



# Rooster Tales

## Winter 2012

### **NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA**

#### **Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador**

([www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php](http://www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php))

Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador has been inactive for the past year but they are now ready to plan for a Weekend in 2012.

*For more information see Web Site.*

#### **Central Newfoundland** – ([www.cursilloadcn.org](http://www.cursilloadcn.org))

A Cursillo Weekend was held last May with 24 new Cursillistas. The Clausura was held outdoors with Bishop David presiding. 125 people participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations held in August. An AGM was held in September with the election of new officers. Leadership School was held in October covering such topics as: Ultreya, Sponsorship, Small Group Sharing and Three Day Weekends. A Revista will be held in January. This has been the traditional start to their year and gives everyone a chance to “revisit” some aspect of their Weekend. Sponsorship has had a low priority. A copy of Sponsorship requirements and responsibilities are sent to all Cursillistas looking to become a Sponsor. Central Newfoundland’s Sponsorship Guidelines may be found on their website.

**Weekends: Co-Ed** May 18-21, 2012

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#### **Western Newfoundland**

A “Revista” weekend has taken place, an event that all Cursillistas were invited to attend. The weekend was filled with music, services and talks. The thought around this weekend was to relight the fire and renew a right Spirit among the Movement. Planning will start shortly for the next Cursillo Weekend in May. Sponsorship is given top priority and they try to talk about it at every occasion, specifically the role of the Sponsor. It is also mentioned during team training as they prepare for a Weekend.

**Weekends: Co-Ed** May 18-21, 2012

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#### **Nova Scotia/PEI** ([www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org](http://www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org))

Nova Scotia/PEI new banner has been completed, and Secretariat is in the process of updating their Membership database. Sponsorship is given a high level of priority with 10-15 minute presentations being given at Ultreyas. Over the past year they have been focussing their efforts on organizing and mentoring new Ultreya leaders in the four geographical areas outside the Metro Halifax area. If other Movements could benefit from the knowledge they have gained through this process, they would be most happy to respond to any request for information. Nova Scotia/PEI would like prayer for ideas on how to attract new leaders for Secretariat and the lack of participation at events.

**Weekends: Men** April 26-29, 2012

**Women** May 3-6, 2012

*For more information see Web site.*

**Fredericton**

Fredericton held a Moonlight Ultreya in May and a Grand Ultreya in June. Their Women's Weekend was held in June and their Men's Weekend in September. The Miramichi hosted the Fall 2011 CACS meeting and held a CLW beforehand. A NB Anglican Cursillo Sponsor Information Pamphlet has been circulated to Cursillistas on their mailing list and their May newsletter stressed the importance of walking with the candidates to prepare them for the Cursillo weekend. The Miramichi Servant Community has spoken on the topic of Sponsorship on a few occasions at the parish level.

**Ottawa** – ([www.oacm.ca](http://www.oacm.ca))

Ottawa Secretariat held a successful Parish Representative Workshop in April and they plan to hold more in the future. There was a Secretariat changeover with the AGM in September. Cursillo was again invited to lead one of the worship services at the Diocesan Synod in October. Ottawa is now looking forward to hosting the Triennial in June, 2012.

**Weekends: Women** November 10-13, 2011

**Men** March 29-April 1, 2011

*For more information see Web Site.*

**Niagara**- ([www.niagaracursillo.org](http://www.niagaracursillo.org))

Niagara has had almost a complete change in its Secretariat. In October 2011, a Day of Deeper Understanding was held, where the focus was on "Listening to God: Listening to each Other". The Secretariat is in the process of linking the website to the diocesan website.

**Weekends: Co-ed** May 2-5, 2012

*For more information see Web Site.*

**Qu'Appelle** – ([quappelle@sasktel.net](mailto:quappelle@sasktel.net))

Cursillistas and their families attended a BBQ in the Bishop's backyard. They are planning a Day of Deeper Understanding for February which has become an annual event. Qu'Appelle has a Sponsorship Q&A posted to their website that is based on CACS guidelines. Qu'Appelle has asked for prayer for commitment from their new members, and that they may build a solid foundation for growth in Christian leadership across the diocese.

**Weekends: Men** November 17-20, 2011

**Women** November 24-27, 2011

*For more information see Web Site.*

**Edmonton** – ([www.edmontoncursillo.ca](http://www.edmontoncursillo.ca))

Edmonton successfully held both a Men's and a Women's Weekend, as well as a Welcome Ultreya in June of 2011. In August they combined their Annual General Meeting with an ice cream social. In May they sponsored "A Quiet Day With Isaiah" at Strathcona Wilderness Centre. It was a day of readings from Isaiah with music and meditation following each reading. They produced an "Apostolic Action Diary" and handed them out to Cursillistas. They are in the midst of planning a type of Ultreya to present at a Sunday church service to promote Cursillo. Sponsorship teachings are offered at Ultreyas and during their Team Training Day. Calgary has noticed that many sponsors do not continue with their sponsorship after the Welcome Back Ultreya. This is very noticeable in grouping as many new Cursillistas find it difficult to begin grouping as their sponsors have left them on their own in this regard. They hope to have their Sponsorship Guidelines on their website by the new year. Edmonton Secretariat asks for prayer for their struggle with low attendance at Ultreyas and with their attempt to stir interest in that area.

**Weekends: Men** May 31-June 3, 2012

**Women** June 7-10, 2012

*For more information see Web Site.*

**Calgary** – ([www.cursillo.ab.ca](http://www.cursillo.ab.ca))

Calgary successfully held a set of weekends in the spring of 2011. They hosted CACS bi-annual meeting last spring and continue to assist the Diocese of Qu'Appelle with team formation. They are planning a Cursillo send-off celebration for Bishop Derek Hoskin who is retiring at the end of 2011. They now have a Facebook page and link. Sponsorship events are held twice a year where information derived from CACS guidelines as well as local descriptive papers that have been written on the subject is presented. Calgary Sponsorship Guidelines may be found on their website.

**Weekends: Men** April 26-29, 2012

**Women** May 3-6, 2012

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**APCI**

The APCI Movement has been having a difficult time. It was decided that their Secretariat go on Sabbatical for one year. They will continue their prayer chain and groups may continue to meet. If someone would like to plan and hold an Ultreya they are welcome to do so. APCI Secretariat asks for prayer for the future of their Secretariat and its Cursillistas. Bishop Barbara Andrews commented "Something must die for something to be born. We hold on to the Easter hope that something else/new will come."

**Weekends:** None planned for 2011-2012

**BC** - ([www.cursillobc.com](http://www.cursillobc.com))

BC hosted a successful Day of Deeper Understanding followed by its first commissioning service, which the Bishop attended. A welcome for new Cursillistas is planned to include a pot luck dinner, floating group reunion, introduction to Cursillo, and review of the first steps of the Fourth Day.

**Weekends: Men** October 27-30, 2011

**Women** November 3-6, 2011.

*For more information see Web Site.*

**DIOCESAN WEBSITES**

Eastern NL [www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php](http://www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php)

Central Newfoundland - [www.cursilloadcn.org](http://www.cursilloadcn.org)

Nova Scotia/P.E.I. - [www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org](http://www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org)

Fredericton - <http://personal.nb.ca/bbrottao/cursillo>

Niagara - [www.niagaracursillo.org](http://www.niagaracursillo.org)

Ottawa- [www.oacm.ca](http://www.oacm.ca)

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Edmonton - [www.edmontoncursillo.ca](http://www.edmontoncursillo.ca)

Calgary - [www.cursillo.ab.ca](http://www.cursillo.ab.ca)

British Columbia -

<http://members.shaw.ca/cursillo//////////>

[www.cursillobc.com](http://www.cursillobc.com)



*Fall 2011 CACS Meeting*

The Fall 2011 Meeting of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) was held October 23-26, 2011 in the Mirimachi part of New Brunswick, and hosted by the Diocese of Fredericton. CACS members extend their heartfelt thanks to this Cursillo Movement and its Secretariat for their generous hospitality.

At this meeting, we welcomed our new Episcopal Advisor, Bishop Ron Cutler from the Diocese of Nova Scotia PEI.

Diocesan reports were reviewed, and major issues identified.

Other items of business included the ongoing evaluation of our progress in meeting the Action Items of the CACS Strategic Plan and the CACS Guidelines, as well as ways CACS and CACS representatives may be of more help to local Movements. Planning for the **2012 Triennial** to be held in **Ottawa** was finalized. The theme for this Conference will be "*Christ is Counting on You*"

based on Matthew 28: 19-20, and will be held **June 22-24, 2012.**



### **Resources - NEC AND CACS Libraries**

It's been said before, but it bears repeating. Time and again it has been demonstrated that most Cursillo Movements that are struggling or experiencing difficulties are either not following the authentic Cursillo method, or have not developed adequate policies and procedures in accordance with CACS and NEC Guidelines. It is imperative that all Secretariat members have a working knowledge of the contents of the NEC Library and the CACS Guidelines. This means that they need to be read, heeded and kept current. These resources, and updates are available from the Treasurer, Terry Gushuliak, ([tgushuliak@nurses.ab.ca](mailto:tgushuliak@nurses.ab.ca)).

The CACS Guidelines may be downloaded free of charge from the Web site.

Both the NEC and CACS Guidelines are dynamic documents that are constantly being updated. All CACS and NEC Libraries should be updated and used as soon as new Guidelines are issued. **Please check to see that your libraries are current**, and if not, order copies of the new documents to update existing libraries.

### **2012 CACS Triennial Conference** **OTTAWA:**

#### ***CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU***

**When:** June 22-24, 2012

**Where:** Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario

**Key Note Speaker:** Father Chuck Owens

**Plenary Sessions:** Sponsorship, Apostolic Action, Servant Community

The Ottawa Cursillo community is hosting this event, and will be sending out registration information in January 2012, so look for it soon.

### **Gone to his Fifth Day**

It is with deep sorrow that we on CACS mourn the passing of the Reverend Dr. Robert Campbell, our CACS Secretary and provincial representative for the Province of Ontario. Bob served on CACS for the past five years, and was an invaluable member of our team. We remember him for his dedicated and enthusiastic support of Cursillo throughout Canada, and his kind hospitality to CACS when we met in Ottawa. Our love and prayers go out to his widow Rosemary.

*Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord,  
Let light perpetual shine upon him.*



## A Message from the Chair

Dear Friends,

De Colores! As I write this, Epiphany is being celebrated in the Church, and a new year is just beginning. At our recent CACS meeting in Miramichi, NB, we gave thanks for the recent ministry of Bishop Jane Alexander, Edmonton who has stepped down as CACS Episcopal Advisor. In her place, we are pleased to welcome Bishop Ron Cutler from Nova Scotia and PEI.

A major focus of this meeting was to make the final plans for the CAC **Triennial Meeting** to be held in **Ottawa June 22-24, 2012**. I invite all Cursillistas, especially those on diocesan Secretariats, from across Canada, to attend this inspirational conference. Details of the conference follow. Please remember that this is also the time of our General Meeting when elections of the next CACS occur, and representatives (both Lay and Clergy) for the provinces are needed. Each CACS member serves for three years, and is eligible to serve two consecutive terms. This next term, we are seeking representatives from all the provinces, so if you are interested in serving or nominating someone from your diocese, please contact your Provincial Representative to ask for more details about the position. The updated CAC Constitution will be sent to each Lay Director in February, in preparation for the Triennial General Meetings, and this also contains details about the roles and responsibilities of CACS reps.

Prior to our meeting, CACS offered the Cursillistas from the Diocese of Fredericton a CLW. Thirty

five Cursillistas attended, with some members of the neighbouring Nova Scotia PEI Diocese participating, too. It was a joyous and Spirit-filled weekend, and CACS has now made the decision to offer CLW weekends prior to each CACS meeting, as we rotate meetings around the country.

Finally, we give thanks for the many contributions of the Reverend Dr. Bob Campbell, who is recently departed. Bob leaves a strong legacy for the Cursillo movement in Ottawa as well as the CACS. We will miss his enthusiasm, his ideas, his faith, and his hearty laughter.

I hope that I will have the opportunity to meet many of you in Ottawa soon. Blessings,

Your sister in Christ,

Valerie

### Upcoming Dates on the CACS Calendar

#### June 2012 Triennial, Ottawa



## 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,  
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.

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***Please Keep These Upcoming  
Weekends in Your Prayers!***

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