

The Rooster Review!

The newsletter of Central Virginia Cursillo
May 2021

We are scheduling dates for the next Cursillo weekends!

With a firm reliance on divine providence, the Central Virginia Cursillo Committee is scouting out locations and penciling in dates for the next men's and women's weekends! While we have no confirmation of what the diocese will be limited too in the next two years, we have every intention of hitting the ground running. Rectors & Rectora will be discerned soon, with team formation not far behind.

Weekend	**Dates**	**Location**
Men's	April 28 – May 1, 2022	St. John's, Dinwiddie
Women's	July 14 – 17th, 2022	Sacred Heart New Bohemia
Men's	Fall 2022	Camp Nazarene



(Note: Dates and locations are tentative pending availability)

Please spend some time discerning if you're being called to be on one of the 're-launch' teams! And as always: be on the lookout for candidates! Reach out now, make a friend, and be a friend – you'll be 2/3rd of the way there!



Welcome Kaitlin Cox, New Pre-Cursillo Coordinator

CVCC is thrilled to introduce Kaitlin Cox as a new Pre-Cursillo coordinator. Kaitlin comes to us from St. James parish, where she has attended for 5 years. She made her weekend in November 2010 at the Abbey and sat at the Table of Peace. She has been on 4 teams since then, serving as a TMAT, an Angel twice, and on Liturgy. Her family includes her husband Alvin and her three daughters Adaline, Amelia, and Allison. Her outside interests include cooking. Welcome Kaitlin, and thank you for your service! (Kaitlin pictured with Allison).

The next Zoom Ultreya will be **May 21 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

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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. Other responsibilities have required members to step down, which requires some of our committee members 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!

IT Coordinator:

Role:

- Maintains the Central Virginia Cursillo Committee (CVCC) databases that support the Central Virginia Cursillo group.
- Will work with vendors as necessary to maintain and upgrade the website(s).
- Advises the CVCC on any IT security issues that may arise.

Responsibilities:

- Receives updates to candidates and team members following a weekend and inputs same to database and updates of the bulk mail newsletter address file.
- Advises CVCC on any new technical innovations that may enhance the Cursillo experience or add to a more efficient way of doing things.
- Acts as a consultant to the Tech Squire/Angel as needed during formation.
- Generates and provides lists from the database for potential team members and Rectors/Rectoras to the CVCC.
- Monitors IT costs and advises CVCC, works with the CVCC Treasurer to get any bills paid.
- Works with the Precursillo Coordinator to create a spreadsheet of candidates and team in the approved format.
- Receives prayer intentions and posts via the website.
- Receives and posts announcements via the website.
- Attends CVCC meetings.

Requirements:

- Must be possess more than basic computer skills. Basic organizational and communication skills as determined by the CVCC Coordinating Committee.
- A Cursillista active and knowledgeable in the Cursillo movement and its purpose.
- Appointment made by CVCC Coordinating Committee.
- AV experience a plus.
- This is a three-year commitment, candidate may choose to extend their term for an additional three years after their initial term is completed but, is not obligated to do so.

Palanca Request!

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
06/03/2021	06/06/2021	Men's 932	Phoenix, AZ
06/03/2021	06/06/2021	Men's 195	Newark, NJ
06/17/2021	06/20/2021	Women's 131	Wichita,KS
06/17/2021	06/20/2021	Women's 933	Phoenix, AZ

Email any Palanca no later than 3 days before the start date to:
nancy.losteter@gmail.com
Subject Line: Palanca for [insert Event listing here]

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Message from the Chairperson:

I think we can all agree we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and it is not a train coming at us. As more and more people get vaccinated, and we begin to emerge from this isolation our thoughts are turning to starting up the weekends again. I remember last year's Lent and Easter season and how sad I was. We could not go to church, we could not receive communion, we got our palms on Palm Sunday with a drive through the parking lot. That sadness pervaded the whole year. Then in the fall we started our Zoom Ultreya's. It was not the same as the in-person Ultreya's but, it was something and we started fighting back. Little by little the optimism returned. This year's Lent and Easter season has been extremely rewarding both personally and collectively. We have set tentative dates for the next several weekends. I believe we are on the verge of returning to our mission to answer Jesus' call to spread his Gospel to the four corners of the earth to all peoples. So, how do we do that in Cursillo? We do it by looking at our neighbors in the pews.

In a recent article in the *Catholic Virginian* a couple of Catholic college professors had predicted that by 2030 church attendance would be half of what it was in 2010. Due to the Covid lockdowns, they have revised their estimate and moved that timeline to 2022-2023. Their reasoning is that people who were coming to church out of some sense of obligation but, not really participating in church, would not be coming back after the lock downs. This made me realize that these people are our target audience. The ones who are in the pews but, not really involved with church. As Cursillistas we need to reach out and share what we have experienced with them. We need to share the love of Christ we have experienced and invite them to become part of Cursillo. As the saying goes "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ."

It used to bother me that we had so many people making weekends but, after a short period of time they no longer were involved with Cursillo. Then I realized that even though they were not coming to Ultreyas or directly involved with Cursillo, they were more involved with Church. They were participating in various liturgies, they were involved in outreach projects, they had joining various prayer groups. Cursillo works! It is bringing people to Jesus. This is our mission; this is what Jesus is calling us to do. It is time for us to shake off the pall that this pandemic has put over us. Let us get back to work!

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

Message from the Spiritual Director:

There seems to be real hope these days reflected in the news and in real life that we can begin to think about going out to a restaurant again, to friends' homes, and to Church. That hope is even beginning to pervade the Cursillo Movement. Some areas of the country are actually holding Cursillos now and we are actively beginning to plan the resumption of Cursillo Weekends in Central Virginia.

A big question remains. Will people resume regular Church attendance in person? Cursillo also wonders, will people including experienced Cursillistas return to actively participate in Ultreyas and Cursillo Weekends? Will sponsors be motivated to dedicate the time required to recruit candidates for Weekends? Will candidates be able to overcome the inertia to dedicate four days away from family and work? That was a big hurtle before and with our year-long stay at home mentality, compounding that reluctance, can Cursillo effectively evangelize God's never-ending love?

There are already tentative plans for the Spring of 2022 to begin again Cursillo Weekends in Central Virginia. Our organizing committee must tend to the administrative duties of discerning rectors and rectoras and locating new locations after the closing of our beloved Shalom House.

But we will need help, and that help must come from you, the Cursillo community. Our online Ultreyas have been a success but, as you can imagine, a Cursillo requires in person participation. Nothing can replace the personal touching and sharing that happens on a Cursillo Weekend. Just as Jesus convinced the frightened disciples gathered in the upper room that He was real by touching Him, and eating together, a Cursillo, too a Cursillo makes real God's love and presence through touching, sharing stories, and eating, praying and laughing together.

America and the world needs Cursillo now more than ever because after the apocalypse of the pandemic, we need God more than ever. I beseech you, pray for our Movement and begin to place extra effort into your participation with our online Ultreyas and when we resume live ones, come and bring a friend.

Be attentive to the working of the Holy Spirit in discerning people who need reconnection to a loving Christian community and invite them to participate in one of our upcoming live flesh and blood praying, laughing, and hugging Cursillos.

An unofficial motto of Cursillo, possibly attributed to St. Augustine or St. Ignatius says "Pray as if everything depends on God, work as if everything depends on you." Good advice as we all work to heal ourselves, our communities and country after COVID-19. God bless you all and I hope to see you in the near future at a live Ultreya, on teams and as candidate sponsors on our next Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends.

God Bless everyone. Onward!

Deacon Steve Haut, Spiritual Director, Central Virginia Cursillo Center

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