direct their friendship with the virtue of constancy in their day-to-day life, personally and with others.

Cursillos in Christianity are the good news that God loves us, communicated by the most human means which is friendship and directed towards the best of each one, which is the person.

For this we ask and continue to ask that the laity, who constitute the majority of men and women of today, may encounter one another in the place where they live and in the simplest way, with the living Christ of the Gospel and that in feeling themselves united to Him through grace, they may change the direction of their life and learn to accept it and enjoy it, without having to move away from where they live. The world needs men and women with a clear vision and criteria to be Christian leaven in the environments where they have been called to live.

All this is done while they continue to be lay men and women, since we think that the simplest lay element of the laity, namely that it constitutes the most natural essence of its lay state, is the fact of being able to live in the midst of the world's environments where the most authentic values are unknown, or not valued at all. In this more or less general situation, Cursillo offers a simple and concrete means so that each person may live and grow in his faith.

We want those who are traveling through this world, to encounter believers of the truth who are convinced of their faith and are living witnesses who by their attitude toward life, will attract others to the living God and their brothers and sisters.

This is our aim, for this we are striving. Once again we are gathered together in Rome to strengthen our common faith and be able to achieve this end, as well as to thank our Holy Father for the wonderful attention that He has always given to Cursillo. We are also concerned about the concerns of the Holy Father and we desire to commit ourselves to collaborate with him.

We think with gratitude of all those who have given of themselves so that Christ may reach as many people as possible. Many in fact are those who have experienced the grace of faith and the gift of inspiring it with joy.

We also remember those, who more than us deserve the gift of being here today but, who for circumstances of work, family, or economic reasons, were not been able to join us.

With renewed spirit, united to all of them in prayer and united to Christ, we return anew to the world to continue our on-going pilgrimage, with which we are well acquainted because we bear it deep within our soul, that is, to journey through Christ to the Father, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with the help of Mary and all the saints, as we bring all our brothers and sister with us.

De Colores!

Eduardo Bonnín  
St. Peter's Square, Rome  
July 29, 2000

## **New National Cursillo Website**

Your new website has been up and running for 2 months! Now you can subscribe to receive the National Newsletter, download forms and view Memos, enjoy the automated bookstore checkout with a shopping cart that accepts American Express, Discover, Visa and Master Card, etc. The website address remains the same <https://www.natl-cursillo.org>. All Diocesan Secretariats should communicate this information with the School of Leaders and the Fourth Day Cursillo community.

## **2016 National Encounter**

The 2016 National Encounter will be held at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL near Chicago. Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, SJ, National Cursillo Episcopal Advisor, will deliver the Keynote Address: *Kerygma and Cursillo*.

The workshop sessions that will be offered at the National Encounter include:  
*Kerygma in the Precursillo* – Cef Aguillón, National English Coordinator  
*Kerygma in the 3-Day Cursillo* – Juan Ruiz, National Hispanic Coordinator  
*Kerygma in the Postcursillo* – Joachim Le, National Vietnamese Coordinator

There will also be an opportunity for Cursillistas to meet with their respective Regions and for the clergy and religious to have a meeting.

The registration form and Frequently Ask Questions (FAQ) are now available to download at:

<http://www.natl-cursillo.org/> (English)

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/espanol/inicio> (Español)

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/tieng-viet/trang-nha> (Vietnamese)

If a language group can register at least 150 Cursillistas by April 30, they will get the simultaneous translation during the event. There are only 700 seats available at Lewis University. It is expected to be a fully packed National Encounter. See you all there!

### **\$3/YR Campaign Update**

As of March 28, 2016, the National Cursillo Center has received a total donation amount of \$105,493. This amount is up 6% from January 2016. The National Cursillo Center has issued 206 vouchers worth of \$21,185 to the dioceses that donated \$200 or more. Thanks to your donation to the \$3/YR campaign, Cursillistas in the affiliated Dioceses can still enjoy 20% discount for each book order for Fiscal year 2016. The National Cursillo Center also provided bookstore vouchers for 9 dioceses that are establishing or re-establishing Cursillo.

Continue to promote the Campaign by all means of communication such as Friendship Group Reunion, Ultreya, School of Leaders, Regional Encounters, workshops, personal contact, group e-mail, etc. For more information about the \$3/YR Campaign, visit <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/donate-to-cursillo>. Thank you so much for your continuous support and generosity!

### **New Pilgrim's Guide**

For information regarding the publication of the new Pilgrim's Guide, please read the [Memo](#) posted on the National Cursillo Website.

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