

The Rooster Review!

The newsletter of Central Virginia Cursillo
June 2022

Introducing the Upcoming Women's Cursillo Team!

Sacred Heart, New Bohemia, VA – July 14th – 17th, 2022

"Renew Christ's Light"



Back Row: Bethany Petro, Lynn DiChristina, Eileen Kittle, Deacon Bob Straub, Tina Sebak, Lisa Aberle, Ellen Klingman, Nick Vldonic, Faith Grubbs, Debbie Keeys
Front Row: Dawn Weber, Brady Beveridge, Michelle Gestwick, Kaitlin Cox, Gigi Curtain

Name	Role & Talk	Church
Kaitlin Cox	Rectora	St. James
Lisa Aberle	Tech Angel / Group Reunion & Ultreya	St. Edwards
Gigi Curtin	Assistant Rectora / Christianity In Action	Church of the Epiphany
Michelle Gestwick	TMAT / Piety	St. John Neumann
Faith Grubbs	Archangel / Study	St. Gabriel
Debbie Keeys	TMAT / Study of the Environment	St. Ann's Colonial Heights
Eileen Kittle	TMAT / Ideal	St. Mary's Ladysmith
Ellen Klingman	Head of Liturgy	St. James
Bethany Petro	Angel / Leaders	Sacred Heart New Bohemia
Tina Sebak	Angel / Lay Person In the Church	St. Mary's Ladysmith
Dawn Weber	TMAT / Action	Sacred Heart New Bohemia
Brady Beveridge	Spiritual Director	Church of the Epiphany
Lynn DiChristina	Spiritual Director	St. John Neumann
Deacon Bob Straub	Spiritual Director	Sacred Heart New Bohemia
Nick Vldonic	Spiritual Director	Church of the Epiphany

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

It's up to ALL of us to keep Cursillo alive and moving forward!



Coming Soon

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CURSILLO 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for a September 18th 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, we would love to see your banners, tags, photos, and other keepsakes from your past weekend – we want to have a Powerpoint slideshow during the party to reflect upon and enjoy. Please send what you've got to a CVCC board member.

Want Ad: 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.

Message from the Chairperson:

. On Sunday, June 5, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. I confess that for most of my life I never fully understood this feast. I never even knew that it was initially a Jewish feast, though if I had really been paying attention to the scripture readings for the day, I could have figured it out. The word Pentecost comes from the word fifty and in the Jewish tradition it is celebrated fifty days after Passover. It celebrates when Moses went up on Mount Sinai and received the Ten Commandments or the Torah. This was done fifty days after the first Passover. At that time God wrote his law on stone tablets and gave them to his people. At the Christian Feast of Pentecost, God writes his law on our hearts with tongues of fire. At the Pentecost celebrated almost two thousand years ago, the Holy Spirit descended onto 162 of Jesus' disciples who immediately started speaking in tongues. This reversed what God did at the tower of Babel when God dispersed the people because of their arrogance. At Pentecost he unites all peoples with a common language into his Church. Besides being the birthday of our Church, it also becomes the other bookend to our initiation into the Church. We start with Baptism and end with Confirmation. In fact, in the early Church, the Bishops normally would celebrate Confirmation on the Feast of Pentecost.

After every Cursillo weekend, we list the participants of the weekend in the Rooster Review. We start off listing the candidates who are now Babe Chicks, then list the team members and spiritual directors, and finally the all-important Holy Spirit as our honored guest. As we celebrate Pentecost, I ask that we all try to remember our own individual weekend and try to recall when and how you felt the Holy Spirit.

Thank you and DeColores!

Russell Titone, CVCC Chair

July 2015 – St. Peter The Fisherman

Message from the Central Virginia Cursillo Center Spiritual Director:

If you have never read the history of Cursillo and particularly its origins, you should do so soon. The beginning of Cursillo was in the ashes of Spanish society after their civil war, and the horrors of the Second World War. Spain and Spanish society was in ruins like the rest of Europe. Major cities looked like the pictures you see of Mariupol in the Ukraine today. Barely a stone left on stone.

Amid the physical and human rubble of those post-war years, the Holy Spirit was at work and she inspired a Catholic priest, a Bishop and a few rag-tag farmers, fisherman and young people to begin rebuilding Catholic life in Spain. Long story short (there are many versions on the web; e.g.; www.centralvacursillo.org) what we know as Cursillo was born and its mission is to transform the world for Christ. Those that have participated in a Cursillo know what sort of transformation that weekend experience can mean in their lives.

These days, we are undergoing a similar experience after tumultuous political confusion, a pandemic, and a new and so tragic war in Europe. Never has the world needed Cursillo more. But it seems after the fear and isolation of the pandemic, we seem to have forgotten what Cursillo can do. We desperately need to relearn how to hug each other and convince the world that the Love of God, manifest in our love for one another is something everyone needs to feel again.

In Central Virginia, we have once again scheduled Cursillos for 2022 and 2023. We need to rebuild from the ground up and to do that we need new babe Chicks and the support of experienced Cursillistas to show the way.

Now is the time, and now is the moment to speak to your friend and neighbors, and family about this unique experience. Love one another. Be the disciples Jesus called us to be. The structures are all in place, we have a revised application and a reduced price for tuition. The banquet hall is ready, all we need are flesh and blood people open to the Spirit and not afraid to experience God's unconditional love just as the first Spaniards that stepped out and renewed the spiritual life in Spain and eventually in the world. Please come join us. We need you. Make a difference, be a sponsor. Let us set the world afire yet again.

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 June 10th – TBD	Women's Weekend, Opening Ceremony July 14th at 7:30 PM, Sacred Heart New Bohemia
4th Friday Ultreya June 24th – St. Gabriel Church, Richmond	Women's Weekend, Closing Ceremony July 17th at 4:00 PM, Sacred Heart New Bohemia
2nd Friday Ultreya July 8th – St. Ann's, Ashland	Men's Weekend, Opening Ceremony September 29th at 7:30 PM, St. John's Dinwiddie
4th Friday Ultreya July 22nd – Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond	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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