



# The Abrazo

The newsletter of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

WINTER 2017

## Speak Often With the Lord

When I was a little girl, I learned this simple mealtime prayer, *“Bless this food, O lord, that we are about receive from Thy bounty. Amen”*. Another little prayer is one that my grandchildren now say before meals, *“God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food. In Jesus name, Amen.”* When they were younger, their prayers included blessings for everything from household pets to their favorite toys. Now, they still include blessings for their pets, but also include blessings for people they know.

In 1 Thessalonians 5: 17-18, Paul tells us to, *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*



At Good Shepherd, Bonita, California, I am part of a team that is available after Sunday service for those who are in need of prayer. When I was first asked to be on the church prayer team, I felt that my prayers might be too simplistic or inadequate. However, the more I prayed, the more I realized that it wasn't how little or how much I prayed that counted. What really mattered was my willingness to give God my time to pray, to believe in the power of prayer, and to have faith that the Lord will answer my prayers in His time.

Praying for our own needs and for the needs of others is an essential part of who we are as Christians. Coming Cursillo weekends are the perfect time to share the many blessings that come from prayer. Your prayer may bring peace to someone who is up on the mountain for the first time, or perhaps it may bring comfort to a weary team member in need of rest.

I urge all who are able to be generous with your prayers. Speak often with the Lord and let Him speak often to you. Let your voice be His voice for someone who will be waiting to listen.

— Barbara Peralta  
Secretariat Chair,  
San Diego Cursillo Community

Source: *The Forward Newsletter*  
of the Sand Diego Cursillo Community



# MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO WEEKEND 112

*“Here I Am - Send Me!” April 20-23, 2017*

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*Isaiah 6 describes how the prophet Isaiah, through a vision from the Lord, begins his ministry for God. In the vision, the Lord asks, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8a). Isaiah’s response was to volunteer for service: “Here I am; send me.” (verse 8b, KJV).*

The team that God has called to serve on MD 112 is working hard to prepare for this weekend! As it is with all of you in the fellowship of the Cursillo Community, each team member is committed and is raising their hand every day in answer to God’s call, *Who shall I send?* Being willing to serve when called is an expression of action - the fulfillment of the requirements of Baptism and of Confirmation - and can result in a personal joy that continues to surprise us with the depth of love and fulfillment we experience as God’s reward for our service.

As we hear the call to action, each of us on the team continues to plan, pray, and have faith that God’s will for MD 112 will be revealed through the candidates He calls you to sponsor and the action of service He calls every one of us to as we live out our 4th Day!

Please continue to lift us up now and throughout the weekend. Pray for us and for the candidates by signing the online prayer chart ([click here](#) or go to [MDEpiscopalCursillo.com](http://MDEpiscopalCursillo.com)). Pray about the words you will write in the Palanca you send. Pray that the potential Candidates will also hear the call to participate in the Weekend. And pray that God will continue to give all of us the strength and will to serve Him in all things!

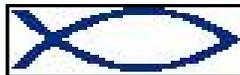
Thank you all for your love and support, and for all the times you have already answered when God has called YOU to His service!

*Ultreya!*  
— Pamela Blyth, MD 92

## *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*



### **The MD 112 [Prayer Chart](#) is now online!**

Please consider [clicking here](#) and signing up for a time(s) to help cover the entire weekend, the team and candidates in prayer!

**ULTREYA!**



## From the Lay Director – Caesar

Tumultuous times have landed square in our laps. Although I don't have as many years under my belt as many do, I have not seen times as disturbing as I am seeing now. I can close my eyes and simply envision Satan pouring kerosene on the already raging bonfire. I also realize that collectively we always differ in what we individually think is "best". One thing I keep hearing is to give Caesar what is Caesar's. Maybe not a perfect verse but then again perhaps it is.

From what I see scholars all offer their own takes on the exact meaning of that verse. It seems one common thing at its very basic level is what is of the world belongs to the world. Thus national and global turmoil are belonging here. I am encouraged to see that Cursillo on a global platform still to this day encourages the separation of politics and Christ's love. Rather it encourages us to focus on the basic love of Christ. As we know there is no greater healing power to be found. To me what is most endearing in this ministry is the focus on the love of Christ and power of the Spirit. So I try to focus on giving Caesar his. See I love that I trust in my faith assuring me I am ultimately not of this world. I chose not to follow or support by continued reading and watching of a sickening sludge that has become a mess I prefer to step out of.

But how do I, a pervious solider and combat veteran who loves his country, simply abandon the world of Caesar. Well first of all I do not nor do I encourage you to. Instead I plea we turn focus and examine the next part of those sustaining words. "Give God what is his."

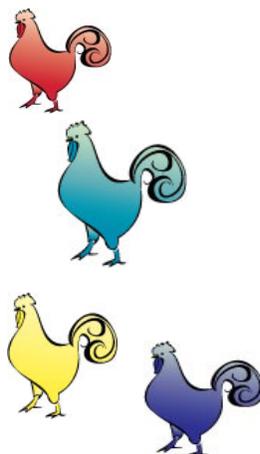
What is his, and how do I give it? You are the answer. You can render to God what bears His image, and what bear the image of God is simply YOU. Check it out for yourself flip all the way back to the beginning Genesis 1:26,27. Give your very core soul to the Savior and as it was in the beginning so shall it be in the end. Jesus Christ in us in the world is the answer.

We are to drop our own placed defenses, agendas, opinions or whatever obstacle stands in the way of that surrendering to grace. Much like when we had to surrender all of our earthly attachments to attend our weekend. Once we did we found we can focus on true meaning of our faith and how immense Christ loves for us as well as how very powerful the Spirit in us is.

So I hope you will join with me as we do indeed battle through these difficult times. Let us dress in the full armor of God and take a stand against the Devil. Let us let Christ's love shine so brightly through us that no matter what side someone is on they cannot help but to be drawn to seek what we have. Let's be fishers of all human kind. Let's make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ. Let us no longer cast any stones but instead share the only light that can repair the broken world. Remembering to always give onto God what is truly his, our very selves.

*Peace,*  
— David Wissmann, MD 89  
Lay Director, MEC

**GOD NEVER SENDS YOU INTO A SITUATION ALONE. GOD GOES BEFORE YOU. HE STANDS BESIDE YOU. HE WALKS BEHIND YOU. WHATEVER SITUATION YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW. BE CONFIDENT. GOD IS WITH YOU!**



**The gospel is less about how to get into the Kingdom of Heaven after you die, and more about how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven before you die.**  
Dallas Willard



## From the Assistant Lay Director – *The Year of Being Kind*

The other day at work I stumbled across an article on kindness. Apparently the article entitled, “*Let’s Make 2017 the Year of Being Kind*” originally appeared in Parade Magazine. The article highlights that “kindness is contagious and good for us - and that inspiring consequences really do spiral when we do simple, compassionate acts for others without expecting anything back. The article further says that one kind act trips what social scientist call “social contagion.” Not only do both you and the other person get a lift but so do its witnesses. Each party involved is then motivated to “kind it forward” to still more people.

Wow! Isn’t this what living out our fourth day is about?! We often times sit at home, or in our cars, and are empathetic and compassionate, but these are passive behaviors. Showing kindness takes action! Hebrews 13:1-2 tells us to “*Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*”

Living out our Fourth Day involves Study, Piety and Action. Showing kindness to strangers is not only action but a moment close to God. While it is easy to show kindness to strangers and to our friends, it is often times very difficult to show kindness to our enemies. Luke 27-31 says, “*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.*”

Yes, being kind to our enemies is difficult but, as Christians, this is our job and part of our Fourth Day. Mother Theresa at one time charged us to do one small thing with great love. With baby steps, we can make 2017 “*The Year of Being Kind.*”

*De Colores*  
— Brenda Boucher, MD 101  
Assistant Lay Director, MEC

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## 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.

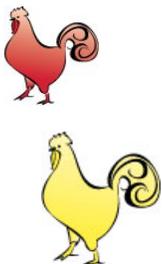
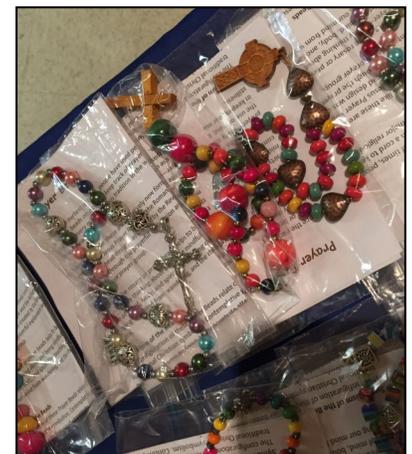


# MEC "Cursillo Shoppe" is Open !

Thanks to Linda Rines, MD 92, who has agreed to coordinate an MEC Cursillo Shoppe! Linda has a number of Cursillo-themed items that you can purchase for yourself or to give as Palanca. The profits benefit the MEC budget and support the ministry.

Linda is also coordinating the "Crafty Cursillista" project which provides an opportunity for Cursillistas to offer their hand-made Cursillo-themed crafts for purchase. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these items is contributed to the MEC as well. And, she is willing to bring these items to the Ultreyas!

Pictured are just some of the many products that are available. For more information about the products that are available and how you can purchase them, or for information about how you can become a "Crafty Cursillista," please contact Linda at [linda.rines@comcast.net](mailto:linda.rines@comcast.net) *Ultreya!*



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'll find a [Resource List](#) on page 14 of this issue (or you can [download](#) it 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



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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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?*

## Sunday, May 7, 2017

[St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church](#)

[375 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD 21146](#)

410-647-6248

[Click Here for Directions](#)



**Lunch:** 1 p.m.

**Workshop:** 1:30 p.m.

**Reunion Ultreya:** 3 p.m.

*All Cursillistas are welcome to attend!*

*Lunch will be served!*

Please confirm your plans to attend by contacting  
**Brenda Boucher**, 410-703-5118 [totheskies@msn.com](mailto:totheskies@msn.com)

[MDEpiscopalCursillo.com](http://MDEpiscopalCursillo.com)

## Prayer Palanca Sent to Other Weekends

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo supports other three-day weekend programs through prayer palanca. Letters were recently emailed to the following weekends for inclusion on their Palanca Wall. More letters continue to be emailed as MEC receives requests. Please pray for these weekends.

*Requests for weekend palanca can be sent to:*

Pamela Blyth, MD 92, MEC Communications Coordinator, [MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com)

### March 09-12, 2017

#36 East Texas Men's Tres Dias, Grapeland, Texas, USA

**Coed Lutheran Cursillo** #12 Journey In Faith Via de Cristo, Central Pennsylvania, USA

**Men's Lutheran Cursillo** #151 Lutheran Cursillo Movement of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona, USA

**Men's Walk to Emmaus** #80 Lagniappe Country Walk to Emmaus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA

**Men's Kairos Inside** #54 Lebanon Correctional Institute, Lebanon, Warren, Ohio, USA

**Mixed Presbyterian Pilgrimage** #144 Presbyterian Pilgrimage, Eastern Region, North Carolina, USA

**Men's Catholic Cursillo** #1128 Cursillo of Bloomington-Normal Illinois, Blomington, Illinois, USA

**Men's Catholic Cursillo** #413 MCC de la Diocesis de Leon, Gto. Mexico, LEON, GTO, MEXICO

**Men's Walk to Emmaus** #6 Romanian Walk to Emmaus, ROMANIA

**Men's Catholic Cursillo** #1129 Northwest Area Cursillo Diocese of Peoria, Moline, Illinois, USA

**Women's Walk to Emmaus**, Owensboro Walk to Emmaus, Owensboro, Davis, Kentucky, USA

**Women's Other**#22, Faith Walk of South West Louisiana-South Louisiana, USA

**Women's Kairos Inside** #6, New Hampshire Correctional Facility for Women, Goffstown, New Hampshire, USA

### March 16-19, 2017

**Women's Lutheran Cursillo** #152 Lutheran Cursillo Movement of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona, USA

**Men's Christian Cursillo** #13 Heart of Texas Tres Dias, Mansfield, TX USA

**Men's Faith Walk** #9 Faith Walk Central Alabama, Chelsea AL, USA

**Women's Walk to Emmaus** #160 Louisville Emmaus Community, Louisville, KY, USA

**Women's Tres Dias** #22 Minnesota Tres Dias, Minnesota, USA

**Men's Walk to Emmaus** #2 Belize/Honduras Emmaus Community, Belize City, Belize

**Women's Walk to Emmaus** #6Romanian Walk to Emmaus, Romania

**Men's DeColores** #121---Southwest Michigan DeColores, Southwest Michigan/Northwest Indiana

### March 23-26, 2017

**Women's Walk to Emmaus** #2 Belize/Honduras Emmaus Community, Belize City, Belize

**Women's Faith Walk** #10 Central Alabama, Chelsea, AL USA

**Women's Walk to Emmaus** Emmaus Community of Germany, Berlin, Germany

**Women's Christian Cursillo** #85 Atlanta Christian Cursillo, Atlanta, GA

**Men's Faith Walk** #73 Faith Walk Community of the Mid-South, Bartlett

**Women's Tres Dias**#13 Heart of Texas Tres Dias, Mansfield, TX USA

### March 29-April 1, 2017

**Women's Faith Walk** #74 Faith Walk Community of the Mid-South, Bartlett

### March 30-April 2, 2017

**Coed Presbyterian Pilgrimage** #50, Georgia Presbyterian Pilgrimage, Metro Atlanta, Georgia, USA

## 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*



# Christ in the Moment

Most of us lead pretty busy lives, distractions run aplenty in our worlds. It's wonderful to think about taking the time to lead nicely balanced lives and sit around sipping coffee or tea, but that reality is far from my day to day living. There is a different way.

Instead of fighting the chaos, find Christ in it. What? you say. Think about the life of Jesus. He had huge crowds wherever he went. He had to leave before dawn to find any quiet. He was surrounded by chaos and yet found God in the midst of it all. He could attune to the moment and focus his energy and Spirit on the one he was attending to. We too can have that sense of presence. You can find God in all moments in your life, but it needs to be done consciously. Here are a few suggestions.

1. Put "Post It" notes all over - in your car, on mirrors, refrigerators, books, phones, pockets - that say, "Where do you see God right now?" When you see it, take a few seconds and find God. God is truly everywhere all the time. The more you make it a habit to find God, the more you will.
2. If you have a cell phone, for 5 days, set alarms to ring between 5 and 10 times a day. When you hear it, that is your cue to find God in that moment or to take thirty seconds to listen to God in prayer.
3. Ask God in prayer to reveal himself to you in the world. Then keep your eyes and ears open, God wants to amaze you everyday. Broaden your horizon of what is truly miraculous. We need to learn to see God in the small things of life, not just the stunners.

Build the habit of seeing God at work in the world. Extend the presence of your Fourth Day, engage God, and use the Holy Spirit's grace and power to change the lives of those around you.

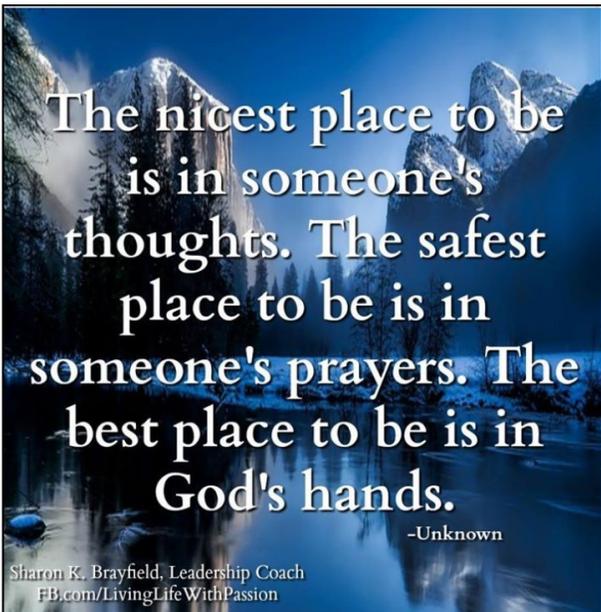
— Steve Rodgers  
Oregon Cursillo Chaplain

Source: Rooster Crows Newsletter of the Oregon Cursillo Community.

## 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 [David Wissmann, MD 89](#), Lay Director, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo.  
**Central Area Representative - Northern Area Representative - Western Area Representative**



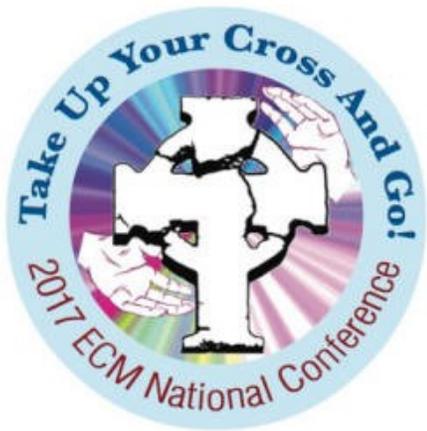
## Did you know?

**The Episcopal Church has:**

- ◇ 6,700 congregations
- ◇ Average Sunday attendance at a "typical" parish is 100 people
- ◇ 1.9 million active members
- ◇ 18,000 clergy (including retired)
- ◇ Total gross receipts of over \$2 billion per year
- ◇ 52 percent of churches built before 1950
- ◇ Is one of the 44 national and regional Churches that make up the Anglican Communion
- ◇ 80 million members



# Episcopal Cursillo Ministry - National Conference



*Take Up Your Cross and Go!*

## Episcopal Cursillo Ministry 2017 Conference

**Save the Date!**  
**October 27–28, 2017**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**  
***More information Soon!***

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!**

Please let us know if you are available to volunteer your time and talent in support of MEC Weekends and other activities.

Please see the [Resource Volunteer Form](#) online (and or on page 14 of this issue) for some of the many opportunities available. Once you sign up, your information will be on file, and you'll be called as needed.

Remember, you can volunteer as much (or as little!) of your time as convenient when called.

***Thanks for letting us know how you might be available to help!***

***Utreya!***



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### ***Receive EMAIL Updates!***

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

Send your request to [MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com)

### ***UPDATE Your ADDRESS !***

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

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# SPONSOR APPLICATION

## Maryland Episcopal Cursillo – Three Day Weekend

### 1. CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIMARY Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

SECONDARY Sponsor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend # \_\_\_\_\_

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.
  - √ 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 4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop
- Send the appropriate fees with both signed applications to the address below. *The current fees may be found on the Cursillo website at [MDEpiscopalCursillo.com](http://MDEpiscopalCursillo.com)*

**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

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# CANDIDATE APPLICATION

## Maryland Episcopal Cursillo – Three Day Weekend

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Clergy Endorsement:

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

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

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

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

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# 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:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
Which weekend did you attend? \_\_\_\_ Teams served (and roles)? \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b><u>Music</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Play a musical instrument. What type(s) _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Interested in serving on the music team for a weekend. (Must also submit an application)</p>	<p><b><u>Communications</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Website Design and update</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist with database management</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Abrazo, brochure production</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist with assembling and mailings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Write articles for the Abrazo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual, what language _____</p>
<p><b><u>Skill and Talent in weekend preparation</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Team Shirts __ new team member __ add on</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bake Communion Bread</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cord for wooden cross</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Able make weekend buttons</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Talent with design graphics, art.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Make beds on Thursday of weekend</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Make Placemats</p>	<p><b><u>Assist on the Cursillo Weekend</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist Core team over the weekend (require staying on campus)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist set up for Agape</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist clean up for Agape</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Photographer for weekend photo (requires standing on ladder)</p>
<p><b><u>Forth Day Workshop</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership team</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Workshop team</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Give a talk</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Food set up and or clean up</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Set up and or clean up</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lead music</p>	<p><b><u>Serve the Secretariat or Servant Community</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Area Representative    <input type="checkbox"/> Palanca Coordinator</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer                    <input type="checkbox"/> 4th Day Representative</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comptroller                <input type="checkbox"/> Music Coordinator</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Secretary                    <input type="checkbox"/> Asst Lay Director ____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pre Cursillo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Weekend Representative</p>
<p><b><u>Ultreya Support</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Witness Speaker - List Ultreya(s)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Led an Ultreya - List Ultreya(s)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lead music at an Ultreya</p>	<p><b><u>Other gifts or talents</u></b> you are willing share with the Cursillo Community:</p>

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## 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

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## Monthly Ultreyas

**1st Saturday, 6 PM**

**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church**

1108 Providence Rd, Towson, MD 21286

Contact: Chris Snead, MD 81 [csnead1034@aol.com](mailto:csnead1034@aol.com)

Barbara Lewis, MD 105 [blewis711@gmail.com](mailto:blewis711@gmail.com)

Jim Stultz, MD 85 [jimstultz@hotmail.com](mailto:jimstultz@hotmail.com)

**1st Saturday, 7 PM**

**Episcopal Church of Christ the King**

1930 Brookdale Road, Woodlawn, MD

Contact: Robyn Mayfield, MD 85 [aubtobby1@verizon.net](mailto:aubtobby1@verizon.net)

**APRIL - AUGUST - NOVEMBER**

**1st Saturday, 7 PM**

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

3695 Rogers Ave, Ellicott City, MD

Contact: Greg Fraser, MD 63 [glfrase@verizon.net](mailto:glfrase@verizon.net)

**MARCH - JUNE - SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER**

**1st Sunday, 3 PM**

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

52 Broadway, Frostburg, MD

Contact: Daphne Gooding (301-245-4705)

Donald Goldbloom (301-895-3780)

**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](mailto:wwilliams@waeus.us)

Kathy Skidmore-Williams [rookujack@yahoo.com](mailto:rookujack@yahoo.com)

**4th Friday**

**6:45 PM Potluck Dinner - 7:30 PM Ultreya**

**St. James' Episcopal Parish**

5757 Solomons Island Rd, Lothian, MD

Contact: Joe Carta [jdcarta@hotmail.com](mailto:jdcarta@hotmail.com)





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### Mark Your Calendar

- MEC Secretariat & Servant Community Meetings** \_\_\_\_\_ **April 1, 2017**  
*All Cursillistas are invited to attend!* [Christ the King](#), Woodlawn, MD
- MD Weekend 112 Candidate Deadline** \_\_\_\_\_ **March 20, 2017**
- MD Weekend 112 "Here I Am - Send Me!"** \_\_\_\_\_ **April 20-23, 2017**  
*Sponsors Service* [The Bishop Claggett Center](#), Adamstown, MD  
*Las Mananitas* April 20 - 7:30 p.m.  
*Clausura* April 23 - 6:45 a.m.  
April 23 - 3:45 p.m.
- MD Weekend 112 Reunion Ultreya & 4th Day Workshop** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday, May 7, 2017**  
*All Cursillistas are invited to attend!* [St. Martin's-in-the-Field](#), Severna Park, MD  
*Lunch* 1 p.m.  
*4th Day Workshop* 1:30 - 3 p.m.  
*Ultreya* 3 p.m.

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