



# Cursillos in Christianity National Newsletter

National Cursillo Center • P.O. Box 799 • Jarrell, TX 76537 • 512-746-2020 • [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org)

## Hunger for God

*From Eduardo Bonnín's personal writings.*

The Cursillo Movement pursues, and by the grace of God, manages to provoke the hunger for God in the person, and if the person continues along the same lines of the Cursillo, it will keep his appetite stimulated, so what is fundamentally Christian in life, will orient, give meaning and be projected in life itself. Hunger for God means a desire and necessity for God. The person discovers that he is - in Christ - the only one that takes himself seriously.

And since it is the person - the whole person - who is saved by Christ, an awareness of the necessity and the desire for Christ is what brings about faith, hope and charity in him in a way that will illuminate his path in order to become what God expects of him.

The person who lives a Cursillo, experiences a great impact. If the Cursillo, the three days, proposes a truly Christian option, it will awaken the hunger for God.

The hunger for God does not develop to be satisfied in the person but rather to be magnified according to the extent of how the person is driven to fidelity. At the same time, the person recognizes that he is being presented with new horizons and new goals that will increase the hunger and therefore, put him within the boundaries of what is possible.

Does everyone who attends a Cursillo actually experience this type of impact, beyond the surface of what is evident or simple intellectual knowledge, that moves the deepest part of the person's being to transform it and cause it to reawaken towards a new fundamental attitude before the meaning of life?

To answer this question, we should keep in mind that the Christian attitude is manifested in three aspects which presents one reality: faith, hope and charity.

From the evangelical perspective, faith, hope and charity, should not be considered separate from each other. In other words, faith and hope without charity, are neither faith nor hope, nor charity.

The Christian attitude that has emerged in Cursillo will therefore be lacking consistency if one of the three aspects of faith, hope and charity breaks down.

**FAITH:** Contact with a personal God. Christ. Piety. Robustness and Continuity.

**HOPE:** To feel loved by God. Energy. Joy. Initiative.

**CHARITY:** Effectiveness and fair play. To act out of love is not about doing something to have a clear conscience or increase our worthiness. However, an effective and liberating commitment with the demands which awaken the hunger for God will be evident in the double aspect of loving God and loving others.

**POSSIBLE FAILURES:** Piety without faith. A joy or initiative without hope and altruism without charity.

**QUESTIONS:** What is true in the Cursillo; can it continue being true afterwards? To what extent? A possible illustration of the intelligence with a view to exposing true criteria that can be the basis of deep convictions; does it restrict freedom or facilitate its free application?

## **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

*National Cursillo Center Update and Synergy* – Hoang Tran, NCSA

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)

The registration fee is \$345 per person if the Encounter Registration Form is received at the National Cursillo Center **by June 15, 2016**. Registration after **June 15th, 2016**, increases to \$400. We are unable to guarantee attendance after **June 30, 2016**. There are only 700 seats available at Lewis University. It is expected to be a fully packed National Encounter. See you all there!

## **Amazon Smile Foundation and Cursillo**

The National Cursillo Movement has been successfully registered with the Amazon Smile Program as a non-profit organization eligible to receive donations through the Foundation. Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon that allows you to enjoy the same wide selection of products and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on Amazon Smile ([www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)), the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the eligible non-profit organization of your choice.

Therefore, effective immediately, you can start supporting National Cursillo Movement by visiting <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0563788>.

Please share the good news with all Diocesan Secretariat members, Regional Service Team members and all Cursillistas in your respective Diocese by all means of communication; i.e. Friendship Group Reunion, Ultreya, School of Leaders, Regional Encounter, workshops, etc.

If we can make 100,000 Cursillistas aware of this program, National Cursillo Center will receive an annual donation of \$200K to \$400K from Amazon Smile. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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

The \$3/YR Campaign was introduced in 2013 at the 23<sup>rd</sup> National Encounter at Hofstra University in New York as a solution to provide a brighter future for the Cursillo Movement in the United States. The National Cursillo Center has received ~\$109K as of April 2016 and has given back \$146K to Diocesan Cursillo Movements as follows:

- \$70K: provided an extra 10% discount on book sales during Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016
- \$50K: reduced the National Encounter registration fee in 2014, 2015 and 2016
- \$21K: National Encounter registration vouchers provided for Lay Directors
- \$5K: book vouchers and workshops for establishing or re-establishing Cursillo in dioceses.

As of April 2016, the \$3/YR Campaign fund has a negative balance of \$37K; therefore, the National Cursillo Center is not able to continue offering the extra 10% book discount for Fiscal Year 2017, starting October 1, 2016, unless a donation of at least \$40K is received no later than the end of September 2016. The participation ratio is still around 1%. Continue to reach out to the 99% of potential donors and create a momentum for building a brighter future for our beloved Cursillo Movement.

The campaign is depending on the 1,000,000 plus Cursillistas in the United States. WE are the faithful stewards of Cursillo and this campaign. Without YOU there is no campaign. Without YOU there is no Cursillo. Without Cursillo, there is no Evangelization! Thank you so much for your collaboration and continuous support! Visit <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/donate-to-cursillo>. Thank you so much for your continuous support and generosity!

De Colores!

Hoang Tran – National Cursillo Service Administrator  
Ceferino Aguillón, Jr. – National English Coordinator  
Juan Ruiz – National Hispanic Coordinator  
Joachim Le – National Vietnamese Coordinator