



The Abrazo

The newsletter of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

Summer 2008

You Are Mine

Emerson Champion, Assistant Lay Director

A junk email was caught by my spam filter. The subject was: "You have been selected today." While I deleted the email out of hand, the subject line got me to thinking: What is God selecting me to do? What does 'selected' mean? How is that different from being called?

Dictionary.com shows the following entries for 'select', which is the root of 'selected':

- Singled out in preference; chosen.
- Of special quality or value; choice.
- Careful or refined in making selections; discriminating.

The word 'called' had a whole laundry list of entries. I've picked out a few:

- To order or request to undertake a particular activity or work; summon.
- A strong inner urge or prompting; a vocation.
- A claim on a person's time or life.
- A decision made by an umpire or referee.

That last one is very interesting. In terms of God calling us, we might say that He has made a decision for us. And that is exactly what we see in scripture. In Isaiah 43:1, God tells us, "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine." (The Message)

I would say that rather than being different, the

concepts of being selected and called are complementary to each other. Applying them to our relationship with God, we can see that God has singled out each one of us for a purpose and has requested each one of us to undertake a specific activity for Him.

That brings me back to my original question: What has God selected me to do? In my case, it's to be a leader in Cursillo. And, even though I don't always feel qualified or adequate to the task, I have accepted God's selection to be a leader in Cursillo. I accept it because it is through the Holy Spirit dwelling within me that I have felt that strong inner urge.

What leadership role has God selected for you? What is God calling you to commit to? How do you know? First and last - *pray*. Look around at what needs to be done. Talk to the others in your permanent group reunion. Talk to people at your Ultreya. What is your passion? What are you doing with your time, talent, and treasure? That can be a big indicator of where God may already be calling you.

Above all, don't be afraid to step forward and trust God. God has called you by name, and you are His. Ultreya!

— **Emerson Champion**
Assistant Lay Director

Candidate Application Deadline

Candidate applications are due October 6, 2008, and should be mailed to:

Assistant Lay Director Emerson Champion, 8068 Armiger Dr, Pasadena, MD 21122

(Note - Application Forms included elsewhere in this issue)



MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO - WEEKEND 96

His Unending Love - Amazing Grace

November 6-9, 2008 - Claggett Center

Nancy Horkan, Rector, MD 96

It is truly a blessing to be serving as Rector for MD #96.

After much prayer and direction from the Holy Spirit, God's team is coming together. I have felt His amazing grace throughout the team formation process, and I know that the entire team is trusting and relying on the Holy Spirit to guide us as we meet throughout September and October to plan for the weekend.

Please continue to pray for us, and know that we will be praying that God will lead you to ask those in your parish who He would like to join us in November as together we experience *His unending love - Amazing Grace*.

Your sister in Christ,
— **Nancy Horkan**
Rector, MD 96

CURSILLO LAUNCHES PLEDGE PROGRAM

Dick Mitchell, Treasurer, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

Last year, the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo spent about \$17,300 – almost all of it for the costs of Maryland Weekends 93 and 94. However, our income was only approximately \$15,700 in contributions, including team fees, leaving a shortfall of almost \$1,600. Our experience in 2006 was very similar, and we are already running a similar deficit for 2008. Moreover, we anticipate significant future increases in Weekend charges from Claggett Center. At this time, we have a small amount of savings providing us some cushion, but the Cursillo Community definitely must address its financial affairs.

In response to our financial needs, the Secretariat has chosen to implement a modest financial pledge program. We need faithful Cursillistas to step up and pledge at least \$100 per year to the operation of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo, and to continue that financial support so long as they are willing and able to do so. This is not a one-time annual pledge, but a request that you prayerfully consider committing to an annual donation of \$100 – or such other amount as God lays on your heart – to support Cursillo in the Diocese of Maryland.

Although we will continue to take offerings at Ultreya and Clausura gatherings, we need a broader base of financial support. If we can rely on \$5,000 in pledge income, we will be able to end our annual deficit and permit Maryland Episcopal Cursillo to make a few modest expansions in its programs.

You can join our pledge program by emailing Emerson Champion, Assistant Lay Director, at echampion@gmail.com or Dick Mitchell, Treasurer, at richmarck@aol.com. Or, you can mail your written pledge to The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo, c/o Church of the Ascension, 23 North Court Street, Westminster MD 21157.

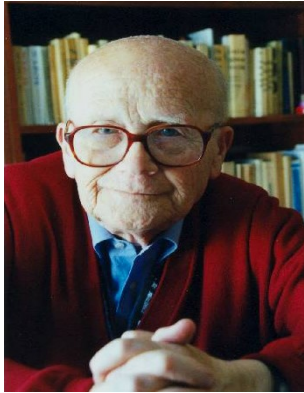
Your pledge payments are tax deductible and will be promptly deposited. We will send you an annual written statement for state and federal income tax purposes. Thank you for your commitment and assistance in making it possible for the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo movement to continue to flourish!

— **Dick Mitchell**
Treasurer, The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló,

Founder of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement, has passed away.

On 6 February 2008 at 4:00 p.m., at the age of 90, Eduardo Bonnín died after a brief illness. **The date of February 6 is providential for** the beginning of Lent, marking the anniversary of a historic event in Edu-veloped in Mallorca, Spain, under the lead-involved in Spanish Catholic Action. sought ways to Christianize their environ-which they found themselves - by bringing Committed to using the daily opportunities the character of their workplaces, commu-gan meeting weekly in small groups to the everyday lives of those around them. these first Cursillistas found strength and from these first groupings that the world-information about the life and work of Eduardo Bonnín can be found at <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/eduardo/eduardo.pdf> or by accessing the National Cursillo homepage at <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/>



several reasons. It is Ash Wednesday, road toward true freedom and the 68th ardo’s life. The first Cursillos were dership of Bonin and other young men Groups of active Christian laymen ments and the real life situations in young men to a deeper faith in Christ. to witness to Christ in order to change nities, and society itself, these men be-pray and plan ways to bring Christ into Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, encouragement from each other. It was wide Cursillo movement emerged. More

"O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Eduardo, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

The Book of Common Prayer, page 493

2008 Cursillo Seminar

October 23 – 26, 2008, Daytona Beach, FL

“Come to the Waters” is the theme for Seminar 2008 to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida, October 23-26. This year’s keynote speaker will be Episcopal priest, church consultant, and author, the Rev. Tom Ehrich. Events will include worship and singing, fellowship, small groups, workshops, and the Holy Eucharist.

It is not too early to make plans. Cost for the seminar is \$200. Additional information and registration forms can be accessed online at www.episcopalcursillo.org, or by emailing a request to Emerson Champion, at echampio@gmail.com who will be happy to email you an electronic copy of the brochure.

18th National Cursillo® Encounter

July 31 – August 3, 2008 Washington, DC

The 18th National Cursillo® Encounter will be held at the Catholic University of America, CUA, in Wash-ington, D.C. on July 31 – August 3, 2008. The theme for the 2008 Encounter is: “Christ Is Our Light”.

The Encounter will commence on Thursday, July 31, 2008, with a Keynote Address presented by the Most Reverend Francisco González, S.F. A Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Benediction will im-mediately follow in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is within walking distance and all masses will be held there during the Encoun-ter. Information and registration forms can be accessed at: <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/encounter/2008encounter.pdf>



DEVELOPING, then GROWING

The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo - Secretariat Goals 2008-2009

Emerson Champion, Assistant Lay Director

Over the last several months, the Secretariat has been very intentional in praying about, and then developing goals for the remainder of 2008 and 2009. We began with an overnight retreat in late February, and have continued the process at subsequent Secretariat meetings.

The overall thrust of the goals is “*Developing, then Growing.*” Over the last several years, the focus has been on standardizing dates and processes, as well as developing training and mentoring for leaders in the movement. The 2008-2009 goals continue and extend that focus.

While the specifics of the goals are detailed elsewhere in this issue, following is an overview of the 2008-2009 goals:

- **Develop a relationship** with the Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton, Bishop of Maryland, to include a review of The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo’s goals and to develop the Pastoral Plan.
- **Develop relationships** within Maryland Episcopal Cursillo through personal contact with new and “not-so-new” Cursillista; maintaining and growing our relationships with the regional and national Episcopal Cursillo representatives; fostering and developing relationships with other movements through attendance at regional and national Episcopal Cursillo meetings.
- **Develop Ultreyas** by creating and distributing an “*Ultreya Care Package*” and developing a training session for Ultreya Coordinators to discuss methods to better support Ultreya growth.
- **Develop Communication** by reestablishing the Cursillo database and distributing a Cursillo directory.
- **Maintain Communication** by increasing publication of *The Abrazo* to six issues a year.
- **Raise Up and Develop Leaders** through personal contact and mentoring by current leaders on the Secretariat and Servant Community.
- **Develop Leadership Tools** such as a Music Leaders’ Workshop and a Core Team Leaders’ Manual.
- **Develop Stewardship** through the calling of a chairperson to facilitate The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo’s Stewardship Committee and processes.

You will notice these goals are, for the most part, all about personal contact and nurturing relationships. And isn’t that what Cursillo is all about? “*Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.*”

How can you help the Secretariat in meeting these goals? First of all, pray for the Secretariat and the movement. In your prayers, ask God where He wants you to step forward. Attend Ultreya, and invite others to attend. Be intentional about grouping. Fill out a resource list. Submit a team application. Talk to others in your parish about Cursillo. Come to a Secretariat or Servant community meeting and see what’s happening. The possibilities are endless!

Ultreya!
— **Emerson Champion**

“The experience of Cursillo can enrich and deepen your relationship with Jesus and can empower and encourage you to live your life as a confident Christian, bringing the love and influence of our wonderful Lord into your everyday life. Cursillo may be seen as an opportunity to grow in faith and spirituality, gaining a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how you can serve him in the world.”

Ruth Brand, National Lay Director, Anglican Diocese of New Castle, Australia



DEVELOPING ... then ... GROWING

Maryland Episcopal Secretariat Cursillo Goals 2008-2009

1) Developing Relationships

a) Personal Contact

- i) Area Representatives will contact all new Cursillistas in their area from the most recent 3 day weekend each May and December and invite them to Ultreyas.
- ii) Area Representatives will contact all Cursillistas in their area by December 2009 to invite them to Ultreya and participate in grouping (if not already doing so).

b) Ultreyas

- i) Maryland Episcopal Cursillo will develop and distribute an "Ultreya Care Package" for each Ultreya by December 2008.
- ii) Maryland Episcopal Cursillo will facilitate an Ultreya training/meeting by December 2009 to discuss policy changes and methods to better support Ultreya growth.

c) Secretariat/Servant Community

- i) Shall schedule a meeting with Bishop Sutton to review MEC's goals and develop the Pastoral Plan by July 2009.
- ii) Area Representatives will "in reach" to 2 parishes in their area by August 2009.

d) National Episcopal Cursillo

- i) The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Lay Director and Assistant Lay Director will attend the annual Northeast District Cursillo meeting and the annual National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar.
- ii) Maryland Episcopal Cursillo will endeavor to host an Episcopal Cursillo Leader's Workshop by December 2009.
- iii) The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat will invite a Northeast District Cursillo Committee Representative to meet annually with the Secretariat, preferably at the August Secretariat meeting.

2) Developing Communication

- a) **The Cursillo database** will be available for Secretariat use by October 1, 2008.
- b) **A Cursillo directory** will be distributed to the community by January 1, 2009.
- c) **Maryland Episcopal Cursillo will publish The Abrazo newsletter 6 times a year** during the following months: Jan, March, May, August, October, December.
- d) **Articles will be written by every member of the Secretariat and Servant Community** and sent to the Abrazo editor by the first day of the month prior to publish date.
- e) **An "in reach" packet** will be developed by December 2008.

3) Developing Leaders

- a) **Leaders will be recruited** by personal contact to fill all open positions by December 2008.
- b) **New Area Representatives** will complete Area Representative training by March 2009.
- c) **Each leader on the Secretariat/Servant Community will identify one individual to mentor** as a leader in their role.
- d) **Maryland Episcopal Cursillo shall develop a Music Leader's Workshop** to develop consistency and growth of musicians in Cursillo by December 2009.

4) Develop Stewardship

- a) **A chairperson will be recruited to facilitate the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Stewardship Committee** and processes by March 2009.
- b) **The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Stewardship Committee** will roll out a program in September 2009.

Updates on progress will be communicated in each *Abrazo* or as deemed necessary by the Secretariat.

Cyber Sources

The National Episcopal Cursillo
<http://www.episcopalcursillo.org/>

The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo Website
<http://www.cursillo.ang-md.org/>

Other Episcopal Cursillo Websites
<http://www.episcopalcursillo.org/episcopalwebsites>

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland
<http://www.ang-md.org/>

The Maryland Episcopal Church Locator
<http://www.ang-md.org/search.php>

The Episcopal Church
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

Serving the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

Thanks to the following Cursillistas who have recently accepted the call to leadership in the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo and to those who are stepping down after dedicated service:

Jim Stultz, from St. Thomas, Towson, has accepted the call to serve as the Metro South Region Area Representative. Jim has previously served on two teams and has been the Ultreya leader for Christ The King. Thanks to **Tim Weldon** who has served in this position for the last three years.

Kathy Dzbinski has accepted the call to serve as the Rectora for MD 97 in the Spring of 2009. Kathy has previously served on several teams, most recently as Assistant Rector of MD 94.

Liz Brodell has accepted the call to serve as the new Palanca Coordinator. Thanks to **Linda Jeffries-Summers**, outgoing Palanca Coordinator for her past service.

Robin Mayfield, from Christ the King, Woodlawn, has accepted the call to serve as the Pre-Cursillo Representative in the Servant Community.

Earl Buffaloe, from St. James, Lothian, has accepted the call to serve as the Southern Region Area Representative. Earl recently served as the Assistant Music Director for MD 96.

Please thank God in prayer for these ministries as they move forward in faith to support the MEC.

From Tim Weldon

Hey everyone! Well, my term as Metro South Area Rep. has come to an end. It has truly been a blessing & honor to serve in this capacity! It seems God has been preparing someone to step right in all along! His name is Jim Stultz. I first met Jim when I joined a lil ole, dirt poor, west balto. mission church named Holy Cross. (We had more buckets catching rain than we had parishioners ... another story for another day.)

Jim was usually the first to arrive on Sundays. Besides serving as Chalicer, he did 100 other things that no one really took notice of, until he would have to work. That's when we would figure out all that Jim had been doing - cause none of it was getting done! You see, Jim has never bragged or boast about serving ... he just served ... never expecting a thanks or acknowledgment! Jim has a true "servants heart"! M.E.C. Metro South is blessed Big Time to have Jim as our Area Representative. Yea GOD !!!!

As for me, I'm not real sure. I intend to stay active in this wonderful movement GOD has entrusted us with, but for now, I'm just listening real hard! Till then, I'll see ya at the porch!

Bless you, your bro.,
— **Tim Weldon, Md. 83**

Wooden Cursillo Crosses Needed

Our resource for the wooden Cursillo cross that we use in Maryland has gone out of business. After searching the internet for another source, I have come up empty handed. If you have the talent and an interest in making crosses for the Maryland Cursillo community, or if you would like more information, please contact me no later than July 1, 2008, at 443-865-4258 or lynmf@aol.com

Thanks and DeColores!
— **Lynn French**

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 the same Holy Spirit We may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Spiritual Advisor to MEC Recognized

The Reverend Bill Ticknor was recognized for his service as the Spiritual Advisor to The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo during the recent Secretariat Retreat in Lewes, Delaware.

As Spiritual Director, Bill+ has shown consistent dedication and commitment to providing spiritual counsel to the Secretariat, Servant Community, and to others in the Cursillo movement in support of individual growth in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has also served as the Spiritual Director for a number of Cursillo Weekends.

Thank you, Bill+ !

(Left to right) The Reverend Bill Ticknor, Spiritual Advisor, receives a plaque from Steve French, Lay Director, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo at the February 2008 Secretariat Retreat in Lewes, Delaware.



The Cost of Survival

Steve French, Lay Director

I was taught at a very young age that “the cost of anything is the amount of life that you have to give to achieve it.” This premise has been echoing in my mind as the Secretariat has explored and discussed different options to secure a financial future for the movement in Maryland. Over the past years, we have looked at the “real” costs of Cursillo and developed a budget, which I am sad to say, we have not been able to meet due to the significant decline of donations to our movement. Ultimately, this decline impacts many activities of Cursillo, from the number of candidates who can participate in future Cursillo weekends to the supplies used at 4th Day workshops and Ultreyas across the diocese.

At the April Secretariat meeting, a motion was passed to start a stewardship campaign. We decided to begin with OURSELVES. It is not right to ask you to give something that we ourselves are unwilling to give. Therefore, each member of the leadership has already committed to pledge.

The stewardship campaign is very simple: We ask that you pledge \$100 each year - in whatever method works best for you. You can pay it once a year or through any number of installments - just 10 bucks a month. (Would you really miss \$10 a month?) Some banks offer free direct bill paying, so if you set that up, you can have the bank write the check and pay the postage. Your donation is tax deductible, and annual summaries will be provided for your tax records during the first quarter of each year.

Remember that Cursillo does not strive to have an excess in resources, assets, or financial capital. We do, however, strive to be good stewards of the blessings we are given. How are we going to do that? We are going to communicate our progress along the way. We want to “share the load” as “*The Servant Song*” sings of the blessings and the challenges.

The stewardship program was presented at the 4th Day Workshop, and you will hear more about it from the Area Reps at Ultreyas. So, if you have questions, please bring them. You will also receive a letter about the program along with a pledge card, which we ask you to prayerfully consider.

With the ever-increasing price of gas and just about everything else these days, it seems that all of us are being increasingly called to give more in time, treasure, and talent than ever before. But your help is needed now more than ever. Please join with the leadership of our movement to ensure the financial survival of Cursillo in Maryland.

Thank you for the joy of your support and blessing. I pray you have a fun and restful summer.

— **Steve French**
Lay Director

Growing Cursillo: Personal Contact

Steve French, Lay Director

In the beginning, there was a sponsor - a friend, a loved one, a member of your church - that began to talk with you about a movement called Cursillo. They thought it “would be a WONDERFUL experience for you which you would really enjoy.” They talked with you about a weekend at Claggett. They may have invited you into their “grouping” or maybe to an Ultreya. You looked at them like they were a bit crazy, and thought that you might humor them, but that you really had no interest in something like that...”

Sound familiar?

One of the great tools in the Cursillo method is *personal contact*. In the National Episcopal Cursillo Library, there is a pamphlet on this subject to help each of us increase our knowledge, understanding, and maybe even conquer our fear about approaching others and talking about Cursillo. I encourage you to read this resource and contemplate how you can encourage others by living out the method of “*Make a friend, Be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ.*” Personal contact is the *how* of this principle.

I have seen and used different means of getting people together to talk about or even experience the Cursillo method. Some of the “obvious” ones are to invite people into your permanent group reunion or to attend an Ultreya with you. It sounds simple, but when was the last time you invited a friend to go to an Ultreya with you? What about all those people that *used to* come to Ultreya and that you have haven’t seen since who knows when? Call them up, invite them to share a meal, and go the Ultreya. For some Ultreyas, part of the “experience” is to meet before and have dinner. Sometimes, folks hit the local “Rita’s” or Dairy Queen afterwards. It is the relationships between people that grow this movement.

There was a group in Easton that wanted to talk with a whole group of people about Cursillo and potentially match sponsors with potential candidates. So, they decided to have an Agape meal as a party and, after mingling and getting to know the folks, there was a discussion about Cursillo. I thought that was a great idea.

Lynn and I usually start with taking folks out for a meal and getting to know them a little better. Sometimes there not only personal and work barriers to overcome, but also misperceptions about Cursillo and the method of Cursillo. Therefore, the better you model the method as well as being informed about the method of Cursillo, the more effective your personal contact will be.

I would like to challenge each member of our Servant Community - which really includes *every* Cursillista - to invite someone to an Ultreya in August that you have not seen there before. Explain what will happen so they know what to expect. Start and develop a Christian relationship through personal contact.

Ultreya!
— **Steve French**

**Christ is counting
on You ...
And I on Christ!**

Collect for 4th Day Movements

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**



CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Maryland Episcopal Cursillo 96 - Deadline October 6, 2008

Revised 6/15/08

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 / 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)

**SEND THIS CANDIDATE APPLICATION
ALONG WITH THE SPONSOR APPLICATION AND FEES TO:**

THE MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO
8068 Armiger Dr, Pasadena, MD 21122
ATTENTION: Assistant Lay Director



A Statement from the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee

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 every day.

National Episcopal Cursillo Committee

May 2008

Secretariat 2008

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| Lay Director | Steve French |
| Assistant Lay Director | Emerson Champion |
| Secretary | Carol Gooden |
| Treasurer | Dick Mitchell |
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| Servant Community Dir | Karen Burdnell |
| Spiritual Advisor | The Rev. Becki Neumann |
| Northeast Area Rep | [Open] |
| Western Area Rep | Fran Nicholls |
| Metro North Area Rep | [Open] |
| Central Area Rep | Becky Fisher |
| Metro South Area Rep | Jim Stultz |
| Southern Area Rep | Earl Buffaloe |

Servant Community 2008

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| Servant Community Dir. | Karen Burdnell |
| Pre-Cursillo Rep | Robin Mayfield |
| Weekend Rep | Lynn French |
| 4th Day Coordinator | Anne Arey |
| Palanca Coordinator | Liz Brodell |
| Music Coordinator | Ruth Anne Champion |
| Spiritual Advisor | The Rev. Marshall Thompson |
| Comm. Coordinator | [Open] |
| Website Editor | Shannon Stultz |
| Abrazo Editor | Pamela Blyth |
| Communications | Emerson Champion |

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. If you are interested in receiving Cursillo emails, please send your name and email address to Emerson Champion, Cursillo Email List Coordinator, at echampio@gmail.com.

Comptroller Address

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

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

Don't Miss Important Info!

Please send changes in your contact information to:

Emerson Champion
 Cursillo Communications Coordinator
 8068 Armiger Dr, Pasadena, MD 21122
 or send an email to echampio@gmail.com

Monthly Ultreyas

1st Sunday, 6:30 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
 1101 Bay Ridge Ave, Annapolis, MD
 Contact: Mary Beth Dent (410-267-9394)

1st Sunday, 2:00 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church
 52 Broadway, Frostburg, MD
 Contact: Daphne Gooding (301-689-5524)

1st Saturday, 7:00 PM

Christ the King Episcopal Church
 1930 Brookdale Road, Woodlawn, MD
 Contact: Jim Stultz (410-636-7377)

2nd Sunday, 7:00 PM

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
 3695 Rogers Ave, Ellicott City, MD
 Contact: Greg Fraser

2nd Sunday, 4:30 PM (Quarterly Rotating)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church,
 Lappans (Mar/Sep)
 St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Hancock (Jun/Dec)
 Contact: Stu Scarborough (301-293-1447)

2nd Friday, 7:30 PM

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
 1108 Providence Rd, Towson, MD
 Contact: Alex & Kathy Dzbinski (410-252-7791)

3rd Sunday, Noon

Christ Episcopal Church
 3100 Broome's Island Rd, Port Republic, MD
 Contact: Murray Cheston (410-326-3596)

3rd Sunday, 5 PM

St. John's Episcopal Church
 101 South Prospect St, Hagerstown, MD
 Contact: Bruce Neumann

3rd Friday, 7 PM

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church
 375 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD
 Contact: Wadi Williams

4th Friday, 7:30 PM

St. James' Episcopal Church
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| 18th National Cursillo Encounter..... | July 31 – Aug 3, Washington, DC |
| MD #96 Candidate Application Deadline | October 6, 2008 |
| Diocesan Ultreya & MD 96 Commissioning..... | Oct 11, 2:00 pm, Bishop Claggett Center |
| Come To The Waters – Seminar 2008 | Oct 23 – 26, Daytona Beach, FL |
| MD #96 Cursillo Weekend | Nov 6 – 9, Bishop Claggett Center |
| <i>Las Mananitas for MD #96.....</i> | <i>Nov 9, 6:45 am, Bishop Claggett Center</i> |
| <i>Clausura for MD #96</i> | <i>Nov 9, 3:45 pm, Bishop Claggett Center</i> |
| MD #96 Reunion Ultreya | to be announced |
| 4th Day Workshop | Jan 10, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, St. James, Lothian, MD |
| MD #97 Cursillo Weekend | April 23 - 26, 2009, Bishop Claggett Center |

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