



The Abrazo

The newsletter of The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

FALL (November) 2019

Christ is Counting on You!

When I donned my cross at the Clausura for MD 101, I never thought that four years later, I would be a part of the leadership of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo. At the beginning of my term, many Cursillo movements were disbanding on the national level. MEC was hurting as a community, and I wanted to help. Christ was counting on me! During the next four years, in addition to traditional weekends, MEC held four shortened weekends (the Friday through Sunday format), served as mentors to our Florida Cursillo Brothers and Sisters for their first co-ed/shortened weekend, revised our By-laws, and finalized the revised team manual.

Remember, Cursillo is a tool for teaching us to live in union with Christ through a life of *Piety*; to nurture that relationship through *Study*; and finally, to spread the life of grace through apostolic *Action* in our day-to-day environments. These are the elements of Cursillo – and of Christianity. The true test of the success of Cursillo is not really the number of Cursillistas in a diocese but actually the number of environments which are being transformed. As Cursillitas we made a promise! Christ is counting on you! You do not have to be on the Secretariat to make a difference. If your Groupings have waned, you are empowered to restart one. If your Ultreyas have stopped, you are encouraged to reignite them!

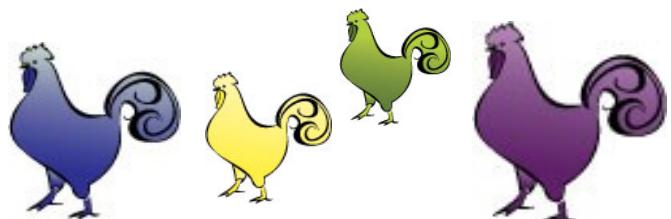
The origins of the Cursillo movement tell us that, “the spirit of the pilgrimage was one of brotherhood for those striving together to reach the goal of a life given to the love of God and mankind.” Let us keep the new Secretariat in our prayers as they take on the difficult task of keeping the Cursillo movement in Maryland alive.

Remember, Christ is counting on us! Ultreya!

— Brenda Boucher, MD 101
Outgoing Lay Director, MEC

I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.

Mother Teresa



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



MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO WEEKEND 115

"The Glory of God!" November 8 - 10, 2019

TEAM MEMBERS

TEAM MEMBER	PARISH	ROLE / ROLLO
Michael Winn, MD 38	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Weekend Rector - <i>Ultreya</i>
Jennifer Miller, MD 105	St Anne's, Smithsburg	Assistant Rector - <i>Group Reunion</i>
The Rev. Joanna White, NY 21	Diocese of Maryland	Spiritual Advisor
The Rev. Eddie Blue, PA 104	Ascension, Westminster	Spiritual Advisor
The Ven. Ruth Elder, MD 79	Diocese of Maryland	Spiritual Advisor
Ernest (Ernie) Tucker, MD 100	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Music Director
Albert (Al) Todd, MD 69	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Music Director
Norm Mayfield, MD 91	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Music Team
Susan Whitehead, MD 80	St. James', Lothian	Head CHA
Tammy Cook, MD 114	St. Paul's, Prince Frederick	Chapel & Music CHA - <i>Study</i>
Pam Mann, MD 90	St. Thomas', Hancock	Agape CHA - <i>Laity</i>
William (Bill) Forkgen MD 76	St. Andrew's, Pasadena	CHA - <i>Action</i>
Chris Werth, MD 81	St. Martin's, Severna Park	CHA - <i>Leaders</i>
Mindy Morgan, MD 113	St Anne's, Smithsburg	CHA - <i>Ideal</i>
Joe Carta, MD 50	St. James', Lothian	Table Leader - <i>Environments</i>
Elizabeth (Izzy) Winn, MD 38	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Table Leader - <i>Christian Community in Action</i>
Teresa Todd, MD 56	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Table Leader - <i>Piety</i>



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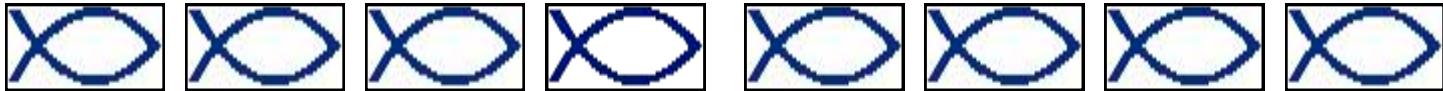


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"The Glory of God" - November 8 - 10, 2019

CANDIDATES

NAME	PARISH	SPONSOR	SPONSOR'S PARISH
Donna B.	Transfiguration, Colesville	Tony Kasule, MD 106 Maureen Kasule, MD 106	Transfiguration, Colesville
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Philip (Phil) G.	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Al Todd, MD 69 James (Jim) Hall, MD 34	St. Margaret's, Annapolis
Edith (Edie) H.	St. Anne's, Smithsburg	Constance LaBrush, MD 110	St. Anne's, Smithsburg
Dalyn H.	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Pam Roth, MD 112	St. Margaret's, Annapolis
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Janice R.	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Teresa Todd, MD 56 Patricia (Pat) Hall, MD 34	St. Margaret's, Annapolis
Jennifer (Jenn) W.	St. Thomas, Hancock	The Rev. Kirk DeVore, MD 93	St. Thomas, Hancock
James (Jamie) W.	St. Margaret's, Annapolis	Al Todd, MD 69 Russell Wright, MD 107	St. Margaret's, Annapolis Redeemer, Baltimore



Collect for 4th Day Movements

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



A Message From the MD 115 Weekend Rector

*The heavens are telling the Glory of God, And all creation is shouting for joy!
 Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!*
 Canticle of the Sun

The theme **The Glory of God** is inspired by meditations of Francis of Assisi and based on portions of Psalms 19 and 148. These meditations became the Canticle of the Sun and hymn All Creatures of Our God and King.

MD 115 is a centennial celebration. Thirty-six years ago Maryland 15 was held at Claggett Center, October 20 -23, 1983 . One hundred Maryland Weekends ago, a very special woman, B.J. Davidson became the first person from my parish, St. Margaret's, Annapolis, to attend Cursillo. B.J. died a year ago at 88.

The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry that guides the work of Cursillo tells us that Cursillo:

- Extends the opportunity to grow in faith and spirituality
- Provides a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how we serve God
- Offers the experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community that can be extended into one's own environment
- Provides continuity to remain in community in order to receive support and encouragement as we live our Baptismal vows.

Episcopal Cursillo Ministry states that the key elements of Cursillo are:

- relationship
- evangelism, and
- reconciliation in the home, parish, community, and world.

For 30 years I watched B.J. live this way and watched her encourage countless others by example and by action. She was always there. I was blessed to know her when she could lift and fill by herself the cargo carrier always on top of her car; when later she negotiated St. Margaret's campus in her wheelchair; and towards the end of her life when we sat in her kitchen for home communion and long conversations.

Each person preparing to leave a Cursillo weekend is encouraged to actively participate in the Fourth Day – the rest of their life. We will encourage the participants with us this weekend to live this way into their own Fourth Day. And, we will tell them about B.J. who made her Cursillo 100 weekends ago.

Pray for us often and in your own ways. Pray for us a whole bunch. Ultreya!

— Michael Winn, MD 38
 Weekend Rector, MD 115

A Pastoral Prayer

*Tender and compassionate God, you are our steadfast companion in all the times of our lives.
 When we rejoice, you rejoice with us; when we are anxious and afraid,
 you offer us a place where we can find the courage to face the unknown;
 when we weep with sadness, you are our comforter.*

*Help us, O LORD, to believe that you accept us for who we are and who we are not.
 Help us as we reach out and serve those around us to be your presence in a troubled world,
 thru Jesus Christ our LORD and Savior, Amen.*

— Chris Werth, MD 87



Joe Carta, MD 50 to Serve as MEC Lay Director

Thanks to Joe Carta, MD 50, who has answered the call to serve as the MEC Lay Director.

Joe worships at St. James, Lothian, where he has been a member since 1988. He has served as the Chairperson of the Stewardship Committee and regularly sings in the Choir.

Active in the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo movement for 27 years, Joe has coordinated the Southern Maryland - St. James' Parish Ultreya for 25 of those years – since 1994! He has served on nine teams including MD 55, 58, 64, 68, 82, 102, 106, 108, 112, and is currently a team member on MD 115 (there is just no room left on his shirt sleeve!). Over the years, Joe has also participated in and provided talks at numerous 4th Day Workshops and Reunion Ultreyas.

A graduate of the University of Baltimore, with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration, Joe was also graduated from Central Michigan University with a Masters in Business Administration. After serving four



years active duty in the U.S. Air Force, he served two years with the D.C. Air National Guard. Joe is a Project Management Professional (PMP) and has worked for Motorola for over 35 years serving as a Program Manager for the last 23 years.

Joe has been blessed with three children, eight grandchildren, and one great grandson. He plans to retire in 2022 after which he hopes to achieve his first bucket list item – hiking the entire Appalachian Trail as a Southbound thru-hiker. He will use this opportunity to develop a deeper relationship with God, communing with Him and his wondrous creation.

Joe is looking forward to serving the MEC community as Lay Director!

Sandra Hall, MD 87, to Serve as MEC Assistant Lay Director

Thanks to Sandra Hall, MD 87, who has answered the call to serve as the MEC Assistant Lay Director.

Sandy worships at Christ Church, Port Republic, where she serves in numerous capacities including past Vestry Member, Altar Guild, Greeter, Card Ministry, Comfort Givers, Thursday Morning Prayer Service, and Bible Study. She also serves as the President of the Diocese Southern Maryland Regional Council.

Sandy has served as the Southern Area Representative to the MEC Secretariat and as a team member on Maryland Weekends 96 and 112, and she attends the St. James' Parish, Lothian Ultreya.

A graduate of the University of Maryland, Sandy earned a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology. She retired from a career in social services where she worked as a child protective services investigator and a foster care caseworker. She also worked with the domestic violence hotline program and served as an ombudsman for seniors living in assisted living and nursing care facilities. Sandy is excited about serving the MEC community as Assistant Lay Director!



Anne Arms, N CA 105, to Serve as MEC Secretary

Thanks to Anne Arms, N CA 105, who has answered the call to serve as the MEC Secretary.

Anne worships at St. Luke's Eastport, in Annapolis where she is currently a member of the Vestry, a Eucharistic Minister, a Eucharistic Visitor, and serves on the Altar Guild, the Flower Ministry, and the Labyrinth Committee. In 2019, she completed the Education for Ministry Program.

Anne relocated to Annapolis from Northern California in 2015 where she had been active in the Northern California Cursillo Movement serving as the Registrar and as a team member on three teams. She also served on MD 112. Anne is looking forward to serving the MEC community as Secretary!



A Message From the Lay Director

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First and foremost, I hope this letter finds each of you doing well and your walk with our Lord is all that you desire it to be. My name is Joe Carta and I have been appointed as the new Lay Director for Maryland Episcopal Cursillo. I do not take this appointment lightly and know that many responsibilities come with this very important position.

I received my first real exposure to Cursillo in October of 1992 when I attended Maryland Cursillo weekend #50. As many of you would probably concur with, that weekend was truly a God send for me and really helped me to realize the overall importance of my Christian walk and things I needed to seriously consider and respond to in that walk. I learned firsthand that Christ is counting on me and I on him.

Also, since that time Cursillo has continued to be a major part of my life. It is a ministry that I whole heartedly believe in, and one that has rewarded me personally time and again for both my time and my energy. My return on my investment of myself to this ministry easily been well over 100 fold.

I realized shortly after my weekend that the Cursillo Movement is a part of my Christian calling, a calling from our God. Over the years I have accepted his calling time and again. My response has always been, "Yes, Lord," and in so doing I have committed to God and the work he needs me to perform.

I accept this appointment with a cheerful "Yes" and commit to my God and you (the Maryland Cursillo Community) to do all that I can to have both a positive and fruitful two years serving our God and this wonderful ministry. However, I can't do it alone. Just as God is counting on us I am counting on you to continue to support this ministry, work with me and help ensure a stronger than ever Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Movement.

I would ask that each of you take an audit of all the wonderful blessings, gifts and talents that our Lord as bestowed upon you and then commit to both God and yourselves to freely give of these back to Cursillo. Jesus has tasked each of us to go and spread the good news. Truly, Cursillo provides a firm and solid foundation to help us be successful in doing just that.

We need to remember those 4th day commitments that we made to both our God and ourselves either during or shortly after our own Cursillo weekend. We need to group with one another to help remind us weekly of these commitments and help others to do likewise. If weekly grouping has been a real challenge and you have been unsuccessful, then please consider at a minimum attending an Ultreya. Sadly, we are down to only two monthly Ultreyas. However, I feel confident in saying as demand goes up and more of us attend the Monthly Ultreyas more will arise.

In closing, I want you to know I look forward in serving both our God and you in this wonderful ministry called Cursillo. I also invite each of you who also feel called to this ministry to please join me in ensuring that the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo continues to grow and be fruitful both today and for many decades to come.

Lastly, I am both just a phone call (410) 610-1270 and/or an email away jdcarta@hotmail.com. Please feel free in to reach out to me at any time for any reason at all. God Bless and God's Peace to each of you. Ultreya!

—Joe Carta, MD 50
Lay Director, MEC

From John 13:34
Jesus said "just as
I have loved you,
you also are to love
one another "

Are You Hearing the Call?

There are currently several leadership roles open in the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo community.

Please prayerfully consider your call to serve.

For additional information, please contact
Joe Carta, MD 50, Lay Director, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo.



4th Day Workshop & Reunion Ultreya

A Day of Deeper Understanding

- *I attended a Cursillo Weekend. Now what?*
- *There was so much to absorb. What is most important?*
- *Is Cursillo of real value in my spiritual life?*
- *How can I share the experience I had with others?*
- *How can I begin again?*
- *How can I support Cursillo?*

Saturday, January 11, 2020

St. Margaret's Church

1601 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis, MD 21409



410-974-0200

[Click Here for Directions](#)

Workshop: 10:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12:30 p.m.

Reunion Ultreya: 1:00 p.m.

All Cursillistas are welcome to attend!

Lunch will be provided!

Please confirm your plans to attend by contacting

MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com

MDEpiscopalCursillo.com



Writing 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, though, that it is not these notes themselves that are the actual Palanca, but the thoughts and prayers that go into the notes from those individuals and communities living in union with Christ. Each Palanca note is a personal expression of reassurance that God accepts the candidate wherever he or she is on their spiritual journey. Consider including a reference to encouraging scripture that reminds the candidate of God's promise or confirmation that you are praying for them during their Weekend. You can include small items that fit into the envelope, such as cards, bookmarks, and pins.

General palanca is expressed through gifts of food or snacks in support of the Weekend, decorating team shirts, providing flowers, crocheting lanyards for candidate crosses, signing up for the prayer chart or any number of other things that the Weekend Rector may indicate are needed.

Consider donating your time for 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.

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 115 Weekend.

Ultreya!

Prayer Palanca Sent in Support of Other Weekends

Palanca was recently emailed in support of many upcoming weekends, including the following, for inclusion on their Palanca Wall. Please pray for these weekends. *Requests for weekend palanca from The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo can be sent to Pamela Blyth at MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com*

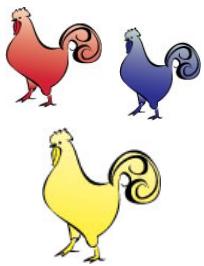
The Minnesota Metro area VDC Community, Men's Weekend #678 (October 10-13)

The Minnesota Metro area VDC Community, Women's Weekend #679 (October 17- 20)

Upper South Carolina Episcopal Cursillo, Co-Ed Weekend #140 (October 17-20)

FaithWalk Arklatex, Women's English Weekend (October 24-27)

Southern Minnesota Ignite Via de Cristo, Weekend #1 (November 7-10)



**Talk to Jesus about your Friend
Before you talk to your Friend about Jesus.**



Maryland Cursillo is Calling YOU!

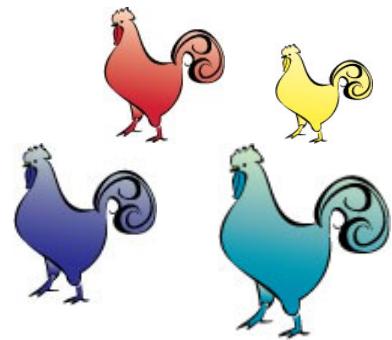
What are your gifts? How has God blessed you in ways that you can share with the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo? Many of us have fond memories of singing the lines, *"This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!"* But over time, we may have begun to take our own gifts for granted, often underestimating them or the contributions we can make.

Maryland Cursillo needs and values every one of us and welcomes our participation. Your gifts are needed to make a difference in the lives of so many others. Whether it's sewing, organizing projects, giving witness talks, helping with art projects, preparing food, serving on a leadership team, assisting with the Agape, writing articles, helping coordinate an Ultreya, or just making a joyful noise, *YOUR* participation is valued and needed!

You can download the [Resource List](#) from MDEpiscopalCursillo.com. Please take a few minutes to read through this information and prayerfully consider where and how your light can shine on the Maryland Cursillo Movement!



Ultreya!
— Pamela Blyth, MD 92
Communications Coordinator, MEC



The Cost of Discipleship

Cursillo is a continuing ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, sustained by the donations of the many friends and supporters throughout the Diocese and beyond for whom Cursillo has been a gift.

Please consider making a financial donation to sustain this important ministry.

YES, I will support Cursillo, by word and by deed, by holding Cursillo up in prayer and by enclosing my financial gift of \$ _____ to further its ministry, or pledging to contribute a monthly/quarterly gift of \$ _____ to sustain the work of MEC.

Please mail your donation or pledge to:

The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

c/o The Episcopal Church of Christ the King, 1930 Brookdale Road, Baltimore, MD 21244

Name _____ Date _____ Weekend # _____

Address _____

Email: _____

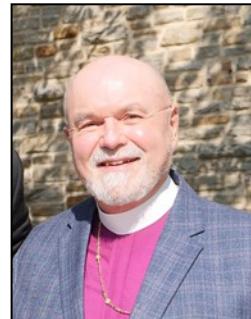
Phone: _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Thank you!



The Right Rev. Robert Ihloff Named Assisting Bishop

We are pleased to announce that beginning January 1, 2020, the Right Rev. Robert Ihloff, 13th Bishop of Maryland will join the staff of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland to serve as assisting bishop to the Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, our diocesan bishop. We are excited to welcome Bishop Ihloff back into service in the Diocese of Maryland. He will serve as second bishop in an appropriate ecclesiastical capacity, as staff liaison to Commission on Ministry, as primary bishop for western Maryland, and as staff liaison for the small church movement. He will visit congregations on Sundays to celebrate, preach and confirm as well as performing other episcopal functions, such as ordinations, seasonal confirmations, and celebrations of new ministry.



Many of you knew or worked with Bishop Ihloff in his capacity as Bishop Diocesan of Maryland from 1995 – 2007 and many of you will be meeting him for the first time. Born and raised in central Connecticut, Bishop Ihloff was ordained a deacon in 1967 and priest in 1968. Before becoming Bishop of Maryland, he served parishes in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Jersey. As Bishop of Maryland, he worked extensively on congregational renewal, social justice issues, Christian formation, and the development of our diocesan camp and conference center at Claggett.

From 2002 to 2009, Bishop Ihloff served as president of Province III (13 dioceses in the mid-Atlantic area including Virginia). In that role, he served as a member of the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice for two presiding bishops. From 1996 to 2009, he was a member of the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops. Bishop Ihloff has served as a trustee of Virginia Theological Seminary and a on the board of the National Association of Episcopal Schools.

Bishop Ihloff served as co-chair of the Urban and Social Concerns Committee for three General Conventions of The Episcopal Church and remained active on several committees and boards within the House of Bishops. In 2014, he came out of retirement for 14 months to be full-time interim rector at Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore and most recently has been serving as bishop associate in the Diocese of Virginia part time.

Bishop Ihloff and his wife Nancy have two married children and six grandchildren. He is a voracious reader and an opera lover. A life-long gardener, he has, over the years, cultivated more than 150 varieties of 19th century English roses.

Please join in offering Bishop Ihloff a hearty welcome back when you see him next.

Source: Diocese of Maryland



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 that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



RESOURCE LIST

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

What gifts has God blessed you with that you will share with your brothers and sisters in Maryland Cursillo?

Please indicate areas of interest listed below and return this application to:

PLEASE SCAN AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO:

MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com

Name _____ Date _____

E-mail _____ Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Which weekend did you attend? _____ Teams served (and roles)? _____

Music

- Play a musical instrument.
What type(s) _____
- Interested in serving on the music team for a weekend. (Must also submit an application)

Communications

- Website Design and update
- Assist with database management
- Assist with Abrazo, brochure production
- Assist with assembling and mailings
- Write articles for the Abrazo
- Bilingual, what language _____

Skill and Talent in weekend preparation

- Team Shirts ___ new team member ___ add on
- Bake Communion Bread
- Cord for wooden cross
- Able make weekend buttons
- Talent with design graphics, art.
- Make beds on Thursday of weekend
- Make Placemats

Assist on the Cursillo Weekend

- Assist Core team over the weekend
(require staying on campus)
- Assist set up for Agape
- Assist clean up for Agape
- Photographer for weekend photo
(requires standing on ladder)

Forth Day Workshop

- Leadership team
- Workshop team
- Give a talk
- Welcoming
- Food set up and or clean up
- Set up and or clean up
- Lead music

Serve the Secretariat or Servant Community

- Area Representative ___ Palanca Coordinator
- Treasurer ___ 4th Day Representative
- Comptroller ___ Music Coordinator
- Secretary ___ Asst Lay Director ___
- Stewardship
- Pre Cursillo
- Weekend Representative

Ultreya Support

- Witness Speaker - List Ultreya(s)
- Led an Ultreya - List Ultreya(s)
- Lead music at an Ultreya

Other gifts or talents you are willing share with the Cursillo Community:

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Received by _____

Date _____



TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo – Three Day Weekend

Name _____ Name on Button _____
Print, please

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

Email _____ Date of birth _____
Month / day / year

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____ Marital Status _____

Date, Location and Number of Your Cursillo Weekend _____

How many teams have you served on? _____ In what role(s)? _____

When were you last on a team? (*Date and Weekend #*) _____

Have you given rollo(s)? Which? _____

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

Date and location of your 4th Day Workshop(s) _____

Tell us **how you are living into your 4th Day and what elements of the Cursillo Method you are using** – regular group reunion, spiritual direction, ultreya (use back of application if needed) _____

Your Parish _____ Rector _____

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

(Please detail if YES) _____

Note: Please send completed application to the *Three Day Weekend Coordinator*. An application may be retained for three (3) years and must then 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 be a Communicant in good standing in the Episcopal Church, make every effort to attend all team meetings, and 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 and Agape). I agree to read and comply with the Cursillo Weekend guidelines detailed in materials provided by the weekend Rector.

Signed _____ Date _____

PLEASE SCAN AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO:

MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com

Contact us at the above address for technical assistance.

Date Application Received _____	Reviewed (date/initial) _____
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Don't Miss Out on Information & Updates !

Receive EMAIL Updates!

Consider joining the hundreds of MEC Cursillistas who have already signed up for the MEC Email list!

To be included, please email:

*MEC Communications Coordinator at
MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com*

UPDATE Your ADDRESS !

Let us know if your Email OR Mailing address has changed so you won't miss important information.

MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com

Thanks

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Website

The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo website is a great way to keep in touch with the Cursillo community!

Information about special events, upcoming weekends, candidate and team lists, updates to the Secretariat and Servant Community contact list, forms and other items of interest are available for easy reference. You can even read the recent issues of the MEC newsletter, *The Abrazo*, online at your convenience.

Please be sure to visit us at
[**MDEpiscopalCursillo.com**](http://MDEpiscopalCursillo.com)

And you can now like us on Facebook!

The Purpose of Cursillo
is to help those in the Church understand their individual calling to be Christian leaders.



JESUS BEGAN THE MOST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY.
A MOVEMENT GROUNDED IN THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF GOD FOR THE WORLD. AND A MOVEMENT MANDATING PEOPLE TO LIVE THAT LOVE.

AND IN SO DOING, TO CHANGE NOT ONLY THEIR LIVES, BUT THE VERY LIFE OF THE WORLD ITSELF.

-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

THE JESUS MOVEMENT !

FOUR STEPS FOR CURSILLO ACTION

- 1. Find Christians** who have the potential to influence their environments, which may be home, work, church, geographic, or social in nature;
- 2. Encourage those Christians** and help them to see that God is calling them to do His work where they are and help them offer themselves to that work;
- 3. Empower those Christians** with the means God offers through the Church to be effective apostles, help them identify their particular Christian vocation within their environments;
- 4. Link those Christians** with one another for the work of apostolic action through spiritual direction, regular small group reunions, and frequent gathering of the groups for encouragement.

ULTREYA!!

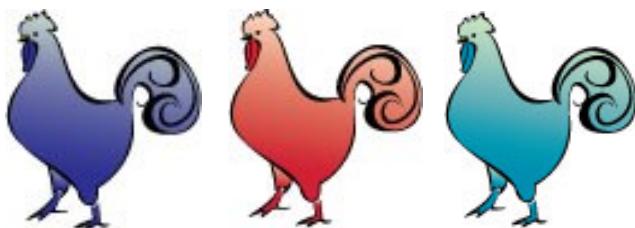


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Monthly Ultreyas

3rd Friday, 7 PM

Alternates Location

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

375 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

7859 Tick Neck Road, Pasadena, MD

Contact: Wadi Williams wwilliams@waeus.us

Kathy Skidmore-Williams rookujack@yahoo.com

4th Friday, 7:30 PM

St. James' Episcopal Parish

5757 Solomons Island Rd, Lothian, MD

Contact: Joe Carta jdcarta@hotmail.com

Be a reflection of what you'd like to see in others! If you want love, give love, if you want honesty, give honesty, if you want respect, give respect. You get in return, what you give!

A Statement from the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry (ECM)



A Statement from the National Episcopal Cursillo, May 2008

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 everyday.





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Mark Your Calendar

December Secretariat Meeting	December 7, 2019
<i>All Cursillistas are invited to attend – Bring a Friend!</i>	<i>To Be Announced</i>
MD Weekend 115 “The Glory of God!”	November 8 - 10, 2019
<i>The Bishop Claggett Center, Adamstown, MD</i>	
Sponsor’s Service	<i>November 8 - 7:00 p.m.</i>
Las Mananitas	<i>November 10 - 6:45 a.m.</i>
Clausura	<i>November 10 - 3:45 p.m.</i>
MD Weekend 115 Reunion Ultreya & 4th Day Workshop	January 11, 2020
<i>All Cursillistas are invited to attend!</i>	<i>St. Margaret’s, Annapolis, MD</i>
4th Day Workshop	<i>10 a.m.</i>
Lunch	<i>12:30 p.m. .</i>
Ultreya	<i>1 p.m.</i>
MD Weekend 116	April 23-26, 2020

Please visit MDEpiscopalCursillo.com for more information about upcoming events!

Make A Friend, Be A Friend, Bring A Friend To Christ