



# The Abrazo

The newsletter of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

Winter 2009

## Thirty Years of Cursillo

*Emerson Champion, Lay Director, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo*

The year 2009 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cursillo in the Diocese of Maryland. We still have active Cursillistas from that first weekend – Fran Nicholls and Bill White.

At the National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar in October, I met Nina Jo Moore, who, while in graduate school at the University of Maryland, was a team member on Maryland #1. She has fond memories of that first weekend, and remembers Fran and Bill.

While I don't have an exact number handy, I would estimate that at least 2,500 people have attended a Maryland Episcopal Cursillo weekend over the last 30 years. Yet, going by the number of Cursillistas I see attending Ultreyas, Las Manañitas, Clausura, 4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshops, sponsoring candidates, and submitting team applications and resource forms, I would estimate that fewer than 250 Cursillistas are actively participating in the movement.

Where is everybody?

Some people have passed into eternal rest. Some have moved out of the diocese. Some have left the Episcopal Church altogether. Some have dropped out because they believe Cursillo is too liberal. Some have dropped out because they believe Cursillo is too conservative.

What about the rest? Where are they?

They are in the pews every Sunday. Maybe they made their weekend in the earlier years, and just drifted away. Maybe they were active, but dropped back when other demands on their time became too great. Maybe they don't see the value of Cursillo.

So, what are we to do? I believe that we are called to be invitational and relational. Jesus invites us into relationship with Him. We are to follow His example. To extend a heartfelt invitation is very compelling. It shows that you are interested in that person and that you value your relationship with them.

For many parishes, if you were to ask everyone who is a Cursillista to raise their hand, you would be surprised at the both the number of hands raised, and the names of some of those who raised their hand. Seek them out and engage them. Find out why they aren't grouping or attending Ultreya. Tell them why you find grouping and attending Ultreya so compelling.

Be that friend Jesus calls us to be. ☩

### *Prayer for the Gift of the Holy Spirit*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your Love.*

*Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful,*

*Grant that by the same Holy Spirit We may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



## Report on National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar 2008

### October 23-26, 2008 • Daytona Beach, Florida

*Emerson Champion, Lay Director, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo*

The 2008 National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar was held from Thursday evening, October 23 through Sunday morning, October 26 in Daytona Beach, Florida. There were 150 attendees, many of whom are leaders in their local movement.

Holy Eucharist was celebrated each morning. There were district meetings, workshops, and a general session to conduct National Episcopal Cursillo business and elections on Friday and Saturday. The Rev. Tom Ehrich was the keynote speaker on Saturday night.

For me, the high points of the seminar were the worship, and meeting people from around the country. It has been said that you can't know what it's like to go on a Cursillo weekend or serve on team before you experience it. So it is with the NEC seminar. I cannot overstate how awesome the worship and fellowship are.

Seminar attendees were given the option to select three out of five workshops. The three workshops I chose were: "Please! I am an adult!" which gave information on how adults learn, with emphasis on the three-day weekend; "Sponsorship: foundation of the Cursillo Movement?"; and "Beachside Chat" with the Rev. Tom Ehrich.

Of the three workshops, the most useful was the "Please! I am an adult" session. It was presented by Nina-Jo Moore of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. As an aside, Nina-Jo was a team member on Maryland #1 in 1979. The workshop provided excellent information about how adults learn, and some ideas in how to structure weekend activities to garner the best results.

**The Northeast District** sessions were attended by 23 Cursillistas and was an opportunity to renew friendships begun in Ambler, and to make new friends we will look forward to seeing again during the 2009 Northeast District meeting to be held May 15 & 16, 2009, here in the Diocese of Maryland. Our Northeast District National Episcopal Cursillo Committee members are newly-elected Lance Crawford from the Diocese of Western New York, Barbara Taylor from the Diocese of Long Island, and the Rev. Bob Kerner from the Diocese of Southern Virginia. There has been a minor shuffling of the dioceses that each member represents, and Fr. Bob Kerner now represents us here in Maryland. Ronnie Barhite from the Diocese of Western New York is the Northeast District Episcopal Cursillo Leader's Workshop Coordinator, and Dorette Headley from the Diocese of Long Island is the Northeast District Servant Community Coordinator.

**The Episcopal Cursillo Leaders (ECL)** program has been revamped within the last couple of years, and attendance at and/or the hosting of an ECL workshop is strongly encouraged. The purpose of the ECLW is four-fold: 1) deepen the commitment to Christ and the living of a life in Christ among the Cursillo leaders across the nation; 2) clarify the purpose and method of the Cursillo Movement, especially the Post-Cursillo, and the development of a team of leaders; 3) give leaders in the movement a clear understanding of their roles and the methods they have at their disposal to make the Cursillo Movement an effective instrument in the work of the Church and the restoration of all things in Christ; and 4) help the leadership of Diocesan Cursillo Movements deal with problems they may have and assist them in finding ways to make their respective movements more effective. The Diocese of Pennsylvania held an ECL workshop in the spring of 2008, and reported that they were revived and refocused by the experience.

**General Session** Outgoing National Episcopal Cursillo Committee president Ted Ederer stated the purpose of the NECC is to support diocesan movements. He spoke of the need to bring young people into Cursillo, and he noted that the May 2008 NEC statement is intended to be a reconciling force. A national Servant Community was established in 2008 to facilitate planning for the annual National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar which will be renamed the *National Episcopal Cursillo Conference* for 2009 and beyond.

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## Remember Cursillo Stewardship Commitment

Dick Mitchell, Treasurer, and Debbie Bargar, Comptroller

As 2008 closes and the new year of 2009 is upon us, let us remember and give thanks for the commitment of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo to financial stewardship in the past year. In 2008 the Secretariat began a modest pledge program, designed to cover expenses of sponsoring two weekends each year and for sustaining the Cursillo community. We asked Maryland Cursillistas to pledge \$100 per year – or such other amount as they could handle – toward our mutual and common efforts. We have now raised \$3,917 from some 41 pledges. This has been a generous and open-hearted response, much better than we had hoped, and it is a wonderful sign of God’s continuing grace, as we face uncertain economic times.

Let us remember that, although MEC asks for a candidate fee of \$15 and a sponsor fee of \$35 for the each candidate for each Weekend, those fees cover only part of the Weekend costs. Other Cursillo or Emmaus communities ask for full payment of candidate costs up front, but MEC has never asked for more than the fees, relying on the community to cover the balance through freewill offerings. This year we certainly hope not to raise any of the Weekend fees.

In 2009, we are once again asking our pledge partners to give, as they are able, toward our continuing stewardship program. We are also asking other Cursillistas to consider joining our stewardship program by pledging an amount, such as \$100, toward the program and mission of the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo.

If you have not yet made a pledge, but are called to do so, please send your pledge to the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo, c/o Church of the Ascension, 23 North Court Street, Westminster MD 21157 ☩

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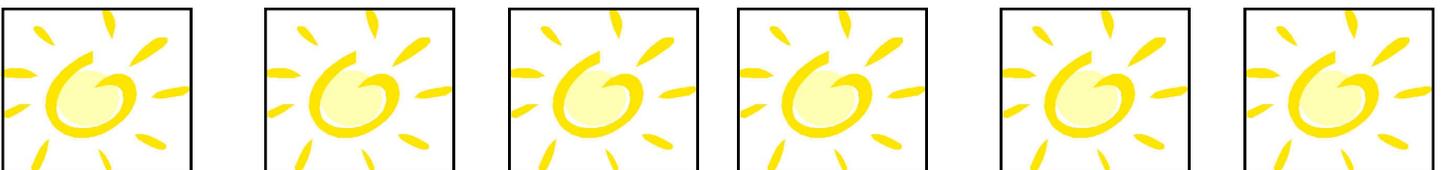
**Finance Report** Outgoing NEC Treasurer Gary Rose reported that revenue was far below budgeted income and expenses with over \$4,000 in operational losses and an inventory write-off adjustment of approximately \$10,000. During the Friday evening meal, approximately \$3,500 was raised in immediate response to the NEC’s plea for financial support with additional money collected during each Eucharist. [The 2009 NEC](#) budget reflects anticipated revenue of \$143,825 and anticipated expenses of \$143,800. Most of NEC’s income is derived from contributions from diocesan movements and individual Cursillistas, seminar fees, and sales of publications. Expenses include one employee (NEC Office Administrator), NEC travel, and the Annual Seminar. The budget was approved by voice vote of those accredited to vote.

**Incoming NECC president Doug VanDemark** from the Diocese of Indianapolis recognized the outgoing NECC members for their service. The current and incoming members of the NECC, NEC officers, NEC support staff, district ECLW coordinators, and district Servant Community coordinators were introduced and commissioned.

**Consultant Assistance for NW Texas** Lay Director Jeff Kerr shared the outcome of having a consultant work with the NW Texas Secretariat. The consultant looked at what was good, and what needed improvement, helped to prioritize needs, identified solutions, and set up a timeline. There will be a follow-up meeting to track progress on the recommendations.

**Diocese of Arizona** The Rev. Scott Jones reported that Cursillo is being restarted in the Diocese of Arizona. The new diocesan bishop is very supportive of the Cursillo movement. Ultreyas were resumed in 2007, a governing board appointed, and the first weekend in ten years was held this past spring. .

**The 2009 National Episcopal Cursillo Conference** will be held October 22 – 25 in San Antonio. I look forward to attending it along with Tim, and I strongly encourage others of you to consider attending as well. ☩



## MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO - WEEKEND 97

*Be Glorified in Me • April 23 -26, 2009*

*Kathie Dzbinski , Rector, MD 97*

**W**ow! April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be here quicker than we realize. I am so blessed and humbled everyday in this journey to be one of Jesus' servants for MD 97. After much prayer and direction from the Holy Spirit, God's team is coming together. I pray that as the team prepares for God's weekend, MD 97, every detail will glorify the Lord.

Pray, pray, pray! The first and most needed palanca you can offer is your continuing prayers for MD 97. Please pray for the team and for who God may be calling you to sponsor. The cold winter days will be a distant memory soon with spring bursting forth, and April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be upon us shortly.

Wow! Praise God! Give Him all the Glory!

Your sister in Christ,  
— **Kathie Dzbinski, MD 74**  
**Rector, MD 97**

## Some Thoughts on Grouping

*Emerson Champion, Lay Director, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo*

**S**mall Group Reunion, commonly known as grouping, is arguably the foundational tool of Cursillo. Fr. Eduardo Bonin, the founder of Cursillo, said that the primary purpose of the three-day weekend is to provide people for small group reunions.

The primary purpose of grouping is to strengthen our relationship with Jesus and with each other. As Jesus said, "For where 2 or 3 are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." – Matthew 18:20.

One of the keys to successful grouping is staying focused on the task at hand. Grouping has a specific format that has proven its worthiness over the years. That said, it is not intended to inhibit the leading of the Holy Spirit. By staying focused and following the format, grouping may be accomplished in an hour. For many of us, our schedules don't allow the luxury of spending 2 or 3 hours grouping, but are able to commit an hour every week or two to grouping.

Groups that have been together for a long time tend to have members who know each other well, and tend to be comfortable with sharing deeply. If such a group agrees to add a new member, they need to understand that the new member may need significant time to get to know the rest of the group before being ready for such deep sharing.

It is vital to uphold the needs of group members in prayer, and indeed to commit to pray for each group member daily.

It is important to hear each other completely, and to refrain from interrupting or offering advice. When another person is sharing we are to listen intently and intentionally. It is our gift to them.

Within our groups, we tend to overlook the opportunity for group action. Look around for something you can do as a group. For example, if a group member is called to a weekend team, the rest of the group might consider paying the team fee as palanca for that member. Other actions might be visiting the homebound, or hosting your parish fellowship time following Sunday services. ☩

*The purpose of Cursillo is to help those in the Church understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders.*

## The Gift of Palanca

Palanca is a Spanish word that means "lever." Just as a lever enables a person to move something which is beyond normal strength, palanca, empowers the accomplishment of things which would not be possible without the Grace of God. The purpose of palanca is to serve as God's arms and hands in the lives of the candidates on the weekend by extending the grace which has so freely been extended to us.

Personal palanca is most frequently demonstrated in brief notes of encouragement that are meant solely for the recipient. Remember, selves that are the actual Palanca, but the notes from those individuals and commu- Palanca note is a personal expression of date wherever he or she is on their spiri- ence to encouraging scripture that re- confirmation that you are praying for clude small items that fit into the enve- pins.

General palanca is expressed of the Weekend, decorating team shirts, candidate crosses, signing up for the things that the Weekend Rector may indi-

Consider donating your time for setup and cleanup of special events during the Weekend or running errands for the Rector and team members. There are usually many opportunities that require your gift of time.

It is easy to get caught up in the daily demands on our time and forget to prepare palanca for candidates or team members. But think back to your personal reaction to the palanca you've received in the past - especially during your Weekend - and to how very much it meant to you. Remember your amazement at such a concrete manifestation of the love that your family in Christ held for you - many of whom had not even met you personally at the time.

As we answer the Rector's call for prayers for the team and candidates, please think about the palanca you can provide in support of the upcoming MD 97 Weekend. ☚



though, that it is not these notes them- thoughts and prayers that go into the nities living in union with Christ. Each reassurance that God accepts the candi- tual journey. Consider including a refer- mends the candidate of God's promise or them during their Weekend. You can in- lope, such as cards, bookmarks, and

through gifts of food or snacks in support providing flowers, crocheting lanyards for prayer chart or any number of other cate are needed.

Service palanca such as assisting with the setup and cleanup of special events during the Weekend or running errands for the Rector and team members. There are usually many opportunities that require your gift of time.

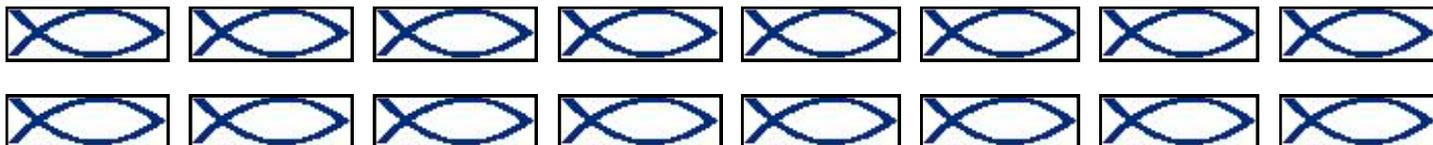
## Our Life Together As Cursillistas

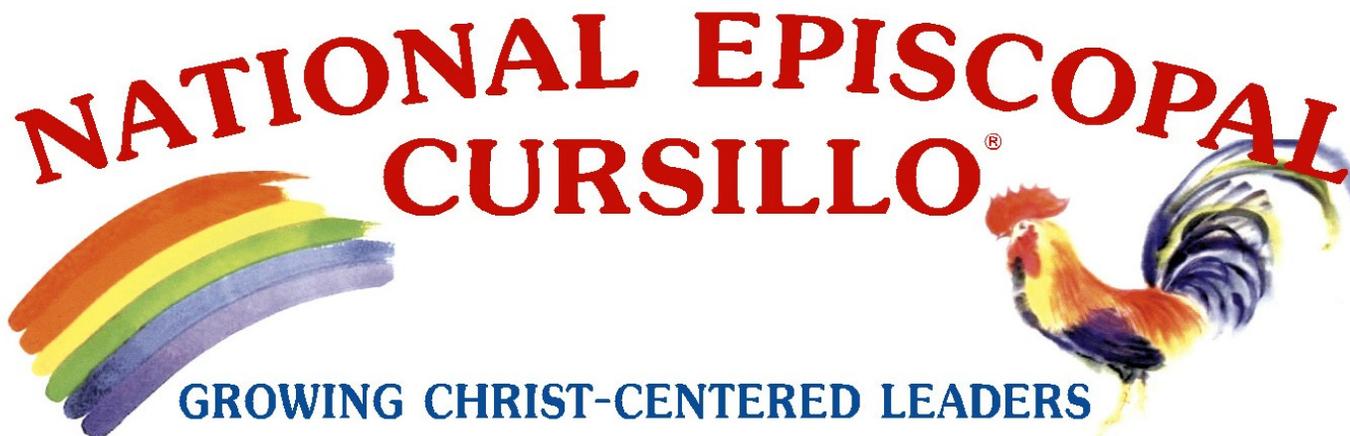
Lynn French, Weekend Representative

As I reflect on this past Clausura, my heart is filled with joy and a true sense that the Holy Spirit was truly present in St Andrew's Chapel.. Seeing the team and new Cursillistas shine with the light of Christ is always a sight to behold. But then what? We leave Claggett on Sunday evening, some very tired, some yearning for more, perhaps a few with tears of joy for what was just experienced, or the wonder of what just happened, only to return to life as we left it a few days ago. But how do we hold onto the penetrating power of the Holy Spirit?

The movement of Cursillo has built into its method some tools to do just that - Grouping, living into a permanent group reunion where you meet with others to share your piety, study and action, as well as monthly Ultreyas.

It is great to see some of the folks who have not been active in Cursillo for some time serving on team or supporting the weekend. But now that the weekend is past, I challenge everyone to live into Cursillo - Grouping and Ultreyas. I believe we are all called to lead through example by participating in the Cursillo method - I know my life has been blessed beyond measure. ☚





### ***A Statement from the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee***

Cursillo has always kept its eyes firmly focused on Jesus and on the Mission. One of the principles of the Cursillo movement is that:

***We focus on Christ and His resurrection power in our lives, transforming us into the people He would have us be. Theological disputes and political issues have no part in our agenda.***

The Cursillo Movement is a movement that brings together all people, whether they might consider themselves to have a liberal or conservative Christian philosophy or somewhere in between, for the common good of promoting Jesus Christ and God's Mission. It is Christ-centered and Christ-focused. The Policy of the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee is that it will not be an organization with a political or social agenda. National Episcopal Cursillo is a movement of the Episcopal Church.

We recognize, however, that a number of individuals with connections and interest in the Episcopal Cursillo Movement are no longer affiliated with the Episcopal Church. As a sign of reconciliation, we welcome those still able, as individuals, to be in communion with the local Episcopal Diocesan Bishop and fellow Cursillistas, whether lay or ordained, to participate in the activities of the Cursillo Movement. Furthermore, and always at the Diocesan Bishop's discretion, we encourage an openness to their continued participation and interest in the activities of the Episcopal Cursillo. It should be understood by all that as a part of their participation, they agree to do so fully for the advancement of Cursillo, be supportive of the mission of Episcopal Cursillo, and agree that they will not promote any political agenda.

What is clear is that National Episcopal Cursillo was created to serve the Episcopal Church in the United States, and we are licensed by the Roman Catholic Church to do that. Despite our personal theological and political views, we are focused on knowing Christ and making Him known to others. That is our call and in doing it lays our greatest joy. *Ultreya! Ultreya!!*

Let us get on with the day's apostolic action.

Let us all pray for the Church and one another every day.

— **National Episcopal Cursillo Committee**  
**May 2008**

# Serving the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

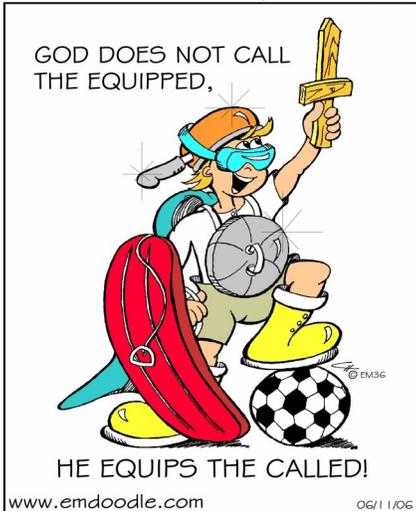
The new year is upon us, and it time the for new beginnings. I have stepped down as one of the leaders of the Christ The King Ultreya. and a Godly man, Jack Burdell, has accepted the calling to take the position. I have great confidence that Jack and the music ministry (Rick and Margaret LaRocca) will continue on with great success. This will give me more time to work with several churches that God has put on my heart to speak with about Cursillo. I have also accepted a calling to be Assistant Rector for MD 97. This is an exciting time for me time, and I am looking forward to helping with the continued success of the Cursillo Community. I thank you for prayers and support.

— Jim Stultz, MD 85



Hi everyone. I've been meaning to share with you something God placed on my heart. Something I believe is meant for all!

As I was giving God all my excuses why I couldn't except the call to be our Assistant Lay Director, He brought to light the real reason why. My stint as the Metro South Area Representative had just ended, and I didn't want any more responsibility. I just wanted to show up at Mananitas, Clausuras, attend my regular Ultreyas, the two 4th Day Workshops, and serve on an occasional team.



Then God seemed to ask, "Are you just gonna sit back and enjoy the fruits of everyone else's labor?" (OUCH !)

So, I threw my name in the hat, hoping God was just seeing if I'd be willing. And while I kept hoping, God kept reminding me: 1st team, 1st talk, Area Representative, Head Cha, Rector, and how He had always, "equipped the called."

I know some of us just can't right now ... But some of us could right now!

Please ... think about it ... PRAY about it ... Come to the January 4th Day. And, I hope to see you at the Porch!

— Tim Welden, MD 83  
Assistant Lay Director

# Episcopal Cyber Sources

**The National Episcopal Cursillo**  
<http://www.episcopalcursillo.org/>

**The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Website**  
<http://www.cursillo.ang-md.org/>

**Other Episcopal Cursillo Websites**  
<http://www.episcopalcursillo.org/episcopalwebsites>

**The Book of Common Prayer**  
<http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/bcp.htm>

**Maryland Chrysalis**  
<http://www.mdchrysalis.org/>

**The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland**  
<http://www.ang-md.org/>

**The Maryland Episcopal Church Locator**  
<http://www.ang-md.org/search.php>

**The Episcopal Church**  
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

**The Bishop Claggett Center**  
<http://bishopclaggett.org/>

**Online Bibles**  
<http://www.internetdynamics.com/pub/vc/bibles.html>





**CANDIDATE APPLICATION**

**Maryland Episcopal Cursillo 96 - Deadline October 6, 2008**

Preferred title (please circle): Mr. - Mrs. - Ms. - Dr. - The Rev. - The Right Rev.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be used on button \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Home parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require accommodations to satisfy dietary, physical, or medical restrictions? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
Please detail if YES

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Has your sponsor(s) discussed your participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> Day in grouping, attending Ultreyas, and participating in a 4<sup>th</sup> Day workshop? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**After prayerful consideration, please write a brief statement about why you want to attend a Cursillo weekend on the back of this form.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Candidate's Signature / Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sponsor's Signature / Date**

**Clergy Endorsement:**

I know the above-named person and am aware that he/she is submitting an application to attend a Cursillo Weekend. I am not aware of any issues that would preclude this candidate's participation in Cursillo at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Clergy Name (Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Parish**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Clergy Name (Printed)**

**SEND THIS CANDIDATE APPLICATION  
ALONG WITH THE SPONSOR APPLICATION AND FEES TO:**

**THE MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO**  
8068 Armiger Dr, Pasadena, MD 21122  
ATTENTION: Assistant Lay Director

## Spiritual Direction and Confession

**W**e all need friends, but especially in the spiritual life we need to develop a friendship with Christ our Lord. Many of us find a particular friendship helpful in the growth of this special friendship with Christ; that with a Spiritual Director, Spiritual Advisor, Spiritual Friend.

This should be someone who is on the same journey. Notice, I said on the same journey, NOT in the same place. You should expect this person to have a Spiritual Director themselves and it is appropriate to ask if in doubt. This must be a person we can trust. Someone who can be objective with us about us. Someone who can tell us those things we might not want to hear, but need to hear in order to grow. Someone who is wise in spiritual matters.

This person need not be deacon, priest, or bishop. There are many gifted and graced lay folk who make excellent Spiritual Directors. It must be someone who is willing to help us in examining our lives, setting priorities, and guiding us in methods for growing in the life of Grace. This will be a special relationship and most helpful in maintaining and/or regaining our perspective on ourselves and our life with Christ.

This person can help you explore various forms of prayer and meditation to strengthen your relationship with Christ. Your Spiritual Director will sometimes suggest (or even strongly recommend) particular reading materials, Bible studies or other resources of value as guides and guards on the journey. This person should also help you to reflect upon God's presence and action in all of your life. You must be willing to share the events of life that God's light may truly shine upon them.

You should expect your Spiritual Director to commit to holding you in prayer daily. You should also commit yourself to pray daily for this special person in your life. We are pilgrims together on the journey and we are upheld and supported by one another.

One's Spiritual Director and Confessor may or may not be the same person. A confessor will be one who has been ordained as priest or bishop in order to pronounce God's absolution. Confession is being realistic and uncompromising about our failures to be Christ-like, so that we may be forgiven ("set right"), renewed in our relationship with God.

A Confessor should be one who is also confessing. As with so many things in life, some are more comfortable and effective in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation than are others. It is appropriate to be choosy. If you feel called to confess be patient, but persistent in finding a confessor. ☩

## 2008 Three-Day Weekends Supported in Prayer

During 2008, the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo prayed for and sent Palanca in support of the following Three-Day Weekends:

*Diocese of Blackburn, UK*  
*Diocese of Central Gulf Coast*  
*Diocese of Chicago*  
*Diocese of Durham (BACC)*  
*Diocese of Mississippi*  
*Diocese of New York*  
*Diocese of North Carolina*  
*Diocese of San Diego (Spanish)*  
*Diocese of Tennessee*

**O** Gracious God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, look with favor on all those gathering around the world in Cursillo, Happening, Chrysalis, Walk to Emmaus, Via de Cristo, Kairos, and other such movements. Grant both the leaders and candidates such wisdom, power, humility, and grace that day by day they would more nearly follow Your Way, more clearly see Your Truth, and more dearly love the Life You give through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**— The Rev. Dr. Richard Laribee**

## Secretariat 2009

Lay Director	Emerson Champion
Assistant Lay Director	Tim Welden
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Comptroller	Debbie Bargar
Servant Community Dir	Karen Burdnell
Spiritual Advisor	The Rev. Becki Neumann
Northeast Area Rep	<i>[Open]</i>
Western Area Rep	Fran Nicholls
Metro North Area Rep	<i>[Open]</i>
Central Area Rep	Becky Fisher
Metro South Area Rep	Jim Stultz
Southern Area Rep	Earl Buffaloe

## Servant Community 2009

Servant Community Dir.	Karen Burdnell
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Music Coordinator	Ruth Anne Champion
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Communication Coord	<i>[Open]</i>
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Communications	Emerson Champion

### Are You on the Email List ?

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo maintains an email list that is used to send out prayer requests, Ultreya and other event reminders and notices of interest to the Cursillo Community. All messages are kept brief. For inclusion on the distribution list, please email your request to Emerson Champion, Cursillo Email List Coordinator, [echampio@gmail.com](mailto:echampio@gmail.com)

### Comptroller Address

If you are reading this on line, or the envelope is missing, you may send green palanca to:

Comptroller, *Maryland Episcopal Cursillo*  
 % Church of the Ascension  
 23 North Court St  
 Westminster, MD 21157

### Don't Miss Important Info!

Please send changes in your contact information to:

Emerson Champion  
 8068 Armiger Dr, Pasadena, MD 21122  
 or email  
[echampio@gmail.com](mailto:echampio@gmail.com)



## Monthly Ultreyas



#### 1st Sunday, 6:30 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
 1101 Bay Ridge Ave, Annapolis, MD  
 Contact: Mary Beth Dent (410-267-9394)

#### 1st Sunday, 2:00 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church  
 52 Broadway, Frostburg, MD  
 Contact: Daphne Gooding (301-689-5524)

#### 1st Saturday, 7:00 PM

Christ the King Episcopal Church  
 1930 Brookdale Road, Woodlawn, MD  
 Contact: Jim Stultz (410-636-7377)

#### 2nd Sunday, 7:00 PM

St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
 3695 Rogers Ave, Ellicott City, MD  
 Contact: Greg Fraser

#### 2nd Sunday, 4:30 PM (Quarterly Rotating)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Lappans (Mar/Sep)  
 St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Hancock (Jun/Dec)  
 Contact: Stu Scarborough (301-293-1447)

#### 2nd Friday, 7:30 PM

St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
 1108 Providence Rd, Towson, MD  
 Contact: Alex & Kathy Dzbinski (410-252-7791)

#### 3rd Sunday, Noon

Christ Episcopal Church  
 3100 Broome's Island Rd, Port Republic, MD  
 Contact: Murray Cheston (410-326-3596)

#### 3rd Sunday, 5 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church  
 101 South Prospect St, Hagerstown, MD  
 Contact: Bruce & The Rev. Becki+ Neumann

#### 3rd Friday, 7 PM

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church  
 375 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD  
 Contact: Wadi Williams

#### 4th Friday, 7:30 PM

St. James' Episcopal Church  
 5757 Solomons Island Rd, Lothian, MD  
 Contact: Joe Carta



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## Mark Your Calendar

4th Day Workshop \_\_\_\_\_  
 MD 97 Team Commissioning \_\_\_\_\_  
 MD 97 Candidate Application Deadline \_\_\_\_\_  
 MD 97 Cursillo Weekend \_\_\_\_\_  
     *Las Mananitas for MD 97*  
     *Clausura for MD 97*  
 MD 97 Reunion Ultreya \_\_\_\_\_  
 Northeast District Meeting \_\_\_\_\_  
 4th Day Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

January 10, 9:00 am, St. James, Lothian, MD  
 March 21, 5:00 pm,  
     Church of the Ascension, Westminster MD  
 March 23, 2009  
 April 23 - 26, Bishop Claggett Center  
     *April 26, 6:45 am, Bishop Claggett Center*  
     *April 26, 3:45 pm, Bishop Claggett Center*  
 To Be Announced  
 May 15-16, Location TBA  
 June 13, 2009, 9:00 am,  
     Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore, MD

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