



Rooster Tales

Spring 2013

NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Please copy and distribute this newsletter to all Secretariat members and Cursillistas

Central Newfoundland – (www.cursilloadcn.org)

Central Newfoundland is putting all their energies and excitement into planning for the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Triennial and General Meeting in June of 2015.

Weekend: Co-ed May 27-20, 2013

Western Newfoundland

Western Newfoundland held a Grand Ultreya (two days, overnight event) in June at Killdevil Camp.

Weekend: Co-ed May 17-20, 2013.

For more information contact Larry Renouf (larryrenouf@gmail.com).

Eastern Newfoundland

There are currently no Ultreyas, Secretariat or Weekends being held in this Diocese but some Group Reunions are still meeting. Through lots of prayer, it is hoped to see Ultreyas get started again in the Fall of 2013.

Prayer request: *Pray for the Cursillistas of this Diocese that there will rebuilding of the Movement in the future.*

Nova Scotia/PEI – (www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org)

The 35th set of Men's and Women's Weekends were held in the Spring of 2013. A Welcome Back Ultreya and Fourth Day Seminar for new and existing Cursillistas was held on June 11th. Cursillistas continue to process at all Ordinations at the invitation of the Bishop and a "visioning session for the Diocesan Movement was held in June 2013.

Weekends: Men's – Spring 2014 Women's – Spring 2014

Prayer request: *Pray for the continued revival of Ultreyas and for more clergy participation in the Ultreyas.*

Fredericton – (www.anglican.nb.ca)

Started local Ultreyas in Moncton in April; planning a Sponsorship training session before the weekends and working on Interdenominational communication, Ultreyas and workshops with Roman Catholic Cursillistas.

Weekends: Men: Spring 2014. Women: Spring 2014 Co-ed: Possible Spring 2014

Prayer request: *Pray that they will be able to reach young people and find Cursillistas with Youth connections and leadership skills willing to serve on Weekend Teams; for clergy involvement; for recruitment of Cursillistas to serve on Secretariat; for more attendance at Ultreyas; for volunteers to be Witness speakers at Ultreyas, and for more Group Reunions to be established.*

Ottawa – (www.oacm.ca)

Held a very successful Women's 117th Weekend in the Fall of 2012. A group of 12 experienced Cursillistas have established a Servant Committee, with the mandate of filling a number of vacant positions on Secretariat.

Weekends: Men: November 28-December 1, 2013 Women's: November 7-10, 2013

Niagara- (www.niagaracursillo.org)

Most well attended weekend held in April 2013 and there is a renewed excitement and enthusiasm for Cursillo in the Diocese.

Weekend: Co-ed: April 24-27, 2014

Qu'Appelle – (www.quappellecursillo.org)

Planning is underway for a Day of Deeper Understanding to be held in May of 2013.

Weekend: Co-ed: November 13-17, 2013

Prayer Request: *Pray for the removal of impediments for candidates to attend Weekends.*

Edmonton – (www.edmontoncursillo.ca)

2013-14 is Centennial Year for the Diocese and many Cursillistas will be involved or participating in these celebrations.

Weekend: Co-ed: November 21-24, 2013

Prayer Request: *Pray for continued encouragement for all of the Cursillo Movement and participation in Cursillo events and Weekends.*

Calgary – (www.cursillo.ab.ca)

The new Bishop, Greg Kerr-Wilson is very supportive of Cursillo and has worked on both 2013 Spring Teams.

There was a good turnout at the AGM because it was moved to an Ultreya night.

Weekends: Men's: April 25-28, 2014 Women's: May 2-5, 2014

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *Thank God for what seems like a revival in the Cursillo Movement in terms of numbers participating.*

BC - (www.cursillobc.com)

The BC Secretariat hosted CACS for their meeting and organized a CLW at Qualicum Beach in April 2013.

Weekends: Women's: October 24-27, 2013 Men's: October 31-November 3, 2013

Co-ed: Men's and Women's weekends may be combined into one.

Prayer Request: *Pray for leadership for both Men's and Women's weekends.*

For those looking to connect with member of CACS and for all CACS guideline papers, you can find us at www.anglicancursillo.com



April 2013 CACS Meeting

The April 2013 Spring CACS meeting was held in the Diocese of British Columbia at Qualicum Beach from April 21-23. The meetings were held at St. Mark's Anglican Church and we are very grateful to the Rector, The Venerable Alan Naylor, who was so gracious and helpful to us and as well, to the congregation, for allowing us to invade their space from April 19-21 for a CLW and then the next two days for the CACS meeting. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with these meetings.

I mentioned in our last Newsletter that a paper was being prepared to help Diocesan Secretariats navigate the issue of Liability. This is a very complex issue especially around who is covered and how that coverage is applied. We are still working on this paper and will be seeking some legal advice before it can be shared with Diocesan Movements across the country.

At our meeting, we finalized our CACS Action Plan for 2012-15 which guides our work for this term of office. You will find the Action Plan on the CACS webpage.

Guideline Papers – You will find a new guideline paper *Individual and Collective Apostolic Action* on the CACS website under Guideline Papers. I would also like to bring to your attention that the *Music in the Cursillo Movement* guideline paper has been amended and is also up on the website. We are working on the development of two documents which may be of interest to a number of Movements – “*Restarting a Diocesan Cursillo Movement*” and the

second, "*Revitalizing a Diocesan Movement*". We hope to have these papers completed at our Fall meeting in the Diocese of Niagara in October.

Helpful Hints papers are being written: a) Youth Involvement in Cursillo; b) Recruiting Diocesan Secretariat Members; c) Suggestions for encouraging Men to become involved in Cursillo; d) Continuing Education of Secretariats. We are hoping to have these papers completed this Fall.

A number of our current guideline papers are also being reviewed to ensure they are still useful tools for Diocesan Secretariats. We will let you know in upcoming Newsletters which ones, if any, will be revised.

Donations from Individual to CACS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



To the members of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo family:

"Be Still and Know that I am God" Psalm 46: vs. 10

How many times over the past three months have I heard this verse from Psalm 46 go through my head? Perhaps hundreds of times as I have met the challenges of life brought to our family in the form of illness and death. This verse was calming for me and helped me keep perspective during the darkest of times. Many times I have thanked God during these months for being with me – an ever present help. And, during those times, I wondered how people without faith and a faith community handle these kinds of emotional events. And, I thought about how wonderful it is that I have a personal relationship with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and I can count on him to be there in my time of need.

This is where Cursillo is such a gift – it helps us discover a relationship with Jesus or helps strengthen that which we already have. The tools we are given – Group Reunion and Ultreya – are such valuable sources of support in our life's journey. My Group Reunion was there providing prayer, comfort and support and at Ultreyas, there is such a feeling of joy in the Lord that it helps refresh our souls and as we continue on our journey.

We need to continue inviting our friends to a Fourth Day experience; to walk with them following their weekend and help them find or form a Group Reunion; and to take them to Ultreyas. This is a gift which will continue giving back many, many years after your invitation.

I made my weekend in 1991 and for me the gift of Cursillo has been one of the greatest gifts I have ever received in my entire life and I continue to thank my sponsors for their invitation. All these many years later, Cursillo still helps me to continue my faith walk and it is there when my life is “full” and needs “faith support”.

I believe God is calling us to share Cursillo with our friends, family, and others in our environments. Cursillo and its tools of Group Reunion and Ultreya are no less effective and useful today as they were when it was first introduced to Canada back in the 1970's. Our friends may think they don't have time for a 3-day Weekend experience and then to meet as a Group Reunion and at Ultreyas, but once they have started this journey, I am convinced they will not regret having accepted “an invitation” to a Fourth Day experience.

It works – and my experiences of the past three months were greatly supported and helped by having made a Cursillo Weekend and followed up by grouping and attending Ultreyas.

It is up to us to keep Cursillo alive and well across this great country and Church of ours. Don't let this opportunity to help someone develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, through the experience of Cursillo, pass you by.

Ultreya and Blessings, Victoria Henrikson

NATIONAL CURSILLO PRAYER CYCLE



- Monday Pray for the Cursillo Movement Worldwide
- Tuesday Pray for Cursillo in Canada & your National Secretariat
- Wednesday Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Dioceses of Western Newfoundland, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Central Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Montreal and Quebec
- Thursday Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: The Dioceses of Ottawa, Toronto, Huron, Algoma, Moosonee and Niagara
- Friday Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Diocese of Rupert's land, Qu'Appelle, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Keewatin, The Arctic, Edmonton, Athabasca and Calgary
- Saturday Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon: The Diocese of the Yukon, New Westminster, British Columbia, Kootenay, APCI and Caledonia
- Sunday Pray for your own Diocesan Movement

“Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon.”

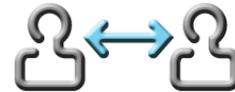
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Facebook



Yes, CACS has a Facebook page and we would encourage you to “Like” us and let us know what is going on in your Cursillo Movement. It is a great way to stay connected.

We would be interested in postings of your Weekend dates; Diocesan special Cursillo events; any information which would help us know what is happening with Cursillo in your Diocese.

Please mention this to your Group Reunions, your Secretariat and get the numbers of people “Liking” our page to grow.



RE-CONNECTING CURSILLISTAS WITH CURSILLO MOVEMENTS

How can CACS facilitate Cursillistas reconnecting with Movements and Group Reunions when moving from one Diocese to another?

CACS had a discussion on this question with no “one answer” to the question. It seemed to us that this was more a Diocesan Cursillo Movement issue.

We are suggesting that Diocesan Secretariats consider having coverage, links, visibility, news of Ultreyas, etc. on their Diocesan website or Facebook pages so that Cursillistas who are visiting or Cursillistas moving into their Diocese might be able to “connect” with the local Cursillo community. We would be interested in knowing if this is something you have had to respond to over the years and how you have handled it.

You can contact the Chair of CACs at butterfly1@hfx.eastlink.ca with any comments you may have.

**CANADIAN ANGLICAN CURSILLO TRIENNIAL 2015
& GENERAL MEETING**

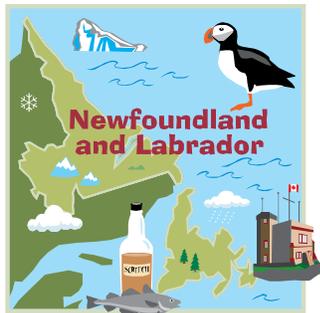
It's not too early to mark your calendar for the upcoming 2015 Triennial which will be held at Gander in the Diocese of Central Newfoundland.

With the blessing of their Bishop David Torraville, the Servant Community is already at work preparing to host this event. They are excited about this opportunity to welcome the Cursillo community from across our country to their Diocese.

The dates are: June 26, 27 and 28, 2015.

Please mark these on your calendar now so you won't miss out on this opportunity to experience the hospitality of our Cursillo brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Central Newfoundland.

CACS is grateful to the Cursillo Movement therefor taking on this challenge and we look forward to seeing you in Gander.



*If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.*

Psalm 139: 9-10 NIV

Overview of recent and upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Central Newfoundland
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Nova Scotia/PEI
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Women's: May 2-5, 2013

Fredericton*
Men: Spring 2014
Women: Spring 2014
Co-ed: Possible Spring 2014

Ottawa*
Women's: Nov. 28-Dec 1/13
Men's: Nov 7-10, 2013

Niagara (&Huron Diocese)*
Co-ed: April 24-27, 2014

Qu'Appelle*
Co-ed: Nov 14-17, 2013

Edmonton*
Co-ed: Nov 21-24, 2013

Calgary
Men's: April 25-28, 2013
Women's: May 2-5, 2013

British Columbia
Men's: Oct 31-Nov 3, 2013
Women's: Oct. 24-27, 2013
(These weekends may be combined.)

**Please keep the upcoming weekends in your prayers that God will bless them with a bounty of participants.*

Give thanks to God for those weekends which have already happened.