

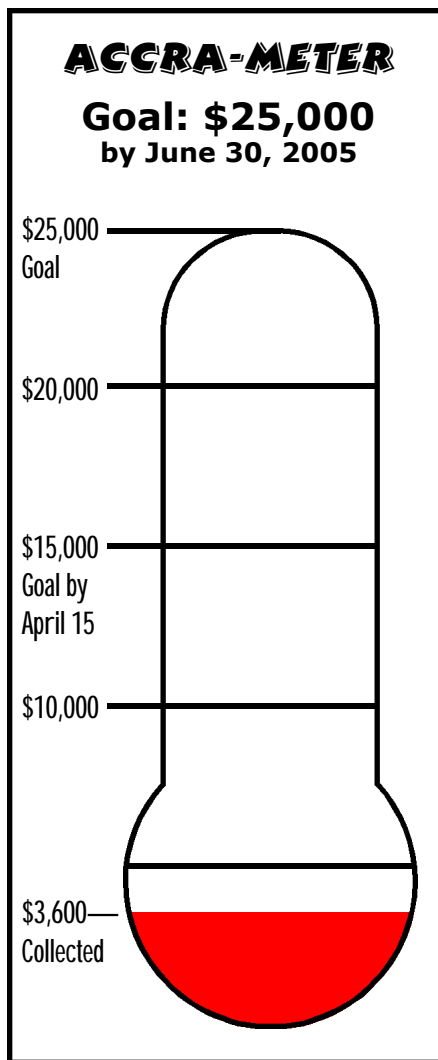


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!AKWAABA! YOU ARE WELCOME!



This became a familiar greeting to those of us who had the wonderful opportunity to participate on Accra # in Ghana last summer. It was quite a humbling experience for each of us, especially on the weekend.

Can you imagine showing up at Claggett for your Cursillo to find that you are expected to sleep on the floor on a very dusty mattress, possibly without a pillow. This is what the candidates on Accra came to face. They never complained. They were grateful for every little thing they received. The women dressed beautifully each day and the men were quite dapper, always looking fresh. It was degrees. I was hot, dusty and sticky. I don't know how they managed to always look so cool. Well I could go on and on. The weekend was one I will never forget. The people, the posters, the singing, the rollos, the food, and did I say singing, are forever in my mind.

Now we have the great opportunity to finish what we began. Mercia Laryea has already put together a team from Ghana. Accra # will take on the culture and traditions needed to make Cursillo effective in Ghana. Our team's job will be to act as consultants for the Ghanaian team. It is a small team of experienced Cursillistas. Gail Morton & Bruce Neumann will be returning to Ghana. Pat & Jim Hall and The Rev. Bill Ticknor will go to Ghana for the first time. This team is small but has plenty of experience on Cursillo weekends. Pat has been a Rector and Jim has been Lay Director of the Secretariat. Father Ticknor has served on many, many weekends and will be able to advise the two priests from Ghana. Gail and Bruce have Maryland experience but also served on Accra # so they already know the facilities and people. My job is prepare this small team to serve with a humble spirit.

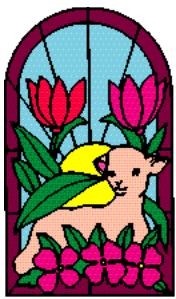
So what is your job? First and foremost is to pray! Pray without ceasing for the team in Ghana, the team here and God's will for all of this. Next, offer support and encouragement to the team. We have offered an incredible gift to the Diocese of Accra in exporting this Cursillo Movement. Much like sponsoring a candidate, it does not end when the weekend is over. We need to nurture this new movement. Because of distance this may be the last time we send a team but we will need to send supplies and financial support for a while longer.

Last year we had the unfortunate experience of having to buy tickets at the last minute due to our original airline Ghana Airways being shut down. We had raised about , more than needed for the original airfare. The new airfare

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From the Rector of MD#89

**“Jesus Christ is ‘the Alpha and the Omega,
the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End’ ”**

Revelation 21:12

MD is ready!
We are ready for Eastertide, ready for our candidates, and ready for whatever Jesus has in store for us! We are so grateful to everyone for keeping us lifted up in prayer. Our first team meeting was canceled due to snow, but in five meetings we have formed a strong and loving bond with one another. We are thankful to all who have contributed to this weekend; offering to make the little niceties that makes a weekend so special, printing booklets and handouts, and

volunteering to help the team prepare in any way possible. We really are a blessed community to have so many wonderful and generous spirit filled people. What else could we possibly need? Well, we have stopped singing long enough to make a list... please send us candidates, palanca green palanca is welcome, too, healthy snacks isn't chocolate a health food?, beverages, including bottled water and lots of prayer.

We look forward to seeing your bright smiles from the porch on

Sunday morning. Las Mananitas starts at : a.m. Please dress in your bright colors for our candidates; remember what it was like for you when you looked out from our beloved Claggett porch and saw everyone dressed so vividly? The rainbow really was vested across the blue sky! Clausura will begin at : pm...chapel or pavilion has yet to be determined.

*In Christ's love,
Jody Wallace*



Candidates of MD #89

Name	Parish	Sponsor(s)
Susan B.	St. James, Lothian	Paul & Linda Trader
Maureen M.	St. James, Lothian	Paul & Linda Trader
Jim B.	St. Andrews	Ron Burr
Mary Ellen B.	St. Andrews	Marge Burr
Mr. Grace S. Male	St. Timothy's	Helene Vidal
Fr. Frank F.	Grace Epis. Church Brunswick	David Thoma
Debby F.	Grace Epis. Church Brunswick	David Thoma
Barbara S.	St. Timothy's, Catonsville	Herb & Marion Glasby
Herman S.	St. Timothy's, Catonsville	Herb & Marion Glasby
Becky V.	St. Timothy's, Catonsville	Scott Colburn
Mr. Kit V. Male	St. Timothy's, Catonsville	Scott Colburn
Nancy V.	St. Timothy's, Catonsville	Helene Vidal, Roger Bair
Sarah K.	Church of the Nativity, Cedarcroft	Linda Hollis, Diana Jones
Lynne S.	Holy Trinity, Essex	Mitch Kile, Chris Kinard
Brian B.	Holy Cross	Tim Welden
Ray D.	St. Mark's, Lappans	Dian Nelson, Stu Scarborough
Susan D.	St. Mark's, Lappans	Anjel Scarborough
Karen C.	St. Johns, Frostburg	Donald and Ruth Goldbloom
David W.	St. Andrews, Pasadena	Flossie Rollhauser, Melinda Carson
Shayne W. Female	St. Andrews, Pasadena	Flossie Rollhauser, Melinda Carson
Joan G.	Shewsbury Church	Anne Livie, Nora Becker
Don G.	Shewsbury Church	Anne Livie, Nora Becker
David H.	Ascension, Westminster	Ron Cox, Mike Nusbaum
Jill H.	Ascension, Westminster	Jeanne Cox, Wendy Nuebaum
Jose Lupe R.	Tres Santos Reyes	The Community of Tres Santos Reyes
Esperanza O	Tres Santos Reyes	The Community of Tres Santos Reyes
Yira R. Female	Tres Santos Reyes	The Community of Tres Santos Reyes
Elena M.	Tres Santos Reyes	The Community of Tres Santos Reyes
Lucia C.	Tres Santos Reyes	The Community of Tres Santos Reyes
Raymond S.	St. Timothy's	The Community of Tres Santos Reyes
Roberta S.	St. Timothy's	The Community of Tres Santos Reyes

Team of MD #89

Name	Assignment	Rollo
Jody Wallace	Rector	Ultreya
Jo Anne Kreider	Asst. Rector	Group Reunion
Caren Bezanson	Music Director	
Cindy Parks	Asst. Music Director	
Yvonne Finne	Head CHA	
Anthony Vidal +	Spiritual Advisor	Grace, Sacraments Part 2
Barbara Sears +	Spiritual Advisor	Obstacles to Life in Grace, Christian Life
David Stenner +	Spiritual Advisor	Faith, Sacraments Part 1
Chuck Birmingham	CHA	Environments
Jacki Birmingham	CHA	Ideal
Marge Burr	Table Leader	Leaders
Ron Burr	Table Leader	
Roberto Calderon	CHA	
Pete Finne	Table Leader	Action
Missy Freeman	CHA, Agape CHA	
Grissell Hausman	Table Leader	Christian Community in Action
John Lyons	CHA	Laity
Linda Jeffries-Summers	CHA	Study
Anne Wheeler	Table Leader	
Jeanie Zseltvay	Table Leader	Piety
Ron Zseltvay	CHA/Float	



***Send your palanca with a team member
or sponsor near you!***

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was about , more. Since that time we have raised , but the new tickets cost , . So here we are stepping out in faith that you and I will step up and meet this challenge.

Our goal is to raise , by June th. I have told my family to make financial contributions to Cursillo, Ghana fund, to honor my birthday. This is the third year I have done this. I don't miss the gifts but I do rejoice that God has a plan and I get to take a part in that plan. Bruce Neumann has T shirts for sale. We

still have Ghana cookbooks, and meditation books from National Episcopal Cursillo. Maybe your parish or Cursillo group would like to schedule a time for me or someone from Accra # to bring a slide show, teach Ghanaian songs and talk about our cultural experience. Just call me. I love to talk about Ghana. If we all pitch in, every penny will count as palanca to our friends in Ghana. Christ is counting on you, and so is Accra # .

U L T R E Y A !!!!!!!

Debi
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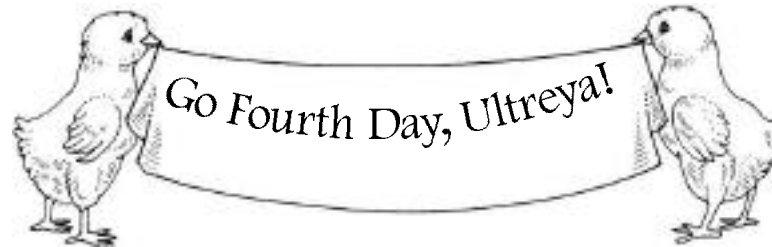
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Collect for 4th Day Community Gatherings *by Fr. Rick Larabee*

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.



4TH DAY WORKSHOP



June 11, 2005

Church of the Nativity, Cedarcroft



419 Cedarcroft Rd,
on the corner of Cedarcroft and York Rd.
Two blocks north of Northern Parkway and York Rd



Check in begins 8:30, Workshop 9:00 to 3:00

Light Breakfast provided with Beverages

Please bring a bag lunch and a snack to share with the group.
Any questions contact Lynn French, 443-865-4258 lynmf@aol.com

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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.



New Position of MD Cursillo Historian

We have had great weekends, but as we began to prepare for the 25th anniversary Ultreya in October, we discovered don't have complete records to show who has been on the weekends. Please look in your old cursillo "stuff" for weekend pictures and team and candidate lists. Steve French also worked on a slide show of the weekend pictures in preparation for MEC's 25th Anniversary Ultreya. Sadly, MANY weekends do not have pictures, candidate lists, and/or team lists.

Please help us build the history of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo. Now is the time to complete the records. Especially for the early weekends, the longer we wait the more difficult it will be to find. We are also using the team and candidate lists to be sure that our databases include

everyone. Once pictures have been scanned into our database, we will be glad to return the pictures.

We are looking for two things to fix this situation. First, we are looking for someone who will take this project on as the Historian or Archivist. I will be glad to show you what we have done so far and work with you in any way I can. There is room for creativity and inspiration in this task, and it can be done by someone who enjoys building from basics. If you feel inspired to take this project on or have a piece of the missing information, please contact Donna Bullen at

Second, to give you an idea of what is missing, Emerson is placing a spreadsheet showing is missing for each weekend on the website. We are looking for pictures of the missing weekends, weekend themes,

the names of the core teams, and the actual dates for the weekends. Please look to see if the weekend you attended or ones that you served as team are here. You may have the missing information for us. You may forward the available information to me at DLBullen@hotmail.com or by snail mail 10000 Gradien Drive, Baltimore, MD

Pictures are Needed for MD Weekends:

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Thank You!
Donna Bullen
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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 clime, 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.
Pasadena, MD 21122

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 Cordinator
Maryland Episcopal Cursillo



Other Upcoming Important Dates

- May 27–30, 2005: Kairos #4. For more information on this ministry visit <http://www.marylandkairos.org/>.
- September 20, 2005: Application Deadline for MD #90.
- October 8, 2005: Annual Meeting, Diocesan Ultreya, more information to follow.
- October 20–23, 2005: MD #90 weekend!

Check the Cursillo website for the latest news and updates. <http://www.cursillo.ang-md.org>

Ultreya!

THERE'S BOUND TO BE ONE NEAR YOU!



Monthly

st Sunday : p.m.	Annapolis	St. Luke's Church Bay Ridge Avenue	Mary Beth Dent , church office	
st Saturday : p.m.	Baltimore	Holy Cross Millington Avenue Corner of Ashton & Millington	Jim Stultz	
nd Sunday : p.m.	Ellicott City	St. Peter's Rogers Avenue	Berni Winthrop	
nd Friday : p.m.	Towson	St. Thomas Providence Road	Alex & Kathie Dzbinski	
rd Sunday noon	Port Republic	Christ Church Broome's Island Road	Murray Cheston , Dmcheston @aol.com	
rd Sunday : p.m.	Hagerstown	St. John's S. Prospect Street	Bruce & Becky Neumann	No Ultreya in Dec.
th Friday : p.m.	Westminster	Church of the Ascension N. Court Street	Scott Colburn, Debi Frock Becki Fisher	SUSPENDED
th Friday : p.m.	Lothian	St. James Solomon's Island	Yvonne Finne	No Ultreya in Dec
Last Sunday	Cumberland	Emmanuel Episcopal Washington St.	Bo Chapman	No Ultreya in Dec.

Rotating

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

st Monday : p.m.	Havre de Grace	St. John's Union & Congress Avenues	Mary Lou Townsend	Meetings in Mar/Jun/Oct/Dec
nd Sunday : p.m.	Boonsboro	St. Mark's Lappans Road	Patty Forsythe	: March , June , Sept. , Dec.

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- **MD #90:** Application deadline for candidates and sponsors—September 20. ♡

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- **4th Day Workshop:** June 11, 2005, Church of the Nativity Cedarcroft, see inside for details.

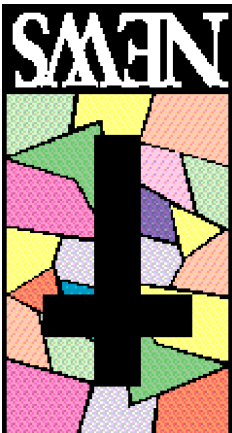
24! BE THERE! Candidates and team

- **MD #89:** Mahanitas—6:45 am—Bring Flowers!—and Closure—3:45 pm, April

Ellicott City in Rose Hall at 7:30 PM. Friday of every month at St. John's,

- The **Secretariat** is meeting the first

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