



# The Abrazo

The newsletter of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

Spring 2008

## So, You want to be Assistant Lay Director

By Emerson Champion, Assistant Lay Director

I AM SURE that some of you are feeling God tugging at your heart; whispering in your ear, "I want you to run for Assistant Lay Director." And, in obedience to His will, you are praying earnestly about it.

I can hear what you're thinking, because I thought the same things. "I don't have the time for this." "I'm not a leader." "It's too hard." "Who, me? Assistant Lay Director? God, please send somebody else." At the burning bush, the only time God got really angry with Moses was when he asked God to send someone else.

I know you are thinking these things, because I thought them, too. In fact, when I was approached to be interim Assistant Lay Director, I said "no." But God gently yet persistently poked me in the ribs until I got the message and agreed to run for Assistant Lay Director.

I will lay it out straight: being Assistant Lay Director is a lot of work. It's a calling all its own, separate and apart from whatever other ministries you have. It's a 4 year commitment – 2 years as Assistant Lay Director, and 2 years as Lay Director. It is much, much more than just attending a monthly Secretariat meeting.

But the rest of the story is the blessings that come about in this ministry. The Assistant Lay Director is a mentor to other leaders and potential leaders in the community, and in turn is mentored by the Lay Director. You have the opportunity to be in a deeper relationship with many other Cursillistas through personal contact. The Assistant Lay Director receives all candidate and sponsor applications, and delivers them to the weekend rector.

For me, one of the biggest blessings has been to serve on the Secretariat and Servant Community with people who are committed to prayerfully discerning, and then following, where God is leading the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo. Steve French has taken me under his wing and mentored me, teaching me by word and example what it means to be a teacher, mentor, and guide to others. I have learned much from him, and I will be ever grateful.

At the Diocesan Ultreya on October 11, Steve's time as Lay Director will be over, and I will be commissioned as Lay Director. At that time, one of you will be elected and commissioned as Assistant Lay Director. Is God calling you by name? Has He written His desire on your heart? If you are feeling that call, please contact me or any member of the Secretariat. I also encourage you to attend Secretariat meetings, which are currently at 7:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month at the Episcopal Church of Christ the King in Woodlawn. There you will gain insight into the things the Secretariat is focusing on, and it will help you firm up your call to stand for election in October.

Blessings and Ultreya!

— **Emerson Champion**  
**Assistant Lay Director**

### MD 95 Reminders

Thu, Apr 24, 7:00 p.m.	Candidates arrive
Thu, Apr 24, 7:30 p.m.	Sponsor's Service
Sun, Apr 27, 6:45 a.m.	Las Mananitas
Sun, Apr 27, 3:45 p.m.	Clausura

All events take place at  
*Bishop Claggett Center, Buckeystown, Maryland*

## Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Weekend 95

### To Know You More • April 24–27, 2008

BY KAREN BURDNELL, RECTOR, MARYLAND 95

**B**LESSINGS TO YOU ALL.

What a grace filled journey this has been. Calling the team was an exercise in prayer, patience and great joy. God has gathered together a wonderful group of people who love the Lord and have stores of energy. They also have a great sense of humor.

Our team has an interesting make-up. Over half of them either have never served on a team or have had only one team experience. That has opened up wonderful doors for all of us. Everyone has such wonderful gifts, and I thank God that they have said, “yes” to sharing them.

The team still needs your help! Please pray for God’s grace for those He has nudged to attend this weekend, for those of us on the team, and for all of you who have helped us prepare for the weekend. I’ve made the rounds with the Prayer Chart, but we can always add your name, too.

Our team was commissioned on the first Saturday in April at the Christ the King Ultreya. Thanks to all of you who could be there to support us. Peace and joy to all of you, I am so thankful for your prayers.

Your sister-in-Christ,

**— Karen Burdnell,  
Rector for MD #95**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Rollos</b>
Karne Burdnell	Christ the King, Woodlawn	Rector	Ultreya
Pete Finne	St. James’, Lothian	Ass’t Rector	Group Reunion
Greg Fraser	St. Peter’s, Ellicott City	Music Director	Study
Susan Whitehead	St. James’, Lothian	Head Cha	
The Rev. Eddie Blue	Holy Trinity, Baltimore	Spiritual Advisor	Grace, Sacraments II
The Rev. Anjel Scarborough	Gathered by Christ, Buckeystown	Spiritual Advisor	Faith, Sacraments I
The Rev. Michelle Doran	Christ Church, West River	Spiritual Advisor	Obstacles to A Life in Grace, Living the Christian Life
Earl Buffaloe	St. James’, Lothian	Cha	Leaders
Tom Collinson	Christ Church, West River	Cha/Float/Agape Cha	
Diane Couchman	All Saint’s, Sunderland	Table Leader	
John Cullinane	St. Martin’s-in-the-Field, Severna Park	Table Leader	
Becky Fisher	Church of the Ascension, Westminster	Cha	Christian Community in Action
Bill Forkgen	St. Andrew’s, Pasadena	Cha	
Veronica Garabedian	St. Martin’s-in-the-Field, Severna Park	Cha/Float	
Donald Goldbloom	St. John’s, Frostburg	Table Leader	Laity
Kristen Hill	St. Andrew’s, Pasadena	Cha	
Thea Israel	Christ the King, Woodlawn	Cha	Ideal
Robert Jackle	Church of the Ascension, Westminster	Cha	
Laura Lake	Christ the King, Woodlawn	Table Leader	Piety
Bill Miller	Middleham & St. Peter’s, Lusby	Table Leader	Study & Evangelization of Environments
Linda Rhines	St. James’, Lothian	Cha	Action

# Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Weekend 95

## THE CANDIDATES

To Know You More - April 24–27, 2008

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Sponsor's Parish</b>
1	Elisabeth Brodell	St. Mark's, Lappans	Dian Nelson	St. Mark's, Lappans
2	Margaret Brown	St. Mark's, Lappans	Edward Maloy IV	St. Mark's, Lappans
3	Richard Brown	Holy Cross, Cumberland	Lydia A.P. Martin+	St. George's, Mt. Savage
4	Craig Camp	St. Mark's, Lappans	Edward Maloy IV	St. Mark's, Lappans
5	Angela Chase	St. Mark's, Lappans	Kirk DeVore	St. Mark's, Lappans
6	Jane Clark	Christ the King, Woodlawn	Carol Gooden	Christ the King, Woodlawn
7	Patty Corso	St. Thomas, Towson	Lynn & Steve French	St. Thomas, Towson
8	Phillip Corso	St. Thomas, Towson	Steve & Lynn French	St. Thomas, Towson
9	Elise Cullinane	St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Severna Park	Mike & Veronica Garabedian	St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Severna Park
10	Alphonso Davidson	St. Phillip's, Annapolis	Pat Arey+	St. Phillip's, Annapolis
11	Ingrid Davidson	St. Phillip's, Annapolis	Pat Arey+	St. Phillip's, Annapolis
12	Linda Deponai	Christ the King, Woodlawn	Robyn Mayfield	Christ the King, Woodlawn
13	Jason Green	St. John's, Frostburg	Don & Ruth Goldblum	St. John's, Frostburg
14	Shay Hall	St. James', Lothian	Linda Rines & Jeanne Zseltvay	St. James', Lothian
15	Richard Janes	Christ the King, Woodlawn	Dink Holmes	Christ the King, Woodlawn
16	Elizabeth Keller	St. John's, Frostburg	Ruth & Don Goldblum	St. John's, Frostburg
17	Gouverneur Mitchell	St. Peter's, Ellicott City	Phil Shaw, Ken Jennings & Leslie Fraser	St. Peter's, Ellicott City
18	Carol Palumbo-Brown	Holy Cross, Cumberland	Lydia A.P. Martin+	St. George's, Mt. Savage
19	Ashley Pearson	St. Mark's, Lappans	Jennifer Drake	St. Mark's, Lappans
20	Eric Samuel	St. Peter's, Ellicott City	Jenny Boyer & Leslie Fraser	St. Peter's, Ellicott City
21	Jack Slocomb	St. John's, Frostburg	Don & Ruth Goldblum	St. John's, Frostburg
22	Amy Theune	St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Severna Park	Kathy Skidmore-Williams & Wadi Williams	St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Severna Park
23	John Theune	St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Severna Park	Wadi Williams & Kathy Skidmore-Williams	St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Severna Park
24	Suzanne Vogtman	Holy Cross, Rocks	Katie Murphy	St. John's, Frostburg
25	Diane Wilson	Christ the King, Woodlawn	Cedric Wilson & Jackie Burdnell	Christ the King, Woodlawn
26	Timothy Wotring	St. John's, Frostburg	Elizabeth Webster+ & Rick Morley+	St. George's, Mt. Savage



## Serving on a Cursillo Team

BY STEVE FRENCH, LAY DIRECTOR, MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

**H**ERE I AM LORD is it I ? !!!!!

This is one of my favorite lines from a hymn sung at many Cursillo gatherings and in my heart more times than I can count. And that is what I am asking you to give time to in prayer – asking, “Is it I ?”

Serving on a Cursillo team has been a huge blessing for me and for those with whom I have had the privilege of making the journey on the team as well the weekend.

After you have prayed, if you feel God nudging you to say yes, please take the time to fill out a team application and send it to me. It is the policy of the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo to keep applications on file for three years. Each time a Rector is called to lead a team, your application will be in the file so that you have the opportunity of being prayerfully considered as a possible team member.

When asking people, “Do you have a team application on file?” the answer I have heard more than once is that they are not sure they are ready to serve on a team. My response to them is, “If you never say *HERE I AM LORD is it I?* then it is very difficult for the rector to consider you for the team, since the policy of the Secretariat is for the rector is to consider only those who have an application on file.”

Please take time to pray and follow what you hear God calling you to do, and if you think serving on a team is that something, then fill out your application and send it in so you can be considered for a future weekend.

If you have any questions or would like to talk about what serving on a team involves, please contact me at [lynmf@aol.com](mailto:lynmf@aol.com), 443-865-4258, or at 35 Dihedral Drive, Middle River, MD 21220.

Blessings and DeColores,

— *Lynn French*  
Lay Director, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

## Are you called to give a Witness Talk?

BY RUTH ANNE CHAMPION, MD #73

**U**LTREA! Pilgrims on the steep road to the shrine of St. James of Compostela shouted this to each other. It's a cry of encouragement – Keep on going! Onward! In Cursillo, we come together at Ultreya to encourage and inspire one another. An important part of the Ultreya is the Witness Talk. Each one of us should be willing to give a Witness talk.

I invite you to pray and see if Christ is calling to you to share what you are doing for Him. How are you changing your environment for Christ? Your talk should be about how Jesus Christ is at the center of your life. How does your love for Him draw you to act and speak for Him?

A recent living experience should be an example. In your everyday life, how are you trying to bring others to Jesus? Perhaps you called on a sick neighbor; maybe you said a kind word to someone who really needed to hear it. Maybe you just listened, because that is what the person needed at that moment. Have you offered to pray for someone?

How did you carry out your action? Tell the results and whether it was a success or disappointment. The goal is to encourage by example. Your action may inspire another to do the same action in their environment.

“Guidelines for Witness Speakers” appears elsewhere in this issue. Take a look at it. Pray about it. Remember the words: “Christ is counting on you,” and our response, “And I on Christ?” Christ is Counting on YOU!

Ultreya!

*Ruth Anne Champion*  
St. Andrew's, Pasadena  
MD #73

# Why I Like Ultreyas

BY FRAN NICHOLLS, MD 1

**A** THREE DAY WEEKEND is made up of candidates, team members and Clergy from different churches within the Diocese of Maryland. The first night, unless we happen to already know someone who is there, we are a stranger in a “different world”. There are no distractions from God’s presence – no phones, no clocks. We feel safe, have good lodging, and will never go hungry! We are showered with a small portion of “*God’s Love*” and “*Accepted With His Grace.*” We never leave a weekend as we had come.

I attended my Cursillo weekend on November 29, 1979 – Maryland # 1. I remember it just as if it were yesterday. I also remember on Sunday at Clausura I didn’t want to come back to the world that I had left behind on Thursday night. I had made new friends, learned how to I and “*Give Him the Glory*”, and felt His love in a way that I didn’t experience in the world. I had found out in a real way that God had *called me* to be *His servant in the world in which I lived*, and that I was to carry out my Baptismal Vows according to his plan and with the tools he had just given me. But he didn’t say that when the weekend was over his call to me was over; he said this was just the beginning of the rest of my life – *the 4<sup>th</sup> Day*.

I attended small groupings with the people of my parish and a monthly Ultreya. I realized that the Ultreya was very much like a weekend. People from other churches attended the Ultreyas, some I knew, and some I would get to know. We had Praise and Worship time, reflected on Piety, Study and Action in small groups (like table discussions during the weekend), and listened to a Witness Talk by a lay person. A member of the clergy gave an ECHO of

the witness talk linking the Word of God to the Action to bring Christ into the world. Good fellowship with food followed. It was like a “MINI Weekend “for an hour.

An Ultreya has all the elements of a Weekend: music, talks, grouping, prayer, lay ministers, clergy, food, and, most important, no distractions from the Presence of God! We are reminded that we *all* have been called together as *one body*, lay and clergy, in unity to carry out the common goal to minister and bring the Love of Christ Jesus into the world in which we live.

I personally look forward to the monthly Ultreya. This is where I can really praise God and be reminded of how much he wants a personal relationship with me. After all, He has called me by name, and He knows me far better than I know Him. The joy that I have I get from serving Him. The Witness Talk and the ECHO from Clergy help to assure me that we are carrying out our Baptismal Vows by walking in the footsteps of Jesus! We are at this time one body with a common goal to serve one God in the world in which we live. The making of new friends happens through the fellowship, encouraging, sharing and holding each other up in prayer.

It is very easy to forget these things if you are not reminded by the fellowship that an Ultreya provides. We are many churches but *One Body* serving *One God*.

*Ultreya !*

**Fran Nicholls**  
**MD # 1, Western MD Area Representative**

## The Cursillo Method

Piety • Study • Action

## 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*

## Nurturing Relationships

BY STEVE FRENCH, LAY DIRECTOR, MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

**W**ITH EACH YEAR THAT PASSES, I find that the relationships – the connections – I have with God and those around me become more significant to me. Truly, 2008 will also be a year of relationship building in our diocese.

As I am sure you are aware, selection of a new Bishop has a significant impact on the Cursillo community as the Bishop is the Head of the body of Cursillo. As we have seen in other diocese, the Bishop's support of this organization is critical to the life of the movement. If the Bishop does not support Cursillo, then we will have a difficult road to travel. However, we have been very blessed in the support of Bishops Rabb and Ihloff in the past years. I would pray that God would send the person best to support our diocese and this movement.

Relationships are important within the Cursillo movement as well. You have heard me say that "Cursillo is not about the *stuff*, it is about the *people*" several times already, so I am not going to expound that topic at this time. I will say that I have challenged the leaders of this movement to live out this blessing; I have challenged each member of the Secretariat to go to 3 Ultreyas in 2008 that they normally would not attend to get to know the people in that area. I have also suggested that they be witness speakers to talk about how God has touched their hearts in the action the Secretariat is executing in 2008.

In 2008, if you are not doing so now, I would challenge each of you to group with some others in your environments from church, work, or even family. Develop the relationships with others, so that you can "bring a friend to Christ." The action talk does not say "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to *Claggett*." We focus on God's power, grace, and blessings in our lives and how we can share them with others – through commitment to relationships with others.

God gives us opportunities every day to build relationships. Be open to *doing* what God has blessed you to do. Recently, a friend told me his roof was in desperate need of repair because the roofer abandoned the job over 2 years ago. No matter what action he took, the roofer would not return to finish the job, and he was concerned about further damage. I heard this as God whacking me to further build my relationship with this friend and his wife. So, I organized a group of

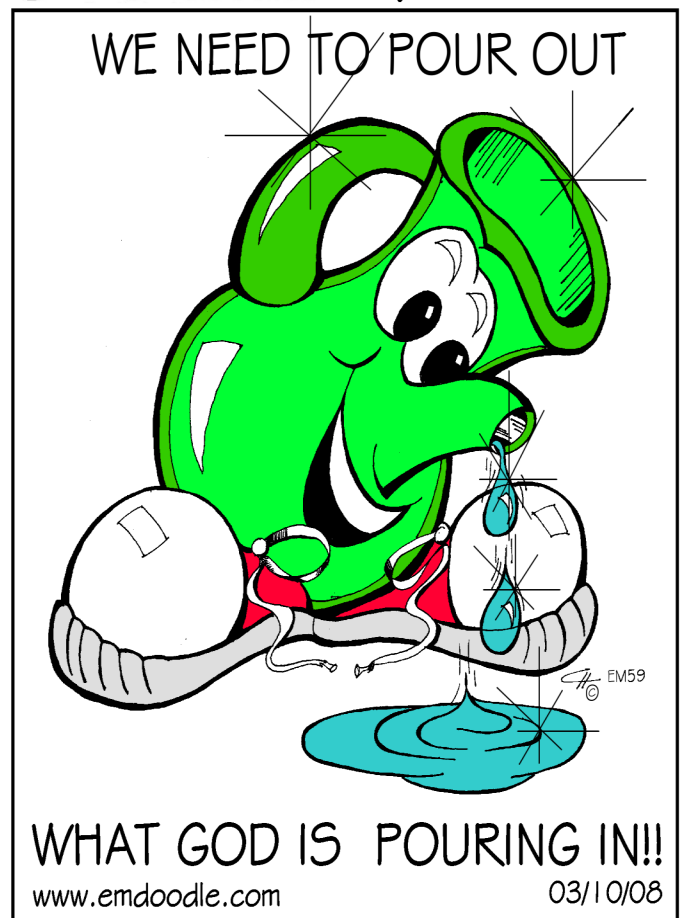
guys to get together on a Saturday and fix the roof. It took all day, but at the end of the day, there were new friends among the guys that showed up – some traveled over 2 hours (one way) to come and did not even know my friend – and the roof was repaired. This opportunity was not one that I normally would have looked for or even attempted as I am not the "handyman" kind of guy. But, I felt God's call to build a relationship by building a roof.

So, my brothers and sisters in Christ, may God bless those you love and those who love you. May you find the blessings in sharing God's love with others each day. "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ."

Hugs and Ultreya!

— Lynn French

*Em* doodles by Chris Hambrecht



# It's All About Relationships

BY EMERSON CHAMPION, ASSISTANT LAY DIRECTOR, MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

**M**AKE A FRIEND. BE A FRIEND. BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST.

These words have been repeated many times. What they are really about is God calling us into relationship with each other, with Jesus in the center of all our relationships.

Cursillo provides excellent tools to help us form, strengthen, and maintain those relationships. Group Reunion brings a small number of people together in an intimate group to share the joys and sorrows of their Christian walk and to hold one another accountable. Ultreya provides camaraderie, encouragement, and witness from a larger group. Spiritual Direction helps us to focus on what God is calling us to do, and to help ensure we are not straying off the path.

But none of these tools is effective if they are left in the toolbox to rust.

It is very easy to rationalize not grouping, attending Ultreya, or participating in spiritual direction. "I don't have the time for one more thing in my life." "There's not an Ultreya near me." "I don't know anyone who does spiritual direction." "I can't find anyone to group with." "The Ultreya schedule isn't convenient for me." Excuses all.

On the 3-day weekend, the first talk is "Ideal." The central question of this talk is, "Where do I spend my time, talent, and treasure?" Another way to put it might be: What value do we place on those things we say are important to us?

Even though I am extremely busy, and my calendar is filled to the brim, I have made grouping and attending Ultreya a priority. It's not just another chore or item on my calendar. It is part of my Ideal. It is a time of refuge, reflection, support, and encouragement. I hear God speak to me through the members of my group, and through the Cursillistas I see at Ultreya. I know that God speaks to others through me at the same time.

I will admit that I am not currently in spiritual direction. That is an unfortunate mistake on my part; one that I plan to correct in the near future. Once I do that, I will be utilizing all the tools of the Cursillo method.

Finding a group or attending Ultreya may well take some work. You may need to start a group rather than joining an established group. If there is not an Ultreya in your area, you may want to contact your Area Representative about starting a new Ultreya. And remember, one does not need to be a Cursillista to group or attend Ultreya.

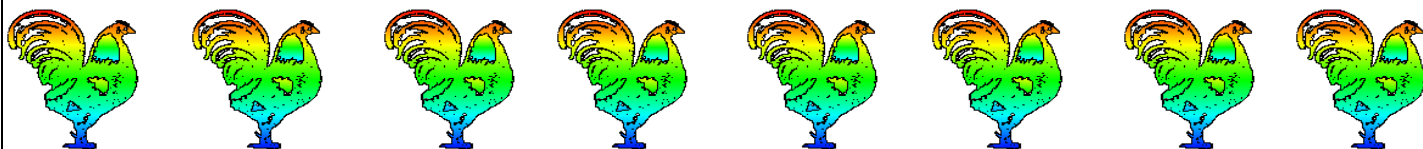
God calls us into relationship with him and with each other. The Cursillo method provides the tools to help bind us together with God in those relationships. I strongly encourage each of you to utilize these tools, and discover the blessing these tools truly are.

Ultreya!

— *Emerson Champion*  
Assistant Lay Director

## SYMBOLISM OF THE ROOSTER

THE ROOSTER alludes to the trial and condemnation of Christ and is used specifically in references to Peter's denial of Christ. This symbol reminds each Christian of his responsibility to "always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you ..." (I Peter 3:1)



## Guidelines for Witness Speakers

*Adapted from the National Episcopal Cursillo Deluxe Library*

**U**LTREYA! A CRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT!

We meet to encourage one another; to inspire one another in our endeavor to bring the world around us to Jesus Christ.

You, the speaker, have an important part in encouraging your brothers & sisters.

The Witness Talk is a short, ten minute talk:

*About Jesus Christ* – The aim of the witness talk is not to tell people what *they* should do, but rather to tell about a specific way in which *you* have tried to bring those He loves closer to Him. It is about how you live with Jesus at the center of your life, and how your love for Him draws you to act and speak for Him.

*About a recent living experience* – Tell how, through prayer, study, and action, you are trying to bring others with you to Jesus in the normal flow of your own life. Make just one or two points and build your talk around them. The experience should have been within the six weeks prior to the talk.

*Concrete & practical* – Make your talk vivid by describing who, how, where, why and when, as you tell of carrying out action, which you planned, to bring one of your environments closer to Christ. Tell what happened as a result, whether it seemed like a success or a disappointment. Be concrete in your conclusions.

In only ten minutes you cannot say too much. It is better to make only one point and make it well and to tell about one experience and tell it clearly than to make more details or examples. Don't over-prepare; the simpler the better.

Do not feel you are unworthy of giving a talk. All of us, in striving to be Christians, have many disappointments in our lives. But we have some successes, too. We all have had moments and experiences in our lives that can be lifted out to share with our friends. This is what your talk should be.

Next is what your talk should NOT be!

- Over 10 minutes long.
- Sensational – a big, flashy production number, a sermon or instruction in Christianity, or a Bible teaching.
- Too emotional – others' emotions will be affected by a simple, sincere talk about Christian action. The focus is on Jesus Christ in your life.
- Instructional (“my latest insight”).

A Piety Talk or a Testimonial – not about what Jesus has done for you (which is another kind of witness talk) but about something you have tried to do for Him. This is the most frequent confusion concerning a witness talk, but the difference between a “testimonial” and a “witness talk” is very simple:

- A “testimonial” is what Jesus has done FOR you.
- A “witness talk” is what you are doing FOR HIM!

If you can answer “yes” to the following four questions, your talk will fulfill the requirements of an Ultreya witness talk:

- 1) Does the experience in this talk show that Jesus Christ is the center of my life?
- 2) Does it show how much I want to follow Him?
- 3) Does Jesus Himself hold the most important place in the talk?
- 4) Will sharing this experience stimulate someone else to think of ways they might use to transform one of their environments for Christ?

**Christ is counting on You . . . And I on Christ!**



**CANDIDATE APPLICATION**  
**Maryland Episcopal Cursillo**

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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 (printed)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clergy Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone Number

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**SPONSOR APPLICATION**  
**Maryland Episcopal Cursillo**

**1. CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Primary Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Candidate(s) being sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Sponsor** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**2. SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

Date and location of your 4<sup>th</sup> Day workshop(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a permanent group reunion? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

What Ultreya(s) do you normally attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Your parish \_\_\_\_\_

**3. SPONSOR'S COMMITMENT**

**As a sponsor, I/we will:**

- Pray for my candidate(s) before, during, and after the Cursillo weekend.
- Discuss the weekend generally, including something about activities, the nature of the accommodations at Claggett, and how to resolve any physical, dietary, or medical accommodations.
- Provide or arrange for the candidate(s) transportation to and from the weekend, including a meal on Thursday night prior to arriving to the Cursillo.
- Discuss with my candidate the participation required on and after a Cursillo weekend.
  - o Assist my candidate to find a permanent Group Reunion, or group myself with the new Cursillista (s).
  - o Discuss with and accompany my candidates to the Reunion Ultreya
  - o Discuss with and accompany my candidates to the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop
- Send the appropriate fees with both signed applications to the Assistant Lay Director. The current fees may be found on the Cursillo website at [www.cursillo.ang-md.org](http://www.cursillo.ang-md.org).

**NOTE: Candidates not attending a parish in this diocese are expected to financially support Cursillo in their home diocese, not MEC; therefore, these candidates are required to pay the FULL weekend fee. ALL fees are NON-REFUNDABLE 30 days prior to the Cursillo weekend.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sponsor(s) Signature(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**For office use only**

DATE REC'D: \_\_\_\_\_

FEE REC'D: \_\_\_\_\_

LETTER SENT: \_\_\_\_\_



**TEAM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Maryland Episcopal Cursillo**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Print, please) Name to be used on button \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date & location of your Cursillo weekend \_\_\_\_\_

Date & location of your 4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Which Ultreya(s) do you regularly attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a permanent Group Reunion now? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Your Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Rector \_\_\_\_\_

Have you served on other teams? \_\_\_\_\_ In what role(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you given rollo(s)? Which? \_\_\_\_\_

What special talents/interests do you bring to a team? \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Please detail if YES.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** *Husbands and wives must submit separate applications, which are sent to the Three Day Weekend Coordinator. An application may be retained for three (3) years and then must be resubmitted. A new application should be filed after serving on a team.*

After prayerful consideration, I apply for membership on a Maryland Episcopal Cursillo weekend team. I understand that I must attend ALL the team preparation meetings (usually 8). I also understand that I will be asked to contribute time, talent, and finances supporting the weekend. (Team members usually pay for their room & meals and contribute food for team meetings & Agape.) I agree to read and comply with Cursillo Weekend guidelines detailed in materials provided by the weekend Rector.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Date application received _____	Reviewed (date, initials) _____
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### Are you on the Email list ?

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo maintains an email list which is used to send out prayer requests, Ultreya and other event reminders, and notices of interest to the Cursillo community. We try to keep messages brief and to the point. Our email list is now maintained as a "Majordomo Listserv" hosted by the Diocese of Maryland.

If you are interested in receiving Cursillo emails, please send your name and email address to Emerson Champion, Cursillo Email List Coordinator, at echampio@gmail.com.

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Emerson Champion  
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 8068 Armiger Dr, Pasadena, MD 21122  
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## Monthly Ultreyas

### 1st Sunday, 6:30 PM

*St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
 1101 Bay Ridge Ave  
 Annapolis  
 Contact: Mary Beth Dent*

### 1st Saturday, 7:00 PM

*Christ the King Episcopal Church  
 1930 Brookdale Road  
 Woodlawn  
 Contact: Jim Stultz*

### 2nd Sunday, 7 PM

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

### 2nd Friday, 7:30 PM

*St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
 1108 Providence Rd  
 Towson  
 Contact: Alex Dzbinski*

### 3rd Sunday, Noon

*Christ Episcopal Church  
 3100 Broome's Island Rd  
 Port Republic  
 Contact: Murray Cheston*

### 3rd Sunday, 5 PM

*St. John's Episcopal Church  
 101 South Prospect St  
 Hagerstown  
 Contact: Bruce & Becki+ Neumann*

### 3rd Friday, 7 PM

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

### 4th Friday, 7:30 PM

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



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MD #95 Cursillo Weekend  
MD #95 Reunion Ultreya  
4th Day Workshop

April 24-27, 2008 – Bishop Claggett Center  
May 11, 2008, 7 pm – St. Peter's, Ellicott City  
June 14, 2008, 9 am – St. John's, Frostburg

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