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**THREE TEMPTATIONS OF LEADERSHIP**  
We are encouraged during our three day Cursillo weekend to be Leaders. As we learned then, everyone influences his/her environment and that is what a leader does. But there are some dangers to our relationships in leadership when it is conducted for the wrong reasons.

**#1. Ambition.** Leaders show initiative and that is a good thing. Ambition becomes a negative thing when it overpowers humility and steps on the plan that God has given us. The "medicine" for the malady of ambition is humility. We do all things for God with and because of the grace He gives us. We SERVE.

**#2. Need to prove oneself to others.** Leaders serve others in Cursillo and in their environments of home, work, and parish. Because they are serving, they have nothing to prove to anyone. They just do what God leads them and empowers them to do.

**#3. "If I were in charge..."** Leaders don't create the agenda. They work to make the agenda succeed. What is the agenda? It is to lead others not just to a three day "retreat," but to a deeper relationship with Christ.

Christ has called us to be leaders in our daily lives. With His grace and His Holy Spirit, let's do the job he gave us!

De Colores!

Patti Hobbs

PS..I won't be in the state for July 18<sup>th</sup> so there will be no Leaders' School until August! Please come to that one, because we need you!

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Fundamental to our living by faith is our personal acceptance of God reaching out to us with two hands through the gift of the Holy Spirit and the gift of the incarnate Son of God. The outreach of the life-giving Spirit was symbolized already in the opening verses of the Bible by the Spirit of God hovering over the waters of our planet (Gn 1:2) to draw forth the good earth and its lush vegetation. This overshadowing of the Spirit is called God's grace, termed sanctifying grace through its power to unite us with God's immortal life and habitual grace through its power to dispose the yearnings and love of our hearts in accordance with God choosing to adopt us as his children. As Jesus said, it is given as a fountain welling up within us (Jn 7:38). In Cursillo we recognize that to be authentic Christians we need a commitment not only to live by these two encounters with God but also to share our life of faith with others we meet, beginning with some who are fellow cursillistas. This is why Cursillo stresses not only the life of grace and ongoing friendship with Jesus Christ, but also ongoing friendship with others based on mutual sharing of our spiritual lives through grouping. We have taken to heart the promise of Jesus that through the personal union of Christians the world will come to know Christ and the love of his divine Father (Jn 17:21).

**At the heart of the Cursillo Movement is personal contact with others. While this Newsletter may provide information, Cursillo is about the personal interaction among the friends of Christ. Engage your friends in the joy of living the life of grace. De Colores**

BE A FRIEND, MAKE A FRIEND, BRING YOUR FRIEND TO CHRIST.

Do you have an idea to encourage Cursillo action? Let one of the Cursillistas on the Secretariat know.

## CURSILLO CHAIR

My mom always told us that as you get older the time moves faster. I know that isn't possible but it sure feels that way. Not too long ago I was talking about rectors being chosen for the next men's and women's weekends that will be held this fall. Well here we are just three months away from the men's weekend. I am still looking for coordinators for set-up and take-down, kitchen and nocturnal. I would really enjoy saying next month that we have those positions filled for both the men's and women's weekends. The men's weekend is September 10-13 and the women's weekend is October 8-11. None of the positions are difficult and I'm sure there are many people willing to help but I just need someone to step forward to become the leader.

Speaking of time flashing by, as Cursillo Chair I have the honor of presenting a list of candidates to the Secretariat for nomination to be rector for the next men's and women's Cursillos. Our guidelines to be a rector are that one must have been on at least four teams and given three rollos. Those guidelines are to present a rector with first-hand knowledge of the weekend as to the flow of the talks and timing of all the things that go on during each day of the weekend. They also learn the role of the team meetings that lead up to the weekend. There are books avail-

able that explain the weekend and we give each rector some information but the knowledge one receives from personal experience is "priceless." Once the list is given to the Secretariat, they pray and discern as to who they will nominate via a voting procedure. Once an order has been chosen, I will begin calling those individuals to pray about accepting the role of rector. Please pray for the Secretariat and for the names of the people on that list so that Christ will continue to lead our Diocese with capable people who are willing to be His Disciples.

One last thing I would like to talk about is the possibility of having a spring weekend. There has been discussion about people wanting to live a spring weekend as the fall just doesn't work for them. I would like to get a few people together to discuss this and see if a spring weekend is something we can do. If I don't get any feedback on this I will take it that nobody wants to move forward with exploring a spring weekend.

May God bless you with a great summer filled with many happy memories shared with family and friends.

Decolores,

Tim Weber

**Please respond to Tim's request. He has a big job in overseeing the mission of scheduling and organizing Weekends.**

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## Region V Cursillo Coordinator

Cursillistas,

I pray that everyone is enjoying warm weather. Many of us will be traveling to the National Encounter in Villanova, PA next month. We also have a New Region V Coordinator which we will announce at our August 21 & 22 Regional Encounter. We have covered a lot of Educational Cursillo material over the last three years of Encounters. This one in August will be one you won't want to miss. I know when I wanted to know as much as I could to serve my Local Diocese I attended Regional Encounter's. In fact over 25 while I served on the our local secretariat before I was Region V Coordinator. The knowledge helped me as a Secretariat member & Lay Director. We just never arrive, the more knowledge we attain, the easier Cursillo becomes. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Encounter.

De Colores,

Steve Sulentic

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**The Cursillo does not aim at getting the best people to become Christians, nor that Christians become better, but that Christians be Christian. That they understand that being a conscious Christian means being converted at all times. All this so that they gradually get to discover, from the very place where God has planted them, that God loves them in Christ.**

EDUARDO BONNIN, "MY SPIRITUAL TESTAMENT"

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## CURSILLO NEWS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD

The National Cursillo organization publishes the bi-monthly National Cursillo Newsletter. It contains information about Cursillo and important events. You can read or download it from <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/news/nmailo215.pdf>.

The World Cursillo organization publishes a Monthly Newsletter. It contains information on Cursillo and events around the world. You can read or download it from <http://www.orgmcc.org/en/omcc/newsletters>.

### **COMFORT ZONE**

We all look for, seek and settle in to a comfort zone. There is nothing wrong with being in our comfort zone as long as we don't stay in our comfort zone. Jesus told His disciples and us that we are invited to be with Him in His kingdom. We have to accept that invitation, leave our comfort zone and go on the journey, the pilgrimage that the Guia, the Pilgrim's Guide, helps us with.

On our pilgrimage we will come across many people and circumstances (the environment that is referred to on the Cursillo weekend). One of our tasks as baptized Christians is to aid and assist others to join our pilgrimage to the Kingdom of God. Pope Francis has afforded all of us an opportunity to step out of our comfort zone. His recent encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, deals with the global environment and has engendered interest, comment, dispute, and discussion among many aspects of our society that are not Catholic, not Christian, and even those who are agnostic or atheistic.

What is the opportunity the Pope has given us? There are two things we can do that are out of the comfort zones for most of us. We can study. We can read what the Pope has said in his encyclical. We can do more than reading and hearing

what others say is in it. We can study how the lessons in the encyclical can be applied to our own lives. We can take action. We can be prepared when friends or acquaintances or fellow workers mention the environment. At that time we can introduce God into the conversation or discussion and be God's instrument to pique an interest in God's plan for all of us or encourage a more selfless consideration of how we treat God's gift of creation to us.

Most of us are not comfortable with studying an encyclical or introducing God into everyday conversations. Just maybe, that is exactly the cross He wants you to bear. Think about it. Pray about it. Decide. Act.

ENCYCLICAL LETTER *LAUDATO SI'* OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

### **NOVEMBER EVENT**

Plans are being developed for a Diocesan wide Cursillo gathering in November. It is anticipated that the new Cursillistas who will have made the Men's and Women's Fall 2015 Cursillos can meet the larger Cursillo community in a setting that enhances our spirituality, our fellowship and our commitment to evangelize our environments. Would you be interested in attending? What would you like to be included? Please let one of the members of the Secretariat know your response to this effort. Phone numbers are on the first page or send us a letter – P.O. Box 1613, South Bend, IN 46634

### **HELP WANTED**

*We still need help on issues listed below.*

AMY CURRY is gathering information on facilities available in the diocese that could be utilized for conducting Cursillo weekends. If you know of such facilities, please contact her with details. Her phone is listed on the front page.

TIM WEBER is overseeing organization of Cursillo Weekends. He is interested in identifying volunteers who are willing to offer services or material support for the Weekends coming up this fall. His number is on the first page.

NEWSLETTER is being sent out electronically on a monthly basis. As an all volunteer movement, we sometime lose track of Cursillistas because of outdated e-mail addresses. If you know of any changes or corrections to contact information, get that information to [cursillo.newsletter@fwsbcursillo.org](mailto:cursillo.newsletter@fwsbcursillo.org). A snail mail distribution of the Newsletter which would be quarterly is planned and updated addresses are needed. If you know someone who wants to get the Newsletter that way, send the information to the Newsletter. An editor is still needed.

ULTREYA Witness speakers are always needed. Contact one of the coordinators at the Ultreya sites or Brant Howe.

GROUPING If you are looking for a group or your group is looking for a new member, contact a member of the Secretariat who may be able to put you in touch. Ultreyas afford the opportunity to meet and arrange for grouping.

If no one asks you to help, step forward. There are no missteps in stepping out for Christ.

FORT WAYNE/SOUTH BEND DIOCESE  
ENGLISH SPEAKING  
CURSILLO MOVEMENT

P.O. Box 1613  
424 S. Michigan St  
South Bend, IN 46634  
<http://fwsbcursillo.org>

"The Cursillo Movement is a movement of the Church which by means of its own method makes possible for people to live what is fundamental for being Christian. By living it with others, it helps people discover and fulfill their personal vocations. The Cursillo Movement promotes the creation of core groups of Christians who leaven their environments with the Gospel. "

*The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement*

MEN'S WEEKEND

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SEPT. 10-13, 2015

ST. FELIX CATHOLIC

CENTER

HUNTINGTON, IN

TONY HARDY  
(574) 226-8204

WOMEN'S WEEKEND

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OCT. 8-11, 2015

LAKE WAWASEE

EPISCOPAL CENTER

SYRACUSE, IN

AMY CURRY  
(574) 528-0076

UPCOMING

July 2  
7:00 p.m.  
**Secretariat**—S.B.

July 9  
7:00 p.m.  
**Ultreya**—F.W. - S.B.

July 16  
7:00 p.m.  
**Ultreya**—No. Manchester

July 23  
7:00 p.m.  
**Ultreya**—Syracuse

No School of Leaders in  
July. Next S.O.L session  
on August 1, 2015

Applications and sponsor information is available at the [FWSBCursillo](http://FWSBCursillo) website. It is important that completed applications be submitted as soon as possible so that arrangements for housing, supplies and food can be finalized. Before you invite someone for the weekend, pray about it. After you invite someone, do palanca.

*Many people think of Cursillo as the 3-day Weekend. And, for many, the Weekend is a focal point, but it is only the most visible aspect of Cursillo. Pre-Cursillo and PostCursillo are integral parts of Cursillo and with the Cursillo Weekend form a tripod similar to the tripod of Piety, Study and Action. A Cursillista who has participated in the 3-day Weekend knows that the 4th Day is the goal. Your help and prayers in all aspects of Cursillo are needed to allow the gift of Cursillo to be shared in our diocese.*

Fort Wayne/South Bend Cursillo needs

Your Prayers and Financial Support

Consider making a contribution of:

\$100  \$75  \$50  \$25  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name

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City, State and Zip Code

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E-mail



Thank you and God Bless You

Please return this form with a check made payable to:

**Fort Wayne/South Bend Cursillo**

Mail to:

**Treasurer, Amy Curry**

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