

Winter 2019-2020



# Rooster Tales

## News from Across Canada

### **DAY OF DEEPER UNDERSTANDING THE DIOCESES OF NIAGARA AND HURON**

We held our Day of Deeper Understanding on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Church in Waterloo. The weather was great for driving, other than a little fog, and I give thanks to God for that. We had just over 30 people attending and the day went very well. Renee Anderson was our MC and I thank her for guiding us through the day. Kristy VanKooten-Bossence and Susanne Adams led us in worship. A hit was learning to 'sign' the song *"Step By Step"* led by Laura McKenzie. I can see us learning more songs as we have other educational days. Rachel Prichard pointed out the importance of us learning words in sign as we may interact with the deaf community.

Rev. Keith Nethery gave two talks on discernment that gave us much to think about. We enjoyed his story telling and hearing how God led him in his own walk. Blair Richardson shared his findings from the telephone survey that he conducted. It showed the positive impact that Cursillo has had on the majority of the lives of those who attended. We learned again the importance of sponsorship. Marion Bailey, Carol Summers, Tim and Eva Standish all gave short talks concerning sponsorship. I think this should be carried on to the next Ultreya or Day of Deeper Understanding. We could have had more interaction with those attending.

I thank Rev Stephanie for leading us in prayer and Susan Little for her message to us in closing and the announcements. Thanks to Rachel Pritchard, Twila Niemi and Cathy Thomson for their work  
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#### Special interest

- New Guidelines
- Sponsorship
- Q&A

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setting up and to all those who pitched in to make it a light task, with tables and chairs etc. I think sharing the soup was a great hit again. Thanks to Anne Gould for her IT work! How important that is! Kathy Beattie agreed to send thank you notes to all who took part. I hope I didn't forget anyone. Thanks to all who took the time to come!

One note: At our Ultreya last night we heard that some people didn't know about the DoDU and this shows how important updating our mailing list is. I might suggest that it is done yearly to keep in touch with Cursillistas who are on the fringe.

Shirley Kitchen,  
Milton, Ontario

Laura MacKenzie-Sweet, Diocese of  
Niagara—teaching us to 'sign' the song  
"Step by Step" and reminding us of the  
value of communicating in more than  
one language.

Rev. Canon Keith Nethery, St. James'  
Westminster, London, ON —  
teaching on the value of listening to God  
and discerning His call.



**SPONSORSHIP IS A  
CHALLENGE FACED BY  
SECRETARIATS!!**

SPONSORSHIP IS A **HOT** TOPIC!!!

**SPONSORSHIP!!!**

HOW DO YOU DO IT???

WHO DO YOU INVITE???

**SPONSORSHIP!!!**

WHY DON'T THEY WANT TO COME???

HOW CAN THIS BE DONE BETTER???

**SPONSORSHIP!!!**

*"Is this true of other areas? If not, what are they doing differently?"*

*Following is excerpt from an email received from the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry ahead of their October 2019 conference. They had received an email with a number of questions from a Cursillista who had, with his wife, worked in numerous areas of leadership in the San Francisco Bay Area during the past 30 years. The three Secretariats in the Bay Area have hosted will over 1,000 Cursillo weekends since 1961.*

*This question seems to apply to challenges faced by Secretariats throughout the United States and Canada. They are presented here for the larger community's consideration. This is meant to encourage discussion, so please feel free to respond to your CACS Representative.*

- 1—We keep having the same people as Team members. *Is this true of other areas and if not, what are they doing differently?*
- 2—In the last several years we have had a very difficult time getting candidates. It has come down to the Team Members beating the bushes themselves. *Is this true of other areas and if not, what are they doing differently?*
- 3—Our Secretariat instituted a policy that a Rector/Rectora has to have served in two **Core Team** positions. This has stifled many potential lay leaders, causing us to have fewer Cursillo Weekends. *Is this true of other areas and if not, what are they doing differently?*
- 4—Each Team has to raise in excess of \$8,000 for a Weekend location. The cost definitely distracts from the core values of Cursillo. *Is this true of other areas and if not, what are they doing differently?*

## News from Across the Country

**British Columbia** – Has made the conscious decision to experiment with a New Shorter Weekend format. The 20th Annual Cursillo Reunion Camp-Out was a wonderful success! Cursillistas who have participated in our community since the late 1980's on through folks who joined our ranks in the last few years met together to swim, share food and fellowship, study the Gospel, worship and enjoy the great outdoors of God's creation at Rondalyn Resort in Cassidy. We had a total of 22 adults, 11 children, and 3 dogs join the celebration! As is our custom, we shared a pot-luck meal on Saturday evening, followed by an the Group Reunion Ultreya as prescribed by the Pilgrim's Guide. Kirsten Evenden delivered the witness talk, followed by a group discussion and responses to the message. Reverend Rob Hutchison officiated at a Eucharist. Over the weekend, the group also studied Max Lucado's video study "Anxious for Nothing".

**Calgary** – Ultreya in Sundre on August long weekend with Archbishop Greg in attendance along with 30+ Cursillistas.

**Central Nfld** – A new Lay Director was elected. Much of the Manual material was updated, as well as information brochures. We have been taking Cursillo Ultreyas to some of our more isolated Parishes. Some members now use Face Time instead of travelling for Secretariat meetings. All of our supplies are now catalogued and kept in one central location. The "virtuous" circle pamphlet is being used at Ultreyas and has had positive feedback.

**Edmonton** - We are taking Cursillo out to the parishes and held a well-attended Ultreya in Vegreville, an hour east of Edmonton, in May. Our Bishop's Teaching Day in June, normally held in Edmonton, was instead held in Devon, west of Edmonton. In late August we honored our role as Servant Community when we helped Christ Church Edmonton serve burgers and hotdogs and all the fixin's to over 150 inner-city neighbors. We incorporated our annual ice cream social into this event, which was a real treat for diners who finished off eight pails of ice cream and assorted toppings. We are ready for our AGM and Ultreya on September 20 and have a full team ready to present our 2019 Weekend October 18-20.

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2018—2021 CACS

### REPRESENTING THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES:

**Marion Bailey, (Huron  
Diocese) CHAIR**

**Rev. Yvonne Thistle,  
(Diocese of Central  
Nfld) CANADA**

**Barb Hobson,  
(Diocese of NS & PEI)  
CANADA**

**Bev Hatt, (Ottawa  
Diocese) ONTARIO**

**Anne Gould, (Diocese  
of Niagara) ONTARIO**

**Jennifer Jacobs,  
(Diocese of  
Qu'Appelle)  
RUPERT'S LAND**

**Wendy Goodall,  
(Calgary Diocese)  
RUPERTS LAND**

**Rev. Rob Hutchison,  
(Diocese of British  
Columbia) BRITISH  
COLUMBIA & YUKON**

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## News from Across the Country

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### Niagara Huron -

\* Met with Rev. Canon Dawn Davis to discuss how Cursillo fits into the Niagara Diocesan vision of reconnecting people with their faith.

Discerning whether it fits better as a pre or post event for Faith Formation as currently experienced in Niagara in connection with REVIVE a Forward Movement program which she created and now oversees in at least 12 parishes in Niagara Diocese

\*Conducted a Telephone Survey involving 9 areas and 20 tele phoners between March 1 to June 30<sup>th</sup>. A good number of respondents have no access as well as limited interest in electronic communication. A majority of respondents appreciate electronic format. Our August 2019 meeting will explore ways of establishing a telephone network to keep communication lines with non-electronic Cursillistas.

\*Clergy Survey and Focus Group exploring how to gain more support from Clergy in Niagara. (Data and access to Huron clergy was limited and almost impossible to gain). Along with an apology for former misunderstandings and misjudgments regarding the experience of and or perceptions of Cursillo will follow the survey plus an opportunity for Clergy to offer reflections and suggestions for change to Cursillo as currently operating in the Niagara Huron movement. By January 2020 a report should appear.

\*Held a Day of Deeper Understanding in April. Over 50 people attended in Waterloo, Ontario.

\*Ultreyas have attracted Cursillistas from all over the country.

**NS/PEI** – Unfortunately, we were unable to raise a Men's or Women's team for our fall weekend and had to cancel/postpone the weekend. This was a difficult decision made with a great deal of prayer and thought. We are thankful that our community held us in prayer through our decision making.

**Qu'Appelle** – We have been approached by Roman Catholic Cursillistas and have met to see how we may mutually encourage and support each other. Currently exploring ideas for a joint Grand Ultreya.

**W. Nfld** - Welcoming and building relationships with a new bishop, The Rt. Rev. John Organ.

**DE COLORES**

## British Columbia

We have made the decision to experiment with a weekend running from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon.

## Calgary

We hosted a CACS meeting and offered a Cursillo Learners Workshop to our members in September 2019.

## Edmonton

Secretariat took the step to take two monthly Ultreya gatherings out to two rural parishes .

## Algoma

Looking forward to upcoming weekend in Sudbury.

**QUESTION: 8 – Does your secretariat include an educational component at your Secretariat meetings??**

**YOU ANSWERED:**

**Calgary**—Most meetings we do “Lecto Divina” on a passage chosen by Spiritual Director.

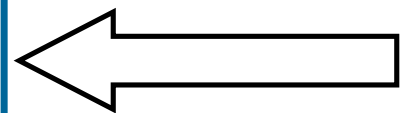
**Central Newfoundland**—We informally learn from one another. In addition we take one of the Cursillo positions ie Pre-Cursillo etc. study and share at Secretariat meetings – lively discussion always ensues.

**Ottawa**—No. Thank you for the suggestion, we are going to try this at our next meeting.

# Q & A

*Your 2019 Fall  
Diocesan Report,  
we asked:*

*Your Response:*



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**Canadian  
Anglican Cursillo  
Movement**

Is there a Guideline that  
you want us to review?

Is there something that you  
want a Guideline for?

Connect with your  
Provincial Representative  
or the Chair.

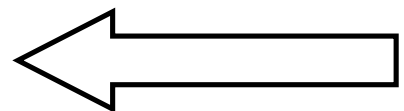
We are here to serve your  
Movement!!!

**REVIEWED AND UPDATED  
GUIDELINES:**

- ♦ Continuing Education of the Diocesan Secretariat
- ♦ Questions and Problems—The Weekend and the Charismata
- ♦ Interdenominational Participation in the Anglican Cursillo Movement in Canada
- ♦ Cursillo and Potential Liability Issues
- ♦ Respecting Personal Boundaries
- ♦ Cursillo Church Talk (revision of Pulpit Talk)

## ***UPDATED GUIDELINES Fall 2019!***

*Resources for you to  
check out!*



**PLEASE PRAY  
FOR THE  
LAMBETH  
CONFERENCE  
JULY 22—  
AUG 2 , 2020**

**2020 WEEKENDS**

<b>BC</b>	Co-Ed:	Date: March 6—8, 2020
<b>Edmonton</b>	Co-Ed:	Date: November 6—8, 2020
<b>NS/PEI</b>	Co-Ed:	Date: May 1—3, 2020
<b>Central Nfld</b>	Co-Ed:	Date: June 2020
<b>Ottawa</b>	Men:	Date: May 29—31, 2020
<b>Algoma</b>	Co-Ed:	Date: April 30—May 3, 2020

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**BC-** Our next Cursillo Weekend and for a potential Clergy Cursillo weekend.

**Calgary-** New candidates for upcoming weekends

**Central Nfld**—Upcoming AGM and Three Day Weekend

**Edmonton** - For continued renewal and revival, for the leading of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all who have concerns about the state of the world..

**Niagara and Huron** – Sponsorship, Pre-Cursillo, parish involvement and ways to encourage Group Reunions

**NS PEI**—As we begin again preparing for our weekend, pray for positive response to the Co-ed weekend and for an energized team and candidates who are open and seeking.

**Ottawa**— Please pray that our next Bishop (to be elected in the Spring) will be a strong supporter of Cursillo. Please also pray for us as we discern holding Co-Ed weekends.

**W. Nfld** - We have a new Spiritual Director and we are under the supervision of a new Bishop. Please continue to pray for our diocese and our movement as we transition.

**Qu'Appelle**—For a greater commitment to our 4<sup>th</sup> day life as Cursillistas.

**ONE MORE THING.....**

Now available: **A Sponsorship Resource!!** **Sponsorship and Sponsoring** booklet for your training purposes—Simply visit [www.anglicancursillo.org](http://www.anglicancursillo.org) and go to **Resources**—then to **CACS & ECM Library** for you to download, copy and distribute.



**ULTREYA!!**

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## Greetings from the Chair

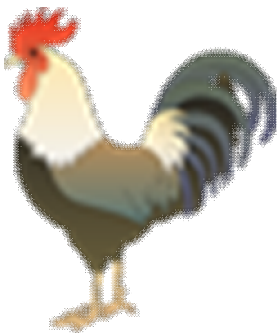
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Your 2018– 2021 Chair



### Chair—Marion Bailey

My Fourth Day began in March 1995 in the Diocese of Niagara . I am retired but actively involved in the Brantford community as a School Bus Driver. I attend Grace Anglican Church in Brantford, where I serve as a Lay Reader, and ACW President. I am wife, mom, step-mom, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunty, grandma and friend. I love animals and am owned by two rescued cats, Willow and Beverly.



A most rewarding part of my job as Chair of CACS is the opportunity to be engaged in conversation with Cursillistas I have met across our country. I am encouraged to hear the enthusiasm for Cursillo and the heartfelt discussions about the challenges and the successes of each movement. Thank you for inviting us into your communities and thank you for your warm hospitality.

Cursillo has come a long way since the '40's when the first Cursillo Weekend was hosted in Spain. Since that time, the Method is held constant, not just in Canada, but worldwide!! I have been re-reading the book "The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement" which is a great resource and sums it up quite nicely. If you can, please read it (or read it again).

I am convinced that the success of the Cursillo movement is not a secret. The foundation is on the method that Jesus showed to us— small groups, personal contact and apostolic action as He travelled from place to place to show what the kingdom of God was like. "Follow me," Jesus said to the first disciples. In Him the living God was doing a new thing. This is also part of His invitation to us, part of His summons, part of His way of saying that God is at work in a new way and this is what it looks like. Just as He called the twelve to their mission, He calls us too.

We are hearing how Sponsorship and Small Group Reunion is a challenge across North America. "The purpose of the movement is to make Christian Community possible in the neighborhoods, parishes, work situations and other places where people live the greater part of their lives. It makes possible for anyone in the world to live a Christian life in a natural way." (Leaders Manual Page 13) . It is, therefore, a concern and we need to find a way forward.

The point is— like the Twelve—we are called 'to go' and, as Cursillistas, to encourage other leaders 'to go' with us. Please be assured that with trust in Him and His ministry, and our perseverance as we walk in faith, we will be given the strength we need to accomplish His work. If you have any ideas or things that you might be willing to share we want to hear from you.

Blessings and Ultreya!!  
Marion Bailey