



# The Abrazo

The newsletter of The Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

WINTER 2021

## Truly I Tell You, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo is Alive and Well!

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

What a very strange time and experience each of us has endured the past 13 months. I, as well as each of you, am so looking forward to a bit more normalcy in my life. However, during these very trying times I really learned just how very important family and friends are in our lives. I have missed all of the hugs and all of the gatherings that I now know I took for granted. The really good news in all of this was also my realization and recognition of just how constant our Lord's love for us is, and that no matter what he is there to hug and talk with. He was there and continues to be with each of us throughout this difficult time that each of us has endured.

Thanks to technology, many of us have continued to worship and gather together virtually. It causes me to shudder to think about what these times would have been like without this means of gathering. Our two Ultreya's (we still need more) have continued throughout this time thanks to the availability and utilization of technology to continue to gather. Also, credit should be given to those who were willing and able to adapt this technology for these gatherings. A special thanks to David Richardson, MD 88, and Brenda Boucher, MD 101, for facilitating our Ultreyas. Conducted via Zoom each month, they allow for both virtual gathering, virtual hugs, and to Pray, Sing (praise), and Commune with one another. They really provide a great forum to continue to gather, share and recharge one's Christian batteries, and to brag a bit about things we have continued doing for our Lord, our community and each other. Your Cursillo Secretariat has also continued to meet on a monthly basis to pray, group, and discuss the various issues and topics associated with the Maryland Episcopal Cursillo. We are, in fact, alive and well.

However, we are still in great need of filling the open positions we have on Secretariat and in the Servant Community. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, our assistant Lay Director resigned at the end of 2020. We also have many other positions that we need to fill, so please review the list of position vacancies and prayerfully consider serving both our Lord and Cursillo community in one of these very important roles. I know that each of these positions requires some time and effort that many of us feel we just don't have. But if you feel called, I can assure you the time needed and the talent for the effort will be provided. Lastly, please remember that Our Lord does not call the qualified but qualifies the called! Though these positions are all voluntary and consequently no salary provided I can also assure you that the benefits you receive are out of this world. The Lord needs you and so does Maryland Episcopal Cursillo. The open positions are: Assistant Lay Director, Comptroller, Western Area Rep, 4<sup>th</sup> Day Coordinator, and Three-Day Weekend Coordinator. The description and position responsibilities can be found on our [Website](#). Please feel free to contacting me at (410) 610-1270 or [jdcarta@hotmail.com](mailto:jdcarta@hotmail.com) or any member of the Secretariat for more information.

I look forward to the time that we can again gather together and share with one another in person - a hug, a thought, a prayer, and community worship of our awesome God. I hope to hear and even see each of you in the coming months. Thanks, and God Bless each of you. *Ultreya!*

— Joe Carta, MD 50  
Lay Director, MEC



# MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO WEEKEND 116

*Come to the Table! November 4-7, 2021*

## TEAM MEMBERS

TEAM MEMBER	PARISH	ROLE	ROLLO
Joe Carta, MD 50	St. James', Lothian	Weekend Rector	<i>Ultreya</i>
Emily Phipps, MD 109	Christ Church, West River	Assistant Rector	<i>Group Reunion</i>
The Rev. William H. C. Ticknor, MD 28	Diocese of Maryland	Spiritual Advisor (Priest)	<i>Sacraments I and II</i> <i>Obstacles to Grace</i>
The Rev. John Verdon, WTU 39	St. Philip's, Annapolis	Spiritual Advisor (Deacon)	<i>Faith</i> <i>Life in Grace</i>
Rick LaRocca, MD 85	St. Mark's, Highland	Music Director	
Margaret LaRocca, MD 85	St. Mark's, Highland	Musician	
Shelly Collinson, MD 82	Christ Church, West River	Head CHA	<i>Community In Action</i>
Mickey Chite, MD 114	St. James', Lothian	CHA	<i>Environments</i>
Tom Collinson, MD 82	Christ Church, West River	CHA	
Pam Mann, MD 90	St. Thomas, Hancock	CHA	<i>Study</i>
Linda Mellott, MD 85	St. Thomas, Hancock	CHA	<i>Ideal</i>
Sandra Hall, MD 87	Christ Church, Port Republic	Table Leader	<i>Action</i>
Julie Fuller, MD 102	Middleham and Saint Peters	Table Leader / Float	<i>Leaders</i>
Michelle Verdon, MD 114	St. James', Lothian	Table Leader	<i>Piety</i>
Charles Wolf, MD 33	St. James', Lothian	Table Leader	<i>Laity</i>

### 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



## Maryland Episcopal Cursillo

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## A Message From the MD 116 Weekend Rector

Greetings and good wishes to the Maryland Episcopal Community. Wow, what an interesting and challenging year it has been for each of us. Maryland Episcopal Cursillo weekend was originally scheduled to take place in April of 2020. Due to Covid 19, it was decided by both the Secretariat and team members to postpone until the fall. As we approached those dates the Secretariat unanimously agreed to postpone again to April 2021, and then again to November 4<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. Most of the originally called MD 116 Team are still on board to serve our Lord on this faith-filled weekend team. Consequently, that's where we need your help. It is never too early to start prayerfully considering those in your churches that would benefit immensely in attending this upcoming weekend.

The theme for MD 116 is still "Come" to the Table," and quite frankly I believe that coming to our Lord's Table will be even more appreciated and cherished given the circumstances that have prevented most of us from doing this the past year. No matter our pasts, what we have done or left undone, no matter who or what we are, Our Lord and Savior consistently invites us to Come to His Table. He never stops. I always find myself in total awe when I do come to His table realizing how many before us have faithfully come to His Table to partake of our Lord's Body and Blood. Recently, I was reminded that in partaking of Our Lord's Body and Blood he becomes a part of us and we of him helping to make all of us one in the Body of Christ.

It is still pretty amazing in of itself to think that this is the 116<sup>th</sup> Cursillo weekend held here in our lovely state of Maryland. Please reach out now to those whom you believe would benefit from a Cursillo weekend and invite them. The cut-off date for candidate applications is October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to write your Palanca and mark your calendars now to plan on spending a lovely fall morning and day at Claggett on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Speaking for all of the team, we are really looking forward to seeing you on this upcoming weekend. Please keep this wonderful team and all those that will attend in your thoughts and in your prayers. Come on out and Come to the Table!

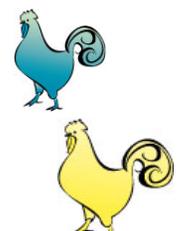
— Joe Carta, MD 50  
Weekend Rector, MD 116

### 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*

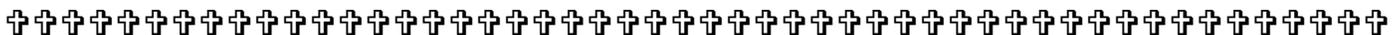


**The Purpose of Cursillo**  
is to help those in the Church understand  
their individual calling to be Christian leaders.



### 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 Joe Carta, MD 50, Lay Director, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo.



## Zoom into an Ultreya!!

During the challenging times of the pandemic, several monthly Ultreyas have continued to meet via Zoom. Although a drastic change from the in-person events that everyone has enjoyed for years, the Zoom Ultreyas have proven to provide meaningful fellowship and an inspirational way to “recharge those Christian batteries” each month.

Many, many thanks to David Richardson, MD 88, who has organized the Zoom links and faithfully provided them to all who participate! David’s “Zoom Ministry” has been a blessing, indeed, and we are all grateful to him for his willingness to help keep us connected. Thanks to both David and Brenda Boucher, MD 101, who have facilitated the Zoom ultreyas ensuring grouping, music, witness speakers!

Information about the Zoom Ultreyas can be found on page 12 of this issue or on the [MEC website](#). We are always looking for additional Ultreyas, so please let us know if you would like to organize one. David [richrdsn\\_ae@yahoo.com](mailto:richrdsn_ae@yahoo.com) and Brenda [totheskies@msn.com](mailto:totheskies@msn.com) will be happy to answer your questions regarding logistics. And, please email David at if you would like a Zoom invitation so you can join us for an Ultreya soon!

— Editor

**A Pastoral Prayer**

*Tender and compassionate God, you are our steadfast companion in all the times of our lives.  
When we rejoice, you rejoice with us; when we are anxious and afraid,  
you offer us a place where we can find the courage to face the unknown;  
when we weep with sadness, you are our comforter.*

*Help us, O LORD, to believe that you accept us for who we are and who we are not.  
Help us as we reach out and serve those around us to be your presence in a troubled world,  
thru Jesus Christ our LORD and Savior, Amen.*

— Chris Werth, MD 81

## A Challenge from the Southern Maryland Representative

When I was first the Southern Maryland Representative many years ago, there were well-attended Ultreyas throughout the diocese. In Southern Maryland there were five Ultreyas! I usually attended each of them, always having a wonderful spirit-filled experience and meeting a variety of cursillistas, many of whom I had known from being on team.

Last year, I was asked to serve again. I’d been away for a while but it quickly became apparent that things had changed. I soon discovered that only two Ultreyas were functioning, both of them in the Southern Maryland area. Each was a vibrant assembly though somewhat less attended than had been the case years before. Then, the pandemic intervened making in-person sessions inadvisable. Within a few months, both Ultreyas resumed via Zoom with rather small gatherings. Attendance has gradually picked up, and now the current number of attendees is in the range of 10-15 people.

Cursillistas, we can do better. Each of us has a baptismal responsibility to spread the Good News within and outside our several communities. Then, we attended weekends that deepened our understanding of what it means to be a Christian. At the ceremony closing our weekends, we were reminded that “Christ is counting on you”. And we responded with “And I on Christ”. If you really believe that Cursillo is a way that can accomplish the spread of His kingdom, I challenge more of you who have experienced the transformative experience at Claggett to step forward and re-invigorate the Cursillo community within our diocese. For Cursillo to work effectively, more groupings and, certainly, more Ultreyas are necessary. Please, step forward!

— Charlie Wolf, MD 33  
MEC Southern Area Rep



## Updating the "In Memoriam" Webpage

The Cursillo Community mourns the death of every Cursillista who is called home to be with our Lord.

Most recently, we are grieving the loss of Nancy Horkan, MD 55, who was a faithful and active Cursillista having served on many teams and sponsored many candidates over the years. When not serving on a team, Nancy could often be spotted at Claggett helping in other ways, many times as an outside Agape CHA and almost always singing joyfully at Mananitas and Clausura. She also served on the Secretariat as our Lay Director. Nancy's loving and humble ministry will be missed.

Some years ago, Nancy had suggested that it would be a loving tribute to remember all of those Cursillistas who had died by reading their names during one of the Diocesan Ultreya. Once that list had been compiled, it was agreed that it should also be published on the website, and the "In Memoriam" web page was born. We continue our efforts to keep the information on the page current, and adding Nancy's name to the page recently was certainly a bittersweet task.

We would like to take this time to remember Nancy and honor her desire to never forget those Cursillistas who have died by asking you to review our "In Memoriam" page and **advise of us any needed corrections or additions**, especially each person's date of death and any missing weekend numbers, which we would like to add. Your help will be very much appreciated and serve as a loving gesture to one of our own who served all of us so faithfully.

Please send information to [MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com) *Ultreya!*

— Pamela Blyth, MD 92  
MEC Communications Coordinator

## How Can We Move Forward?

Like most people in the United States, I was shocked and saddened at the seemingly sudden emergence of COVID-19 and stunned by the rapid changes it elicited in our spiritual, public, professional, and private lives. I am not sure of the exact number, but I think here have been over twenty-eight million cases of COVID-19 in the United States, and more than half a million people in this country have died as a result.

One year has resulted not only in half a million lives lost but also in tens of millions of survivors. As we are now into a year plus of mourning, there is a constant phrase in our country and in many of our lives which says "We may never be the same again."

In many ways, we have been shrouded by grief for over the last year. Those who have not experienced the death of a friend or loved one still know losses during this time as many have undergone job and financial loss, the loss of social and familial interactions and even celebrating our faith together as we used to do to name a few. Still others have grappled with losses due to increased anxiety, depression, and additional mental health stressors.

While some may see these losses as 'not real losses,' they are just as valid and attention-deserving as a death loss. In the space of over a year, little in our daily lives has been left untouched and unchanged. Yes, even our language has altered dramatically. Words that were never part of our daily conversation – quarantine, isolation, Zoom – are understood by many.

So, I invite you as fellow humans, and as fellow Christians to look around you and think about how you and I can emerge from these multiple crises and move forward. How can you and I make a difference in the world around us in which "...we move, live, and have our being." In the words of a Roman Catholic organization known as The Christophers (I happen to really like their name) "It is better to light one candle than curse the darkness."

Please pray for a better tomorrow. Blessings and peace to all.

— Christopher R. Werth, MD 81  
MEC Northern Area Rep



# Talking to Someone About Attending a Weekend?

**T**hinking of talking to someone about attending MD 116 as a Candidate? Have you “talked to Jesus about your friend” and are now ready to “talk to your friend about Jesus?” Below are some talking points to help start your conversation. Remember, the **deadline for Candidate Applications is OCTOBER 4, 2021!**

## What is Cursillo?

- ◆ An opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality.
- ◆ A deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how we can serve Him.
- ◆ An experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community and realizing that this can be extended into our own environment.
- ◆ A continuing community that gives support and encouragement to help Christians carry out their Baptismal Vows.

*The key elements of the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry are relationship, evangelism, and reconciliation in the home, the parish, the community, and the world.*

## The Episcopal Cursillo Weekend:

- ◆ Cursillo includes a time to experience living in a supportive Christian community though the Episcopal Cursillo Weekend.
- ◆ Across the country, dioceses offer Weekends following a three-day schedule that usually begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday.
- ◆ Some dioceses offer Weekends following a shorter schedule that begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday.
- ◆ ALL Weekends include fifteen talks, five meditations and a Eucharist every day.
- ◆ The Episcopal Cursillo Weekend is not a retreat.
  - √ It is an opportunity to meet clergy and laity seeking to strengthen our faith.
  - √ It provides an environment to experience the reality of the gift of God’s love through shared prayer, individual meditation, worship, study, fellowship, laughter, tears, and unconditional love.

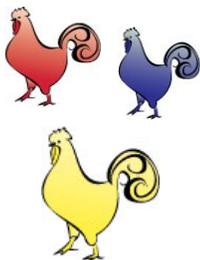
## After the Weekend:

- ◆ Each person returning from a Weekend is encouraged to actively participate in the Jesus Movement.
- ◆ This time after the Weekend is known as the “Fourth Day” and extends for the rest of their lives.
- ◆ Through the Cursillo community, there are ongoing means to support Christian living and ministry.

## What’s expected of participants?

- ◆ To be open and willing to respond to what you experience, to share your feelings with others, and allow them to share theirs with you.
- ◆ To make a genuine effort to discover where you are and where or how you can grow in your Christian life.
- ◆ To feel secure in the knowledge that you are accepted where you are and as you are, and to know that a specific response is not expected of you.

**ULTREYA!**



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

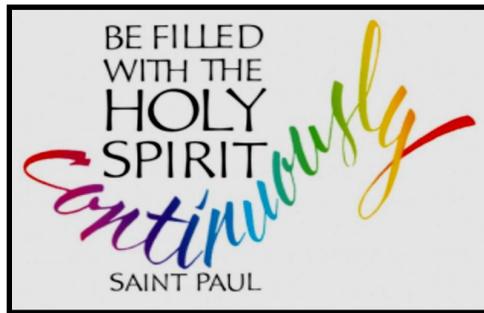


# Maryland Cursillo is Calling YOU!

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 can download the [Resource List](#) from [MDEpiscopalCursillo.com](http://MDEpiscopalCursillo.com) (also on page 10 of this issue). 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



## 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 support this important ministry.

**You can [donate ONLINE by clicking here](#), or mail this form to us at the address below.**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)



**Thank you !**



# 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)

**PLEASE SCAN AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO**  
[MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com)

**FEES CAN BE PAID ONLINE by clicking here** OR MAILED TO:

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**c/o The Episcopal Church of Christ the King, 1930 Brookdale Road, Baltimore, MD 21244**



# 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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# 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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[MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com)

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

**Music**

\_\_\_ Play a musical instrument.  
What type(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Interested in serving on the music team for a weekend. (Must also submit an application)

**Communications**

\_\_\_ Website Design and update  
\_\_\_ Assist with database management  
\_\_\_ Assist with Abrazo, brochure production  
\_\_\_ Assist with assembling and mailings  
\_\_\_ Write articles for the Abrazo  
\_\_\_ Bilingual, what language \_\_\_\_\_

**Skill and Talent in weekend preparation**

\_\_\_ Team Shirts \_\_ new team member \_\_\_ add on  
\_\_\_ Bake Communion Bread  
\_\_\_ Cord for wooden cross  
\_\_\_ Able make weekend buttons  
\_\_\_ Talent with design graphics, art.  
\_\_\_ Make beds on Thursday of weekend  
\_\_\_ Make Placemats

**Assist on the Cursillo Weekend**

\_\_\_ Assist Core team over the weekend  
(require staying on campus)  
\_\_\_ Assist set up for Agape  
\_\_\_ Assist clean up for Agape  
\_\_\_ Photographer for weekend photo  
(requires standing on ladder)

**Forth Day Workshop**

\_\_\_ Leadership team  
\_\_\_ Workshop team  
\_\_\_ Give a talk  
\_\_\_ Welcoming  
\_\_\_ Food set up and or clean up  
\_\_\_ Set up and or clean up  
\_\_\_ Lead music

**Serve the Secretariat or Servant Community**

\_\_\_ Area Representative \_\_\_ Palanca Coordinator  
\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_ 4th Day Representative  
\_\_\_ Comptroller \_\_\_ Music Coordinator  
\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_ Asst Lay Director \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Stewardship  
\_\_\_ Pre Cursillo  
\_\_\_ Weekend Representative

**Utreya Support**

\_\_\_ Witness Speaker - List Utreya(s)  
\_\_\_ Led an Utreya - List Utreya(s)  
\_\_\_ Lead music at an Utreya

**Other gifts or talents** you are willing share with the Cursillo Community:

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Received by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Don't Miss Out on Information & Updates !

## Receive EMAIL Updates!

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

To be included, please email:

MEC Communications Coordinator at [MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com)

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## UPDATE Your ADDRESS !

Let us know if your Email OR Mailing address has changed so you

won't miss important information.

[MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:MarylandEpiscopalCursillo@gmail.com)

Thanks

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

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**JESUS BEGAN THE MOST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY.**

**A MOVEMENT GROUNDED IN THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF GOD FOR THE WORLD. AND A MOVEMENT MANDATING PEOPLE TO LIVE THAT LOVE.**

**AND IN SO DOING, TO CHANGE NOT ONLY THEIR LIVES, BUT THE VERY LIFE OF THE WORLD ITSELF.**

-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

## THE JESUS MOVEMENT !

### FOUR STEPS FOR CURSILLO ACTION

- 1. Find Christians** who have the potential to influence their environments, which may be home, work, church, geographic, or social in nature;
- 2. Encourage those Christians** and help them to see that God is calling them to do His work where they are and help them offer themselves to that work;
- 3. Empower those Christians** with the means God offers through the Church to be effective apostles, help them identify their particular Christian vocation within their environments;
- 4. Link those Christians** with one another for the work of apostolic action through spiritual direction, regular small group reunions, and frequent gathering of the groups for encouragement.

**ULTREYA!!**



### Secretariat

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**3rd Friday, 7 PM**  
**St. Andrew's & St. Martin's-in-the-Field**  
**Episcopal Churches Combined Ultreya**  
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### 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 annual gross receipts of over \$2 billion
- ◆ 52 percent of churches built before 1950
- ◆ Is one of the 44 national & regional Churches that make up the Anglican Communion
- ◆ 80 million members

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*Ultreya!*



## 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.





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**May Secretariat Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_ **May 1, 2021 at 10 a.m.**  
*All Cursillistas are invited to attend!*

**MD Weekend 116 *Candidate Deadline*** \_\_\_\_\_ **October 4, 2021**

**MD Weekend 116 "Come to the Table!"** \_\_\_\_\_ **November 4-7, 2021**

[The Claggett Center](#), Adamstown, MD

*Sponsors' Service*

*Las Mananitas*

*Clausura*

*November 4 - 7:00 p.m.*

*November 7 - 6:45 a.m.*

*November 7 - 3:45 p.m.*

**MD Weekend 116 Reunion Ultreya & 4th Day Workshop** \_\_\_\_\_ **To Be Announced, 2021**

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*Please visit [MDEpiscopalCursillo.com](http://MDEpiscopalCursillo.com) for more information about upcoming events!*

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