



4<sup>th</sup> Day Newsletter  
Cursillo Movement of Hamilton Diocese  
July 2010

## WEEKEND UPDATE

Preparations for the Men's and Women's weekends are well underway. Both weekends are being held at Deemerton. The Rectora for the Women's 72nd weekend is Vilma Stradiotto and the Rector for the Men's 73rd weekend is Jim Schramek. The Women's weekend is September 30th to October 3rd and the Men's is October 21st to 24th. We have about 12 candidates for the Women's weekend and six for the Men's. Both Vilma and Jim would love to have more candidates so don't let up on making a friend and bringing a friend to Christ. My *challenge* to the Ultreyas still stands. If we get at least one candidate from each Ultreya for the Men's weekend I will shave off my beard and mustache.

De Colores,  
David Milne

Please make sure you get your candidate applications to David Milne, our weekend coordinator. His e-mail address is [communications@4thday.ca](mailto:communications@4thday.ca) and his mailing address is: 98 Cedarwoods Crescent, Kitchener, N2G 2J8.

## PRE-CURSILLO:

Parish Representatives – You, as a Cursillista, could help us by being a parish representative for Cursillo. You would be a contact person for your parish for Cursillo and would periodically be asked to place an announcement in your parish bulletin. Please advise Patrick Guay by e-mail at [pguay2@cogeco.ca](mailto:pguay2@cogeco.ca) if you are interested. We especially need representatives from the Hamilton, Burlington and Brantford areas.!

## FIFTH DAY:

**May God keep all our 5<sup>th</sup> day Cursillistas in the palm of His hand.**

## **CHALLENGE TO ALL ULTREYAS:**

I would like to challenge all Ultreyas to send in one witness talk per year. That way we can cover all of the newsletters. Please send to [sam.farwell@bell.net](mailto:sam.farwell@bell.net) or to Sandi Farwell, 27 Wren Crescent, Kitchener, N2A 1Y7. Thanks.

## **ULTREYA LEADERS:**

Please print out your newsletter to share with other Cursillistas at your Ultreya.

## **DONATIONS WELCOME:**

Because we are now a charitable organization, we gladly welcome donations and a receipt will be issued to you at the end of the year. Please make out cheques to Diocese of Hamilton – Cursillo Movement. Any donation can be mailed to our treasurer, Joe Trocki, 2470 Headon Forest Dr. Burlington. L7M 3X4. Thank you for your generosity.

## **BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE**

(all books are \$6.00 each)

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Day A Perennial Cursillo (given to Candidates at the end of the weekend)
- Frequently Asked Questions – Putting The Pieces Together
- Christianity in Action: Living the Fourth Day, 2003 Annual Conference
- The Why of a Weekend, To Be A Pilgrim, 2004 Annual Conference
- We Are Companions on the Journey – Our De Colores Reality, 2005 1<sup>st</sup> National Multicultural Encounter
- The Best News by the Best Means – The Heart of the Charism, 2006 Annual Conference
- The School of Leaders, One Mind, One Heart, 2007 Annual Conference
- Precursillo – Witnesses to the Good News, 2008 Annual Conference

If you are interested in buying any of the above books, they are available at School of Leaders workshops, closings, and other Cursillo events or by contacting David Milne at [communications@4thday.ca](mailto:communications@4thday.ca) or his mailing address at: 98 Cedarwoods Crescent, Kitchener, N2G 2J8.



## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON CURSILLO MOVEMENT

May 30, 2010

**Summary Report for the Past Twelve Months-**(June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010)

**The following is an updated summary of the status of Cursillo in the Diocese of Hamilton.**

### **Goals:**

#### **Strategic Focus:**

- We continue to simplify the weekend itself and strengthen the 4<sup>th</sup> day segment of Cursillo.
- We continue to teach through the School of Leaders.

#### **Secretariat Activities:**

- In June 2010 we will again meet with Bishop Gerard Bergie, the Auxiliary Bishop in our Diocese, and a Cursillista.
- As of May 31, 2010 we have replaced one member on the secretariat.

#### **Successes:**

#### **Pre-Cursillo:**

- Along with sending general Palanca, the weekends are supported by a Prayer Wheel, where people are praying around the clock from the beginning to the end of our Cursillo weekends.
- We have set up a Cursillo parish representative in many parishes in the diocese so there is a direct Cursillo contact at these churches and in this way interested parties can speak to someone in their own parish about Cursillo.

#### **Cursillo Weekends:**

- We held one weekend in the past year (Women's 71<sup>st</sup>).
- Currently we have two teams in formation for the upcoming weekends in the fall of 2010.
- We definitely see that people have returned to the Church after making a Cursillo weekend.

### **School of Leaders:**

- A School of Leaders session was held in Dec. 2009, Feb. 2010 and Apr. 2010.
- The topics included group reunion and Christianity in Action.
- We are also looking at breaking school of leaders into three regions because of the size of our diocese and the travelling distance.

### **Fourth Day (Post-Cursillo)**

- There are eleven active Ultreyas in Hamilton Diocese.
- There has been one Diocesan General Ultreya in the past year.
- A Cursillo Prayer Service is held at the funeral home for our Cursillista friends who have gone into their 5<sup>th</sup> Day.
- There is an on-going e-mail/phone prayer network with some Ultreyas.

### **Conferences:**

- Our diocese hosted the Cursillo of Cursillos held at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. This replaced the yearly CCCC conference. It was very informative and successful with approximately 120 in attendance. We wish to thank the CCCC and Cursillistas in our diocese for all the help you gave to make this a huge success.

### **Communications:**

- We continue to have a monthly communiqué/newsletter that is e-mailed to about 200 Cursillistas in our Diocese. Another 20 have this mailed to them. This allows everyone to be in the loop of information on a monthly basis.
- Our website [www.4thday.ca](http://www.4thday.ca) continues to be updated.

### **Background Information:**

- Cursillo has been active in our Diocese for 41 years.

Respectfully submitted for the Secretariat

Kim Jones

Lay Director

Hamilton Diocese Cursillo Movement

**Annual Meeting with Bishop Gerard Bergie**, Auxiliary Bishop  
Diocese of Hamilton, ON  
Spiritual Advisor to Cursillo Movement, Diocese of Hamilton  
Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Present: Bishop Bergie, Rodney Bell, Natalie Legault, Marg Weber, Kim Jones

1. Summary of annual report
2. Bishop asked how simplified weekends are working. We reported that it was much more spiritual and faith building – not hype only.
3. Concerns:  
Getting priests for weekends – Bishop reminded us of deacons  
Building of friendships so people attend Ultreyas before and after weekends  
Cursillo as an Evangelization tool – Bishop reminded us that we are also re-evangelizing tool  
New Spiritual Advisor for next year – Bishop invited submissions including deacons  
Also to speak to those we invite before submitting names  
Candidates for Men's weekends – we have had to postpone/cancel weekends  
Bishop asked if we are ready to go this year and we have heard about many candidates
4. Talked about the Spanish communities in Kitchener and Hamilton. Guelph has a small community but Marg Weber will check into the communities in these cities.
5. Marg Weber mentioned the Spanish National weekend in Guelph in September.
6. Youth – we are looking into a facility to hold an evening Ultreya for the youth in Kitchener-Waterloo area
7. School of Leaders – hoping to facilitate three schools in different areas of the diocese

In summary, Bishop Bergie is very supportive and eager to help in any way. He knows the Cursillo mentality and truly empathizes with our concerns and has a very good listening ear.  
He acknowledged our good works and appreciates all of our efforts in the movement.

## **ACTIVE ULTREYAS:**

**Burlington: St. Paul the Apostle**, 2265 Headon Rd.

Sat. mornings at 7:30 a.m. followed by Mass and Rosary at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Peter Mesaros; [pmesaros@primus.ca](mailto:pmesaros@primus.ca) 905-336-7597

**Fergus: St. Joseph's Parish**

Every Sat. at 9:30 a.m. except for the Saturdays when the School of Leaders is held.

Leader: Martin Saunders; [martin\\_saunders@hotmail.com](mailto:martin_saunders@hotmail.com) 519-787-7034

**Guelph: St. Joseph's Church**, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Natalie Legault; [natalielegault@live.com](mailto:natalielegault@live.com) 519-821-9741

**Hamilton: Cathedral of Christ the King**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Leaders: David Smith & Margaret Carreiro; [margaret-carreiro@yahoo.ca](mailto:margaret-carreiro@yahoo.ca) 905-628-5682

**Hamilton: Holy Cross Church – Croatian Ultreya**, 1883 King St. E...

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday with 6:30 p.m. Mass & Ultreya to follow

Leader: Bill Boros; [billboros@hotmail.com](mailto:billboros@hotmail.com) 905-383-6269

**Hamilton – Saint Lawrence Parish**, 4375 Mary St.

Every other Sunday at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Leader: Maureen Walton; [maureen.walton@sheridanc.on.ca](mailto:maureen.walton@sheridanc.on.ca) 905-527-8865

**Hamilton – St. Margaret Mary**, Sat. 7:30 a.m. followed by 9:00 a.m. Mass

Leader: Bart Jankowski, [bj@quickclick.net](mailto:bj@quickclick.net) 905-679-6679 and Diane Dunn

**Hanover Area** - Usually the second Sunday of the month

Contact Joe Foster for the date, time and place Ultreya will be held or if you could be of assistance.

[joecarolefoster@gmail.com](mailto:joecarolefoster@gmail.com) 519-364-5842

**Kitchener – St. Anthony Daniel**, 29 Midland Dr. - Every Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Leaders: Sharon Penlington; [sharon.penlington@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.penlington@gmail.com) 519-748-1711

Walt Sowinski; [waltsowinski@yahoo.ca](mailto:waltsowinski@yahoo.ca) 519-504-2814

**Milton – Holy Rosary** - Saturdays at 7:45 a.m.

Leader: Bob Moser; [bob.moser@explornet.com](mailto:bob.moser@explornet.com) 905-854-0690

**Owen Sound – St. Mary's Parish** - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

Leaders: Mary Anne Kirkconnell; [rm\\_kirkconnell@hotmail.com](mailto:rm_kirkconnell@hotmail.com)

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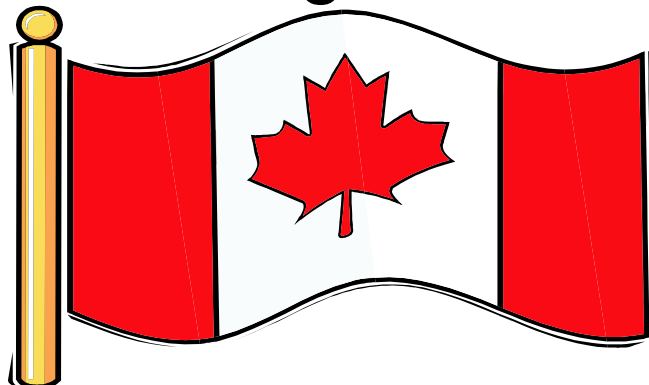
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**We hope you had a great Canada Day!**



**We wish all of you and your families a very restful and safe summer!**

# **The Cursillo Movement**

## **Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario**

### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

A Cursillo Weekend is the focus of a lay movement of Christian Renewal begun by Catholics in Spain in the 1940's. The word Cursillo is Spanish for "short course". The Cursillo weekend gives us a short course in Christian living and is the beginning of a new and fuller awareness of what Christianity can mean in our daily lives at home, at work, with our neighbors, and with other members of our church. During these three days the Sacraments are stressed; therefore all candidates for a Catholic Cursillo must be Catholic and in a position to receive the sacraments or become so.

The Church of today needs lay people who can be strong Christian witnesses, thereby bringing about change in our world. To be effective witnesses, we need to be formed and informed. We can't do this on our own but need the help and support of other Christians.

The weekend program will consist of a number of talks given by both lay people and clergy. You will be at a table with 4 or 5 others and will have the opportunity to discuss the talks. There will be prayer times and times for reflection, time to socialize and time to discuss – a truly activity-packed weekend. Cursillo continues after the weekend by providing each of us with the opportunity to grow in faith and Christian commitment.

For the weekend you will require casual, comfortable clothing, bath towel, toiletries and any needed medication. You are also required to bring a sleeping bag and pillow or bedding for a single bed, whichever you prefer. In order to respect each person's quiet time, we ask you not bring a radio or cell phone. Don't worry, if you forget anything or run out, there will be people there to look after your needs. The cost of providing the weekend could be approximately between \$ 180.00 & 220.00 depending on the facilities we are able to reserve. It will include your accommodation, food, and all materials needed. It should be noted however, that no one would be refused because of money. Your sponsor can clarify any of these needs for you.

The Cursillo weekend begins on Thursday evening at 7:30 PM and ends on Sunday sometime between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Your sponsor will make sure you are driven to and from the weekend. In order to provide everyone with the greatest of views and opinions during table discussions, attempts will be made to put people in groups with different ages, occupations, and life situations. Therefore, we ask for some personal information, which will be used for the administration of the weekend. All forms will then be destroyed.

If you have **ANY** questions, please contact your sponsor.

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# The Cursillo Movement

## Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario CANDIDATE APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #'S: HOME (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MARITAL STATUS (circle): Married\_\_ Single\_\_ Widowed\_\_ Separated\_\_ Divorced\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_ PARISH \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to help us prepare for your special needs, please list any health/dietary/allergy needs for which you may require assistance on the weekend.

Do you have any impairment of sight, hearing or movement, which may require special arrangements to be made? Please indicate type of arrangement required.

Please read carefully the **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES** on the reverse side of this application.

If you have further questions please contact your sponsor.

Do we have permission to share your name, address, phone & e-mail information with others on the weekend? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# **The Cursillo Movement**

## **Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario**

### **INFORMATION FOR SPONSORS**

As a sponsor you are responding in a very concrete way to Christ's call to spread His good news in our environments. It is a special blessing to be the instrument in providing someone with the opportunity to learn that through Christ we can be truly alive. We all know that our weekend was a very moving experience but perhaps we can also remember the apprehension we felt.

Your candidate will often need a lot of encouragement and support to make what might seem like a sacrifice. Some information is enclosed for your candidate but there will probably be many more questions that you may be able to answer. Please be there for your candidate and be open and honest with your answers. Remember that you can give any information about the weekend but we ask that you not disclose the letters, Palanca chapel and closing. These were very powerful experiences for you and will hopefully be the same for your candidate.

There are some things that you should discuss with your candidate. One is the matter of the cost of the weekend. It is not fair to leave the candidate with the uncertainty of the amount that he/she may be asked to pay. No one need feel embarrassed to talk about the cost. The major source of funds for the Movement is the financial contributions of everyone who attends the weekend – team and candidates. These funds are necessary to cover the cost of the weekend. However, please let your candidate know that no one is turned away because they are unable to pay. If your candidate needs assistance covering the cost of the weekend, it is suggested you request assistance from your local Ultreya or the parish your candidate worships in. Cursillo is a Diocesan Movement and well supported by the Bishop, moreover the candidate will return to the parish as leaven within the parish community. If you would like to make a contribution on behalf of your candidate, please tell him/her and put your contribution in an envelope when you bring your candidate to the weekend.

You are also responsible for doing Palanca for your candidate. This should start before you even approach him/her about making a Cursillo weekend. It is so important to 'talk to God about your candidate before talking to your candidate about God'. Although writing a Palanca letter to your candidate is very important and necessary (this should be left at the registration desk specifically labeled 'Candidate name and Palanca letter – Sponsor'), please remember that more powerful Palanca is the offering of prayer, fasting and acts of self-sacrifice. In addition, as part of preparing your candidate, you may wish to invite him/her to join you at your Group Reunion or Ultreya as Pre-Cursillo preparation.

As a sponsor, you are responsible for getting your candidate to/from the weekend; and are asked to remain at the facilities with your Candidate until they are settled in. If you are on team then let you candidate know ahead of time as you will be late in leaving and consider asking a friend to take your candidate home. It is the team's responsibility to clean up after the weekend. You are also responsible for journeying with your candidate in the weeks and months that follow. Please don't leave him/her without the necessary support of Group Reunion and Ultreya.

Please also remember that the Cursillo is not a cure-all for personal problems. It is your duty as a sponsor to help to remove any major obstacles and to dispose the candidate for the total message of the weekend. All candidates must be Catholic and in a position to receive the sacraments or become so or are going through the RCIA process.

Please keep this sheet for further information.

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# The Cursillo Movement

## Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario SPONSOR IDENTIFICATION

As a sponsor you should belong to an active Group Reunion and/or Ultreya, be willing to remain actively involved with your candidate throughout the Pre-Cursillo and the Post-Cursillo stages, and if the candidate is married, try to sponsor the couple at the same time.

SPONSOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

(Male \_\_\_\_\_) (Female \_\_\_\_\_)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: HOME ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN AND WHERE DID YOU MAKE YOUR CURSILLO? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ULTREYA ARE YOU A MEMBER OF? \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

In confidentiality, is there anything about your candidate's relationship with the church and with the receiving of the sacraments that we should know? (If yes, please check\_\_\_) Give information on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application.

Please identify any Church related activities in which your candidate is active (e.g.: Charismatic Renewal, Alpha, Marriage/Engaged Encounter, RCIA, SVDP etc).

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How would you rate your candidate's ability to communicate with others?

Talkative \_\_\_\_\_ Quiet \_\_\_\_\_ In-between \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors please note: It is your obligation to fully prepare your candidate and to be aware of any problems that could hamper him/her from experiencing the weekend fully (e.g. recent bereavement, medical problems, etc) and to inform the weekend co-coordinator.

\* The National Secretariat restricts the participation of non- Catholics in Catholic Cursillo activities in favour of their participation in renewal programs, including Cursillo, available to them within their own denominations.

Please read carefully the INFORMATION FOR SPONSORS on this application.

Thank you for responding to Christ's call to reach out to those around you and to bring them to Him.

Completed forms should be returned to Weekend Coordinator:

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