

CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING

October 7, 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

- **THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:** Terri DiBacco, Lay Director; Father Weary Spiritual Advisor. Chairpersons in attendance: Ron Borza, Tony Devlin, Richard Druffner, Roseann Guerrini, Nancy Ramhap, Ann Marie Segilia, Tina Stryker. Other Committee Members in attendance: Ashley Honabach, Harris Kalemotis, Nancy Keener, Helena Paul. Guests: Bill and Joan Benning, Dan Brown, Clem Ciccarelli, Dave Marazzo, Bill Parker, John Rossi.
- **NATIONAL CURSILLO MOVEMENT MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Nadia Lopez, National Cursillo Service Coordinator; Ceferino Aquillon; National English Coordinator; Farther Mark Seiker, National Spiritual Advisor; Cindy Bruno, President National Cursillo Secretariat
- **THOSE ABSENT:** Deacon Greg Amarante, Assistant Spiritual Advisor, Robbie Davis
- Opening prayer
- **LAY DIRECTOR REPORT**
 - Terri DiBacco opened meeting.
 - Minutes for the September, 2020 meeting were accepted as submitted after corrections.
- **TREASURER REPORT**
 - The September beginning checkbook balance was \$3,759.74 and ending balance \$3,059.74.
 - Report was accepted as submitted.
- **PRE-CURSILLO REPORT**
 - Nothing new to report
- **CURSILLO COMMITTEE REPORT**
 - Discussion about Winter Weekends. CRC can host Women's weekend February, 2021. Cost Projections for the weekends were discussed.
- **POST-CURSILLO REPORT**
 - 2020 Grand Ultreya will be virtual, October 24, 2020.
- **SCHOOL OF LEADERS**
 - Virtual School of Leaders will not be held in October, 2020.
 - The next book for the School of Leaders will be Bishop Barron's "*Renewing our Hope.*"

- **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

- Nothing new to report for website and the E-newsletter.
- Nothing new to report regarding Palanca Net or database.

- **OTHER BUSINESS (Meeting was recorded)**

- Comments from Ceferino Aquillon; National English Coordinator about the history of Cursillo.
 - The proper protocol for submitting a complaint should be first sent to the Diocesan Secretariat; if needed next to National Movement, then to NASG, then to OMCC
 - Page 26 of *Fundamental Ideas* the “cursillo movement was born in Spain specifically on the island of Mallorca in the 19940’s.” The movement was founded before OMCC and *Fundamental Ideas*.
 - OMCC does not negate history of Cursillo. Page 9 of *Fundamental Ideas* states “we should be faithful to the charism and historical perspective of the movement.”
 - Page 10 of *Fundamental Ideas* says it can be read in the introduction, this book is not a bible and must be read regarding the 70 years of the movement’s history, the history of the church, and the current world historical context. It does not develop all the contents of the charism, the purpose methodology and the structures of the movement, and can be completed and supplemented by other contributions.”
 - The Pontifical Council stated know your charism, know your founder, know your history of your movement.
 - If you take current cursillo manual; and do a step-by-step comparison with the Step by Step Guide, you will see that nothing much is changed.
- Comments from Father Mark Seiker, National Spiritual Advisor:
- Father Mark expressed how after his weekend, he thought Group Reunion and the 3-Day Weekend was the only thing making up Cursillo.
 - He later attended a regional encounter where he learned more about Cursillo through, study and piety.
 - When he attended his first national encounter, he took part in a rollo given for the Spiritual Advisors. The Priest giving the Rollo gave the analogy, since they were in a classroom, to picture on one

side a blackboard, which represented Pre Cursillo. The other side the blackboard represented Post Cursillo, and in the middle a 1 ½ inch that represented the 3-day weekend, reminding us that the strength in our movement comes from Pre and Post Cursillo

- Fr. Weary would still like to have from National give us a response to the OMCC letter.
 - Does OMCC have the authority to subvert the step by step manual?
- Comments from Nadia Lopez, National Cursillo Service Coordinator
 - Nadia stated that the word authority has different meanings and the authority of OMCC is its structure of service.
 - OMCC came after the movement started because we needed a structure by another group. The OMCC and the NACG is part of the structure. The diocesan secretariate oversees their diocese's movement.
 - In the Statues approved by the Vatican, the council states clearly that "Among the initiators of the Cursillo in Christianity Movement, particular importance is paid to a layman, Eduardo Bonnin Aguillo (1917-2008), to then Bishop of Mallorca, Juan Herves y Benet (1905-1982), and to Monsignor Sebastian Gaya Riera (1913-2007.)"
- Comments from Cindy Bruno, President of the National Secretariat
 - Cindy seeking an answer in giving one because OMCC does not have the authority that some might want them to have. OMCC is a structure of service. Regional is made up of Service team.
 - Important to remember that the authority and the structure never been the first job of a Cursillista. Our job as Cursillistas is to evangelize in our own community, attempting to reach out to help the far away.
- John Rossi: John Rossi read from para 4 of the letter from OMCC because he felt that it summarizes everything from the OMCC level, a level far above us.
- Clem Ciccarelli; a question for Cef--in 2013 and 2019 at OMCC's meeting, if step by step bs is not much different, then was it shown to the OMCC at that time so that they could see there wasn't that much difference?
- Cef: because of what john did say the discussion needs to be up at a higher level than the diocesan level.

- We cannot change things about the founder, the charism, or the history.
 - I am glad Bishop Nevares and Bishop Gainer will talk. You are right, John, there will be meetings with other people at a higher level. It will probably involve the National group, NACG and OMCC to get to the bottom of this letter.
- Fr. Weary: Does the Bishop have the authority to make the secretariat follow his recommendation?
- Fr Seiker: my understanding that is Cursillo in a diocese exists if there is approval by the Bishop, a secretariat, and there is a sol. We need those 3 thongs working together
- Terri DiBacco: we have strong weekends but where we lack is Pre-Cursillo, Post Cursillo, and School of Leaders. Even when we have in person or virtual, no one shows up.
- Rose Guerrini: Thank you to Bill for his comments and saying what motivated him was Jesus. We all make mistakes and I feel it was a mistake for you to go outside of the protocol and I am hoping that will not happen again. To say nothing was done, when we were appointed by the Bishop to study together our 3-Day Manual, Step by step Guide, and *Fundamental Ideas*. That process required patience on your part and then if it did not work out, then we go to the next level for guidance.
- Nancy Ramhap: being new to Secretariat, she and Tony have not seen the documents produced from this Committee. They have been receiving emails that are bullyish and make me feel trampled on, especially since we have not seen the documents
- Dan Brown: questions why Tony and Nancy have not received these documents, since he knows that the secretariat saw these documents because he saw our names on the emails.
- Terri DiBacco: Aare you talking about the 2-page comparison that Dave Marazzo did for the November 5th meeting? I have not received any other documents, but we will have a special meeting where the committee will all receive the materials to date.
 - I received an email from Bishop that said he was waiting to speak to Bishop Nevares. “In light of the recent developments and to bring a provincial resolve to the ongoing discussions concerning the Step by Step Guide, he has asked that we retain the current manual to use for weekends util the situation can be worked out.

Even though he made his Cursillo 47 years ago, he has never known the hierarchical groups that gives structure to Cursillo.” He does feel that the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Adoration are integral to the experience of the weekend.

- We will wait to hear from Bishop Gainer after he speaks with Bishop Nevares before studying this situation, further.
- The next Secretariat meeting will be November 3, 2020 and will be a virtual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Segilia
Secretary