

A New Day

School Of Leaders

In our last issue of New Day we defined School of Leaders. We learned that we are called to bring others to Christ through the Fourth Day Tripod of piety, study, and action.

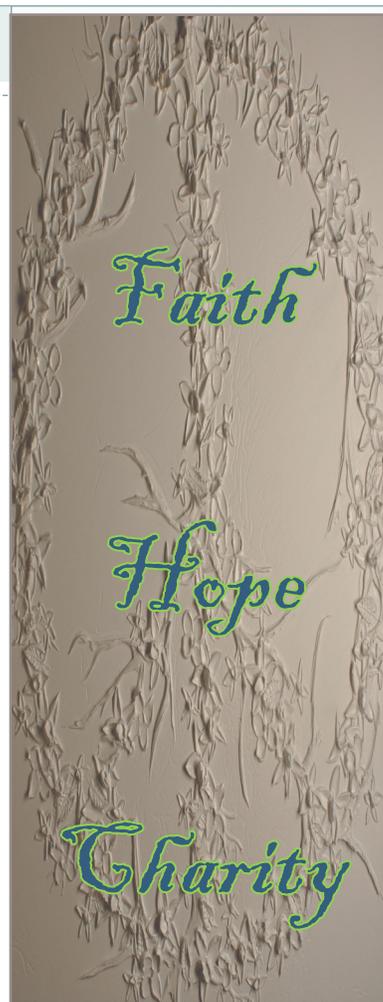
This article will review the book that was studied in the doctrinal rollo at School Of Leaders, **Rediscover Jesus** by Matthew Kelly. You will then get a preview of **Rediscover Catholicism** by Matthew Kelly which will be the subject of the next SOL meetings. The doctrinal rollo will be on selected chapters, usually three, that the speaker talks about.

Rediscover Jesus asks the question “How well do you know Jesus” and offers ways to get more in depth knowledge on who Jesus was. You learn the answers to some of life’s questions by getting to know Jesus. There are 40 brief chapters that discuss a topic, offer questions to ponder, bible verse to live by, and finally a prayer. Each chapter gives us the opportunity to grow closer to Jesus. Today we need to strengthen and revitalize our faith more than ever.

Our next book to study, **Rediscover Catholicism** by Matthew Kelly is a spiritual guide to living with passion and purpose as Catholics. This book is intellectually stimulating by causing each person reading it to discern their faith. Some of the book’s topics will be philosophy, being authentic, seven pillars of Catholic Spirituality, leadership, and virtue.

This series of talks will allow you to revitalize your faith more than ever. Please join us each month on the second Saturday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Harrisburg Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

Our upcoming meeting dates are October 13, and December 8. To get on the reminder list, email hbgcursillo-sol@gmail.com.



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My Fourth Day
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*We pray
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Cursillo has changed me and helped me grow in my Fourth Day. I am not perfect. I'm a sinner. I make mistakes. I thought I knew and was living my faith when I came to Cursillo, but I have come to learn that our Catholic Faith is so much more than what I knew or what I was doing. I knew that God is always with me, but now I know that he sends His helpers to aid me, whenever I need them, or ask.

At first, I didn't attend our parish group meetings or monthly Ultreyas on a regular basis following my weekend. My husband hadn't made a weekend yet, and I felt bad about leaving him to attend. I didn't know then, that he could attend group and Ultreyas, without being a Cursillista, so I just didn't go. After he made his weekend a year after me, he became a faithful group attendee, and put me to shame with his "perfect attendance"! I started attending, too.

In our parish, it's convenient for the men and women to meet at the same time, and we have all become a family of Cursillistas. This family has become my support Group. We pray for and encourage each other, just like the first apostles and disciples did, in Jesus Christ. Cursillo allows us to be like the disciples in the Early Church, who were sent out 2 by 2 to preach the Gospel, and be good examples to others, and to show God's love. I strongly encourage you to find and join, attend or, if necessary, start a small group of Cursillistas in your parish. Someone sponsored you to come this weekend. So, enlist your sponsor's help.

It's in the small group that we become good friends and learn the best. Never, never, never compare yourself with those with whom you group. We are all at different places in our spiritual growth, some may be further ahead, and some may be behind you. We all have different gifts. We may not all be good at evangelizing, in the sense that, we actually preach, quote the Bible, or even understand all of the truths of our faith. But, we can all DO SOMETHING!

We can be a good example, pray for intentions, read the Bible, listen to a lonely person, and smile at someone who might be having a bad day. We can learn humility, be forgiving, and share what you've learned with another. In a very short time, you will become more confident and bolder in your witness. Trust in the Trinity, and the Holy Spirit will help you. Remember, God is with you always. And, He wants you to talk to Him like you would your best friend.

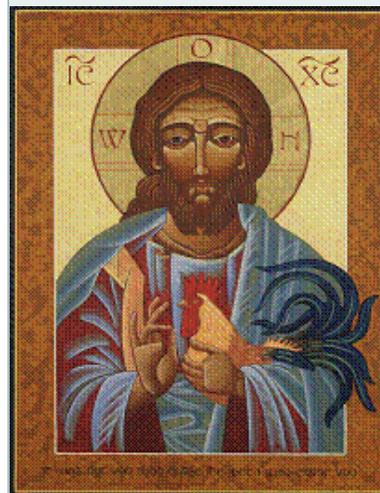
From attending Group meetings and Ultreya, I learned about “Give Us This Day”, a daily devotional; Catholic apps for my phone or computer such as “Laudate”, EWTN, and the Audio Rosary. My Cursillista brothers and sisters taught me to reach out to fallen away Catholics. By their action, I learned new ways to pray. I pray the Rosary, The Divine Chaplet, the Memorare, and other traditional prayers. And I practice devotions that I had discarded from my childhood. I pray every day, usually in the morning, and several times during the day. We say Grace in public, and are not embarrassed doing that anymore. I’ve learned that forgiving offenses against me is very freeing and mentally healthy. I’ve become more PATIENT like say a few “Hail Mary’s” while I wait in line. These transformations could not have been possible without the help of the Holy Spirit.

Open your heart and ears to God. His Holy Spirit is always there to guide. In my experience, He continues to surprise me.

DeColores!



What is a Region 2 Encounter? (See Yolanda Bermundo’s article in the issue). This is a joyful event in which leaders from the Cursillo movements in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and Washington, DC gather together for a weekend of food, fellowship, learning, sharing, prayer, Mass, rosary, and mutual support in friendship towards our common endeavor of bringing our friends to Christ in our own dioceses. Cef Aguillon, National English Coordinator, will be presenting rollos at this encounter! Won’t you please join us? Go to: <http://www.cursilloregion2.org/> and register. Location: Pope John Paul II Retreat Center 414 South 8th Street Vineland NJ, October 19-21 at 1:00 PM Encounter ends with lunch at noon Cost: \$150.00 Full payment is required with registration.





**Men's 100th Cursillo Weekend
St. Pius X, Selinsgrove, PA**

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My Fourth Day

After arriving and learning a strange song involving roosters and cluck hens, and then being instructed to maintain silence until morning Mass the following day, I must admit that I was tempted to sneak out and hail an Uber home. Fortunately, I prayerfully overcame that temptation and ultimately underwent one of the most profound experiences of my life.

Prior to my arrival, I didn't know any of the other candidates, and only knew one individual on the Presenting Team. However, I felt an unexplained comfort and brotherhood with everyone in attendance. Despite my initial confusion as to how the weekend would proceed (and some nagging worry over the Rooster song), I was amazed at how the entire program eventually came together.

Previously, I was quite comfortable in my faith and my life; however, I never thought that my Catholicism would literally come alive in ways I would have never imagined. I found myself tearing up for no apparent reason while listening to the lectures and discussing the implications with my "Table." Then upon hearing about all of the prayers and sacrifices by Cursillistas worldwide, and reading the kind and touching letters I received, I found myself uncontrollably sobbing. It was as if my soul was telling my body how overpowering the Holy Spirit truly is.

As our final discussions were coming to a close, I found myself anxious to return to my "normal" life and start implementing what I learned, I was completely exhausted as we were heading up the stairs to what I thought were cars waiting to take us home.

When we were surprisingly escorted into the church again, I found myself completely bewildered and overwhelmed. When asked to address the Assembly, I couldn't even speak coherently. I felt nothing could top that experience until the final song, which reduced me to tears again.

I returned home a very changed person. My family and friends said that somehow I looked different. My visible changes were nothing compared to the changes I feel on the inside. I think I can understand what the original Disciples experienced on Pentecost.

Thank you, everyone!

DeColores

Bill Tully M100th

Blessed are We

By Stacey McMahon

W96th

The Women's 96th Cursillo in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania was a great weekend for me to grow and see more clearly how Christ in the Church is such a powerful part of my daily living. There was a team of women and a priest who shared time giving talks and sharing time with us before the Blessed Sacrament as well as an opportunity for reconciliation and mass.

I was aware that a team of women had been preparing this weekend for several months so I knew it was well thought out and a meaningful weekend. As I prepared myself for the weekend I knew I desired to know God deeper and I was curious how that could happen in a matter of days. I hoped I would learn something new about my faith or how to be more connected, more intimate with Christ. In my own preparation I asked God to bless me, just bless me.

Father William Weary of Sacred Heart Church in Lewistown spoke about Grace. His three talks left a deep impression on me. I heard that God gives grace freely, I do not have to earn it. Those words went directly to my heart, they were touching me deeply, in a way I had not understood at the time. Father continued to explain that God also gives us grace in the sacraments. Through Holy marriage, graces are given by God to my husband and myself simply because we stood before God on our wedding day. The graces given by God in the sacraments prompts us to carry out acts of Christian behavior because God loves us deeply and intimately. I could feel joy and a softening in my heart. I liked what I was experiencing.

Over the rest of the weekend I felt a happiness with the other women, during the talks, during mealtime and just in passing. It was special and I knew something in me was changing. The first week as a Cursillita I felt more at ease with others and I knew that was Gods' grace giving me the courage to share, smile and reach out to others. I am blessed.



Women's 96th Cursillo Weekend St. Pius X, Selinsgrove, PA

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The Region 2 Service team is working hard to ensure a successful
Region 2 Fall Encounter for you!

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!

Please register today!

Here are the details - Region 2 Fall Encounter **October 19-21, 2018** in Vineland, NJ. All Cursillistas in

Region 2 – in all Dioceses and in their respective language groups – are invited. So please spread the word!

What is a Region 2 Encounter? This is a joyful event in which leaders from the Cursillo movements in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and Washington, DC gather together

We are pleased to announce that our Region will be hosting the 29th National Encounter in Scranton, PA. We will need lots of volunteers from our Region! We also have a date and location for our Spring Encounter. **SO PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!**

“Many hands make light work” and a successful National Encounter is the result of the service of many talented and committed people. It is never too early to start looking for volunteers to assist us next summer. Here are the list of the committees we are forming:

Registration, Hospitality, Transportation, Liturgy, Music, Photography/Videography, Equipment, Décor, Ultreya, Fiesta, Book Store, and Support.

Consider which committee you would be interested in working on and contact:

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The Harrisburg Cursillo Movement cordially invites you to:

Grand Ultreya – Saturday, October 27, 2018

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

The Diocesan Convention Center
4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Come to this once a year event! Start with the Sacrifice of the Mass at 9:15 A.M. Our main celebrant will be Bishop Ronald Gainer, with co-celebrant Father William Weary. The main Witness speaker will be Sue Wenzlick of Region 2. Share lunch with fellow Cursillistas, and enjoy the music of the Hispanic musicians. Suggested donation of \$15.00 (Payable to ‘The Harrisburg Cursillo Movement’). Registration is needed by October 22, 2018 in order to get an accurate lunch count. Donations in advance appreciated, but you can pay at the door. To register, contact: Rose Guerrini Rose52G@comcast.net or 717-248-4328. Send donations by mail to: 409 Oak Ridge Rd., Lewistown, PA 17044.

Make a friend! Be a friend! Bring a friend to Christ!

SEE YOU THERE!!



Region 2 Fall Encounter

By Yolanda Bermundo

Four of us from Harrisburg drove to New Jersey to attend the Region 2 Fall Encounter on a Friday afternoon. It was held from October 20 thru 22, 2017 at Pope John Paul II Retreat Center, Vineland, New Jersey. It was the first time for me and Ann Marie to attend so we were both anxious as to what we will be encountering during the weekend.

Meeting fellow Cursillistas from the different Dioceses of Region 2 stirred up in our hearts the friendship formed based on the Charism of the Cursillo Movement. A lot of those who came had been involved for a long time...10-25 years! This feeling was intensified as we went through the weekend since the theme was ‘Charism and Leadership’. Eucharistic Adoration followed registration on Friday evening.

After Mass and breakfast on Saturday, the first talk of the day, “Spiritually in the Charism”, was delivered in English and Spanish by Father Jack Kane. Some takeaways from Father’s talk – Charism is a gift. Don’t squeeze the spirituality into the Charism. Go to the Charism first and see what it is and see the spirituality. Don’t ever, ever read the Bible - LISTEN to the words spoken by God. If we are going to be good Cursillistas, we have to soak ourselves on the Bible just like sponges. Piety nurtures our relationship to God. Study is to know the Scriptures letting the Word of God sink in. Experience the Gospel and live it. Cursillo is not the three-day weekend. It is the 4th day! The three-day weekend comes and goes but the fourth day stays. Cursillo has put us among people as seeds. We need to have our conviction.

After the first talk, the talks were delivered in 2 language groups; the English and Vietnamese group and the Spanish group. In the second talk, “Foundations in the Charism” for English and the Vietnamese group, by Phil Rodney reiterated that Charism is a gift to be shared. In 1940, Eduardo Bonnín came up with the first Rollo, Study of the Environment. Cursillo in Christianity makes Christianity alive in a person through the encounter with Christ, Person and Friendship. Cursillo is simple. Added stuff takes away the essence. The three phases (Method) builds the foundation; needs to move. Post Cursillo is the prize at the end of the line. 4th day is the reason why we went to the Cursillo weekend in the first place. A Cursillista without group reunion and Ultreya is like a flashlight where the battery has run out of charge.

Ronnie Martella, on the next talk “Your 4th Day” said that we have to go back to the source - the Charism. That the reality that God loves us must be lived. It is not what we do but what we are. How we live is our 4th day – genuine and natural. Evangelizing on the movable square meter, helping the person to be the good news. It takes time, energy and effort. Group Reunions and Ultreya are tools to reach the goal. The Essence: Conviction which is Piety - the intimate relationship with God; Decision is Study and Constancy which is Action, the fulfillment of Piety which is to love one another. Our 4th day is the Pre Cursillo of others. The witness we give is only the life we are giving.

The highlight of Saturday evening was the Fiesta. As always, the Spanish musicians and the community made the Fiesta very festive with their music and dancing! The Ultreya’s witness speaker Kelly Anne said something that really touched me. ‘What I have, you are a part of. Jump into abundance, radiating awe and radiating joy everyday.

Sue Wenzlick delivered her talk “Leadership in the Charism” after Mass and breakfast on Sunday. She said Leaders with natural qualities of discipline, warmth, initiative and generosity and supernatural qualities of living faith, humility, hope and love are essential to fulfill the goal of the movement. The role of each Diocesan Secretariat and the Region Service team was explained. The School of Leaders is the working arm of the Diocesan Secretariat. The Diocesan Secretariat is affiliated with the National Secretariat and supports the Regional Service Team. The working arm of National in each Diocese is the Region Service Team. She reiterated that Cursillo is a gift from God. Embrace the Charism. We have no right to tamper with the method. Continue to be a leader, uphold whatever is right and reflect your next action. Your commitment is that your only apostolate is Cursillo.

The last talk was followed by the Regional Secretariat meeting. The Lay Directors reported what is going in their respective Dioceses. The Region Service Team made suggestions on improvement on areas that need improvement. We learned and got ideas on successes from different dioceses to apply to our own diocese.

The next Region 2 and National Encounters and new publications from National were announced.

Needless to say, the Charism of Cursillo came into existence during the weekend – the reality of Love, the reality of Friendship, the reality that Christ is my friend and the Good news that God in Christ loves me!