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The newsletter of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

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What Makes Cursillo Weekends Work: YOU!

BY BECKY FISHER, THREE DAY WEEKEND COORDINATOR

THE RECTOR'S CROSS HAS BEEN PASSED, THE TEAM Books are headed back to the Weekend Rep. for a little R & R, and The Holy Spirit has once again enlivened and blessed not only the New Cursillistas of Maryland #91 and Team, but the entire Cursillo Community as well. Anyone who was present at any of the events associated with this weekend can say with assurance that the Cursillo Movement and method continues to be a very strong tool in the hand of our God for the up-building of His Church and the upholding of His people.

Plans for Maryland weekends 92 and 93 have already been committed to prayer and are underway. I am sure Marge Burr, rector of Maryland 92 will be sharing God's vision for that weekend with us as time goes on, but there are things that we, as a community, can begin to do right now in preparation for November. First and foremost, pray for the Team as the teaming process begins. God needs fine-tuned and ready instruments to do His work. Secondly, ask God if there is someone in your environment that may be ready to absorb all that the Cursillo weekend has to offer. Read up on sponsorship. Act on any leading that might come. Third, commit to supporting the weekend. This can be done in a myriad of ways, but one very important way is to make the sacrifice to be part of the smiling "cloud of witnesses" at Mananitas and/or Clausura. If you need convincing that this is important, think back to your own experience. The love and welcome that is expressed in these events seals the message of the weekend in the hearts of the participants forever.

Writing palanca is another way of praying and supporting the weekend, as are the donations of food and other supplies needed. Green palanca, or financial support, is vital as we in Maryland still choose to go on faith and only require a \$50 commitment for each candidate, even though the weekend cost is actually close to \$200 per person. (Note: Candidates not attending a parish in the Diocese of Maryland must pay the total fee of \$175.00.)

Another very important facet of the weekend is, of course, Team service. I would encourage every member of the Cursillo community to prayerfully consider this commitment. It may have been just one year since you made your weekend or 25 years.....God can call at any time. In the next few months, Emerson Champion, who has been called as rector of Maryland 93, will be prayerfully considering team applications.

Team applications are available on the Cursillo website at www.cursillo.ang-md.org, at Ultreyas, or by contacting Becky Fisher.

Submitting an application does not commit you to serve on a particular weekend, nor does it guarantee that you will be called for a particular weekend. It is an act of faith; an act of opening yourself to possibilities that you may not see, but opportunities that God sees for service and renewal in your life and in the lives of others. God knows you are busy. But, He has plans.....

There is no secret formula to the continued success of the Cursillo Movement. It can mostly be summed up in the chorus of that good old Cursillo chestnut of a song: "Great things happen when God mixes with us!" I urge you to step out in faith to support Maryland Episcopal Cursillo. Put yourself in the mix and trust God, through the power of His Holy Spirit and the love of His Son to make great things happen!

In Joyful Service.....*Becky Fisher*

Pete Finne resigns as Lay Director

Pete Finne has resigned as Lay Director of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo, effective May 1, 2006. Assistant Lay Director Steve French has stepped in as Lay Director.

An interim Assistant Lay Director will be named in the near future. If you would like to be considered for this position, please contact Izzy Winn or Steve French after prayerful consideration.

The new Assistant Lay Director will be elected to a two-year term at the Diocesan Ultreya to be held at the Bishop Claggett Center on Saturday, October 14, 2006.

MD 92 – “I am Yours”

BY MARGE BURR, RECTOR, MD 92

“**F**EAR NOT; FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU, I HAVE called you by name, you are mine.” God’s words of assurance to his people in the book of Isaiah, chapter 43, verse 1, have always held special meaning for me. No matter what I’ve done or not done; no matter how badly I’ve let him down, God has never abandoned me and he never will. He has called me by name; I am his. Thus was born the theme for the Fall Cursillo weekend, “I am Yours.”

With guidance from the Holy Spirit, the team for the weekend was chosen and has answered the call to serve on Maryland 92.

The team roster appears below and on the Cursillo website at www.cursillo.ang-md.org.

As with all weekends, there is a lot to be done, but with God’s help and your prayers, everything will fall into place.

The weekend dates are Thursday, November 2nd to Sunday, November 5th, 2006. If there is someone you are thinking of sponsoring on this weekend, I ask that you take it to prayer first. If, after praying, you’re sure it’s right, then start the process and we’ll welcome them all with open arms. And answer all their questions as honestly and completely as you can. Remember...there are NO secrets in Cursillo, just some nice surprises!

Finally, I again ask for your prayers for the team, the teaming process, and the people who will be our candidates. It’s a long way from now until November, and a lot can happen between now and then. With your support and prayers, I’m sure the things that happen will be good things!

Thanks and DeColores!

Marge Burr, Rector, MD 92

Maryland 92 Team

Name	Church	Position	Rollo
Marge Burr	St. Andrew’s, Pasadena	Rector	TBA
Ron Burr	St. Andrew’s, Pasadena	Ass’t Rector	TBA
Cindy Parks	Church of the Holy Comforter, Lutherville	Music Director	TBA
Jody Wallace	Church of the Ascension, Westminster	Head Cha	TBA
The Rev. Gina Arents	St. Peter’s, Ellicott City	Spiritual Advisor	TBA
The Rev. Becki Neumann	St. Thomas, Towson	Spiritual Advisor	TBA
The Rev. Bill Ticknor	St. James’, Lothian	Spiritual Advisor	TBA
Jim Backoff	St. Andrew’s, Pasadena	TBA	TBA
Mary Ellen Backoff	St. Andrew’s, Pasadena	TBA	TBA
Thea Burdnell	Christ the King, Woodlawn	TBA	TBA
Bill Forkgen	St. Andrew’s, Pasadena	TBA	TBA
Pat Hall	St. Margaret’s, Annapolis	TBA	TBA
Patti Hunt	St. Andrew’s, Pasadena	TBA	TBA
JoAnne Kreider	Church of the Ascension, Westminster	TBA	TBA
Bill Miller	Middleham & St. Peter’s Parish, Lusby	TBA	TBA
Liz Miller	Middleham & St. Peter’s Parish, Lusby	TBA	TBA
Tony Parks	Church of the Holy Comforter, Lutherville	TBA	TBA
Pam Ticknor	St. James’, Lothian	TBA	TBA
Bill White	Holy Trinity, Churchville	TBA	TBA
Cathy Skidmore-Williams	St. Martin’s-in-the-Field, Severna Park	TBA	TBA
Wadi Williams	St. Martin’s-in-the-Field, Severna Park	TBA	TBA
David Wissmann	St. Andrew’s, Pasadena	TBA	TBA
Shayne Wissmann	St. Andrew’s, Pasadena	TBA	TBA
Jeanie Zseltvay	St. James’, Lothian	TBA	TBA
Ron Zseltvay	St. James’, Lothian	TBA	TBA

A note from a servant...

BY STEVE FRENCH, LAY DIRECTOR, MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

De Colores!
Isn't it funny that most of the time God asks US to do something for Him or His service, what is our first and LOUDEST reaction?? We normally respond: "Who? **ME?!?! HECK NO!!**" When new Cursillistas are asked after a Cursillo weekend if someone would have asked them to come on a Cursillo 3 years ago, what would they have said? What about those who have been called into leadership roles in their home parishes, ministry in the community, or service on the Secretariat or Servant Community?? The first answer is the same. But, God is gracious AND patient and knows that we will "come around."

When I was initially called to be Assistant Lay Director, the words of the Baptismal Covenant rang in my head: "I will, with God's help." And Bishop Ihloff's affirmation at Clausura rings stronger still: "Christ is counting on me... and I on Christ!" I have been often thinking about how I am living into these words in my life as a servant, leader, Christian, father, co-worker, and person. And finally, how does this apply to MEC?

The MEC fellowship is evolving in mapping new ground, and trying to change into a fully empowering, engaging, and more spiritual-centered community. In the new road that God is calling us now, I ask for your prayers and your support.

I ask for your ACTION—in "walking the talk." For example, I challenge you—each and every one of you reading this—to go to an Ultreya in the next month. If there is no Ultreya in your area, then either travel to an existing one or start one. If you need Ultreya cards as guidelines, or grouping cards, please let me know.

"Walking the talk" also means grouping. Now, I have been told the plethora of excuses for business and priority shifting—but I ask you this: Can you get off the couch, get the babysitter, and live into the answer to the question of your Baptismal Covenant:

"I will, with God's help."

Bishop Claggett Center

BY DONNA KERNER, CLAGGETT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

THE NEW FACILITIES AT THE BISHOP CLAGGETT Center are expected to be completed this Fall. Everyone is invited to the dedication and afternoon celebration on September 24th. Mark your calendars and plan to come! What a blessing this new space will be for the many ministries that occur at Claggett!

Moving? New email address? Send changes to: Emerson Champion, Cursillo Communications Coordinator, 8068 Armiger Dr, Pasadena, MD 21122 or send an email to echampio@gmail.com.

From the Comptroller

Thank you all for your generous donations this year. Please remember that we are not financially supported by the diocese or any other organization. Your support is what we count on to make weekends happen and to help support your 4th Day.

Starting the spring of 2006 I will be sending acknowledgement of all donations of donations over \$50 (not to include sponsor fee, candidate fees or team fees). I will also be sending a yearly statement of donation in early January.

Please prayerfully consider make regular donations to Cursillo to keep our MEC strong.

Make donations to MEC, c/o Ascension Church, 23 N. Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157.

Ultreya!

— *Debi Frock, Comptroller*



Wanted! Witnesses for Jesus!

BY STEVE FRENCH, LAY DIRECTOR, MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

IT'S REAL EASY TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT GOD IS doing for YOU...But, can YOU tell people what YOU are doing for GOD??

In order to support the Ultreyas around Maryland, a list is being developed of persons interested and available to be Witness Speakers for an Ultreya. Many of the Ultreyas have been locked into asking the same people in their own group time and time and time again to be witness speakers. For anyone, this can get REALLY OLD fast! So, why not spice up the Ultreya experience by having different speakers!?

Now, before you say "Oh, I can't speak in front of a group of people about anything!" remember: You CAN, with God's help! Witness speakers don't have to say anything deep or profound. In the same way, the action being offered does not have to be "change the world" stuff either: There are no such things as small miracles or small acts for God. Just talk about what you are called to do in the world—and what happened—good, bad, or still in process.

I would also like to share that it is a fun experience to travel to the different Ultreyas around the state and get out of my own backyard—to be invited as a guest into someone else's home town. I have met some wonderful people this way and made some even better friends.

I ask that you prayerfully consider- this call to be a witness speaker. If you feel called to do this ministry, contact Steve French at (443) 865-4259 or ILY1432@aol.com with your contact information. I am not asking you to do something that I have not asked of myself and the other leaders of the movement.

Be a Witness for Jesus! You CAN, with God's help!

What does Cursillo really cost?

BY STEVE FRENCH, LAY DIRECTOR, MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

THE REAL COSTS OF CURSILLO HAVE BEEN A FOCUS of study, discussion, prayer, and action over the last 2 years for the Secretariat and the Servant Community. Obviously, Cursillo survives SOLELY on the donations it receives from private donors, Ultreyas, and collections at various Cursillo

functions (such as Clausura). But, do we, the leaders and stewards of Cursillo, and the fellowship, truly know and understand what Cursillo costs to operate each year? We have concluded that you have rarely — if ever — been given such information for consideration. So, here it is in a general view:

<u>Administrative Costs</u>	
National Episcopal Cursillo (NEC) Dues	\$700
CCLI (Music License)	\$250
Travel (NEC Convention, Easton Convention, etc)	\$500
Training (New Area Reps, MDLIC meetings, etc.)	\$150
Donations to Bishop Claggett Center	\$200
Fees	\$100
Postage (except <i>The Abrazo</i> newsletter)	\$50
<u>Communication</u>	
<i>The Abrazo</i> newsletter (6X/year)	\$1,200
<u>Weekend Costs</u>	
Rector's Stipend (2 weekends X \$300)	\$600
Materials for the weekends (Bibles, NEC materials, copies, crosses, etc.)	\$1,242
NEC materials in Spanish	\$200
Team fees not paid	\$700
Candidate fees (less \$50 application fee)	\$8,750
Candidate fees not paid	\$200
NEC Library for core teams	\$300
Interpreters (shared cost)	\$150
<u>4th Day Costs</u>	
4th Day Workshop Stipend (2 workshops X \$200)	\$400
Leadership Workshop	\$200
Music Workshop	\$200
Cursillo weekend retreat	\$3,900
<u>TOTAL ANNUAL COST FOR OPERATIONS:</u>	<u>\$19,992</u>
<u>Donations needed per month to cover cost:</u>	<u>\$1,666</u>
<u>Year to Date Current Donations:</u>	<u>\$5103*</u>

*This is the total donations to Maryland Episcopal Cursillo from January to April, 2006 as listed in the financial report to the Secretariat in May 2006.

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It is helpful to understand that there are some costs in here that are not “real” costs—meaning that we are not planning to incur the cost in 2006—such as having another Cursillo retreat in 2006. In addition, the figures shown here are outlined in the 2005 Cursillo budget—and are based on REAL costs and REAL bills. Finally, these numbers do NOT assume that anyone in the community is “comping” anything for the movement, such as making copies of flyers at their parish office or at work. We wanted the REAL cost Cursillo per year—which is just under \$20,000/year.

From time to time there are other needs that Cursillo needs to purchase—such as overhead projectors or music equipment. These special needs are a great opportunity for a one-time donation!

Naturally, these numbers lead to the issue of fund raising. I have to insert here that I am NOT a fan of telemarketing-type fund raising, having worked too many sub sales, cookie stands, sold raffle tickets to all my friends and family, attended Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Partylight, and countless other events all in the name of financial survival. I wouldn't force that on my worst enemy! And I have no intention of forcing it on you either.

HOWEVER, we DO have financial needs. To address these issues, I propose 2 resolutions:

- Establish a fund-raising committee to evaluate the best method for our fellowship to develop financial resources in and out of our community;
- Encourage time-interval pledges/gifts to Cursillo. (What if instead of a “Jerry Kids’ weekend, there was

a Cursillo Stuff-the-Chicken Weekend?) I suggest that each of us plan to make an annual gift and stick to it.

[A \$20 bill is bragging to a \$1 in a wallet saying: “I've been to Vegas, New York, and New Orleans! Where have you been?” The dollar bill looks at him and says: “Church, church, church.”]

A final issue in the process of fund raising is getting a receipt. Cursillo is a private, NOT FOR PROFIT organization, and is under the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. Therefore, documented gifts ARE tax-deductible.

It is also important to recognize that it is not viable in time or cost to acknowledge EVERY receipt. The IRS **REQUIRES** that we give receipts for donations over \$300 only. (Remember, we CANNOT document CASH donations, so it HAS TO BE A CHECK.) However, our practice is to acknowledge gifts of \$50 or more. If there is an issue with the cashing of your check in a timely manner, please contact me at your convenience.

In order to make planned giving easier for you and more effective in our record keeping, we are going to try something new: At the beginning of 2007, you will receive a statement from Cursillo listing all of your donations for the previous year that we have documented.

I hope this information has given you food for thought, prayer, and action in managing your time, TREASURE, and talent. We are so blessed by so many in the giving of their time and talent. Please consider serving on the fund-raising committee as well as presenting financial support for the Cursillo movement in Maryland.

Maryland 91 “My Jesus, My Savior”

BY LYNN FRENCH, RECTOR, MARYLAND 91

WOW! WHAT A JOURNEY. GOD HAS BLESSED ME beyond anything I could have every dreamed of. Being in community with the folks who gathered for the weekend we called Maryland 91 has changed me forever.

From the record-breaking arrival of all the candidates (all were present and accounted for by 7:25 p.m., THANK YOU sponsors), to the final songs at Clausura, God was surely present and dwelling among us. The team came with servant hearts ready to meet the needs, wants and desires of the candidates.

The candidates came ready to learn, hear, and see the love of Jesus Christ lived out on this weekend, and to take note as to how *they* can become the hands, feet, and love of Jesus Christ in the world. I am not sure why this group came so prepared (other than the sponsors did their pre-weekend job), but I do know that my time spent with Maryland 91 has called me to be the best

person that God is calling me to be: To live the promise to God, that each day I make a conscious decision to be a reflection of Christ to all who cross my path, to allow me to serve others in His holy name, no matter how large or small.

Traveling the path as Rector of Maryland 91, this experience will forever be a bright part of my spiritual journey, one that shines far beyond the present, one that calls me to tell all not *who* I am, but *whose* I am, and that my dear friend is,

MY JESUS, MY SAVIOR.

Blessings and Thanks for the opportunity to serve Maryland Episcopal Cursillo as Rector of Maryland 91.

— *Lynn French, Rector, Maryland 91*

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

Changes in Candidate & Sponsor applications & process

BY STEVE FRENCH, LAY DIRECTOR, MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

I CAN SEE YOUR EYES ROLLING AS YOU FINISHED THE above title. Well, before you pass judgment, read on about the new and exciting changes for YOU!

- If a sponsor is supporting 2 candidates, only ONE sponsor application is needed for BOTH candidate applications. (Currently, a sponsor application is needed for EACH application.)
- The home and office phone numbers were taken off of the sponsor application. The CELL PHONE number was added so if the sponsor is running late in arriving on the weekend, the rector may call the sponsor. In addition, the sponsor can be called at any time over the weekend if a need arises. With the old application, the sponsor would have to be at home or get the messages in a timely manner.
- There is now a place on the sponsor application for the information for a co-sponsor. The old application did not accommodate this need.
- The "Sponsors Commitment" section was reworked to be more understandable.
- The information regarding weekend fees was changed to reflect current policy.
- Also, information regarding weekend fees and

refunds was also added.

- MEC is also starting a scholarship program for candidates and team members.
 1. AFTER the individual has discussed the matter with their sponsor, the sponsor may seek support from his/her permanent group reunion, Ultreya, and clergy members.
 2. If financial support is still needed, then the individual may submit a scholarship form to the Lay Director or Assistant Lay Director.
 3. The Lay Director, Assistant Lay Director, and the Spiritual Advisor to the Secretariat ONLY will review the form and make the decision about the scholarship request.
 4. The scholarship award will cover up to HALF of the fee required for the weekend.
- There is also more room to write information and comments.

Please note that AFTER the Fall weekend (MD 92), ONLY the NEW APPLICATIONS will be accepted by the Asst. Lay Director.

Please discard all old applications, print new copies, and post in your church and other environments where you are called. Bill White advises to keep one in your car for "just in case!"

Meditation on the Three Little Pigs

BY IZZY WINN, SERVANT COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

“ONCE UPON A TIME” – THAT IS SURELY how the tale of the “Three Little Pigs” begins although I can no longer remember who instructed the pigs to build houses. I only remember the part about big bad wolf who huffed and puffed and blew one house down, burned another, and then tried and tried to demolish the house of brick but couldn’t because it was set on a firm foundation and was solidly built. These tales of childhood are not silly but are parables for the rest of our lives, perhaps.

This came to me as I ruminated this morning about the concept of “witness.” I could not rid my head of the song from Isaiah, “You are my witnesses to the ends of the earth.” I turned to my earmarked favorite Bible for places about witness, and then checked my *Oxford Companion* that mentioned that Israel’s mission was to bear witness to God as his chosen servant. Israelite law required more than one witness to convict a person of capital offense and was apparently used, as alluded to in the New Testament, in cases of church discipline . . . then it gets complicated! (Well, you can see that one little tangent can lead to much more study.)

But where does my meditation take me today? – right to the three pigs. If I had built a house on a solid foundation and it had withstood some devastation, I

would want to share with others what I had done (careful not to boast – there is the pitfall). Experience is witness.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Everyone who hears the words of mine and *acts* on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built the house on sand. The rain fell, and floods came, and the winds blew against that house, and it fell--and great was its fall!” Mt 7.24-27

How am I acting on the words of Jesus? Do my *actions* tell my story? While it may be intimidating for me to briefly tell just anyone what I believe, I have no problem telling anyone about what I do each day, should they ask. My daily actions when the big bad wolf huffs and puffs at my door are my witness to what I believe.

So if you have a daily action to share, share it! That is all that a witness talk needs to be! But of course sharing only happens if others are there to listen! Group reunions and Ultreyas are opportunities for that to happen – some share, others listen and echo what they have heard. Pretty simple. You do it everyday of your life. Go be a witness!

Long-time Cursillista Val Hymes receives Bishops' Award

BY DON HYMES, ST. JAMES, LOTHIAN

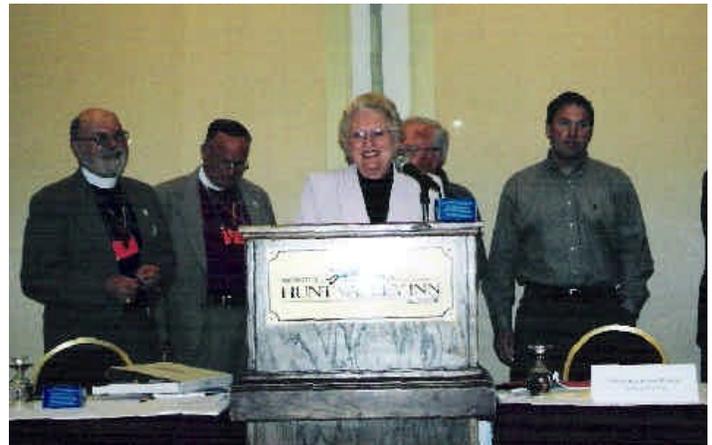
EACH YEAR THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND SELECTS A member of the clergy, a congregation, one lay person for ministry in the church, and another for ministry in the world to be honored at the Diocesan Convention.

On the final day of this year's convention in Baltimore County, Val Hymes had risen to photograph a recipient for the *Maryland Church News*, when her name was announced as the 2006 winner of the Bishops' Award for "Outstanding Christian Service in the World."

The Rev. Canon Mary Glasspool raced down from the dais, snatched the camera from her hand and aimed her at the podium where she was congratulated by Bishop Ihloff and Bishop Rabb. Members of St. James' and her family followed her. Val was stunned and almost speechless. She stammered out her thanks and gratitude for having found a home in the Episcopal Church and at St. James'.

Val (Maryland #29), a career journalist, a life-long Episcopalian and a member of St. James' for 20 years, is coordinator of the Diocesan Prison Ministry Task Force and editor of an online national news service, Prison Ministry Network News.

The Task Force Web site (www.prisonministry.ang-md.org) last week won an award for excellence from the



Episcopal Communicators, Bishop Rabb said in reading the citation. He noted her work as contributing editor of the *Maryland Church News*, as a regular contributor to the Episcopal News Service, prayer chain coordinator, former parish newsletter editor, and publicist of parish events.

She also was cited for her ministry at an Edgewater nursing home and for being "one of the driving forces" behind Camp Amazing Grace for prisoners' children this summer. Through all her activities, he said, "this person continually works for social justice."

Maryland 93 Rector announced

BY STEVE FRENCH, LAY DIRECTOR, MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF MARYLAND EPISCOPAL Cursillo:
De Colores!

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that the call for Rector for MD 93 has been completed. The rector of MD 93 will be...Mr. Emerson Champion. Many of you know Emerson through his e-mail/Internet prayer ministry as well as his active service as Communications Coordinator on the Servant Community for the last 4 years. Emerson has also been serving-most recently and in addition to his other ministries in Cursillo and his home parish-as the Pre-Cursillo Representative for MEC. As far as team service, Emerson has been on several teams-most recently as Assistant Rector on MD 91.

I know each of you will keep Emerson in your prayers and give him your full support in following God's call to this action.

If you would like to be considered to be called for the team of MD 93, then you must either have a TEAM APPLICATION on file, or complete and submit a TEAM APPLICATION to Becky Fisher, the Weekend Representative of MEC. Team applications are held for three years, or until you serve on a team, whichever comes first. If you are not sure you have an application

on file, or if your application needs updating, please submit a new one. You can download one off of the web at <http://www.cursillo.ang-md.org/teaminfo.htm>. It is also important, when you fill out the application, to be as meticulous as possible. Please be sure to include your special skills, such as doctor, nurse, or a musician—as well as the teams you have served on and the Rollos you have given.

You also should be grouping and attending Ultreyas, and you will need to have completed a 4th Day workshop to be considered. The next 4th Day Workshop is Saturday, June 10, 2006, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Severna Park. Team applications will be available at the workshop.

If you feel called to be considered to serve on team, **PLEASE SEND YOUR APPLICATION IN TODAY!**

Send the application to:

Ms. Becky Fisher, Weekend Representative
Maryland Episcopal Cursillo
23 North Court St.

Westminster, MD 21157

Ultreya!

Steve French, Lay Director
Maryland Episcopal Cursillo
ily1432@aol.com

Policy Regarding Watches, Cameras, Cellphones and Pagers on Three Day Weekend

At its meeting on November 7, 2003, the Secretariat reaffirmed and restated the following guidelines for weekends.

Watches, Cellphones and Pagers on Weekends. Candidates should leave watches, cellphones and pagers at home so as not to be distracted on the weekend. In case of emergencies, candidates and team members may be contacted through the Claggett Center Office. It is also appropriate for one or two team members to have cellphones available for emergency purposes (both incoming and outgoing calls), but these will be kept in the team room.

Cameras on Weekends. Cameras should not be brought to the weekend for use during weekend activities. Likewise, the community is requested not to take photographs or videos of community activities such as Mananitas and Clausura. Of course, team and candidate photographs will continue to be taken during the weekend. Time permitting, individual, group or table photos may be taken at the time the "official" group photos are taken.

Comments:

1. Both candidates and sponsors should be advised of these policies in the letters sent to them before the weekend. These letters will include a brief rationale for this policy and will also include the 3 emergency phone numbers that will be available on the weekend, identifying that which is Claggett's. Sponsors should explain the reasons for these policies to potential candidates before their application to attend a Three Day Weekend is submitted to the Assistant Lay Director. Candidates who are unable to separate themselves from cellphones or pagers for the weekend should delay their participation in a three-day weekend to a time when they can be free of this link.
2. On Thursday night, the Rector or Assistant Rector should again explain the reasons for these policies and the availability of the two cellphones for incoming and outgoing emergency calls.
3. **Reasons for these Policies.**
 - A. The weekend is a time for concentrated prayerful reflection on what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal Tradition. In view of the number of talks and activities to be completed during the weekend, together with break times and table chapels, there is very little time for additional distractions, such as telephone calls to home and office. If a potential candidate is distracted by concerns with office or family matters, and feels she or he must be able to contact home or office during the weekend, then perhaps it is better that they not attend the weekend.
 - B. While our culture (not to mention advertisers) urge us to "capture the moment" with a photo or video, this often means that the photographer is not a part of the event, with her or his attention focused upon "capturing the moment." The Secretariat believes that an essential part of the Three Day Weekend is full participation in all activities by candidates and team members. Another concern is that weekend "candid" photographs may be circulated among the community and public, thus creating inaccurate expectations or perceptions regarding the weekend. Experience suggests that each weekend is both the same and different from other weekends. This is the work of the Holy Spirit meeting candidates and team members "where they are as they are." Photographs may suggest that there is a single way of doing things which would only be an attempt to limit the Spirit's work.
 - C. Group, individual and table photos may be taken at the same time the "official" group photograph is taken. This is the appropriate time during the weekend for photos to be taken, as it does not interrupt the spontaneity of the weekend activities. Photographs are also appropriate following Clausura.

CANDIDATE APPLICATION
Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

Revised 5/20/06

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 4th Day in grouping, attending Ultreyas, and participating in a 4th 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(s)

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

SPONSOR APPLICATION

Revised 5/20/06

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

Primary Sponsor: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____ @ _____

Candidate(s) being sponsored: _____

Secondary Sponsor (if applicable) _____

Home: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____ @ _____

2. SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Date and location of your 4th 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.
 - Assist my candidate to find a permanent Group Reunion, or group myself with the new Cursillista(s).
 - Discuss with and accompany my candidates to the Reunion Ultreya
 - Discuss with and accompany my candidates to the 4th Day Workshop
- Send the appropriate fees (see below) with both signed applications to the Assistant Lay Director.
 - For candidates in the Diocese of Maryland: **TOTAL FEE IS \$50.00**
 - Sponsor Fee is \$35.
 - Candidate Fee is \$15. (Some sponsors choose to pay this fee for the candidate as palanca.)
 - For candidate not attending a parish in the Diocese of Maryland: **TOTAL FEE IS \$175.00**

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 _____ Nickname _____
(Print, please)

Address _____
Street City State Zip code

Telephone (h) _____ E-mail _____ Date of birth _____
Month / day / year

Fax _____ Emergency contact _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____ Marital status _____ Spouse's name _____

Date & location of your Cursillo weekend _____

Date & location of your 4th 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) _____

Are You Willing to Help in Cursillo? (Resource List)

The Servant Community would like ideas on ways that you are willing to help. Please mark the areas that you are interested in and return to **Becky Fisher, Weekend Representative, 23 North Court St, Westminster, MD 21157.**

Name: _____ **Telephone Number:** _____

E-mail address (optional): _____

Which Weekend Did you attend? _____

Music

- _____ Play a musical instrument. If so which instrument(s) _____
- _____ Can be a song leader
- _____ Interested in serving on the music team for a weekend. (Must also submit an application)
- _____ Can produce paper copies of music for the visually impaired
- _____ Would like to learn to play Cursillo music
- _____ Already know much of the Cursillo music and willing to play for Ultreyas, Workshops, Weekends, etc.

Communications

- _____ Can design websites
- _____ Can assist with database management
- _____ Can enter data for updating the database for the Directory
- _____ Willing to type (newsletters, brochures, flyers, other materials as needed)
- _____ Willing to assist with assembling the Abrazo or Clausura booklets

Skills and Talents to help prep for the weekend

- _____ Bake communion bread
- _____ Able to Sew or perform similar tasks such as team shirts or similar special projects
- _____ Able to perform Crafts (to assist the Head Chas)
- _____ Able to do Counted Cross Stitch
- _____ Able to Needlepoint
- _____ Able to Crochet (such as single chain stitch for cross cords)
- _____ Have Other talents, such as graphics, art, upholstery or carpentry. Please list – _____
- _____ Able to make buttons
- _____ Willing to make beds at Claggett on the Thursday of a weekend
- _____ Able to make Placemats
- _____ Willing to help with inventory, the restocking and cleaning out of the Cursillo (aka Cha) Closet at Claggett

Skills for the actual Cursillo weekend

- _____ Able to provide Medical care – (Please circle) know CPR; or have a license as a RN, EMT, Physician's Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Doctor, Dentist
- _____ Are you Bilingual? For what language (including sign interpreting) _____
- _____ Willing to assist the Core Team as Silent Cha for a weekend (This may require staying overnight at Claggett on the weekend)
- _____ Willing to be community support on a weekend, such as bringing things to Claggett during the weekend that were forgotten ____ Can we call you on short notice? (Please circle) Yes No
- _____ Willing to assist with set up for Agape
- _____ Willing to assist with clean up for Agape
- _____ Can act as Photographer for the weekend pictures (Note: Requires standing on a ladder to take the pictures)
- _____ Willing to be a Clown minister on a weekend. (Must also submit an application)
- Do you have training as a clown? (Please circle the appropriate answer) Yes No

Are you Willing to serve the Community in other ways?

_____ Serve on Fourth Day Workshop Teams

- _____ Welcoming Team
- _____ Food Team
- _____ Leadership Team
- _____ Be a Speaker
- _____ Set up/Clean up

_____ Serve on Secretariat/Servant Community

- _____ Area Representative
- _____ Treasurer
- _____ Comptroller
- _____ Secretary
- _____ Fund Raising
- _____ Special Projects Management
- _____ Other – Please name the position(s) _____

_____ Clerical Support

- _____ Updating the Team Manuals
- _____ Maintaining the Cha boxes and refilling after each weekend
- _____ Assembling Fourth Day Packets
- _____ Making phone calls (such as for reminders and invitations, coordinating transportation, as needed)

_____ Accounting – to assist the Treasurer, Comptroller, auditing the books

Ultreyas

- _____ Willing to be a Witness Speaker - Which Ultreya? _____
- _____ Willing to lead Ultreyas
- _____ Already know much of the Cursillo music and are willing to play for Ultreyas.

Other Skills and Talents nor previously listed that you would like to use in the Cursillo ministry:
(Please describe)

Secretariat 2006

Lay Director	Steve French
Asst. Lay Director	[open]
Secretary	Louise Carlson
Treasurer	Sally Mullen
Comptroller	Debi Frock
Servant Community Director	Izzy Winn
Spiritual Advisor	The Rev. Bill Ticknor
Northeast Area Rep	[open]
Western Area Rep	Fran Nicholls
Metro North Area Rep	Grissell Burgos
Central Area Rep	[open]
Metro South Area Rep	Tim Welden
Southern Area Rep	Dawn Moorehead

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, send your name and email address to Emerson Champion, Cursillo Email List Coordinator, at echampion@gmail.com.

Servant Community 2006

Pre-Cursillo Rep	Emerson Champion
Weekend Rep	Becky Fisher
4th Day Coordinator	Linda Shelton/Anne Arey
Palanca Coordinator	Linda Jeffries-Summers
Music Coordinator	Beth Mitchell
Spiritual Advisor	The Rev. Becki Neumann
Comm. Coordinator	Emerson Champion
Website Editor	Shannon Stultz

Comptroller Address

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

Comptroller, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo
c/o Church of the Ascension
23 North Court St
Westminster, MD 21157

Monthly Ultreyas

1st Sunday, 6:30 PM
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
1101 Bay Ridge Ave
Annapolis
Contact: Mary Beth Dent

1st Friday, 7:30 PM
Chrysalis Gathering
Westminster United Methodist Church
162 Main Street
Westminster
Contact: Chuck Birmingham

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

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

4th Friday, 7:30 PM
St. James' Episcopal Church
5757 Solomons Island Rd
Lothian
Contact: Joe Carta



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Important Dates

- MD #92 Candidate Application Deadline—Oct 4, 2006
- Diocesan Ultreya and Annual Meeting—Oct 14, 2006, Bishop Claggett Center
- MD #92—November 2-5, 2006, Bishop Claggett Center. Marge Burr, Rector

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