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A SPECIAL ULTREYA

Friday, July 30,
at 7:30 PM
St Mark's, Highland

Join with
the
Diocese of Maryland
half of the team
and
“Send Us Out”
for
Accra, Ghana,
Cursillo Weekend
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Palanca Information for Accra #1: DEADLINE AUGUST 1

Please remember “palanca” means “leverage,” and the real leverage is prayer. Palanca notes about people praying for the weekend are very meaningful proving you are and will be praying. Weight is an issue, so palanca must be streamlined. Please write a note no larger than a postcard without an envelope. No Jesus junque; the team will add some fun palanca if the space permits. Perhaps a group could all sign one note or bookmark. There will be candidates and the notes must be generic as we will not know their names in advance. The Accra # team is composed of in Accra and from Maryland. Email notes of support before the Maryland team leaves would be a nice expression helping to reduce palanca that must be transported. All team names are listed on the website: www.cursillo.ang-md.org

Bring palanca to the “Send Us Out” Bon Voyage Ultreya on July , or mail it to:

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Send green palanca marked for the Ghana project to:

MEC Comptroller
c/o Church of the Ascension
N. Court Street
Westminster MD



Thank you.
Connie McNey
Accra # Palanca Cha





Send Us Out—Preparation on Faith

August,

Early on a beautiful Saturday morning, June , the Maryland contingent of the Accra # team awoke after a hot, humid night, to drink hot cups of tea with sugar and evaporated milk. Then all, dressed in bathing suits, walked to the Severn River at the bottom of the hill. The group found that a swim in the river was refreshing and the ice cold shower at the pier was a jolt. But nothing prepared everyone for the surprise yet to come mananitas back at the Winns' house. The team's overnight retreat had been much publicized as a way for the team to bond. We watched a Ghanaian movie and prepared and ate Ghanaian food grilled mackerel, kenkey, plantain, spinach stew, rice water, malts etc. all without the luxuries of air conditioning, hot water, dishwasher, drinking water from the tap, showers or plug in extras such as hairdryers. But Mananitas, we never imagined!

After our swim, two by two we strolled back up the hill to the house to find dozens of wildly dressed people singing "on the day that you were born . . ." accompanied by four guitars! We were all surprised actually stunned! How great it was to feel the embrace of the community sending us out as their representatives to launch Cursillo in Ghana. It was like everyone's very first mananitas the thought of

"they would do this for me?" But another surprise made the occasion even more fun and memorable. In spite of the well laid plans of the Cursillo community to serenade us very early in the morning, the serenaders found no one home when they sneaked up to the house,

the doors were wide open but no one was anywhere around. We were all swimming. The story goes that they snooped around a bit and found a retreat agenda and decided to wait awhile for us to return.

To me the mananitas was the latest in a series of very significant moments in this preparation process. Bishop Ihloff commissioned us at the convention Eucharist in keeping with the theme "seeing the face of God in each other." There, Bishop Rabb gave a powerful sermon focusing on seeing God in others through our mission in the world. We all wore t shirts with our symbol of "send us out" and we bonded in mutual excitement. But the mananitas was like being kissed it was an act of love. And we haven't even left yet! We have had yellow fever and hepatitis shots, our visas are being processed, passports and tickets are in hand. Malaria pills come next. We have talked about what to take and what to leave behind and we are rehearsing our rollos. We are listening to each other with an ear for culture specific references, idioms, and expectations.

We are preparing to be open to the Spirit. We are preparing to encounter God in the face of the unknown and the unexpected.

Our preparation for this Cursillo weekend and the following th Day workshop in Accra is not according to the usual. We have all read the New Church's Teaching Series Horizons of Mission by Titus Presler and the Ghanaian publication Invitation to be an African Anglican by J. S. Pobee. We are going on total faith in God's unfailing grace and I must add, humor! With our collective team and international travel experience, we will pull plans for the weekend together when we get to Accra on August . We will stay and worship with Ghanaian host families and then rehearse the weekend schedule and rollos with our + or Ghanaian teammates including cooks there are still many unknowns at this writing and we are expecting changes up to the last minute! Our music, some very familiar and some known only to Ghanaian Anglicans, may be accompanied only by drums and tambourines. Ghanaians will present half of the rollos and will be table leaders for half of the tables. We will have skits and an agape. The Ghanaian Emmaus community will give us a candle light vigil on Saturday night rather than a mananitas. All this will be in a

Upcoming Important Dates

- Candidate applications deadline for MD #88 is October 4th. Please send to Pete Finne (see address under Secretariat 2004).
- Articles for Fall Abrazo due by September 28. Send to Emerson Champion at champion@qis.net.



setting unfamiliar to everyone
Holy Trinity College north of Accra.

We leave by vans for New York JFK on Saturday, August in the wee hours of the morning. We ask for your continuous palanca of prayer for us, our Ghanaian teammates and the expected new cursillistas. Pray for the leadership of the weekend, especially Mercia Laryea, assistant rector and the lay director of the th day community in Accra.

Notes of palanca must be packable weight and bulk are issues please follow the guidelines we have setup. We are incredibly grateful for all the support of this export so far. Without the strong Cursillo community backing, this export would never happen.

When we return to BWI on August we expect to be dancing in the Spirit! We will share with everyone the highlights of this mission

adventure when we come together for the Diocesan Anniversary Ultreya on October and you just may have to dance with us!

Send us out!

*Izzy Winn, MD #
Rector Accra #*



Candidates of Accra, Ghana #1

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Natashia Quartey	Holy Trinity Cathedral
Florence Nortey	Holy Trinity Cathedral
Naomi Quarcoo	Holy Trinity Cathedral
Suzet Astriku	St. Andrews, Abossey Okai
Clement Owu	Transfiguration, Haatso
Joseph Appiah	Transfiguration, Haatso
Nii Amugi Yartey	St. Andrew's, Abossey Okai



"Las Mañanitas"



Team of Accra, Ghana #1 – "Send Us Out"

The web site list that has been posted does not tell the assignments for the Maryland team and does not include the Ghanaians. The Ghanaians may change some we have to be flexible!! But this is official for now!!

Name	Assignment	Rollo
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Marjie Mack St. James, Lothian	Table Leader	Leaders
*Nana Serwa Ayibotele	Table Leader	Environments
*Nathaniel Welbeck	Table Leader	
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*Juliana Amugi	Cha	
*Sophia Quarcoo	Cha	
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*Jerry Okantey	Assistant Table leader	
*Elizabeth Dodoo	Kitchen	
*Joyce Hornsby Odoi	Kitchen	
*Mary Danquah	Kitchen	

**Ghana Team Members*



Collect for 4th Day Community Gatherings by Fr. Rick Laribee

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.



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Just a reminder that all Secretariat meetings are open to the community. They are currently being held at St. John's, Frederick Road, Ellicott City at 7pm on the 1st Friday of the month.



COME TO THE RIVER!

It's already summer! Can you believe it? Next thing we know, it will be autumn the leaves will start to change, the kids will be back in school, vacations will be over. AND, yes, it will be retreat time. The first annual **Come to the River Retreat**, scheduled for October , at the Bishop Claggett Center, will take place at a time of year when most of us probably need very much to slow down, reflect on events and wonders of the past season, take a look at where we are, and spend time with God in an effort to come closer to Him, and to discern what it is He would have us do with our time and talent.

The leadership group for this retreat weekend will be meeting, planning, and working out the details of this exciting event. To those of you who have volunteered to take on this endeavor, I give tremendous thanks. We had a great response from the community. The list of registrants is full, and there is a waiting list. We're hoping that next year we may be able to increase the number of available slots.

A reminder to those of you who are registered for the retreat, but have not completed your payments: Please send the balance of your registration fee total pp to Ron Burr, th St,

Pasadena, MD, . Checks are to be made out to MEC, with "Come to the River" on the message line.

I thank God that we are going to have the opportunity to serve and praise Him in this way. In the mean time, I pray everyone will have a blessed and safe summer with time to spend with family and friends, and to enjoy the beauty of our Lord's magnificent creation.

*In the joy of His love,
Ann Wheeler
DE COLORES! ♡*



Maryland Cursillo License Plates



Several years back Secretariat began looking into organizational license plates for Cursillo. We now have our Ducks ROOSTERS in a row and can proceed.

The proposed tag will be a standard Maryland black on white, with four digits, the Abrazo logo and MD Episcopal Cursillo on the bottom. The secretariat would be responsible for keeping records and processing new

plates. Current fee is a one timer for . above the Current State fees. Cursillo would add a . processing fee for a one time total of . MVA will require a list of members that may want plates. We need a minimum of people before we can start. People that are interested would need to send me their name, current tag number and a check for . Email is bcn@jamison door.com. Once things start moving it will take about weeks. ♡

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th Friday : p.m.	Lothian	St. James Solomon's Island	Yvonne Finne No Ultreya in Dec

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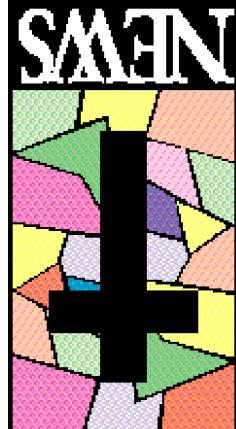
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