

The Rooster Review!

The newsletter of Central Virginia Cursillo
January 2021

Zoom Ultreyas are happening, and they're happening successfully!

The Central Virginia Cursillo community celebrated 'Zoom' Ultreyas this past October, November, and December. Attendance and participation was excellent; very comparable to our in-person Ultreyas. Naturally, as with many Cursillo events and weekends, there were learning curves and technical glitches to work through, but the Holy Spirit will never let us fail in what we do for Christ, and this has been no exception. The events are very fluid now and should closely resemble the Ultreyas we know and love, with song, witness, spiritual direction, small group discussion, and all of the fellowship that entails. With no late-night travel involved!!

As always we would love to increase our attendance. Be assured you do not need to be 'tech savvy' or a 'Zoom expert' to participate, or even have a Zoom account. All you need to do is click on the link in the email sent from the CVCC server, and you'll be admitted to the event. You're also welcome to turn your camera off if you like, but know that we'd love to see your (maskless!) face! And just like any Ultreya, if you're not moved to speak or participate, you're welcome to come and watch; though as ever, we'd love to hear from you! Lastly, we're ALWAYS looking for those willing to witness, especially how the pandemic has affected your fourth day, and how your fourth day helped you through the pandemic! Please contact any CVCC member if you have questions or wish to witness.

These are unprecedented and trying times for all of us. It is imperative that we keep our community in touch and strong, such that when we can resume our normal way of making a friend, being a friend, and bringing a friend to Christ, the Lord will find us ready! Ultreyas are one of the best ways we have right now to stay in communion with each other. Please join us!

The next Zoom Ultreya will be **January 15th at 7:30pm**. The link is below, and will also be sent come from the CVCC Server too. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82701453107?pwd=KzFCS3dTajloS0hxWDIzRFF0dWxrQT09

Meeting ID: 827 0145 3107
Passcode: 809302

Future Weekends:

Our hope, prayer, and best guess right now is to have the next Cursillo weekend in the Spring of 2022. This would hopefully allow enough time for the majority of the people to be vaccinated, for our host locations to work through their policies and procedures, and for a team to go through the full formation process.

But that doesn't mean we can't be discerning people who would be good candidates, as well as discerning if we're being called to serve on team. People are in need of communion more than ever now. Reach out now, make a friend, and be a friend – you'll be 2/3rd of the way there!

Please know that the CVCC is alive and well, and continues to pursue the best way to do the Lord's work in these unprecedented times.

Want Ads!

As you can see in the Coordinating Committee list at the end of this newsletter, we have many positions available to those called to serve the community. Members have had to step down, with our blessing of course, but now some of our committee members are having to cover multiple positions in order to keep things going. Please review the below job descriptions and contact any member of the CVCC if you are called to serve!

Pre Cursillo Coordinator:

Role: To manage Cursillo applications, candidate enrollment and instructs Sponsors involvement.

- Receives and reviews Cursillo applications.
- Monitors number of candidates for upcoming Cursillo weekends.
- Collects deposits from candidates or their sponsors, prior to the date of the scheduled Cursillo weekend. Surrenders funds to CVCC Treasurer.
- Records deposits and secures a space for the candidate on the scheduled Cursillo weekend.
- At the Thursday gathering of a Cursillo weekend, the balance due by candidates is collected, tallied, and surrendered to the CVCC Treasurer.
- Advises CVCC Coordinating Committee on candidate issues: Health, Dietary, Spiritual, Mental/Emotional, Financial
- Conducts the Sponsors meeting held at the beginning of the Cursillo weekends: Introduction of Sponsors, Explains role of Sponsor, Provides instructions to Sponsors, Praying over crosses and Rosaries

Requirements:

- Basic organizational skills as determined by the CVCC Coordinating Committee
- A Cursillista active in the Cursillo movement.
- Appointment made by CVCC Coordinating Committee.

Group Reunion Coordinator:

Role: To manage Cursillo small group database.

- Gathers information on group reunions.
- Updates group reunion database.
- Provides database to Website Coordinator in order to have it posted on CVCC website.

Requirements

- Basic organizational skills as determined by the CVCC Coordinating Committee
- A Cursillista active in the Cursillo movement.
- Appointment made by CVCC Coordinating Committee.

Cursillo Community – We need to hear from you! When do you think we should have the next weekend? What would make you comfortable in participating fully in the formation process? What prayer intentions do you have? Please contact any of the CVCC members below with your thoughts.

Message from the Chairperson:

I am writing this today on Monday, December 28, 2020, The Feast of the Innocents. I have been reminded this Christmas season through the various scripture readings of the similarities and differences between the life of Jesus and the life of Moses. At the time of both of their infanthoods there was a slaughter of innocent children. They were both raised by foster fathers and they both came out of Egypt. Where Moses freed the people with the strong arm of God, Jesus freed all the people with the Love of God. As cursillistas we are called to share that love of God with all our brothers and sisters through every aspect of our lives. Staying active in Cursillo is just one way to do that. I would like to wish everyone in our community a very Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you soon.

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Russell Titone, CVCC Chair
July 2015 – St. Peter The Fisheman

Message from the Spiritual Director:

Greetings and Happy new decade. We are now in our own roaring twenties. Let us hope and pray that this new decade will see us all deepen our spirituality through Piety, Study, and Action and that the Cursillo Movement will be a leavening agent in bringing peace and social justice in the Richmond area and our surrounding communities. There is not much to say that has not already been said this Christmas season. I was fortunate to be asked to baptize two children recently. As I lit the baptismal candle and passed on the light of Christ to the parents of those children, there seemed a real connection to what we are called to do as Catholics in a world immersed in both literal and spiritual darkness this time of the year.

Cursillistas are called in a special way to bring light to dark places and shine that same light of Christ to people who may not yet know how amazing wonderful our God is and how much He loves them.

While we are in this Cursillo Weekend hiatus brought on by Covid-19, keep faithful to your regular Group Reunions by whatever means is possible. And most important of all, keep a watch for those friends that might be candidates for our Cursillo Weekends when we resume normalcy. Our Babylonian exile will not last forever and the need to bring Christ into our various environments has not diminished.

As St. Teresa of Avila prayed: Christ has no hands, no feet but yours so keep praying as everything depended on Him, and keep working as if it all depends on you. Pray especially for those most affected by this pandemic, comfort those who have lost loved ones, and if possible help those in need of assistance.
Onward in 2012 and I hope to see you online in our Zoom Ultreyas.

Deacon Steve Haut, Spiritual Director, Central Virginia Cursillo Center

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ!

“My wish for you - Is that you continue – Continue - To be who and how you are - To astonish a mean world - With your acts of kindness – Continue - To allow humor to lighten the burden - Of your tender heart – Continue - In a society dark with cruelty - To let the people hear the grandeur - Of God in the peals of your laughter – Continue - To let your eloquence - Elevate the people to heights - They had only imagined – Continue - To remind the people that - Each is as good as the other - And that no one is beneath - Nor above you – Continue - To remember your own young years - And look with favor upon the lost - And the least and the lonely – Continue - To put the mantle of your protection - Around the bodies of – The young and defenseless – Continue - To take the hand of the despised - And diseased and walk proudly with them - In the high street - Some might see you and - Be encouraged to do likewise – Continue - To plant a public kiss of concern - On the cheek of the sick - And the aged and infirm - And count that as a - Natural action to be expected – Continue - To let gratitude be the pillow - Upon which you kneel to - Say your nightly prayer - And let faith be the bridge - You build to overcome evil - And welcome good – Continue - To ignore no vision - Which comes to enlarge your range - And increase your spirit - Continue - To dare to love deeply - And risk everything - For the good thing – Continue - To float - Happily in the sea of infinite substance - Which set aside riches for you - Before you had a name – Continue - And by doing so You and your work - Will be able to continue – Eternally”

Maya Angelou

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