

COMMITTEE FOR STEP-BY-STEP RECTOR'S GUIDE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG
HARRISBURG, PA

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Terri DiBacco, Lay Director; Father Weary, Spiritual Advisor; Deacon Greg Amarante, Assistant Spiritual Advisor. Chairpersons in attendance: Robbie Davis, Richard Druffner, Roseann Guerrini, Ann Marie Segilia, Wendy Vogt, . Others in attendance: Kevin Bagata, Bill Benning, Joan Benning, Yolanda Bermundo, Betty Berry, Dan Brown, Clem Ciccarelli, Tony Devlin, Harris Kalematis, Dave Marazzo, Kathy Perry, Nancy Ramhap, Brenda Rossi, John Rossi, Tina Stryker, Phil Talarico, Sherry Troelsch, Steve Troelsch.

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOMING REMARKS: Terri DiBacco, Lay Director

OPENING REMARKS: Father Bill Weary, Spiritual Advisor
Deacon Greg Amarante, Assistant Spiritual Advisor

Those designated to speak will be given 3 minutes each for remarks. Other speakers will only be able to speak when called upon by Terri DiBacco.

FIRST SPEAKER: Kevin Bagata

- Current divide in Diocesan Cursillo movement between the Secretariat and 4th day community is due to the secretariat following the information sent by the National Cursillo secretariat
- Steve Trolsch has put together information explaining how National is in dispute with OMCC. (*Document 1)
- *Fundamental Ideals* is approved by OMCC and the Vatican, as being the only Cursillo Method
- Letter from OMCC on why the step-by-step guide does not comply with OMCC and the Vatican Approved method. (*Document 2)
- A lawyer experienced in Canon Law is needed to say whether the Step-by-Step guide can be used

SECOND SPEAKER: Joan Benning

- Men and women in the 4th day community in our diocese do not approve of the new changes.
- The step-by-step guide removes Our Blessed Mother and Christ from a significant role in the 3-day weekend, allowing room for Satan to take over during the weekend
- Must follow only what has been approved by the Vatican

THIRD SPEAKER: Clem Ciccarelli

- If the step-by-step guide is used, 4th day is not going to be comfortable sponsoring candidates

FOURTH SPEAKER: Dave Marrazzo

- Referring to comments Cef Aguillon made at the August workshop regarding the charism being 50% psychological and 50% spiritual, the new guide would change those figures to 75% psychological and 25% spiritual
- Ten years ago, Michael Ciccocioppo tried to remove adoration from the 3-day weekend citing information received from national.
- Stated that Jackie Demesre-Gray commented about doing the rosary is optional, if you have time to say rosary, fine if there is only time for one decade, just say that proving that The Blessed Mother does not have a prominent role in the new guide.
- Submitted a comparison of the current method and the new step-by-step(*Document 3)

Additional comments from other attendees

- **John Rossi:** we need to discern about who we are to obey. Do we follow national who does not follow what has been approved by the Vatican?
- **Dan Brown:** stated that Jackie Demesre-Gray stated at the August, 2019, workshop that in two years OMCC will be back in United states, will put in her in charge, at which time she can change it back to old guide.
- **Nancy Ramhap:** explained that as Rectora of the June Women's weekend, some of the changes were instituted and that the weekend was successful. As rectora, she submitted to her Team, a comparison of the changes between the current 3-day manual, and the new step-by-step guide. (*Document 4)

- **Father Weary** thanked everyone for coming and for their comments. Both he and Terri DiBacco were not aware of any of the information presented. However, he did have questions as to what documents are available that states that the Vatican has not approved the current national statutes and Step-by-Syep guide.
- **Steve Troelsch** advised that he has requested from Jackie the current OMCC statutes and is waiting for her to send them. Terri DiBacco stated that Jackie would be emailing them to her.
- **Father Weary and Deacon Amarante** both stated that they wanted to research these items before decisions can be made on this new guide.

Terri DiBacco asked for men and women to volunteer to be on the committee be on the committee. The second meeting will be with the Bishop on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 10:00 am.

Men serving on the committee will be Kevin Bagata, Steve Trolsch, Dave Marazzo, and Clem Ciccarelli.

Women serving on the committee will be Sherry Trolsch, Nancy Keener, Joan Benning, Rose Guerrini, and Wendy Vogt.

Secretariat attending: Father Weary, Spiritual Advisor; Terri DiBacco, Lay Director, Ann Marie Segilia, Secretary

At the present time, the winter 3-day weekends will still be held.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie segilia
Secretary

The Authorized Cursillo

All levels of Cursillo Secretariats, OMCC, National and diocesan are to keep faithful to the Church and her Magisterium and be faithful to the Cursillo original charism. The Church recognizes the OMCC as the steward of the Cursillo original charism.

The Cursillo Charism can never change. It is universal crossing all country, cultural and language boundaries.

The Cursillo Movement relies on the recognition and appreciation of the pastors of the Church, as expressed by the Pontifical Council for the Laity's Decree of Canonical Recognition of the CM and the commendations of Popes Paul VI, St John Paul II and Benedict XVI. (FICM Pg 11)

In 2004 the Pontifical Council for the Laity decreed the canonical recognition of the OMCC as a structure of coordination, promotion and dissemination of the experience of the Cursillos in Christianity, with private juridical personalities and approving the statute of the above-mentioned body. In September 2014, that Pontifical Council confirmed the definitive approval of the statutes of the OMCC. (FICM pg. 36.)

In 2013 the VII World Encounter was held in Brisbane, Australia, where the draft of the third edition of the FICM was approved. (FICM pg. 198). The US National Secretariat voted against approval. (Confirmed at Hbg CM CDC)

September 13, 2014 the text of the third edition of the FICM was definitely approved. On December 12, 2014 the Pontifical Council for the Laity decreed definitely the canonical recognition of the OMCC. (FICM pg. 198)

In summary, the OMCC is recognized as the coordinating body of the Cursillo Movement and its Statutes and the FICM are recognized by the Church as the Chrism of the Cursillo Movement.

The US National Secretariat did not communicate any of the above activities to the dioceses in either their monthly newsletters, website or at national encounters.

US National chose not to unite with OMCC and Church and continues to follow and promote the Foundational Charism as the Charism and method of the Cursillo Movement.

US National has modified their bylaws and set policies requiring all US dioceses and leaders to follow the Foundational Charism. They are not united to the OMCC or the Church.

The Harrisburg Cursillo Movement MUST follow the Vatican approved Cursillo Charism that OMCC and the Church have authorized. It CAN NOT follow the unauthorized "Foundational Charism" being proposed from the US National Secretariat.

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2011 October

De Colores,

Greetings and good wishes to my brothers and sisters in Cursillo.

Palanca: We are keeping in mind all your requests for Palanca, and ask you to continue praying for one another.

There are three major events coming up within the **GLCC**.

1. Day of Friendship and Methodology, Chile - 30th October - 1st November
2. National Secretariat meeting in Columbia 4-7th November
3. XIII Latin American Meeting, Santa Domingo Dominican Republic 18th-20th November

For the **GECC**, Palanca was the force behind a successful pre Encounter held in Croatia.

Charism

I hope you are enjoying your Study of the Charism. The Pontifical Council for the Laity encourages us to deepen our understanding of the Charism of the Cursillo Movement and so maintain fidelity to that charism which is unchangeable.

We read in Essence and Purpose: "The Holy Spirit had sent a wave of hope upon the world. And therefore, the essence of the Cursillos is:

- The reality of Love
- The reality of Friendship
- The reality that Christ is my friend
- The Good News that God in Christ loves me."

We recall the words of Blessed John Paul II "Your movement is called to be leaven in the 'dough' of the world – acting in the world."

I urge you to continue being that leaven, by the way you live your life in Christ.

On another matter:

It is with a heavy heart that I read and hear of division within our Cursillo communities often because of inaccurate information, and misunderstandings due to lack of knowledge. Remember our Charism is concerned with the Person – Friendship - and the best message of all "that God loves us" – unconditionally.

It has been brought to our attention that there is still some confusion as to the identity and role of the Foundation – known as **FEBA** -among Cursillo secretariats.

Some members of the OMCC executive committees met with members of FEBA earlier this year.

In the interest of harmony and understanding within our world wide community, I offer you the following information.

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F.E.B.A. (Fundacion Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo)

This Foundation is a non-profit – making organization set up to gather, preserve, study and disseminate the mentality and writings of Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo,

The Foundation was established in 2000 (before the death of Eduardo) as a service to the whole Cursillo Community. It sees itself as an avenue for dialogue, for sharing the ideals of Christ-Person-Friendship and for the careful preservation of the values of the foundational charism of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement.

Membership of the Foundation is open to all, and it's library facilities are available to interested persons.

At the Third Conversations held recently in Mallorca (not organised by FEBA) there was an open presentation of their work and current situation on the final day of the Conversations.

FEBA is not a part of the Operational Structure of the OMCC. The Foundation has at no time organised and presented Cursillo activities, or issued invitations on behalf of the OMCC . They have not requested , or assumed, any type of leadership within the structure of the OMCC world wide.

The Operational Structure of the OMCC consists of the Executive Committees of the 4 International Groups, and the 5 person OMCC Executive Committee. Each of these Committees has an Ecclesial Spiritual Advisor.

The Statutes say in Article 3

– The objectives of the OMCC are:

- a) promoting unity of understanding of the essence of the CCM at the world level
- b) maintaining the CCM in its faithfulness to the Church and its teaching
- c) preserving the CCM in its faithfulness to its charism and the book "Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement" (FICM) and to the conclusions of the World Encounters;
- d) facilitating the mutual exchange of information, initiatives and ongoing reflections of the IG;
- e) encouraging the IG to fulfill their responsibilities towards their National Secretariats.
- f) promoting unity and co-operation among the IG;
- g) assisting the IG so that they achieve their objectives;
- h) promoting reflection and study upon the role and mission of the CCM at the worldwide level;
- i) assisting the introduction of the CCM in countries where it is not yet established.

A Foundation such as FEBA does have influence but does not wish to be divisive within the wider Cursillo community. With this further understanding and in the hope that your trust is placed in us, let us put aside differences and work only for the spreading of the Gospel message, through and within our Cursillo Movement in the love and friendship of Christ. .

As always I remain with peace and blessings,

Your Sister in Christ,

Yvonne

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Fundamental Ideas (Current Method)	Step-by-Step (New Method) (Foundational Charism)
Mass	Mass
Stations of The Cross Thursday Night	Optional if Rector Discerns that the New Cursillistas are too tired, or would make them uncomfortable. (As per Jackie at Hbg / National Meeting 8/17/2019)
Examination of Conscience	Thursday - This is not an examination of conscience (Appendix 3 attached) . It is talking points taken from the Fundamental Ideas Rector Opening talk. All Other Nights – From Pilgrims Guide (Step-by-Step – Pages 18, 23)
Reconciliation – Thursday, Friday, Saturday: Specific Time allotted during Rosary, Examination of Conscience, Night Prayers, or any time during the Weekend	Reconciliation Thursday: Only Mentioned after night prayers Friday: If more than 1 Priest, can hear confession before Mass. After night prayers (Step-by-Step – Pages 18, 23) Saturday: Reconciliation mentioned at Morning prayer, after the Study Rollo, and again after night prayers. (Step-by-Step – Pages 21) Appendix 1 Page 3 1F-2 – All visits to Blessed Sacrament
Palanca Chapel	Not Clear if there is a Palanca Chapel. There is only mention of visits to The Blessed Sacrament. (Step-by-Step – Pages 17,21, 22, 23) Team Leaders visit Blessed Sacrament before each Rollo ((Step-by-Step – Pages 12)
Grace at Meals (Team / Candidates) On Volunteer Basis	Grace at Meals – Priest/Spiritual Advisor (Step-by-Step – Pages 14, 20) (so New Cursillistas do not feel uncomfortable)
Palanca – Friday, After Actual Grace Rollo. Palanca is presented by the Spiritual Director/Advisor.	Palanca – Saturday, General Palanca is on display after the Study Rollo and the Rector reads the “Story of John” Personal Palanca is sent home on Sunday in the packets. (Step-by-Step – Pages 21, 22)
Rosary – Thursday, Friday, Saturday	Rosary – Saturday if there is enough time. If there is not enough time do only One Decade (Step-by-Step – Page 23)
Adoration	Visit to The Blessed Sacrament (Palanca Chapel or Adoration are not mentioned in the material)
Sabatina Devotions to Our Lady Saturday morning	Not included
Embrazzo – At Saturday Mass	No Embrazzo
Posters on Thursday	Posters Friday and Saturday

Skits on Saturday	No Skits – Posters again on Saturday
Fundamental (Current Method)	Step-by-Step (New Method)
Bell Ringing To Awake Candidates on all mornings	Bell Ringing Except Sunday – Mananitas (outside community comes in to sing to awaken candidates.) (Step-by-Step – Page 25)
Group Reunion on Sunday- Three team members Group in front of Candidates.	Group Reunion by bringing in outside community to group with Candidates. (Step-by-Step – Page 27)
Clausura – Exposition and Benediction	Clausura – Not clear, but I do not think there is Exposition or Benediction. Only mention is at the end of clausura, we applaud the Blessed Sacrament. (Appendix 15 Page 39)
Music – Spiritual Music, DeColores	<p>Music – National does not want too much Spiritual Music/Pious Music. They want to add more “Happy Music” ie: If you Are Happy And You Know It, Clap Your Hands, ect...(As was done at the Hbg / National Step-by-Step meeting 8/17/19)</p> <p>Sing “happy music” prior to each Rollo, starting with the Habitual Grace Rollo (Step-by-Step – Pages 16) (Appendix 1 Page 4)</p>
Kitchen Crew is part of the Team	<p>Kitchen Crew is not part of the team, therefore can’t give any of the Rollo’s</p> <p>Team Leaders and Spiritual Advisors serve all the meals and clear off tables. (Step-by-Step – Pages 14, 16, 20)</p>
Pilgrims Guide – Used for prayers and meditations	<p>Pilgrims Guide – Used for prayers and meditations</p> <p>Ask new cursillistas sign as a memento. There is also a big emphasis on the Weekend to have your pilgrims guide autographed by the team leaders and spiritual advisors. (Step-by-Step – Page 21, 22, 26)</p>
Break Time – Free time	Break Time – Built into schedule by increasing the allotted time for a Rollo. We need to hand out balls and ropes (part of the supply list) after some of the meals. (Step-by-Step – Pages 14,16)

Please replace the following in the draft minutes:

Kevin Bagatta:

- Current divide in Diocesan Cursillo Movement between the Secretariat and 4th Day community is due to the Secretariat following the unauthorized guide by the National Cursillo Secretariat.
- Steve Troelsch has put together information describing how National is in conflict with OMCC, see The Authorized Cursillo. (*Document 1)
- Fundamental Ideals is approved by OMCC and the Vatican, as being the only Cursillo Method.
- Letter from OMCC, dated 2011 October, on why the 2019 Step-by-Step Guide does not comply with OMCC and the Vatican approved method. (*Document 2)
- A lawyer experienced in Canon Law is needed to interpret whether the Step-by-Step Guide can be used. Fr. Weary commented that our Bishop is a canon lawyer.
- We all wish to do the right thing, just with different approaches.
- By removing rosary, adoration, etc, the new step-by-step Guide takes the vehicles for grace out of the Weekend .
- We have been misled for ten years by past Harrisburg Secretariats who have said these changes from National were mandatory. They are not mandatory and are actually unauthorized.
- National is following FEBA, not OMCC.

Dave Marrazzo

- Referring to comments Cef Aguillon (National English Coordinator) made at the August workshop in our current method, if the weekends were 50% psychological and 50% spiritual (not quantifying exact percentages, just using as a starting point), the new guide greatly increases psychological and greatly reduces the spiritual.
- Ten years ago, Michael Ciccocioppo (past Lay Director) came back from National and told us changes National wanted to make to the weekends, which included removal Adoration (Palanca Chapel) from the 3-day weekend.
- Stated that Jackie DeMesme-Gray (current Secretary of the NAGG and past Region 2 Coordinator) commented about the rosary as being optional. If you have time to pray rosary, fine, if there is only time for one decade, just pray that: proving that The Blessed Mother does not have a prominent role in the new guide.
- Regarding Graces:

Using a Christmas Tree with beautiful gifts underneath it as an example: To receive the gift we need to do our part. We need to get up, walk over to the tree, take the gift, and unwrap it. If we did not do our part, we would never receive the gift. The same applies to Adoration and the Rosary.

Adoration: The Palanca Chapel, is the Heart of Cursillo where we can Adore our Lord, and we receive special graces. Also talked about Fr Menei's introduction to Cursillo through the Heart of Cursillo in the Palanca Chapel prior to making His Weekend, and how moved he was by the love and devotion through Eucharistic Adoration.

Rosary:: We know the Holy Spirit runs the weekends. The Blessed Mother is The Spouse of The Holy Spirit, She is The Mother of God and our Mother, She is The Mediatrix of All Graces.

We receive special graces on the weekends through Adoration and The Rosary. By cutting these out of the weekend or reducing them on the weekends, there are graces that we could receive that we will not receive.

- Submitted a comparison of the current method and the new Step-by-Step (*Document 3)

Joan Benning

- Some women Cursillistas are against implementation of the Step by Step Method.
- The Step-by-Step Guide removes Our Blessed Mother and Christ from a significant role in the Three-Day Weekend, allowing room for Satan to take over during the weekend
- Strongly encourage not to implement any part of the Step by Step Method until such time when/if it becomes approved by the Vatican.

Dan Brown:

Jackie DeMesme-Gray stated at the August, 2019 Workshop that in two years OMCC will be back in the United States and will put her in charge and she said could do what she wants. Which implied changing it to the Foundational Charism not Fundamental Ideas.

Steve Troelsch:

Steve Troelsch stated that he has requested from Jackie that she provide the current OMCC statutes and is waiting for her to send them. Terri DiBacco stated that Jackie would be emailing them to her, and she will forward. Steve said that we must follow the Fundamental Ideals, not the Foundational Charism. We

were not included in the decision for this new guide but are forced to abide by them by National. The question was posed to Steve as to what is driving National's agenda. His response was that he did not know why people were doing what they were doing. He only knew that Juan Ruiz (current National Spanish Coordinator) was a friend of Eduardo Bonnin. Gail Terrana (wife of the past National Assistant Spiritual Advisor Deacon Gary Terrana, Buffalo, NY Diocese) went to the VII World Encounter per the October 2013 National newsletter however no subsequent National newsletters indicated what happened at the VII World Encounter. We were bombarded with the Foundational Charism and Eduardo Bonnin being "the founder" of Cursillo on the website and monthly newsletters.

John

John Rossi correction:

The 4th day community has been walking away from the cursillo since these changes have been instituted. It started with the elimination of the closure mass which was heavily attended.

He challenged how do you measure a "holy weekend". It is not feelings or whether 6/10 candidates come to grand ultreya. It is whether the 4th day community is evangelizing environments...the goal and purpose of cursillo.

Ron Borza stated that the Fundamental Ideas, 3rd Edition, was approved on September 13, 2014. He read from the Fundamental Ideas book the paragraph in the back of the book about The Vatican approving the method.

Harrisburg Manual	NEW Step by Step Guide	98 th Women's Weekend
Overall Impressions		
Tight Schedule	Schedule is more spread out, later bed time, more relaxed daytime, time is set aside to play, pray, etc.	We have nothing to lose by trying the schedule as written. We can always make adjustments as needed on the weekend.
Rollista prays in chapel before rollo, potentially misses other rollos or activities	Whole "Rollo Room Team" goes to the chapel or designated space to pray briefly over Rollista just before Rollo	Let's try it.
Everyone working the team can be considered to give a Rollo. The Rectora, Angel, Spiritual Directors and Table Auxiliaries are the only ones to come into the Drill Room.	Individuals working in the kitchen are considered Kitchen Team and cannot come into the Rollo Room (Not to be called a Drill Room).	We have already been blessed with amazing women and men for this team. It is important to give preparation for a big change. For this weekend, anyone present is considered TEAM! As we have a small kitchen staff, no kitchen team members will be asked to leave the kitchen to give a Rollo.
"Job titles" (ie Angel, Cantora, Coordinator, Liturgist)	There's no mention of an Angel, Cantora, Coordinator, or Liturgist. There is a list of responsibilities the Rectora is to assign to Table Leaders (Auxiliaries). Many Cursillo groups refer those who do these roles as ChaChas.	In a time of transition, stability is important. Let's utilize the Angel, Cantora, Coordinator and Liturgist as we have before, assuming many of the responsibilities needing assigned by the Rectora. In an attempt to move away from titles that could offer a sense of separation, we could adopt the ChaCha designation used by many groups across the country. This term has been described as a gopher in other Cursillo group's documents. ChaCha seems to imply these are busy and happy helpers.
Rollistas dress their Sunday best	Rollistas do not change clothing, do not leave the room for an extended time to pray, are prayed over by the team briefly, no one sits in their seat while they are giving the Rollo.	Let's not change clothes or wear anything special.
DeColores is taught before Breakfast on Friday and sung before each meal as the "meal ticket"	DeColores is taught before lunch on Friday, it is not sung before each meal, it is perhaps sung only two verses at a time to 'liven the room', it is sung at Clausura.	Let's minimize the singing of DeColores, but at least once a day. We need to refrain from talk of "meal tickets."

Palanca Chapel is set aside for team to pray during the awake hours of the day, the 4 th Day Community prays 24x7, the candidates are introduced to the chapel as groups on Saturday.	It is written explicitly in the guide that the New Cursillistas are taking to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle throughout the weekend. It was explained that some individuals may not yet be there to understand and be ready for Jesus in Adoration. When asked if this meant no Palanca Chapel, the answer given was that you can have one, but it is not for the candidates.	The use of the Monstrance in general is a decision for the Spiritual Directors of the Harrisburg Diocese. We've had conversation about following the manual, as well as conversation about Saint Pope John Paul II's call for Adoration. If Adoration is potentially new to someone on the weekend, having the Spiritual Director(s) introduce and explain it first, seems very appropriate.
Thursday		
Team arrives, gets set-up, and has Mass together to pray for candidates. Greets and carries luggage, offers a tour, helps get settled and then socializes over snacks to get to know one another.	Team and New Cursillistas (not referred to as candidates) arrive together, having traveled together from a specified location. All are assigned rooms at the same time during introductions, everyone goes to drop their luggage. (The goal here is to assure no one is separate, we are all together as one, on the same level, it's not us and them)	In keeping with the psychology of arriving together, we can make efforts to change the way we greet the New Cursillistas and capitalize on time getting to know one another. The environment dictates some of what we can feasibly do. Team will need to arrive first in order to have the environment ready to go.
Mary's Way of the Cross, team comes in one at a time, wearing white and black, with a candle and flower, creates a bouquet for Mother Mary, candidates listen and absorb.	Way of the Cross from the Pilgrim's Guide, like Friday nights at church, one cross bearer and two candle bearers, led by Priest. No fanfare.	It is noted that this is one of our most emotion driven traditions. We will do the Stations as is typically done on Friday's in most any Parish across the country; with the cross bearer and two candle bearers. (I am still prayerfully pondering the move from Mary's Way of the Cross.)
Night prayers, examination of conscience, rosary and confession	There is an additional narrative entitled "Bankruptcy" that follows the Stations. It is to be done by 2-3 team. Rosary is only offered once, on Saturday. Confession and Spiritual Direction are available most anytime, not during a Rollo or meal.	2-3 Team Members will be assigned to help with Bankruptcy. We will only gather formally to pray the rosary once, though all should have time to pray it throughout the weekend (even in groups if spontaneously). Confession is available to the Team as well throughout the weekend.
Friday		
Grace is led by candidates	Grace is always led by a Spiritual Director	
Palanca, general and personal	No mention of Palanca on Friday. Moved from a Spiritual Director talk to a Lay Person talk on Saturday.	See Saturday.

Group picture	Listed on Sunday	See Sunday.
Posters are introduced in the evening	Posters are worked on throughout the day. Everyone completes the Hobbies Sheet.	This seems to offer a more relaxed approach to making posters. We'll see how it goes.
Saturday		
Sabatina	No mention of Sabatina.	We will omit the Sabatina.
Palanca was on Friday	Palanca is introduced after the Study Rollo, only General Palanca	We will follow the schedule for Palanca and only distribute General Palanca at this time. If the community send personal Palanca letters, we will add them to their packet for the end of the weekend.
Dinner on Saturday night is a big deal with additional fun and celebration. This tradition seems to be a combination of dinner and Fiesta concepts.	Fiesta is listed on the schedule at 9:00 p.m.	We have 1.5 hours for dinner on the schedule. The Kitchen Team is planning a picnic for Saturday night. It seems the Fiesta does not have to be a traditional Spanish Festival, but a time set aside to spend with one another. It can be an hour filled with fun and food, taking the opportunity to celebrate all the New Cursillistas have accomplished thus far. It feels like the posters should come first and then the celebration though. Perhaps the celebration calms the nerves a bit through distraction, before poster presentations. Let's prayerfully consider this custom and make a decision before our second meeting.
Sunday		
	Manañitas is a custom of having members of the 4 th Day Community come and sing to wake the New Cursillistas.	Mixed reviews have been given on this custom in the past. It seems things got out of hand. The goal is to assure the New Cursillistas that the 4 th Day Community is out there waiting for their arrival. This helps establish an understanding that the information they are learning can indeed help them live a Christian life, for the rest of their lives. We are on a short schedule, so including the 4 th Day seems too much. Let's bring this custom back but have the team sing to the candidates instead.
	Group Picture	We can either hurry to get prints made or bring prints to the Ultreya. Perhaps It's time to send everyone a digital copy instead.
Grouping is introduced, a sample group is demonstrated, then DeCurias group.	Total Security – during this talk grouping is introduced. There is a push to invite special guests to join grouping with the DeCurias. The goal is to assure that every New Cursillista gets to group with someone at this time, that they will also be able to group with once home. If there is no one on team or a fellow new cursillista in the room naturally, the goal is to invite someone in for those individuals.	This is another custom that seems unattainable at this time. It feels like a cut off date for applicants will be necessary to know the information and make the plans accordingly. For this weekend, let's stick to keeping grouping cloistered. In an attempt to embrace the psychology behind this custom, let's have these groups not by DeCuria but group them with those from their area. We could utilize the Kitchen Team and ChaChas as Special Guests to increase the likelihood that everyone can group with someone from their area (20-mile radius). I know this might put additional pressure on the Kitchen Team prior to Clausura but may not require all members.

Clausura		
New Cursillistas are led into the Clausura to DeColores, the Candidates are invited to witness, the 4th Day speakers shares some advice, there's an Apostolic Commitment Service, candidates are given a crucifix, the 4 th Day community sings Try to Remember, the Rectora has the candidates alone and then brings them through the line of greeters.	Begin with the Holy Spirit Prayer, Rectora greets everyone including distinguished visitors, a member of each DeCuria speaks on behalf of the group, New Cursillistas are invited to come speak individually as well, Distinguished Visitors (sponsors, etc.) will speak (no advice), 4 th Day speaker speaks and gives advice, Team Leaders have the opportunity to speak, then Spiritual Advisors, (Lay Director) and finally the Rectora, and Service Sheets are returned. The Clausura ends with the Lord's Prayer, intentions, applause for the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament and the singing of DeColores.	This decision again needs to go to the Spiritual Directors first. If we move forward with the new Clausura, a notice will need to go out to the 4 th Day Community explaining. If the men and women do different Clausura's there will be confusion. This seems feasible but only with quality preparation not only from the team but also from Secretariat.