

School of Leaders 4-25-2017 Report

The evening began with the Leaders' Prayer.

Group Sharing:

We counted off and divided into groups of 3 and 4 to share our Study. Next month we will share our Leaders' Study which from the Leaders' Manual consists of:

1. What official Cursillo Movement literature am I studying?
2. Doctrine? Technique? Other?

Doctrinal talk:

Deacon Vic Puscas presented the Doctrinal talk. He spoke about the right and wrong ways to honor martyrs and saints. He spoke mostly on Mary. He showed us a picture of what may be the oldest depiction of her. You can find out more about that on the web here: <http://aleteia.org/2017/04/24/archaeologists-find-what-may-the-oldest-depiction-of-the-virgin-mary/>

For further study Deacon Vic recommended the Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Paul VI entitled "Marialis Cultus" which can be found on the web here:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_p-vi_exh_19740202_marialis-cultus.html

Deacon Vic then led us in praying "The Angelus" prayer.

Technique Talk:

The Technique Talk titled "Faithful Stewards of the Cursillo Movement" was presented by Lori Whitehouse. This was a reading of a presentation given by Rev. Modesto Lewis Perez at the National Cursillo Encounter held at Villanova University in Philadelphia, PA, July 2006. In that presentation we were reminded that the Cursillo Movement is a charism of the Catholic Church, a gift from God and that "we are called to be trustworthy in our fidelity to its essence and the specific role which God assigned to it within the Body of Christ" and that "we cannot treat it...as if it was ours to use or tinker with to our hearts' content." You can find the entire talk on the National Cursillo website here: <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/pdf/articles/english/stewards.pdf>

Working Session Topics of Discussion:

1. V Encuentro Update – Tim Moore

It was decided at the April Secretariat meeting that SOL would not be solely dedicated to undertaking the V Encuentro program. It is still under consideration whether we participate in some way or not.

2. Treasurer Report – Marybeth Filipowski

The Joliet Cursillo Movement is financially sound at this time. We are able to meet all of our financial commitments due to the contributions to the MOP bucket on Cursillo weekends and the success of the Father

Joseph M. Shimanek Fund. We have been able to cover the participation of all candidates that are unable to make a contribution or are only able to make partial contribution.

3. Status of the Father Joseph M. Shimanek Fund – Paul Yancey

The Father Joseph M. Shimanek Fund was started in Nov. 2014. As of the end of 2016 the 4th Day has generously donated \$13,779! This money has gone towards covering weekend costs for those unable to contribute as well as the Secretariat reducing the cost of the weekends by \$10 per candidate. Plans for managing our fundraising efforts include pulling together a committee headed by Paul Yancey to encourage a greater participation in the Father Joseph M. Shimanek Fund as well as other fundraising opportunities.

4. Vibrant Parish Workshop – Tom Mayer

Tom presented information from Liturgical Publications in New Berlin, WI, on their “Building a Vibrant Parish” seminar. For more information on the web go here: <http://www.4lpi.com/>

Tom proceeded to ask SOL if Cursillo would be interested in sponsoring this one day seminar here in the Joliet Diocese. It would be a one day seminar open to representatives from all parishes in the diocese. Tom will report back to SOL next month with what resources would be needed from Cursillo to sponsor this event.

Tom also informed SOL that LPI can produce quarterly newsletters for us at \$6/person annually. This includes printing and snail mailing costs.

5. Open Secretariat positions – Tim Moore

Currently the position of SOL Chair on the Secretariat is open. Tim Moore is the acting chair. A request for nominations was given. Secretariat has expressed an interest in co-chairs for SOL, one man and one woman. Nominations can be communicated to anyone on the Secretariat.

Announcements:

1. Men’s 134th, Sept. 21-24, Rector John Yep
2. Women’s 126th, Nov. 16-19
3. National Cursillo Encounter 2017 – San Antonio, July 27-30
<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/encounter2017/>
4. SOL 4th Tuesday, St. Pets, Glen Ellyn, 7:00 to 9:00 PM
5. 4 Ultreyas – Lombard, Roselle, Bolingbrook, Darien

The group made a visit to the Blessed Sacrament together.

SOL ended at 9:00 PM with a final closing prayer. All then helped fold and put away tables and chairs. Snacks and water were provided by Carol Krupka and Tim Moore.