



Cursillos in Christianity National Newsletter

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National Cursillo Center Highlights for Fiscal Year 2016

Administration

- The National Cursillo Movement filed Form 1023 with the IRS to request stand-alone 501c3 entity status in September 2016. Waiting for a reply from IRS.
- The National Cursillo Movement is an active core-team member of the Catholic Ecclesial Movements and New Communities in Conversation. The groups include The 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 Gathering of Movements and New Communities in Schriever, LA from July 17 – 18, 2016. Hoang Tran represented the US Cursillo Movement.
- The National Cursillo Movement was invited to the Vesper and Convocation planning on September 12, 2016 for the national gathering of Catholic leaders being called by the United States bishops. The Convocation of the Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America will be an invitation-only gathering in Orlando, FL from July 1-4, 2017.
- Joachim Le, National Vietnamese Coordinator, retired after 20 years of service. The position was filled in August 2016. Vincent Tin Pham is the new National Vietnamese Coordinator.

Resource Center (Bookstore)

- The National Cursillo Center provided an additional 10% discount on book orders thanks to the donations to the \$3/YR Campaign.
- The National Cursillo Center introduced the 3rd edition of Fundamental Ideas by OMCC, a new Pilgrim Guides and a revised Spiritual Advisor's Manual.
- The National Cursillo Center continues to collaborate with FEBA to publish Eduardo Bonnín's writings and books (*The Manifesto, Evangelization Through Conversion, The Foundational Charism, Signs of Hope, The Encounter with Oneself, Hunger for God, etc.*)
- The National Cursillo Movement invites all Cursillistas to join them in praying for Eduardo Bonnín's beatification and canonization into the Sainthood of the Church. See [Prayer Card](#) .

Donation Center

- The National Cursillo Center continued to promote the \$3/YR Campaign and has received a total donation of \$130,746 as of 11/15/16. The funds have been used to:
 - ✓ Support 12 establishing movements in terms of book vouchers, free National Encounter registration fees, workshops etc.: \$5,000
 - ✓ Provide an additional 10% book discount during FY2015 and 2016: \$70,000
 - ✓ Reduce National Encounter registration fee in 2014, 2015 and 2016: \$50,000
 - ✓ Provide 234 National Encounter (NE) vouchers to Lay Directors: \$25,000

- The \$3/YR Campaign has a negative balance of \$20K; therefore, the National Cursillo Center is not able to continue offering the additional 10% book discount for Fiscal Year 2017 beginning October 1, 2016. The NCC will re-consider the additional 10% book discount when it receives sufficient funds.

Event Center

- Planned and implemented the 26th National Encounter which was held at Lewis University in August 2016. Total attendance was 720 Cursillistas. The encounter was blessed with the presence of all the Cursillistas made up of 7 language groups and especially the presence of Most Rev. Carlos A. Sevilla, SJ from the Diocese of San Jose; Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon from the Diocese of Joliet; and Most Rev. Eduardo A. Nevares from the Diocese of Phoenix.
- Reserved Trinity University in San Antonio, TX for the 27th National Encounter and the 60th Cursillo Anniversary celebration.
- A Cursillo de Cursillos was held for all Regional Coordinators and Regional Service Teams at Mount Claret Retreat Center in Phoenix, AZ from November 17-20, 2016. Total attendance was 105 which included 2 Bishops, 5 Priests, 5 Deacons and 93 Lay Servant Leaders representing the 12 Regions in the USA!

New Website

- Introduced the E-Commerce Shopping Cart with enhanced security and acceptance of major credit cards.
- Search Engine Optimization
- Dynamic and user-friendly
- Automated Palanca page
- Online forms and Memos:
 - National Directory update: Leadership change (Lay Director, Spiritual Advisor)
 - Newsletter subscription
 - National Encounter registration & Arrival/Departure form
 - Annual Regional/Diocesan report

Finance and Operations

- The National Cursillo Center had a positive income of \$16.7K for Fiscal Year 2016. The \$3/YR Campaign has been used as a buffer for strategic implementation of reducing book prices and National Encounter registration fees.

2017 National Encounter – 60th Anniversary of Cursillo

The National Encounter will be held on July 27-30, 2017 at Trinity University which is located 7 minutes from the airport in San Antonio, TX. Trinity University offers the ideal setting for our National Encounter with a state-of-the-art 2500-seat auditorium, air-conditioned residence halls and innovative meal menus that are available for all activities of our event. For more details, you can visit <https://conferences.trinity.edu>.

The 2017 National Encounter registration fee will be determined based on the \$3/YR Campaign donation amount received by the end of December 2016. Therefore, the more Cursillistas donate, the possibility of lowering the registration fee can become a reality. The National Encounter registration form will be available on January 15, 2017 and it is expected to be a fully packed

National Encounter for celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Cursillo in the United States. See you there – bring a friend!

5th World Ultreya

The 5th World Ultreya will be held in Fatima, Portugal on May 4-6, 2017. Cursillistas who wish to attend the Ultreya should follow the instructions provided on the OMCC Website at <http://www.orgmcc.org/en/>. The National Cursillo Center will not be involved in managing travel, lodging, registration, etc. for this event.

Remember National Cursillo in Your Will or Living Trust

Structure your will to provide for your family first. Then include a gift to the charitable organization or movement you love. Consider leaving a legendary gift to the National Cursillo Movement when you make your will or living trust. Contact the National Cursillo Center if you decide to include the National Cursillo Movement in your will or trust so a proper gift acknowledgement can be made. Make a lasting impact through your donation. Thank you very much for your continuous support and generosity.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

The National Secretariat, National Staff, and the National Cursillo Center personnel wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Advent Season, a Merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with God's love, friendship, and joy!

De Colores!

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