



# Cursillos in Christianity National Newsletter

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## Criterion

Source: 1<sup>st</sup> Conversations of Cala Figuera, Foundation Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló (FEBA).<sup>1</sup>

The revised translation of 1<sup>st</sup> Conversations of Cala Figuera describes *Days of reflection on the Founding Charism of the Cursillo held in "The Porciúncula" in Palma de Mallorca on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Cursillo Weekend held in Cala Figuera in Santanyi, on the Island of Mallorca, Spain in August 1944.*

There are 10 topics in the revised translation of 1<sup>st</sup> Conversations of Cala Figuera. The following outline is on the 7th topic, *Criterion* presented by Ramon Armengol. Cursillistas are encouraged to read this topic in its entirety at the [Cursillo Resource Center](http://www.natl-cursillo.org). This is a great resource for study in the School of Leaders. You can purchase a copy of the revised translation at [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org).

- Criterion is to try to have the adequate intention and reaction (evangelic) at any given situation or situations that are to occur.
- Our criterion is perfected when we share it.
- The *why* is restlessness to some people. The *how* is restlessness to others. These can only obey norms, give account. Others are capable of embodying the criterion and they are able to see the reality. Some opt for the aspect of fulfillment, others for the aspect of conviction.
- Always when utopia ceases, orthodoxy is born.
- To be free signifies to pass from the norm to criterion.
- Since truths are not alive, they are fossilized. Fossilized truths create in man a reference of security, but it ends up producing a collision with reality, or a systematic deformation of reality.
- The criterion is what demonstrates the purpose and gives the measure of the means.
- The criterion prevents the technique from choking the Spirit.
- The truth is leaven, not a mold.
- There are combustible truths, actual truths and permanent truths, and of these, a lot less than people believe.
- Cursillo tries to place what authentic and true within reach of everyday life.
- For the Christian, the two points of view that make the truth attainable, effective and penetrating are the Gospel and common sense.
- Faced with the truth, people either do not ask anything, and so they cloud it; or they ask just for the sake of asking and so they complicate the truth, or they ask with restlessness and in this way, they incarnate it.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.feba.info>

- Some people lack conviction and criterion when at the hour of truth, are not capable of sustaining their ideas and those whose ideas they know are not capable of sustaining them.
- The criterion is the will to find balance in the truth in order to possess it more fully.

## 2018 National Encounter

The 28<sup>th</sup> National Encounter will begin on August 16-19, 2018 at the Seattle University which is located 15 minutes from the Seattle-Tacoma International airport (SEA) in Seattle, WA. The encounter registration fee is \$400 per person. There are limited seats available. **Register now!** Visit the National Cursillo Website to register online for the encounter or download the forms at:

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

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

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

There will be workshops in English, Spanish and Vietnamese on Saturday, August 18. The following Plenary and Break Out Sessions will be offered during this year's National Encounter. Refer to the Encounter [Agenda](#) for more details.

### Friday, August 17 – Plenary Sessions - All Language Groups

*Unity in Diversity* – 1<sup>st</sup> Keynote Address

*Theology, Psychology and Pedagogy of Cursillo* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Keynote Address

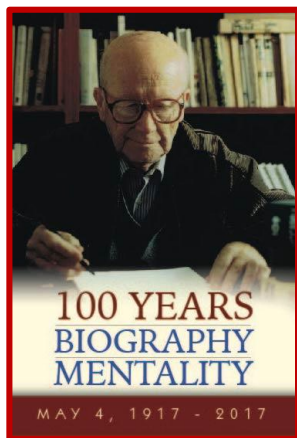
*Cursillo in Action* – Information Session

### Saturday, August 18 – Break Out Sessions Per Language Group

*School of Leaders & Secretariat: A Unity of Purpose and Understanding* – 1st Workshop Session

*Succession Planning* – 2nd Workshop Session

## New Publications



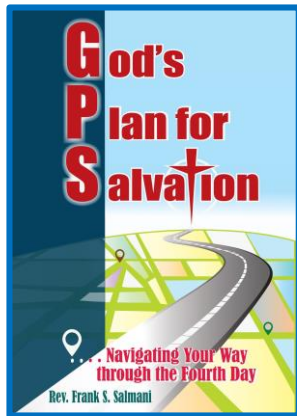
The idea for this book, **Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló – 100 Years: Biography and Mentality**, was born in one of the meetings of the OMCC Executive Committee which had its headquarters in Portugal from January 2014 – December 2017.

While gathered in Fatima in 2017, the committee expressed a desire to write the book with the intention of celebrating the first centenary of the birth of Eduardo Bonnín, Founder of Cursillos in Christianity.

The book addresses the biography and mentality of Eduardo Bonnín and is intended to create a hunger to go deeper into the Foundational Charism, the life of Founder and the history of Cursillos in Christianity.

The book provides a timeline of events in Cursillo and some of the most important moments of Eduardo's life. The first chapter, "Biography", includes the stages of Eduardo's life explained in a simple way. The second chapter, "Mentality", provides transcripts of documents in which Eduardo expresses his thoughts on the concepts that appear in the subchapters. Eduardo's life consisted of a total dedication to Christ, the Person and Friendship. The book will be available for

purchase at the National Encounter in Seattle and is available online at the National Cursillo Bookstore.



**God's Plan for Salvation, Navigating Your Way through the Fourth Day** is written by Fr. Frank Salmani. He is a Cursillista from the Diocese of Providence in Rhode Island. Fr. Salmani is also the author of **Whom Shall I Send, Discerning the Will of God**.

This new book is for Cursillistas, but also for any Christian trying to live out what is fundamental to being Christian. Each chapter represents a Sunday homily. Fr. Salmani chose this forum to talk about our Fourth Day because it is the rest of our lives. Each week people come to Mass to hear the Word of God, seeking to find some application of that Word in their daily lives. Among these people celebrating the Eucharist each week are Cursillistas.

Therefore, the Sunday homily is used as a context for living out the Fourth Day. Fr. Salmani hopes these homilies, based on the readings of the Church year, will offer food for thought and directions for our life's journey. Consider these homilies as a kind of GPS, offering all people of faith a right path to our salvation, which is ultimately the will and plan of God. The book will be available for purchase at the National Encounter in Seattle and is available online at the National Cursillo Bookstore.

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