



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

Called to Serve

It is with great pleasure, honour and some trepidation that I serve you in the diocese of Hamilton as Lay Director.

Let me introduce myself as a veteran Cursillista of 21 years (yes, I was only 10)! I have served on many weekend teams, attended a few National Conferences and the National Encounter which took place in Kitchener, and recently went on the pilgrimage to Mallorca, Spain. I have served on Secretariat previously as Treasurer, prepared the Newsletter (when all letters were actually mailed!!), and recently a rectora.

I have held many positions but am truly humbled to serve you as a leader! There have been many great Lay Directors in the past and I count on their support and friendship. The Secretariat works together as one – a team - who is committed to serving you in this diocese. The School of Leaders has and will provide a great deal of information and inspiration to all of us. I invite all of you to participate in as much as you can to reap the benefits of the charism of the Cursillo movement – and meet people who are or will become true friends – better friends!!!

We are all busy people but I would like each of you to consider the roll of leader in your area – be it Ultreya, work on a team, starting a Group Reunion or just offering to serve. Being a leader is a call to serve.

I sincerely hope to meet many more of you over the next few years and together keep the Spirit of the movement alive in this diocese.

One last thing – but very important – please pray for me and for all of us working for the Holy Spirit.

Thank you my friends,

Kim Jones

Guelph, ON

David Milne shared this prayer with us at the Secretariat meeting in March. It is appropriate for this time of year.

### **This is What We Are About**

We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are the workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

-Bishop Ken Untener

### **UPCOMING WEEKENDS:**

The women's weekend will be facilitated by Marg Carreiro in Deemerton at the Ignatius Centre from **Thurs. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> to Sun. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**. Candidates should arrive by 7:30 p.m. sharp. Closing is at 3:00 p.m. sharp on the Sunday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The men's weekend facilitated by Jim Schramek will take place in Deemerton at the Ignatius Centre from **Thurs. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> to Sun. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 2010**. Candidates again should arrive by 7:30 p.m. sharp. The closing is at 3:00 p.m. sharp on the Sunday.

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.

Please remember to start walking with your candidate now. Invite your candidate to Ultreya now to prepare for the weekend.

## **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 Rodney Bell by e-mail at [rodney.bell@sympatico.ca](mailto:rodney.bell@sympatico.ca) if you are interested. We especially need representatives from the Hamilton, Burlington and Brantford areas.

## **PALANCA:**

The fruits of our labours are generated by the powerhouse of prayer and palanca. All those involved in the upcoming Cursillo workshop on Apr. 23/24 would appreciate your support in this endeavour. If you cannot physically attend this workshop perhaps you could offer your support by your prayers and sacrifices.

Thank you!

## **FIFTH DAY:**

**Sean Murtagh made the 22<sup>nd</sup> Men's Cursillo weekend in 1979 and sat at St. Michael's table. He passed away on Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>. He is survived by his wife Ann, daughters, Karen and Sharon and son Mike and Nancy Murtagh. He and Ann were involved in Cursillo for many, many years. A fifth day service was held for him on Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> and his funeral was at St. Aloysius Church on Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 [sandwalt@sympatico.ca](mailto:sandwalt@sympatico.ca) 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 is: 98 Cedarwoods Crescent, Kitchener, N2G 2J8.

**We wish all of our Mothers  
and those who serve  
as Mothers a very  
Happy Mother's Day!**



# **Canadian Conference of Catholic Cursillo (CCCC)**

**For those who want to deepen their understanding of the Cursillo Movement as well as make many new friends in Christ, plan now to attend this year's conference to be held on the campus of [St. Francis Xavier University](#) in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, from **June 24 to 27, 2010****

**Registration On line at [www.cursillo-canada.org](http://www.cursillo-canada.org)**

**Conference 2010**

**De Colores!**

***If you want to know more about the conference or you have any questions please contact***

**CCCC Central Region Representative, Marg Weber @ [marg.weber@sympatico.ca](mailto:marg.weber@sympatico.ca) or phone 519-747-5937**

## **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@xplornet.com](mailto:bob.moser@xplornet.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)

Tony Rovers Rovers; [diannerovers@bell.net](mailto:diannerovers@bell.net) 519-371-0022

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(519)-772-2924

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# **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:

David Milne

98 Cedarwoods Crescent, Kitchener, Ontario. N2C 2J8

Email: weekenddirector@4thday.ca

Phone: 519-894-0657

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**CURSILLO MOVEMENT  
DIOCESE OF HAMILTON  
INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL TEAM MEMBERS  
WANT TO BE ON TEAM???**

The Secretariat is compiling a list of Cursillistas who are interested, qualified and available to be on team.

There is no guarantee that by completing this questionnaire that you will be chosen to serve on a team, but your request will be given serious consideration.

**Team Selection Criteria:**

- It is preferable that you have been practicing the Cursillo method of Group Reunion and/or Ultreya, and attending School of Leaders and other events put on by Secretariat. It is very difficult to witness to and/or be an example of the method of the Cursillo movement if you are not "Walking the Talk"
- If you are involved in other church movements, please be prepared to set these aside during Cursillo weekends, so that the team and all candidates can fully experience the Cursillo movement as a whole.
- As this is a Catholic movement, only practicing Roman Catholics are eligible for teams.

**Team Selection Considerations:**

- A balance between those who have been on team and new Cursillistas is considered very important.
- An attempt is made to see that the same people are not continually on team. New Cursillistas help provide new ideas and inject vitality into the movement.

**Personal Considerations:**

- Anyone who is in crisis should give themselves time to deal with their struggles and time to heal before serving on team.

**Team Commitments:**

- Be willing to attend all or most of the preparatory team meetings so no messages are missed and so that proper bonding of the team takes place before the weekend
- Must participate in the full 3 days, including Thursday night.
- You are expected to help the new Cursillistas become integrated into the Cursillo community by encouraging them to go to Ultreya and by helping them to join and/or start a group reunion possibly with them if necessary for awhile.
- A payment will be requested towards the expenses of the weekend. The amount will be confirmed by your Rector/Rectora.

**Team meetings are crucial to building team community but, on a weekend, a team member's role is one of self-sacrifice and service to the candidates. In a small way, you will follow the example of Jesus Christ when He washed the feet of His disciples.**

**If you are interested in serving on an upcoming Cursillo team, then take a moment to fill out the information and forward to the weekend co-coordinator.**

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# CURSILLO MOVEMENT DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

## WANT TO BE ON TEAM

If you have read the reverse side and are not in a personal crisis, can make the commitment, meet the criteria as outlined and wish to be considered for team, please complete the following information form (please print)

I prefer to work on the Men's Team \_\_\_\_\_ Women's Team \_\_\_\_\_ or  
Kitchen (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Location where you made your Cursillo Weekend

Rev.  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms.  ف

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Home Parish:

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group (info used to help determine Team/table groups):

17 + \_\_\_ 20+ \_\_\_ 30+ \_\_\_ 40+ \_\_\_ 50+ \_\_\_

Have you attended School of Leaders and/or other Cursillo sponsored events? Yes  No  Event \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently in a Cursillo Group Reunion? (Small Group) Yes  No  Currently in-between

Do you regularly attend an Ultreya? Yes  No  Location \_\_\_\_\_

Other Cursillo activities you have supported (e.g. Ultreya Leader, Secretariat, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you worked on team before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Date last served on  
team \_\_\_\_\_

Position: Spiritual Advisor  Rector(a)  Assistant  Team member

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE FORWARD COMPLETED FORM AND MAIL TO: Weekend Cursillo Coordinator

David Milne

98 Cedarwoods Crescent,  
Kitchener, Ontario N2C 2J8

If you have any questions you can e-mail [WeekendDirector@4thday.ca](mailto:WeekendDirector@4thday.ca) or phone David at 519-894-0657.

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