



# The Abrazo

The newsletter of Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

**SPRING 2014**

## Cure for the Winter Time Blues

Spring is officially here and not a minute too soon. Hard to talk about the long expected event, Spring, when there are still piles of snow and possibly more to come. The crocuses are poking their heads through the ground along with other spring bulbs, blooming where they are planted. The trees are showing off their new growth, the Cherry blossoms will bloom in DC as scheduled. My point - through the cold and darkness they appear according to God's schedule.

Lent is a time to reflect, repent and reconcile. We focus on the agony and forgiveness of the cross. Like winter, the tomb is cold and dark, and then comes the resurrection, new life as with the signs of spring, a change comes upon us, warmth, energy and thankfulness. Thank you Jesus, for giving us new life in your resurrection.

Our Secretariat has also made some changes. We reduced the number required on team to 15 and will add more members if the number of candidates warrants it. If you haven't submitted a Team Application in the past year, please submit yours to Robyn Mayfield (her address is on the application). The JOG talk is back to hopefully increase our finances. Starting with the November 6<sup>th</sup> weekend we will use the Inn at Claggett. If we are to continue to use Monocracy for our weekends, we must use the Inn and also get our numbers up. We also changed our address for correspondence to Holy Trinity, Churchville.

Thank you Jesus, for The Cursillo Movement worldwide and especially our local community.

*ULTREYA!*  
— Bill Miller, MD 52  
MEC Lay Director



### ONLINE Prayer Chart

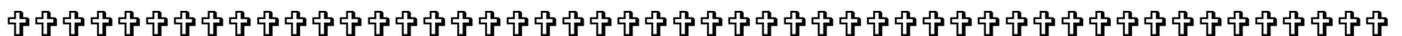
[The MD 106 Weekend Prayer Chart](#)  
is now online!

If you have not already signed up, please consider [clicking here](#) and selecting a time(s).

Help cover the entire weekend, the team and candidates in prayer!

**Ultreya!**

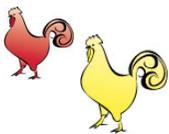
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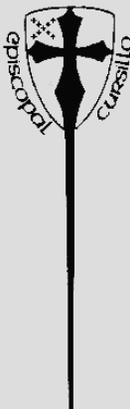
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**Talk to Jesus about your Friend  
Before you talk to your Friend about Jesus.**





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# MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO WEEKEND 106

*“The Fruit of Thy Redemption” April 24 - 27, 2014*

As the team meeting setup begins there is a flurry of activity – coffee being made, cookies and pastries being presented, tables and chairs being placed around the parish hall, the music team going over the playlist, the projector being hooked up to the laptop, the assistant rector trying to shake down everyone for their team fees (HA!) and copies of their rollos, there is noise, there is laughing, there are calls for help and questions asking where is such and such, and in the middle of it all there is absolute PEACE.

As the rector for MD 106, I feel especially blessed by those who said YES. I’m sure that every Cursillo weekend rector knows what I am talking about. Each of the team members go about their tasks in such a loving, compassionate, and humble way, and I cannot help but be moved by Christ’s Hands in Action. I see God at work, I hear the voice of Christ, and I feel the grace that rains down while in that holy place.

I don’t know what the future holds – I’ll let that unfold as it will – but in the present I am embraced by a God that simply will not let me go. This team is.all.in. They are bound and determined that God will be glorified, praised and lifted up by their actions, interactions, and by their smiles. Yes, by their smiles. Oh, how I have been touched by their smiles. My theory, and it’s just my theory, is that when a person has actually made the decision to turn their will and their lives over to God in Christ, that they have been redeemed. And in that redemption, they experience true joy. Dear God, may we ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption. Amen.

*De Colores!*  
 — Earl Buffaloe, MD 88  
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## 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, Chrystalis, 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.*



## So Others May Dream

As many of you know our oldest son Conner, MD 104, was blessed with acceptance into West Point as a member of the class of 2017. During their summer training the Class chose the motto "So others may dream." The motto spells out the true nature of sacrifice that these young men and women have agreed to by accepting their appointment. Not a light decision based upon our world today.

My wife and I have just returned from a wonderful weekend visiting with Conner. The weekend culminated with a formal dinner and ball at which time the Class Crest was unveiled. I will spare you all the details of the symbolism and meaning in the images used but can say it was amazing. The general gist is something like this. An eagle embraces the globe peacefully in its wings while maintain a watchful eye over all. Tribute is paid to those who have gone before and those to come. Reference was made in colors to hopes to come at their graduation and commissioning as military officers.

I began to ponder how similar this motto and crest is to our promise by Christ. We are blessed to have a Savior who has given us the greatest dream one could ever hope for, salvation and eternal life. Our Lord maintains a watchful and peaceful eye on us his chosen children. We have been taught many lessons by those who have gone before us, and we strive to better the chances of those to come.

But what about our commissioning, do we truly accept that calling? Are we fishing for men/women and children? Is our only action to attend Sunday service meeting the true calling to be the body of Christ?

Cursillo's blessing only shines forth if we continue to live out our 4<sup>th</sup> Day every day. We have been given tools, graduated and commissioned to go into the world spreading the good news. We have been prepared to be leaders of the church. Like the Academy grad, we are charged with leading and bringing home those entrusted to us as well as providing for those unknown. When you were still on the mountain top at your weekend, did Christ call to you and charge you with a mission? By accepting this mission we affirmed that Christ is counting on us, and we on Christ all "so others may dream."

Brother in Christ,  
— Dave Wissmann, MD 89  
MEC, Assistant Lay Director

## A Statement from the National Episcopal Cursillo



### 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.



# Witness Talk - Study



Like many of you, I've been involved in Christian study groups, sporadically, for much of my life; Sunday school off and on as a kid and as an adult; a non-denominational Bible study group; Cursillo rollos; several studies at various churches and here at Holy Trinity, including the one most dear to my heart, Monday morning's Natural Spirituality group. These studies have added to my understanding of what I seek, more knowledge about Jesus' teachings and ways to better live my life. Each study helped me understand how God has worked throughout my life.

I have also found that fiction and nonfiction books that I read for pleasure often inspire me and enhance my Christian journey. Recently, I reread Dickens's *Christmas Carol*. Besides spending an enjoyable evening with a beautifully written story, I went away with food for thought about sharing with others, instead of "storing up treasures on earth."

I also read a best-seller-list nonfiction book called *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption*, by Laura Hillenbrand. This story of survival under unimaginable conditions was very moving and helped me understand how God walks with us every day, no matter how difficult the circumstances.

I just finished reading *Losing Mum and Pup*, written by Christopher Buckley, about the deaths of his parents, William F. Buckley and his wife Patricia, just a few months apart. Christopher, a doubter, talked about his dad's unshakable faith. He noted that once in a conversation when someone said that "we all doubt sometime," the senior Buckley said, "I never did." And when asked during a *Playboy* magazine interview what he would like for an epitaph he said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Books aside, studying and observing the Christ-like behavior of others has taught me as well. My paternal grandmother, Laura Vinyard, set the stage for my desire to understand holy scripture. Her Bible was never far from her side and the way she lived her life and treated others was a sermon. Others in my life patterned similar behavior. Some that come to mind includes a young couple, Hopie & Vernon, who sponsored our MYF group when I was a teenager. They showed us what a happy Christian marriage could look like, how well-loved young children could also be well-behaved children and that a whole family could be active and involved together.

The other example that came to mind was a minister, Terry, whose denomination forbid him to preach after his divorce. But his strong calling led him, after several years, to another, more enlightened denomination. Back in the saddle again, Terry challenged and motivated everyone who knew him with his sermons and with the way he led his congregations and conducted his life.

And then there is the example of friends. I could tell many stories, but this is the one I chose. I hitched a ride with Suzanne to and from Camp Mitchell one year for Women's Institute. Just before leaving the mountain on Sunday, after a spirit-filled weekend, we gathered the Holy Trinity crowd for a photo for the VE. Here came a gal, who lives here but attends another church, chirping "wait for me, wait for me, wait for me." I was waving her off, because, after all, this is a picture of Holy Trinity folks. Meanwhile, Suzanne with her big smile reached out and welcomed her into the group. Suzanne modeled Christ-like behavior for me that day, making the woman feel part of the group, and, above all, valued.

So I have become aware that knowledge about God is all around me all the time. I just have to use all my senses and pay attention to become aware of grace-filled moments. I have to remember to notice what it says in the words of this song:

*I see the love of God in you, The Light of Christ comes shining through  
And I am blessed to be with you, Oh, holy Child of God.*

**Ultreya**

*This talk was given by Sue V. Hood at the February 17, 2011, Ultreya at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. (Source: National Episcopal Cursillo website)*

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# Witness Talk - Gospel Response

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In any decent Concordance on the Holy Scripture, one will find over 150 citations under the word "witness". These citations cover both the Old and New Testaments. They provide references to aspects of witnessing falsely, witnessing truthfully, and testifying for, against, and about someone or something.

In the New Testament, two places are worth noting: the Book of Acts and the Gospel According to John. In the first narrative, we hear the stories from the earliest accounts following the news of the resurrection of Jesus. Chapter 1, verse 8 reads,

*"you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."*

Later, when selecting a replacement for Judas, the one chosen "must become with us a witness to his resurrection" (v.22). Still later, we hear Peter's first "witness talk" as he stands and says in part,

*"This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses." (2:32)*

In the Gospel According to John we are told in the prologue of Chapter 1 that John the Baptist "came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." (v7) Witnessing - by John the Baptist, by the apostles and disciples, by Jesus himself are a key ingredient to this gospel's presentation of why the "word became flesh and dwelt among us". Finally, this gospel ends, in Chapter 21, v. 24 with these words:

*"This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true."*

We all are witnesses to the truth of God - in our lives and in our world. Our lives are a testimony to the presence of God in our midst. We are the flesh in which the Word dwells, and so we are the disciples that Christ counts on. Through piety, study, and action, we strengthen our resolve to be of service to One who calls us into being, and who calls us to follow. He also calls us to lead - to lead others into all truth; to lead others to and through the cross; to lead others to witness to the glory of Christ, now and forever.

### ULTREYA

*The Gospel Response was prepared by The Rev. Richard Biega, Rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. (Source: National Episcopal Cursillo website)*

**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 [Bill Miller, MD 52](#)  
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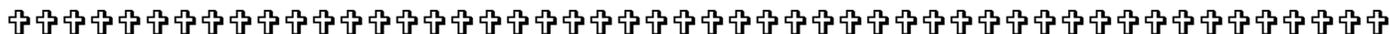
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The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo website is a great way to keep in touch with the Cursillo community!

Information on special events, upcoming weekends, candidate and team lists, updates to the Secretariat & 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 our **NEW Address!!**  
**MDEpiscopalCursillo.com**

### Monthly Ultreyas

**1st Friday, 7:30 PM**

**Chrysalis Gathering  
Crossroads Church**

895 Leidy Road, Westminster, MD  
Contact: *Becky Fisher, MD 21 (410-876-7672)*  
or visit [www.mdchrysalis.org/](http://www.mdchrysalis.org/)

**1st Saturday, 7 PM**

**Christ the King Episcopal Church**

1930 Brookdale Road, Woodlawn, MD  
Contact: *Jim Stultz, MD 85 (410-636-7377)*

**APRIL - AUGUST - NOVEMBER**

**1st Saturday, 7 PM**

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

3695 Rogers Ave, Ellicott City, MD  
Contact: *Greg Fraser, MD 63 (410-730-0567)*

**MARCH - JUNE - SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER**

**1st Saturday, 7 PM**

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

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Contact: *Sarah Ingalls-Howard, MD 100 (410-939-2107)*

**1st Sunday, 3 PM**

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

52 Broadway, Frostburg, MD  
Contact: *Daphne Gooding (301-245-4705) or  
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**2nd Saturday, 6 PM**

**Grace Episcopal Church**

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**3rd Friday, 7 PM**

**St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church**

375 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD  
Contact: *Wadi & Kathy Skidmore-Williams*

**3rd Saturday, 7 PM**

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**St. John's Episcopal Church**

114 N Union Ave, Havre de Grace, MD 21078  
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**3rd Sunday, 12 Noon**

**Christ Episcopal Church**

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

**4th Friday, 7:30 PM**

**St. James' Parish**

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- MEC Secretariat & Servant Community Meets** \_\_\_\_ **April 5 & May 3, 2014 - 10 a.m.**  
*All Cursillistas are invited to attend!* *The Episcopal Church of Christ the King, Woodlawn, MD*
- MD Weekend 106 Team Commissioning & Ultreya** \_\_\_\_ **April 5, 2014 - 4:30 p.m.**  
*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Pasadena, MD*
- MD Weekend 106 "The Fruit of Thy Redemption"** \_\_\_\_ **April 24 - 27, 2014**  
*The Bishop Claggett Center, Buckeystown, MD*
- Sponsors Service* *April 24 - 7:30 p.m.*  
*Las Mananitas* *April 27 - 6:45 a.m.*  
*Clausura* *April 27 - 3:45 p.m.*
- MD Weekend 106 Reunion Ultreya & MEC 4th Day Workshop**  
*All Cursillistas are invited to attend!* \_\_\_\_ **May 17, 2014**  
*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Pasadena, MD*
- 4th Day Workshop* *1 - 2:30 p.m.*  
*Ultreya* *3 - 4:30 p.m.*

Make A Friend, Be A Friend, Bring A Friend To Christ