The Rooster Review!

The newsletter of Central Virginia Cursillo
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Welcome Lisa Aberle, New 4th Friday Coordinator



CVCC is excited to introduce Lisa as the new 4th Friday coordinator. Lisa comes to us from St Edward the Confessor, where she has attended for the past 25 years! She made her weekend in October of 2015 at Shalom House. She will be serving on her first team this upcoming July 2022. Lisa is an RVA native working in sales, and has three children. Her outside interests include boating, books, and beaches! Her church ministries include Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Confirmation & Life Teen Small Group Facilitator, and serving on the Parish Council. Welcome Lisa, and thank you for your service!

Welcome Becky and Joe Scalone as co-Newsletter Distributors



CVCC is thrilled to introduce Becky and Joe Scalone as co-Newsletter Distributors.

Becky made her Emmaus Weekend in the Spring of 1992 at Blackstone Retreat House, and came into the Catholic Church via RCIA in 1998. She has served on 7 Cursillo teams as Rectora, Asst. Rectora, Angel, and Head of Liturgy. Becky has served her church as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, President of Ladies Sodality, Linen Ministry, and Parish Council. She has one daughter and one granddaughter, and her hobbies include gardening and golf.

Joe made his Weekend in 1996 at the Abbey. He has also served on 7 Teams as Rector, Asst. Rector, Squire, and Head of Liturgy. He has served his church as a Eucharistic Minister, Past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus, Usher, Parish Council, and a Bus Driver. He has three children and three granddaughters, and his hobbies include golf and serving as Vice President of Buckingham Wood Board of Directors

Becky and Joe have been members at St. Paul's church for 12 years, and married for 22 years.

Welcome Robin Bandino as Group Reunion Coordinator.



CVCC is elated to introduce Robin as the new Group Reunion coordinator. She is a parishioner at Saint Paul's Catholic Church and has been there about 13 years; she attended Sacred Heart on Perry Street for many years prior to St Paul's. She has served as a lector, Eucharistic minister and Sunday school teacher. She made her weekend in 1996 at the Abbey and sat at the table of Saint Anne. She has served on 7 teams as Rectora, Asst. Rectora, archangel, Angel, TMAT, and is humbled to be a Spiritual Director for the CVCC. She was born and raised in Northern Maine and has lived in VA for over 35 years. She is a registered nurse and works at home in New Kent. She and her husband Johne have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. In her spare time, she likes to walk, read, travel and spend time with family.

Dates for the next Cursillo weekends:

Weekend	Dates	Location
Women's	**July 14 – 17th, 2022**	**Sacred Heart New Bohemia**
Men's	**Sept 29 – Oct 2, 2022**	**St. John's, Dinwiddie**

WE NEED CANDIDATES DESPARATELY, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN!!!!!

Coming Soon

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CURSILLO 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for a TBD July or August date to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the CVCC! Think of a closing party, but one celebrating 50 years of Cursillestas! Locations and logistics are being worked out now – please send any ideas or feedback!

Also, a remembrance book is being put together. This book will contain Lists of Rectors, Rectoras, Themes, Locations, Parishes, Priests, Deacons, Spiritual Directors, Cursillestas past and present, Musicians, Pictures of teams, Babe Chicks, Banners, Candidates, and Tables!

COVID policy for the upcoming weekends:

The CVCC application is being updated to reflect the current pandemic issues and how they well be dealt with.

In consideration of others, we expect the candidate to be either fully vaccinated or have tested negative to a PCR test three days before the beginning of the Cursillo Weekend. The Sponsor is required to assure these guidelines are followed and indicate that on the application.

Because there are several reasons that people cannot not be vaccinated, it will be required that everyone always wear a mask except when actively eating or drinking or when outside. It is expected social distancing will be used to keep all safe from the spread of the virus and its mutations. If you become ill/show symptoms during the weekend, it is expected that you notify the team and self-isolate (quarantine) out of love for your neighbor, fellow candidates, and team members. These guidelines may be revised closer to the weekend based on CDC guidance at that time.

Message from the Chairperson:

Think back to the reading of the wedding at Cana from John's Gospel. A meditation for this Gospel reading was written by Pope Francis and in it he reminds us that Mary's words to the servers "Do whatever he tells you to do" are the last recorded words we hear from Mary in the Bible. As servants to Christ those words are as applicable to us today as they were 2000 years ago. We all volunteered to help bring people to Christ through Cursillo and it's time to get back to work

We've lived with this coronavirus for almost two years. When it first started, we didn't know anything about it or how to protect ourselves from it. We locked ourselves down and away from other people. That is not the situation now. We now have vaccines; we know how it is spread and how to protect ourselves. It's most likely not going to go away. New variants will continue to crop up. There was an article that came out this week that scientists in the UK believe that we are on the verge of this moving from the pandemic stage to the endemic stage. That means that it is going to become more like the flu or HIV or even the common cold. Just like we have learned to live with these viruses, we will have to adapt and learn how to live with the coronavirus.

God does not mean for us to live in insolation from each other. Christ has told us that the second greatest commandment after loving God with all your mind, with all your strength, and with all your heart is to love your neighbor as yourself. We can't do that if we stay isolated from each other. It's time we listen to our Mother Mary and do what Christ is telling us to do and that is to get back to work. Bring people to Christ through Cursillo. As the leaders of this community, we must start setting the example. Our next Ultreya is Friday, February 11 at Holy Rosary. I'm imploring everyone to please make an effort to be there and if possible, bring a friend.

Thank you and DeColores!

Russell Titone, CVCC Chair

July 2015 – St. Peter The Fisherman

Message from the Central Virginia Cursillo Center Spiritual Director:

I am having a tough time being joyful at the moment. It is not COVID that is weighing heavily on my heart but the sting of death. Like so many of us, we have known those who have died in recent weeks and months. All these deaths are very sad and loved ones grieve.

But most personal for me has been the death of two deacons, fellow Cursillistas, and friends. Deacon Charles Williams died unexpectedly and suddenly from an infection incurred during chemotherapy for cancer. Deacon Pat White died after a long and courageous struggle with pancreatic cancer. For him, it was indeed, time to rest in the Lord.

Both men had truly lived the Cursillo Method of piety study, and action. Deacon Charles served as deacon to the community of St. Paul Church until being assigned to Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and soon after By Bishop Knestout as Director of the Office for Black Catholics for the Diocese of Richmond. As well as administrative responsibilities, he is well known for his guided meditative pilgrimage along the Slave Trail along the southern bank of the James River where men, women, and children were unloaded from ships and sold. The Catholic Virginian had a writeup on this public ministry and no greater honor could be made to Charles' memory then to walk that trail sometime in the near future.

Deacon Williams opens ears, hearts to reality of slavery - Biweekly Newspaper for the Diocese of Richmond % (catholicvirginian.org)

Deacon Pat White was a man with a career that was familiar to most of us. He was a Navy veteran and worked at Overnite Transportation and Markel Corporation. Pat took an early retirement to join the faculty at Benedictine College Preparatory where he led young men by personal witness and teaching young students on how to become faith-filled men In the modern world. He was accompanied by an honor guard of cadets at his funeral at St. Bridget Church.

We will miss them both. Please keep Charles and Pat in your prayer as well as Marie and Kay their wives and their families. As death approached, both were at peace at what was ahead and died peacefully. We take courage in the words of St. Paul…

1 Cor: 55-58 Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin,* and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Peace to all. Onward!

Deacon Steve Haut, Spiritual Director, Central Virginia Cursillo Center

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

Upcoming Events

Ultreyas (7:30PM)	Other Events
2nd Friday Ultreya February 11th – Holy Rosary, Richmond	Women's Weekend, Opening Ceremony July 14th at 7:30 PM, Sacred Heart New Bohemia
4th Friday Ultreya February 25th – Church of the Sacred Heart, Prince George	Women's Weekend, Closing Ceremony July 17th at 4:00 PM, Sacred Heart New Bohemia
2nd Friday Ultreya March 11th – St. Bridget, Richmond	Men's Weekend, Opening Ceremony September 29th at 7:30 PM, St. John's Dinwiddie
4th Friday Ultreya March 25th – St. Mary of the Annunciation, Ladysmith	Men's Weekend, Closing Ceremony October 2nd at 4:00 PM, St. John's Dinwiddie
For more details about events visit our Website: http://www.centralvacursillo.orgrg Review "Events"	

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