

DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG CURSILLO MOVEMENT APOSTOLIC PLAN



Mission Statement:

The Diocese of Harrisburg Cursillo Movement is dedicated to communicating the best news that God loves us, by the best means possible, friendship. Through our commitment to the Cursillo Method, “make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ”, we encourage others to live what is fundamental to being a Christian, thereby evangelizing the world.

Vision Statement:

**Our Vision is to have the Holy Spirit lead us to:
A PreCursillo focused on selection and preparation of Candidates and qualified Sponsors; Cursillo Weekends consistent with National Guidelines, held in an atmosphere of friendship and joy by well-formed Teams; a PostCursillo which supports all Cursillistas in their Fourth Day by encouraging participation in Group Reunion, Ultreya, and Workshops; a vibrant School of Leaders which helps deepen our understanding of the Charism and mentality of the Cursillo Movement in order to become authentic leaders.**

(The following Goals, Objectives and Strategies should be based upon official Cursillo literature published in the United States, such as *Leaders' Manual* and National Workshops.)

PreCursillo

Purpose:

PreCursillo is the first phase of the Cursillo Method, and is essential to prepare the person, through the method of friendship, for the three encounters (with self, Christ, others) with full reliance on God's plan and respect for the freedom of the person.

Goal: Educate and prepare sponsors and candidates.

Objectives

1. Contribute to the understanding of all aspects of the PreCursillo – environment, candidate selection & preparation, and the method of friendship.
2. Educate Sponsors on their responsibilities that start at PreCursillo and go beyond the Cursillo Weekend to PostCursillo.
3. Improve the application process for sponsors and candidates.
4. Promote use of official Cursillo literature, materials and workshops to safeguard an appropriate PreCursillo understanding and process.

Strategies:

1. Offer and promote Sponsor and PreCursillo workshops in the Diocese, either by the Regional Service Team or Diocesan leadership. Encourage first time Sponsors to attend the Sponsorship Workshop.
 2. Assigned to: PreCursillo Committee and Diocesan Secretariat
3. Promote study and use of *The Sponsor Booklet*, *Cursillo: What Is It*, *Leaders' Manual*, *Lower Your Nets* and other Cursillo literature on PreCursillo provided by the National Cursillo Movement – Bookstore and Resource Center.
Assigned to: PreCursillo Committee and Diocesan Secretariat
4. Encourage use of the Sponsorship Review Sheet and Checklist for candidate selection and preparation.
Assigned to: PreCursillo Committee and Diocesan Secretariat
5. Review annually Candidate and Sponsor Application forms, and encourage use of most current on-line version by all.
Assigned to: PreCursillo Committee and Diocesan Secretariat
6. Review annually the method for approval of Candidate Applications, and correspondence/contact with the Candidates and Sponsors.
Assigned to: PreCursillo Committee and Diocesan Secretariat

Three Day Cursillo

Purpose:

The Three Day Cursillo is the second phase of the Cursillo Method, and above all, is the living and sharing of what is fundamental to being Christian in fellowship that is both loving and apostolic. It is the lived experience of the triple encounter with self, Christ, and our brothers and sisters through the method of friendship, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

GOAL: *Offer Three Day Cursillos structured to authentically reflect the Cursillo mentality and method.*

Objectives:

1. Promote the study of the official *Cursillo Manual: The Joyful Proclamation of Being Christian!* published by the National Cursillo Movement of the United States.
2. Promote attendance at workshops and educational opportunities.

Strategies:

1. Encourage the study of the weekend Rollos, their content and sequence, in the official *Cursillo Manual*, and School of Leaders sessions Sept.-Nov. 2021, recordings available on Harrisburg website.
Assigned to: Cursillo Committee, School of Leaders and Diocesan Secretariat
2. Recommend the following articles to all Cursillistas for a better understanding of an authentic Three-Day Cursillo: “The Cursillo Tree” (National 2010), Palanca Article (National 2008).
Assigned to: Lay Director and Diocesan Secretariat
3. Provide the Harrisburg Rector/a Manual for use on the Weekend, including Bishop Gainer’s directives contained in his letter of June, 2021.
Assigned to: Cursillo Committee and Diocesan Secretariat
4. Encourage Diocesan Secretariat members to attend Region 2 Spring and Fall Encounters to enhance understanding of the Charism of the Cursillo Movement, and to provide continuing education and renewal for leadership.
Assigned to: Lay Director
5. Encourage coordination of the Three Day Cursillo with PreCursillo and Post Cursillo.
Assigned to: Lay Director and Cursillo Committee

Three Day Cursillo

GOAL: Select and prepare Cursillo Leaders to work the Three Day Cursillo.

Objectives:

1. Form Three Day Cursillo teams from Cursillistas in the School of Leaders.
2. Encourage the 4th Day Community to support the Three Day Cursillo with prayer.
3. Strive for a genuinely prayerful atmosphere at all levels in preparation for the weekends.
4. Strive for cooperation and fellowship between the Men's and Women's weekend Teams.

Strategies:

1. This plan works towards all Team members and Spiritual Advisors to be actively involved in in a regular Group Reunion, Ultreya and School of Leaders, in order to share the mentality and method of the Cursillo Movement in preparation for serving on a Three Day Cursillo.
Assigned to: Lay Director and Cursillo Committee
2. Review criterion for Team selection, and process for approval. Revise By-Laws where necessary.
Assigned to: Lay Director, Cursillo Committee and Treasurer/Administration Committee.
3. Review the process for selection of Spiritual Advisors for the Three Day Cursillo. Revise By-Laws where necessary.
Assigned to: Lay Director, Diocesan Spiritual Advisors, Cursillo Committee and Treasurer/Administration Committee.
4. Encourage community prayer services and Palanca from the Fourth Day Community, before and during the Three Day Cursillo.
Assigned to: Lay Director, PostCursillo and Parish Representatives.
5. Hold a pre-weekend Mass with Men's and Women's Teams together. Encourage Fourth Day community to attend in support of the Teams.
Assigned to: Lay Director, Cursillo Committee and Spiritual Advisors

PostCursillo

Purpose:

PostCursillo is the third phase of the Cursillo Method, and is the KEY to making the triple encounter provided on the Three Day Cursillo a continuous and progressive reality. It is designed to increase and deepen the conversion process. In this way, the candle that Christ lights in each of us remains lit and illuminates others in our environments.

The School of Leaders is necessary to create an atmosphere of one mentality, encouraging commitment to God's call to service through a vocation and primary apostolate in the Cursillo Movement. It promotes and assures the authenticity and integrity of the movement in all three phases.

Goal: Increase/Continue the Conversion Process for Cursillistas in their Fourth Day

Objectives:

1. Accompany and support the Cursillistas in persevering in the Fourth Day.
2. Provide continual training on PostCursillo for leaders using the current Leaders' Manual and resources provided by the National Cursillo Movement of the United States.
3. Inform Cursillistas of activities and opportunities for Piety, Study and Action.

Strategies:

1. Ensure that Sponsors and Weekend Team members motivate and help the new Cursillistas find a Group Reunion, and have regular attendance at Ultreyas.
Assigned to: Lay Director, Rector/Rectora and PostCursillo
2. Maintain regular, personal contact with all Diocesan Ultreya Coordinators to review attendance trends, identify potential leaders, and address concerns, at least quarterly.
Assigned to: Lay Director, PostCursillo
3. Reestablish Ultreyas in Lancaster, York, Carlisle, Northern/Danville areas.
Assigned to: Lay Director, PostCursillo
4. Recruit additional Spiritual Advisors for Ultreyas.
Assigned to: Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Lay Director Elect, PostCursillo
5. Encourage attendance at PostCursillo workshops, CDC Workshops, and Regional and National Encounters.
Assigned to: Lay Director, PostCursillo , Ultreya Coordinators
6. Plan an annual Day of Reflection / Retreat for all Cursillistas that fosters friendships and deepens the three encounters with self, Christ and others.
Assigned to: Lay Director, Diocesan Spiritual Advisors

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7. Promote the use of the Leaders' Prayer at School of Leaders, Secretariat meetings and Three-Day Weekend Cursillo Team meetings.
Assigned to: All
8. Plan a yearly Mass of Remembrance for all deceased Cursillistas.
Assigned to: Lay Director, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor
9. Send announcements of events by email at least monthly to all Cursillistas in the Diocese.
Assigned to: Communications
10. Reestablish the New Day Newsletter to be published at least semi-annually, and distributed by email.
Assigned to: Communications and Diocesan Secretariat
11. Recruit Cursillo representatives from each Parish as point of contact for information; place name in Parish bulletin.
Assigned to: PostCursillo
12. Encourage Parish Cursillo representatives to provide information to Cursillistas without access to email or Website.
Assigned to: Communications and PostCursillo
13. Promote the reading of the National Cursillo Newsletter.
Assigned to: Lay Director, Communications
14. Maintain a website for announcements, current information, contact info for Secretariat, Ultreyas and Group Reunions.
Assigned to: Communications and Webmaster
15. Maintain an appropriate database of all Cursillistas in the Diocese, and make information available to Secretariat, School of Leaders and Ultreya Coordinators, as needed.
Assigned to: Communications and Database Administrator
16. Maintain a database of current and former Secretariat members and their years of service.
Assigned to: Communications and Database Administrator
17. Maintain a database of attendance at School of Leaders and Ultreyas. Provide monthly report to Secretariat.
Assigned to: Study Committee, Post Cursillo, Ultreya Coordinators

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Goal: *Revitalize/Promote the School of Leaders*

Objectives:

1. Promote the School of Leaders role of serving Cursillo, in close connection and common vision with the Secretariat, to seek to become more focused, more committed, and more united, so as to exhibit in themselves, in the Movement, and in their environments the living out of what is fundamental for being Christian

Strategies:

1. Review the booklet *How to Program a School of Leaders* and research other Diocesan programs for the school.
Assigned to: Study Committee
2. Consider including Work of Sections quarterly.
Assigned to: Study Committee
3. Promote the study and use of a selection of Cursillo literature as a foundation for all members, especially new Cursillistas, including: *Fundamental Ideas 3*, *Leaders' Manual*, *Lower Your Nets*, *Official Cursillo Manual*, *Whom Shall I Send*, and other literature provided by the National Cursillo Movement-Bookstore and Resource Center.
Assigned to: Lay Director and Study Committee
4. Involve members of the School of Leaders in choice of Cursillo Method study materials.
Assigned to: Study Committee
5. Recruit additional Spiritual Advisors for Doctrinal talks.
Assigned to: Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Lay Director Elect, and Study Committee
6. Work closely with Diocesan Spiritual Advisor to research/choose material for Doctrinal study.
Assigned to: Study Committee, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor
7. Research a plan of Study, along with presenters, at least semi-annually.

PostCursillo

Goal: Secretariat Administration

Objectives:

1. Promote unity on Secretariat.
2. Encourage Cursillistas to serve in Cursillo leadership positions.
3. Keep open lines of communication with Region 2 and National.

Strategies:

1. Plan a Mass to be held as part of the first Secretariat meeting of the Fiscal year.
Assigned to: Lay Director, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor
2. Provide applications for and encourage development of a pool of Leaders qualified to serve on Secretariat.
Assigned to: Administration Committee, Study Committee, Ultreya Coordinators
3. Prepare Annual Report to Region 2/National to provide update on Cursillo activities in the Diocese.
Assigned to: Lay Director
4. Review Diocesan By-Laws and Diocesan Apostolic Plans yearly, and update as needed. Send copy of each to Region 2, National Cursillo Center, and Bishop.
Assigned to: Lay Director and Diocesan Secretariat

History of Revisions

Adopted by Secretariat on January 4, 2022

Voting Members present: Roseann Guerrini, Lay Director; Richard Druffner, Treasurer/Administration; Wendy Vogt, Post-Cursillo; Ann Marie Segilia, Communications; Roberta Davis, School of Leaders.

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Voting Members present: Roseann Guerrini, Lay Director; Bill Benning, Lay Director-Elect; Richard Druffner, Treasurer/Administration; Tina Stryker, PreCursillo; Dave Marrazzo, Cursillo; Ann Marie Segilia, Communications;