The Rooster Review!

The newsletter of Central Virginia Cursillo
January 2023

Welcome the Babe Chicks of the 544th Men's Weekend

St. John's, Dinwiddie, VA – Sept 29 – October 2, 2022

"Stir Into Flame"



Front Row: Mark Heithaus, Joe Beaudet, Denis Maguire, Ed Rossmoore, Brian Gilbert, Dale Fater
Second Row: Joe Petro, Michael Mulas, Pat Anhalt, Robert Masi, James Green, Chris Goldsmith, Jonathan Pavell, Casey Rafter

Team		Babe Chicks	
Name	**Role**	**Name**	**Church**
Scott Kittle	Rector	Pat Anhalt	St. Gabriel
Dave Biddulph	Head Squire	Joe Beaudet	Sacred Heart New Bohemia
Chris DiChristina	Asst. Rector / Squire / Group Reunion-Ultreya	Dale Fater	Sacred Heart New Bohemia
Rick Fleming	TMAT / Liturgy / Piety	Brian Gilbert	St. John Newmann
Rob Grubbs	Head of Liturgy / Study of the Environment	Chris Goldsmith	Holy Trinity (Northern VA)
Billy Hoffman	TMAT / Liturgy / Piety	James Green	Sacred Heart New Bohemia
Andy Mercadante	Liturgy / Study	Mark Heithaus	St. Augustine
Paul Petro	Liturgy / Christianity In Action	Denis McGuire	St. Gabriel
Rick Rush	TMAT / Squire / Leaders	Robert Masi	St. Gabriel
Pat Stockton	TMAT / Liturgy / Ideal	Michael Mulas	St. Joseph
Roger Weber	Tech Squire / Laity	Jonathan Pavell	Church of the Epiphany
Father Joe Goldsmith	Spiritual Director	Joe Petro	St. Jerome (Tidewater)
Johne Bandino	Spiritual Director	Casey Rafter	Church of the Epiphany
Robin Bandino	Spiritual Director	Ed Rossmoore	St. Michael
Cris Pond	Spiritual Director		

Chicks Chirp!

I didn't miss the BUS! I saw joy. My wife and I love God, and God was the one that brought in all the love. When you are a kid, you did paint by number...Cursillo is like God showing you how to color the world. It was a life changing event. Big bon fire. Christian fraternity lead by the Holy Spirit. Cursillo is a suit of armor made for the community, spiritual brotherhood, and army. Now I don't have to do things alone. God's love was so evident, I am so fortunate. Helped me kick up my passion about my faith! Eye opening experience, made a lot of friends. Three days of love, learning and laughter...I'm leaving here today with a plan. Joy...unwind…and let the world take care of us. Bring all into the fold. A lot of letters...a lot of love.....full of love, I really feel loved. 15 to 20lbs heavier now but worth it to find such good Christian men. Affirmation...we are called to love. Strong member of a large community. Uplifting.

CVCC is in need of a 4th Friday Coordinator! Job Description:

- **Role**
  - To schedule and coordinate ultreyas for the fourth Friday of every month.
- **Responsibilities**
  - Plan and book ultreyas in parishes within the Diocese of Richmond.
  - Coordinates the planning of ultreyas according to the general guidelines set forth by the CVCC Committee.
  - Ensures that proper approvals have been given to use a church for an event.
- **Requirements**
  - Good communication and organizational skills.
  - A Cursillista active in the Cursillo movement.
  - Appointment is made by CVCC Coordinating Committee.

Flocknote

Are you in the flock? Sign up for CVCC Flocknotes and stay up to date with all your Cursillo new, including Ultreya's, Prayer Requests, and more! Contact IT coordinator Faith Grubbs to sign up

Check out the latest updates to the CVCC website!

https://www.centralvacursillo.org/



Message from the Chairperson:

I'm sure everyone remembers the summer of 2020. We were all in Covid lockdown. Masses were being streamed on Facebook or some other internet platform. The CVCC had canceled both Men's and Women's weekends and Ultreyas. I remember going to my Church the previous spring on Palm Sunday and getting my palms off of a table in the parking lot like I was going through a McDonald's drive through and picking up hamburgers. Then in July the then chairman of the CVCC sent out an email saying he could no longer commit to being the chairman. Being a junior and probably the least experienced person on the committee, I just sat back and waited to see who would step up and take over. After a couple of weeks with nobody coming forward, I started wondering what is going to happen to Cursillo. Then while reading my morning prayers I read the introduction to the Psalm 95 "Listen to my voice; then I will be your God and you shall be my people. (Jer 7:23) What God's voice tells us is the true story of his incredible love for us. No other storyteller, however gifted, can paint for us the full, living portrait of who we are and have been, and who we are becoming. Let us listen attentively, lest we forget and try to remake ourselves according to some other image." I started to wonder if God was trying to tell me something. I sent out an email to the rest of the committee and asked if they would consider allowing me to be the new chairman. I figured if it wasn't meant to be I would find out in a hurry. The response was immediate and a resounding "Yes". I figured I would do this for about a year just holding us together until we could get through Covid and then let one of the more experienced members take over. We started off having monthly meetings and recruiting new members to replace those that had dropped out. That fall we initiated Zoom Ultreyas and started planning for the eventual return of weekends. A major concern was making sure that both team members and candidates felt safe and protected during the weekend, so we established Covid protocols for both. The one year mark came and went and there was still a lot of work to be done. We eventually reestablished in-person Ultreyas and this past summer we had our first post Covid weekend, a Women's weekend, that was a resounding success. That was followed by our 50th Anniversary party and a Men's weekend. I feel now that my work is done and it's time to pass the mantle. I'm pleased to announce that Rob Grubbs will be taking over for me as chairman and Kaitlin Cox will be taking over as assistant to Rob. I would like to thank all the members of the committee that have helped and supported me over these past two and half years. I would also like to thank all of you who have been so generous with your kind words and encouragement.

It was a real pleasure to serve you.

God Bless and DeColores!

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

Message from the Central Virginia Cursillo Center Spiritual Director:

The scriptures in recent weeks have and will be taking us through the early life of Jesus and how He chose His path in life. We are told Jesus, whom we just recently adored in the manger, 'grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.' Hopefully we all never stop growing in wisdom and favor of God. How do we do that too? Jesus, the 33-year-old carpenter in Nazareth became a disciple of John the Baptist and when John was arrested by Herod, Jesus embarked on a new mission, to continue the work of the Baptist and preach the Kingdom of Heaven. But first, He had to decide how he was going to carry out that mission. We read in all the Synoptic Gospels (Mt 4:1-11; Mk 1:9-15; Lk 4:1-13), that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by the Devil to be just like so many leaders before and after His time. The Devil very convincingly offered Jesus the way of power, possessions, pleasure, and honor which are very alluring. Fortunately, Jesus sent the Devil packing and resolved to follow the path of an itinerant preacher, with humility, service to the people and authentic love of neighbor as His governing principles.
At this time of year, we to are into making resolutions. Last year, Pope Francis spoke of the sort of resolution, with which we as Christians should be mindful. They are:

Don't gossip, Finish your meals, Choose the "more humble" purchase, Meet the poor 'in the flesh', Stop judging others, Befriend those who disagree, Make commitments, such as marriage, Make it a habit to "ask the Lord", Be happy.

A more detailed explanation can be found at: https://www.uknight.org/Councils/New-Years-Resolutions-by-Pope-Francis.pdf
May you find these to be the basis for your apostolic successes in this and coming years. 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
4th Friday Ultreya January 27th – St. James, Hopewell	Women's Weekend, Opening Ceremony June 22nd 2023 at 7:30 PM, Sacred Heart NB
2nd Friday Ultreya February 10th – Holy Rosary	Women's Weekend, Closing Ceremony June 26th 2023 at 4:00 PM, Sacred Heart NB
4th Friday Ultreya February 24th – Sacred Heart New Bohemia	Men's Weekend, Opening Ceremony October 18th 2023 at 7:30 PM, Camp Nazarene
2nd Friday Ultreya March 10th - TBD	Men's Weekend, Closing Ceremony October 21st 2023 at 4:00 PM, Camp Nazarene
For more details about events visit our Website: https://www.centralvacursillo.org/	

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