The Rooster Review!

The newsletter of Central Virginia Cursillo
February 2018

Introducing the upcoming 508th Men's Cursillo team!

Shalom House, Montpelier, VA – February 15th – 18th, 2018



Kneeling: Rich Marino, Ed Groat
Middle: Paul Attanasio, Denny Hasenfus, Dan McCaffrey, Dan Duhan, Joey Klingman
Back: Jerry Hancock, Michael Culleton, Tom Allen, Rick Bonini, Brent Parsons, Ellen Klingman, Paul Vidonic
Missing: Victor Valle, Charles Williams

Name	Role - Talk	Church
Tom Allen	Head of Liturgy – Study	St. James
Paul Attansio	Squire – Group Reunion	Church of the Epiphany
Rick Bonini	LItugy - Christianity in Action	Church of the Epiphany
Michael Culleton	TMAT – Action	Church of the Epiphany
Dan Duhan	TMAT – Laity	St. Joseph
Ed Groat	Rector	Church of the Epiphany
Jerry Hancock	Assistant Rector – Laity	St. James
Denny Hasenfus	Head Squire	St. Augustine
Rich Marino	Squire – Ultreya	St. Augustine
Dan McCaffery	TMAT – Piety	St. Ann, Ashland
Brent Parsons	TMAT – Ideal	Church of the Epiphany
Paul Vidonic	Squire – Study of the Environment	Church of the Epiphany
Ellen Klingman	Spiritual Director	St. James
Joey Klingman	Spiritual Director	St. James
Victor Valle	Spiritual Director	Church of the Epiphany
Dcn Charles Williams	Spiritual Director	Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

And our every present Guest: THE HOLY SPIRIT!!

Opening: Thursday, February 15th, 2017, 7:30PM – *BRING SNANKS, DRINKS AND PALANCA!*
Shalom House – 15340 Robert Terrell Road, Montpelier, VA 23192
Closing: Sunday, February 18th, 2017, 4:00PM (gather at 3:30) – *BRING FOOD AND DRINKS!*
St. Ann's Church – 105 S. Snead St., Ashland, VA 23005
Set-Up / Clean-Up contact: Russ Wisler, rwisler@embarqmail.com; arrive at 3pm please!
Palanca: Epiphany, St. Joseph Petersburg, St James, St. Augustine, St Ann's Ashland, Cath. Of Sacred Heart
Emergencies-Only Contact: Denny Hasenfus - 804-929-6686; Jerry Hancock - 804-314-3841

Welcome the Babe Chicks of the 501st Women's Cursillo

Shalom House, Montpelier, VA – Oct 5th – 8th, 2017

"Go Make A Difference"



Front row: left to right - Angie Randolph, Theresa Randolph
Back row: left to right - Bethany Petro, Sonia Hincapie, Marie Dutel, Ginger Rush, Barbara Duhan

Team		Babe Chicks	
Name	**Role**	**Name**	**Church**
Patti Allen	Archangel	Barbara Duhan	St. Joseph, Petersburg
Kathy Cook	Angel - Ultreya	Marie Dutel	Church of the Epiphany
Kimm Curtis	TMAT - Action	Sonia Hincapie	Church of the Epiphany
Dolores Groat	Rector	Bethany Petro	Sacred Heart, Prince George
Pat Holtz	TMAT - Study of the Environment	Angie Randolph	St. Joseph, Petersburg
Grace Marino	TMAT - Group Reunion	Theresa Randolph	St. James
Donna Mitchell	Assistant Rectora - Leaders	Ginger Rush	St. Michael
Vera Mulherin	TMAT - Study		
Becky Scalone	Liturgy - Piety		
Cena Smith	Head of Liturgy - Ideal		
Cindy Timberman	Liturgy - Christianity In Action		
Eydie Triplett	Angel - Laity		
Steve Hault	Spiritual Director		
Kathy Haut	Spiritual Director		
Scott Fisher	Spiritual Director		
Twink Fisher	Spiritual Director		

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Witness: What Cursillo meant to me

When I was first asked to attend a Cursillo weekend, I was apprehensive. Everyone told me how wonderful the experience would be, but I wasn't sure. I had never been on a spiritual retreat before and had no idea what was in store for me. My husband, Paul, made his weekend a few months before I did. He kept telling me not to worry, but he was so emotional when he came home that it made me even more nervous. He tried to reassure me that they were tears of happiness and he kept referring to his "light" and being touched by the Holy Spirit. I thought they had brainwashed him and I thought that there was no way that the team of women hosting my weekend could make me feel what he was feeling. I told him that women were different and that it wouldn't be the same on our weekend. That it couldn't be as powerful because women aren't as open and accepting as men are. Boy was I wrong! What I realized was that I was projecting my own fears into an experience that I hadn't even had yet. I was already preparing myself for a letdown because I was afraid that I wouldn't feel what Paul had felt. I wanted to have a moving experience too and I wasn't sure if I was worthy.

I was so terrified when my sponsors took me to Shalom House that I could barely speak to the other women. In fact, I remember telling one of the team members how relieved I was when they left because my chance for escape had gone with them! I was grateful for the grand silence the first night. It allowed me time to reflect and open myself up to what was to come. The next morning, after the first talk, my table made a poster with the theme of "Jesus Take the Wheel". Following that we were given our palanca. The very first letter I read was from that speaker who referenced letting God take the driver's seat for the weekend and opening ourselves up to His light and love. It gave me chills. And I knew from that moment that I was right where God wanted me to be. I could feel His presence all around me. I was surrounded by His children who want us all to share in His light and love. And they knew just how to make that happen. I have never experienced such open, loving, honest, and giving strangers in all my life. The biggest gift they gave me was showing me that the way to keep your own light shining brightly is by sharing the light with others so that they too may shine. That's what it's all about.

Go make a difference!

DeColores,
Bethany Petro, October 2017, Table of Living Water

Messages from the Chairperson:

Reflection:

In the last edition of the newsletter I discussed Piety. This time I would like to present my perspective on the 2nd leg of the Cursillo tripod, Study. Study is not limited to just reading books but it encompasses all that we can avail ourselves of to improve our attitude to be more in line with the Gospel message. Study is not dependent upon our intellectual capacity, but rather our spiritual one. If we want to love God, then we have to better understand God.

Our study should not be focused on "knowing" or "to know much". Study is only a means to obtain a goal; the goal being the gradual transformation of knowing and living Christ in our daily lives. When we approach study from this perspective the focus changes from knowing much to loving much. And when we learn to love much we truly begin to experience the deep rivers of God's grace flowing through us. Or as Cynthia Bourgeault states in her book *Mystical Hope* we experience the times when God suddenly touches our lives with His blessing and renews us from the center of His own bottomless abundance.

Weekend Schedule Change:

Since I became a member of the CVCC a number of years ago, I have heard a common refrain from members of the community: why isn't there a women's weekend held during the summer months. The implication being that there are many women schoolteachers within Central VA that don't have the opportunity to make a weekend because our women's weekends are conducted during the school year. The Committee has heard your collective voices and we have adjusted our 2018 schedule to accommodate a women's weekend during the summer. This year's weekend schedule is:

Men at Shalom House: February 15 – 18
Men at Shalom House: October 4 – 7
Women at Shalom House: May 17 - 20
Women at Sacred Heart: July 12-15

With this schedule change now in place, please make a concerted effort to "make a friend, be a friend, and bring a teacher friend to Christ".

DeColores,

Dan Martin, Chairperson

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS, REFER TO
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