



THE ABRAZO

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From the Lay Director—

I find it hard to believe that my year as your Lay Director is nearly finished. No wonder National Cursillo recommends a minimum term of at least years! While much has been accomplished, there are projects that I had hoped would bear fruit before the end of . I leave them in the capable hands of our leaders in . But this, then, is my accounting for .

Within the first few months, the by laws were changed so that the number of area representatives was increased from to and the area reps were moved from Servant Community to Secretariat as full voting members. It has been a joy to have representatives from throughout the diocese involved in discussions and decisions for the community. The Secretariat voted to recommend to Bishop Ihloff that the representative to the Mission Strategy team be the newly elected Assistant Lay Director ALD . Thus, Pat Arey has served this year and will be replaced in January by the ALD you elect in November.

Cursillo has been a bit more visible this year, with a Cursillo table at convention last May. Thanks to Paul and Linda Trader for their work before, during and after the convention to prepare, man and take down our table. Emerson Champion has worked hard to submit our weekend and th day workshop dates for listing in the calendar of the Maryland Church News and several

Cursillistas have written articles that were accepted for publication this year. Thanks to the authors I surely hope this effort continues into .

Ann Wheeler and Ron Burr gamely took up the idea of an annual Cursillo retreat. I look forward to being in attendance when we gather at “The River” next year in November and hope to see you there also. We need to have an opportunity for renewal within the community a chance to walk, talk, learn, worship, sing, laugh and even be still for a while and know God is God.

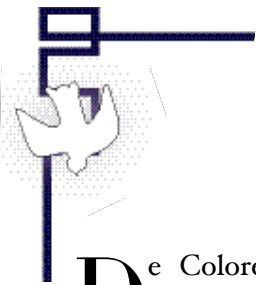
One of my greatest wishes to see Ultreyas “take off” to see more and more Cursillistas find the kind of joy and support I find at an Ultreya to find a way to encourage our Ultreya leaders and our “too long absent” Cursillistas has not received the kind of attention it has needed. While I, and other members of the Secretariat/Servant Community did visit many Ultreyas in the diocese this year, I did not give enough time to seeking ways to generate wider interest within the community. It is my belief that grouping and Ultreyas must assume a greater importance within the Maryland community if we are to be whom we are called to be; I ask your prayers and efforts to help this happen in .

The Secretariat and Servant Community have looked at the question of raising up Cursillo leaders, not only for day weekend teams but also for th day workshops, ultreyas, Servant Community and Secretariat. I hope that each of us will take some time in prayer and thought about the few people who are willing to serve as leaders. This year we have accepted weekend candidates from outside of our diocese because there is no viable Cursillo community in their home dioceses. Is Maryland Cursillo heading in that direction also few people grouping and attending Ultreyas, few people willing to serve as leaders, a less than vibrant community? I surely hope not!

The Ghana export took off in February and is progressing well. We have followed the National Cursillo guidelines for exporting and began by increasing the size of the fledgling community and providing some Cursillo leadership experience. This year, Ghanaians came to MD / as candidates and the designated Lay Director, Mercia Laryea, joined the MD team. If you haven't read their comments after MD , you need to get the last edition of the ABRAZO and check it out.

I joined the Accra Cursillo community in an Ultreya when I was there in August; I will be leading a th Day Workshop there in December with Mercia and others who have been on Emmaus or Chrysallis teams. The Cursillo community in Accra numbers about to at this time enough to go ahead with a first weekend.

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A Note from the Rector of MD #87

“Pass It On”

April ,

De Colores! The Lord has sent a wonderful group of people to be on the team of MD and now the team is completely formed. Our theme is “Pass it on”. We will have a gathering this month and begin our team

meetings in earnest in February. We hope that you will pray for MD both the team and any candidates that you feel called to send to us .

The weekend is April , . Please put Mananitas and Clausura on your calendars now. I look forward to

seeing your love and support for our future candidates. Thank you for any help you can give.

*In Christ's name,
Marion Glasby
Rector, MD* ♥

COME TO THE RIVER!

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we all spend time, energy, and prayer in helping and supporting those around us. As workers, parents, and neighbors in the world, we also spend time, energy, and prayer in daily jobs, school and sports activities, and the general busy ness of daily living. But, Jeanne Cushing, one of our busiest, came up with the idea of a Cursillo retreat a time for Cursillistas to gather together for a time of renewal, in the company of our brothers and sisters, to pray, relax, study, of course, sing, and experience the peace and joy in which our Lord would have us live.

As a result, we are planning the **First Annual Come to the River Retreat**, for a weekend in November of , at the Bishop Claggett Center. The weekend will begin with dinner, followed by social time on Friday evening, and continue through the morning on Sunday. Saturday activities will include Eucharist, talks only , not !, discussion, song sessions, as well as free time to walk, talk, read or snooze. This time of year was selected, in part, to provide an appropriate time to slow down and prepare for the season of Advent.

For this first weekend, at least, participation will be limited to fifty

Cursillistas. We will need a small team of fifteen, including musicians and a priest. The exact cost for the weekend, as well as the dates will be published in the next Abrazo, along with a registration form. In the meantime, please contact me phone or email AMWheelfree@aol.com or Ron Burr phone or email rmburr@att.net if you have questions or would like to help us out with this exciting new project.

Celebrating the joy of His love,

Ann Wheeler, MD ♥

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Team applications for MD Cursillistas hoping to be on the first team for Accra Cursillo are available on the website and need to be postmarked by November . Twelve Marylanders will join Ghanaians as the team for Accra # , most probably in August, . A second team will be formed for , with the proportions of Ghanaians and Marylanders reversed. Our commitment to Ghana Cursillo will continue in the years ahead. Again, your prayers are an important ingredient for success in this venture.

Financially, it's a mixed picture. The Secretariat had budgeted , for this year's export costs and through the hard work and generosity of MD Cursillistas, we will have raised more than the budgeted amount before the end of the year. The Ghana funds include individually pledged donations large and small and funds raised by Ultreyas throughout the diocese. Next year's goal is to raise , to cover the costs of Accra # ; our hope is to financially assist those MD Cursillistas God is calling to the Accra team. Perhaps we can schedule "Attics for Accra" or "Garages for Ghana" junque sales in to raise some of the needed funds with some of our no longer needed treasures!

While we have met our goals for funding the export, our general

donations to Cursillo have dropped precipitously low. I wish there were a little active character dancing on the envelope in this Abrazo like the one that drives me crazy in WORD or EXCEL, reminding each of us that we are invited to write a check large or small and forward it to Jay Sigrist, our comptroller. We all need to remember the joy of our day weekend and the gift that it was from the MD Cursillo community. Since we want to keep on giving that great gift of joy and provide the opportunity for more people to learn of God's indescribable and unconditional love, we need to provide the funds for the work to continue. Know that when you send that check, you'll be getting one of those "electric" smiles of mine and an abrazo from next year's new Cursillistas.

This year the following questions have been asked, but have no answers yet. How can we forge a stronger link between Cursillo and Chrysalis? Is Clausura too long? When is the appropriate time for the distribution of Cursillo crosses? Where does the JOG talk belong or does it? What should be the minimum requirements for core team and rectorship? How should rectors be chosen? Should any talks other than those defined by NEC be included on a weekend? What

recommendations belong in the team manuals? Of course, there's the great big question of the turmoil in our church but I'm counting on God's having the answer to that one. Your input on these and other concerns is welcomed. Secretariat meets on the st Friday of the month at : at St. John's Ellicott City. Servant Community meets quarterly at Christ the King, Woodlawn. Come join the discussions.

While this has not been an easy year, it has had more than its share of blessings Ed, Paul, Karen, Becky, Rose, Don, Pat, Ron, Emerson, Cindy, Jay, Linda, Paul, Fathers David and Rick, Bruce, Alex , Marybeth, Linda, Donna, Ann, Beth, Molly, Steve, Tim, Marjie, Jeanie, Ron, Berni, Rich, Bill, Michelle, Peter, Yvonne, Joe, our Ghanaian friends guess I could go on and on. Being connected in some small way to the teams, candidates and sponsors from MD through brings a special warm glow. Meeting so many of you at Ultreyas, Mananitas and/or Clausura was a gift from God. Thank you, each and every one of you. Like Jesus, I smile when I think of you.

*In His joy,
Jeanne ♥*

ADDRESS FOR DONATIONS

If you are reading The Abrazo electronically, or if your issue is missing its Palanca envelope, here is the address to send donations to Maryland Episcopal Cursillo:

Comptroller, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo
c/o Church of the Ascension
23 North court St.
Westminister, MD 21157

Thank You . . .

I want to take a moment to say thank you for the wonderful experience I had of being the Head Cha of MD . It is a very blessed and rewarding experience that I recommend for everyone.

My thanks go out to the community of

love that made my job so easy. If I started with names, I know I would forget someone and anyway, God knows who you are. But my thanks go out to my great team, the Agape community that came to help, the bed makers, the bread maker, the button maker, the creative seamstresses that

finished some really lovely team shirts, the generous donations of flowers and palanca, the clean up team, the printer, the camera man, and most of all, I thank God.

*May God Bless you richly.
Linda Trader
Head Cha, MD ♥*

Bio for Asst. Lay Director Candidate, Pete Finne

Name: Peter J. Finne "Pete"
Birthplace: New York, New York
Born: May ,
Married wife Yvonne
Three sons
Richard Charleston, SC
Jesse
Chris

Occupation: Program Manager for
Submarine Directorate US Navy
Washington Navy Yard, DC
Parish: St James' Lothian, MD
Cursillo: Georgia August
• Currently co leading adult Sunday
school class discussing and
exploring Sunday lectionary

- Member of Outreach committee,
St. James' Celebration choir, past
vestry member, past stewardship
chair, parking coordinator for fall
and spring dinners, Christmas in
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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.



Please cut here and return completed to address below.

Cursillo Ballot

Due by November 30, 2003

Assistant Lay Director 2004

Please check one:

Pete Finne _____ _____

Name _____ Weekend _____

Not required to vote

Please mail in enclosed envelope or return to Comptroller, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo,
c/o Church of the Ascension, North court St., Westminster, MD

Moving? Send us your address!

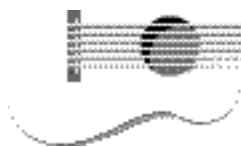
People move all the time for many reasons. Buying or selling a home, moving to take a job elsewhere, retiring to a better climate, etc. All these things have in common a change of address. So if you are moving, please don't forget to put Cursillo on your Change of Address list. Please send your current address, new address, and effective date to:

MEC Communications Coordinator
8068 Armiger Dr.
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Alternatively, you can give me a call at 410-360-7425 or drop me an email at champion@qis.net.

If you are changing email addresses, let me know that too!

*Emerson Champion
Communications Coordinator
Maryland Episcopal Cursillo*



Ultreya!

THERE'S BOUND TO BE ONE NEAR YOU!



Monthly

1st Sunday : p.m.	Annapolis	St. Luke's Church Bay Ridge Avenue	Mary Beth Dent	
1st Saturday : p.m.	Baltimore	Holy Cross Millington Avenue	Jim Stultz bpi@hotmail.com	
2nd Sunday : p.m.	Ellicott City	St. Peter's Rogers Avenue	Dick Mitchell	
2nd Sunday : p.m.	Port Republic	Christ Church Broome's Island Road	Murray Cheston , Dmcheston@aol.com	
2nd Friday : p.m.	Towson	St. Thomas Providence Road	Kathie Dzbinski	
3rd Friday : p.m.	Pasadena	St. Andrew's Tick Neck Road	Mark Cox	
3rd Sunday : p.m.	Hagerstown	St. John's S. Prospect Street	Bruce & Becky Neumann	
4th Friday : p.m.	Westminster	Ascension N. Court Street	Caren & David Bezanson	Child Care Available No Ultreya Jul, Dec
4th Friday : p.m.	Lothian	St. James Solomon's Island	Yvonne Finne	No Ultreya in Dec

Rotating

October	Glyndon	St. John's Butler Road	Sharon Andrews	Call about next meeting
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Quarterly

1st Monday : p.m.	Havre de Grace	St. John's Union & Congress Avenues	Mary Lou Townsend	Meetings in Mar/Jun/Oct/Dec
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4th Day Workshop

Trust in the Lord

The Fourth Day Workshop is a prerequisite for being a sponsor
or a team member

Saturday, January 10, 2004

Church of the Ascension
23 Court Street
Westminster, MD 21157

Registration with coffee and donuts: 8:30 am
Workshop: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Bring a bag lunch -- drinks will be provided

Contact: Jenny Moulton – (410) 821-0183

The Fourth Day Workshop is open to all and is an excellent way to review
the 4th Day tools of Cursillo

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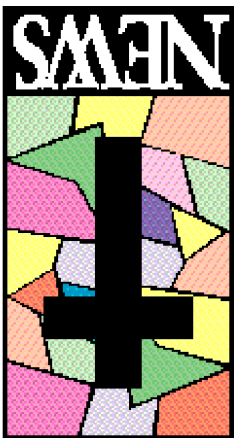
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FYI: WHAT'S HAPPENING

- The **Secretariat** is meeting the first Friday of every month at St. John's, Ellicott City in Rose Hall at 7:30 PM.
- **MD #86 Reunion Ultra**—
November 15: at St. Martin's in the Field, From 2 to 4(ish). Hope to see you there!
- **MD #87 Weekend and Mahanitas:**
April 22-25, 2003, Mahanitas on October 25, 6:45 AM. Come and bring flowers!
- **Come to the River:** Find out on page 2!
- **4th Day Workshop:** Ascension, Westminster, January 10, 2004 starting at 9:00 AM. The rector is Jenny Moulton. Please keep her and the team in your prayers. More to follow later. ♡

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