



# NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Please copy and share this Newsletter with all Secretariat members and Cursillistas in your Diocese.

This Diocesan information includes the responses we received to the questions in the fall reports so that you may see what other movements are doing. The information was current when the forms were seen by CACS. For the latest information about Weekend dates please see the last page of the newslet-ter.

## **Episcopal Advisor**

When the Most Reverend Ron Cutler became an Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Province of Canada he felt he had to resign from CACS and so we reluctantly said goodbye and thanked him for his work and support during his time on CACS.

The Rt. Rev. Robert Hardwick, Bishop of Qu'Appelle was approached about becoming the Episcopal Advisor and he said he would like to serve on CACS but explained that he was going to be on sabbatical this summer and would not be able to attend the Triennial. He will be bicycling across Canada to raise money for ministry projects within the diocese and beyond. There is no constitutional requirement that he attends the Triennial meeting, although he would certainly be there if it were not for this mammoth undertaking. With this understanding Bishop Hardwick was appointed and we welcomed him as the new Episcopal Advisor for CACS.



You can find information on his trip, his route and a prayer diary, at the Diocese of Qu'Appelle website. Click on Ministry and then Bishop's Ride. You can also follow his journey on Facebook at Living the Mission- Bishop's Ride

Bishop Hardwick may be coming to your diocese. He will be meeting Cursillistas as he travels across the country, so please go out and greet and encourage him on his journey. You can also send a donation through the website.

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY**

### Western Newfoundland

**New Appointments:** Deanna Renouf has been appointed as the new Lay Director. **New 3 Day Weekend:** Used the new Weekend format and it was very successful **CLW & CACS:** Hosted a well attended CLW and CACS meeting in October 2017 **Co-Ed Weekend Date**: May 18-20 **<u>Prayer Requests</u>**: Pray to uplift Diocese at this time of transition and especially for the Weekend in May 2018

#### Central Newfoundland (http://www.cursilloadcn.org)

**Weekend -** 31 candidates attended the new Weekend held in May 2017which was the best attendance for a long time.

**30 Years Old! -** They are celebrating 30 years of Cursillo with a special service. **Upcoming Weekend:** May 2018

**<u>Prayer Requests</u>** for upcoming weekend specifically for candidates in the 40 - 50 age group and for at least 20 candidates

## **NovaScotia/Prince Edward Island**– (www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org)

Secretariat: All positions are filled and there is a Post and 4th Day log editor.

Ultreyas - Floating Group Reunions have been reintroduced at Ultreyas.

**Cursillo Day/Day of Deeper Understanding**:Successful gathering talked extensively on the importance of Group Reunions and other named gatherings that keep our Cursillistas engaged in their "leadership" roles and to "make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend, to Christ."

Men's Weekend: October 19 -22, 2017

Women's Weekend: October 19-22, 2017

**Prayer requests**: Pray to get more youth involvement and pray for more candidates for our Weekend

**Pray** for Cape Breton and PEI to form Ultreyas and ultimately get them ongoing and engaged with Secretariat Members

#### Ottawa - (<u>http://oacm.ca</u>)

**Ultreyas (Called Prayer and Praise)**Well attended,-the regional grand Ultreyas draw 40+the outdoor summer ones have 70-90 people attending, including the Bishop who seems to be much more supportive of Cursillo.

**Workshops:** We held a mini-workshop in June to explore the abbreviated 3 day weekend We are planning a larger workshop open to ALL people called "Experience Christ" in 2018

#### Weekend Dates:

2017, 126th.Men's Weekend: November 23 - 26

125th. Women's Weekend: November 9-27, 2017

**<u>Prayer requests</u>** for our upcoming weekends as registration is slow, For our new secretariat members, for Cursillo leading of worship at Diocesan Synod on Nov 4, 2018; Planning for "Experiencing Christ" day and finding a resource to make a Cursillo video

### Niagara andHuron - ( <u>www.niagaracursillo.org</u>)

*Member List*The Cursillista list for the Diocese of Huron has been viewed in recent months and contact has been made to find out updates, interest in being on the Team, and sending out brochures and information on Weekend #53 in Niagara Huron

*Workshops-They* place an emphasis on individual spirituality, encouraging a vitality in our participants and the Cursillo Movement

**Online Prayer Schedule:**Putting the Prayer Schedule online on our website has been a popular way to include members who wish to be involved in some aspect of the Weekend but cannot participate in other ways

**Triennial** -The Triennial Conference scheduled for June 22-24, 2018 is going to be a highlight, celebrating our movement and its current accomplishments and acknowledging its challenges.

**Ultreyas -** generally follow the CACS guidelines. Floating groups have the option of discussion based on Group Reunion or response to the Witness Talk

**Sponsorship -** Sponsors are sent out an e-mail letter advising them of their responsibilities and they are encouraged and coached at Ultreyas

**Weekend Follow-Up -** Table leaders are encouraged to reach out and invite Candidates to the Ultreya. Team reach out via e-mail to Candidates as well as the wider community about the Annual Meeting.

Co-Ed Weekend: October 20-22, 2017.

<u>**Prayer requests:**</u>For the increase in our list of clergy to draw from for Weekend Spiritual Advisors. How to encourage clergy to train in the Cursillo Method and about how to honour the contributions of Cursillistas to the movement.

## <u>Qu'Appelle</u>- (www.quappellecursillo.org)

**Developments** -Training days for the weekends reduced to 3 Saturdays and consideration is being given to reduce this further to be completed in one weekend due to busy schedules and lengthy travel distances

**Special Events**-In May, available members of Secretariat and some Cursillistas travelled to a rural parish to lead the Sunday morning service. The parish is without a priest so it was a good opportunity for us to do a lay-lead service and provide ministry. We brought a music team to lead worship, we officiated, did readings, had a Cursillista do a modified version of the "Christians in Community" talk at the sermon time. Afterward we had planned to have small group discussions, but the facility wasn't able to accommodate the number of people who attended. There was some general discussion following the service during a lunch social time, and people took the questions home to ponder at their convenience Following our October Synod, we hope to go to another rural location that is without a priest. We hope to continue the outreach in 2018. Our focus is to encourage and strengthen those who struggle in outlying, somewhat isolated, communities. We are striving to "make a friend, be a friend, and lead a friend, to Christ"

**Synod:**Wine and Cheese:We will be hosting the "Wine and Cheese" gathering on Friday evening of Synod which follows the opening session. We're asking Cursillistas in attendance to wear their crosses that evening. We'll also have an "Ask me about Cursillo" sticker attached to their name tag. During Synod, we will also have adisplay table with information and a Cursillista available to provide details.

## Co-Ed Weekend: planned for October 19 - 21, 2018

**<u>Prayer requests</u>**: for continuing commitment at Secretariat and in our Cursillo community to: Make a friend, Be a friend, Lead a friend to Christ.

#### <u>Edmonton – (www.edmontoncursillo.ca)</u>

**Developments:**Bishop Jane wants Cursillo to be more visible in the Diocese so they have responded by, getting involved with the Deaneries, Secretariat went to a Habitat for Humanity build in April, speaking at parishes, set up a booth at the Diocesan Synod, and got their Facebook page up and running.

**Prison Prayer Ministry:** We are in the early stages of "Prison Prayer Ministry' where we will pray for inmates during Group Reunions and small groups.

**Motivational Speaker:** Secretariat and the weekend Lay Directors were blessed May 20 to hear Michael Harvey speak on overcoming the obstacles of the invitation. We look forward to having him return next year where we could look at the possibility of him speaking to the wider Cursillo community.

**Ultreya:** Attended a successful Ultreya in Gibbons, AB,(40 minutes north of Edmonton)35 people attended. At our September Ultreya and AGM Rev. Sheila and Shelley King did a presentation and role play of "Spiritual Direction" that was well received.

**Potluck Information Night**: Two members of Secretariat attended a Cursillo information night and potluck in Drayton Valley that was filled with music and food! Brian spoke on Cursillo & answered questions

**Round Table:** We did a round table with those who attended a weekend and what it meant to them.

Co-Ed weekend: November 10 - 12, 2017

**<u>Prayer requests</u>**: for a successful Cursillo weekend and for the team and candidates on this inaugural trial of the shortened weekend. Pray for the leadership of the Cursillo community and to listen to where God is leading us

#### <u>Calgary</u> –(www.cursillo.ab.ca)

**Weekends:** Held two successful Weekends in the spring with 12 men and 9 women. We are pleased to see the number of men is rising. Plans are well underway for the two fall weekends.

#### Weekend Dates:

<u>Men's Weekend:</u> October 26-29, 2017. April 19-22 ,2018 <u>Women's Weekend</u>: November 02-05, 2017. April 26-27, 2018 <u>Prayer requests:</u>For our upcoming weekends and the Annual Genera Meeting inJanuary 2018

### <u>British Columbia</u> - (www.cursillobc.com)

**Developments:** They are in the process of developing a new website which will be hosted on the Diocesan website

#### Weekend Dates

**<u>Co-Ed Weekend</u>**: March 1- 4, (16 candidates at time of sending form)

<u>**Prayer requests**</u>: asked for God's grace to interest and educate young people in the Cursillo journey, and that the love described by Paul guide all of us in the work we do together For those looking to connect with members of CACS and for all CACS guideline papers, you can find us at: <u>www.anglicancursillo.com</u>

P lease share your stories and experiences with others through F acebook because we need to k eep adding new information or pictures to k eep it fresh. Cursillistas have a lot of good news to share and stories to tell and the world certainly needs to hear good news. Go to Canadian Anglican Cursillo Movement, and where it says "Write something..." let your fingers do the talk -

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**Guidelines** 

CACS members studied and revised the Guidelines for: Duties and Responsibilities of CACS representatives Giving a Lay Witness talk The Words and Expressions Archival Policy



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR** 

To the members of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo family:

I sit here looking at my screen, waiting for the words to appear and can hardly believe it is almost time for the Triennial in Waterloo.

I have seen some of the work being done for this Triennial because it is being hosted by the Secretariat from my diocese. I have felt the excitement grow as the preparations fall into place. We have a good team of people organizing this gathering for us. They are passionate about their Lord and that overflows into all they do for Him, including organizing the Triennial. We are blessed to have a wonderful keynote speaker in Archbishop Fred Hiltz and both Bishop Linda from Huron and Bishop Susan Bell, the newly consecrated Coadjutor Bishop of Niagara are joining us, so we will be well shepherded! There will be interesting workshop sessions designed to enhance our spiritual growth. As usual there will be lots of music, worship, prayer and time to meet fellow Cursillistas from across the country so you know there will be a lot of conversations and much laughter.

Many of you are trying the shortened Three Day Weekend which CACS sent out on a trial basis and so we are ready to discuss how that was for you. We really do read those reports we ask you to send to us and many of you asked to hear from others about their Weekend experience and so the subject of the Lay Director's roundtable discussion will be the New Weekend timetable. If the Lay Director is unable to attend the Triennial they may send a representative to the roundtable discussion. I am looking forward to hearing that discussion.

I was invited to participate at the National Episcopal Cursillo Conference in Oklahoma City last year. I offered a listening workshop that was written and developed here, which was well received. It was an interesting visit and I discovered that they are wonderful Cursillistas who care deeply about their faith and living the life of a follower of Christ while going through the same struggles and triumphs we are. I found it very encouraging and it strengthened my understanding that we are, indeed, one in the Spirit.

I would like to thank all of you who welcomed me, as Chair of CACS, into your homes and churches over the past three years. It has been a joy and privilege to meet you. We hear so much about declining churches and I know that is true because the church I attended for thirty years closed a few years ago, however, I can also tell you from my own experience over the past six years as a member of CACS that God is still inspiring His people. He is using Cursillo in a powerful way to reach people, changing their lives for eternity. We must believe what the Spirit tells us, not what we hear with our ears or see with our eyes. Church buildings may come and go but our God, the eternal Creator of the universe, tells us to go out and spread the Good News so, go forth in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

#### Ultreya, Carol Summers.

#### **Donations from Individuals to CACS**

The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) is a registered non-profit organization and because of that designation, can provide tax receipts for personal donations towards its work. None of the members of CACS are paid for time spent on CACS activities and all donations are used solely to promote its purpose. If you would like to make a personal contribution towards the work of CACS please send a cheque to –

Barbara Hobson, CACS Treasurer, 302 – 79 Collins Grove, Dartmouth, NS B3W 6B9



We ask you to continue to pray for each other, the other Cursillo Movements across the country, and the world and for your CAC Secretariat, as we continue to pray for you.

### NATIONAL CURSILLO PRAYER CYCLE

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Monday	Pray for the Cursillo Movement Worldwide
<u>Tuesday</u>	Pray for Cursillo in Canada & your National Secretariat
<u>Wednesday</u>	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
<u>Thursday</u>	Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: The Dioceses of Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Huron, Algoma, Moosonee and Niagara
<u>Friday</u>	Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: The Dio- cese of Rupert's Land, Qu'Appelle, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, The Arctic, Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh, Brandon, Edmonton, Athabasca and Calgary
<u>Saturday</u>	Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, Territory of the People, Caledonia and New Westminster
<u>Sunday</u>	Pray for your own Diocesan Movement

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6* 

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# **Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

These are the planned Cursillo Weekends that we are aware of at this time

Central Newfoundland	Co-ed	Мау
Western Newfoundland	Co-ed	May 18-20, 2018
Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island	Men's Women's	October 19-21, 2018 October 19-21, 2018

#### Being held in the same facility but are not Co-ed Weekends

Ottawa	Men's Women's	November 9-11, 2018 November 23-25, 2018
Niagara & Huron	Co-ed	TBA
Qu'Appelle	Co-ed	October 19-21, 2018
Calgary	Men's Women's	ТВА
Edmonton	Co-ed	November 16-18, 2018
BC	Co-ed	March 14, 2018





