



Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat

NATIONAL NEWS

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Website (www.anglicancursillo.com)

NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php

The Secretariat has published a booklet of the events of the last decade for their 20th Anniversary celebration, which is available at a cost of \$5. Current membership numbers 800. The movement places emphasis on Group Reunion and includes a time for grouping at all functions including Servant Community Workshops, Ultreyas and Secretariat Meetings. Team training is one weekend rather than 6 weekly 2-hour training sessions due to distances people must travel to attend training. *For more information see Web Site.*

Western Newfoundland

There are approximately 360-370 Cursillistas in the Diocese which has regularly scheduled Ultreyas that are rotated among the parishes. A combined team training and commissioning event were held on a Friday evening and Saturday to facilitate attendance. Geography presents challenges with travel during the winter months, and getting witness speakers for Ultreyas can be difficult, as is the establishment of group reunions for new Cursillistas. Holding duplicate team training events with the option of attending at least one helps surmount the geographic distance problem. *For more information contact Donna Drugget (druggetts@nf.symaptico.ca).*

Fredericton

The Diocese of Fredericton has about 350 members on their revised list and is establishing a strong Leaders' School/Servant Community from which Secretariat and teams will be selected. Local guidelines have been revised to reflect CACS guidelines and positions and ensure

adherence to authenticity. *For more information contact: Marianna Stack (mlstack@nbnet.nb.ca).*

Nova Scotia/PEI www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org

There are approximately 1135 Cursillistas in the Diocese following the 31st set of weekends in April and May of 2009. The Secretariat hosted the recent CACS Triennial in June and continues to expand Ultreyas along the south shore of Nova Scotia into the north of the Diocese. It is also set to restart Ultreyas on Prince Edward Island, and have started a prayer circle across the Diocese to uphold Cursillistas and their families when needed. Ultreyas locations are varied monthly to support members throughout the Diocese. The Secretariat is committed and strives to keep a high profile across the Diocese, and would like to hold a CLW in 2011 or 2012. *For more information see Web Site.*

Ottawa www.oacm.ca

The current mailing list consists of the names of 1873 individuals and/or families. The Secretariat has initiated a visioning process to discern God's call for the movement. Part of the vision is to use technology to communicate more effectively with members. OACM has a Web Site and Face Book page and has linked the Web Site with that of the Diocese. A PowerPoint demonstration and information booth has been prepared for the upcoming Synod, and the Secretariat will also lead a prayer service at Synod. Monthly regional Ultreyas are held, and two Grand Ultreyas are held outdoors during July and August. The Ottawa Secretariat has committed to hosting the 2012 Triennial. Weekends are managed with an emphasis on the 4th Day, and the Secretariat has organized strong prayer support around weekends and other events.

Niagara www.niagaracursillo.org

There are currently 350 Cursillistas active in the movement. The Secretariat has recently conducted home visits with Cursillistas for feedback on Ultreyas and group activity in the Diocese. Over the past two-and-one-half years the Secretariat has undertaken a review and revision of manuals to get back to basics and a first back to basics weekend was held in November 2008. Weekend evaluations produced further suggestion for change which will be incorporated in upcoming weekends. The movement has also held outdoor Ultreyas at camping facilities and picnic grounds.

Edmonton www.edmontoncursillo.ca

The Diocese is open to considering all baptized Christians as candidates and continues to promote parish level sponsorship. The Secretariat is committed to keeping fees affordable and continues to forgive fees for working clergy. Cursillo information nights have been successful. Edmonton is also planning for its 20th Anniversary celebration in 2010.

Calgary www.cursillo.ab.ca

Two successful weekends were held in the spring of 2009 and some success has been enjoyed in taking Ultreyas to rural areas. Current active membership is 500. The Diocese is open to considering all baptized Christians as candidates and continues to promote parish level sponsorship. The Secretariat is committed to keeping fees affordable and continues to forgive fees for working clergy. Cursillo information nights are held twice a year.



Qu'Appelle quappelle@sasktel.net

Currently there are 30 Cursillistas and plans are underway for weekends in 2010 with the assistance of the Diocese of Edmonton. A Day of Deeper Understanding was held in October to promote increased 4th Day grouping and sponsorship for fall weekends. Monthly Ultreyas are held at various locations in the Diocese to promote the movement. Members are kept current regarding events and progress by regular mail.

BC www.cursillobc.com

BC currently has about 300 members and is planning a 25th Anniversary celebration in 2010. Cursillo is promoted throughout the Diocese through a series of pulpit talks during the year, and by means of a web based communication model. The Secretariat has increased its communication with the Diocesan office to encourage clergy support. Problem areas include attraction of younger candidates, communication, clergy support and commitment to 4th Day apostolic involvement

APCI

There are currently about 100 Cursillistas in the area, and APCI helped celebrate the Consecration of their new Bishop, Barbara Andrews in October of 2009.

Kootenay

Bishop John Privett made his Cursillo in the Spring, and a Grand Ultreya was held September 20, 2009 with over 50 in attendance. Other Ultreyas are planned before the Bishop proceeds with the re-activation of Cursillo. Discussions are also underway for re-activation of Cursillo in Caledonia. For more information contact Roger Parkes (erparkes@shaw.ca).

Fall 2009 CACS Meeting

The Fall Meeting of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat was held at All Saints Cathedral, Edmonton, Alberta October 20-22, 2009. The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat extends its thanks to the Diocese for use of the facility, and to members of the Cathedral and local parishes for their hospitality.

As usual a main order of business dealt with issues arising from the regional reports. However as this was the first meeting of the new Secretariat, the meeting was largely given over to a consideration of the vision and way forward over the next three years. A strategy and action plan was developed to focus on four main areas: Purpose, Governance, Communications, and Diocesan Relationships based on issues identified by the previous Secretariat, the 2009 Triennial, and Diocesan Reports. Minutes of the meeting have been circulated to all Secretariats. If you haven't received a copy please let us know.

A heartfelt **thank you** to all Cursillistas in the Diocese of Edmonton for their warm welcome to us, and for helping to make these meetings run so successfully. Your hard work and generosity is greatly appreciated.

An Advent Reflection



The time just seems to fly by. It seems like only yesterday that we were enjoying the hazy, lazy days of August, and here it is almost Christmas again. The other night as I was driving home the number of homes that already had Christmas lights in the yard struck me. There were homes with Santa and homes with stars, and homes with spotlights on elves and others with coloured beams focused on cutouts of managers and of angels.

It was very beautiful - and during this week it has become even more so. Is it my imagination, or are there more lights and more decorations than ever before? I began to wonder why this might be, especially when so many people profess not to believe in the one whose birth we will celebrate in just a little over three weeks from now - when so many people are so ignorant of the treasure that is contained within our faith.

Perhaps the lights that we see everywhere we go are expressions of defiance in the face of hard times; that they are tangible assertions that when all is fragile, that when all is increasingly dark - that there is hope; that they are an attempt on the part of believers and unbelievers alike to affirm that there is goodness and joy to be had.

And that is a wonderful thing - one that no Scrooge should take from us with comments about how we shouldn't rush Christmas - or how it is all a waste of money, of electrical power,

and of time. We all need beauty, we all should defy the darkness, we all need hope. The lights of Christmas provide or represent all three.

Sadly, they do it differently for different people. For many people the lights that they string up represent a sad and futile hope: - the hope for a Christmas like those they had as a child when they did not know the sorrow of this world - a Christmas of warm fires and cold snow, and sweet and never ending smells. The hope for a family gathering - and a family life - like that before they knew the pain of divorce, the agony of untimely death, and the grief that separation brings. The hope for a world of magic where Santa Claus and his elves really make and deliver all the toys that our children could possibly desire, a world in which the problems and pressures of daily living can be erased if only the carols are played from roof-top speakers loudly enough; a world in which joy can be had in direct proportion to the number of lights we string and the number of spot lights we shine upon pieces of plastic and wood.

For those who do not have the real hope that Christmas represents, the lights cannot make Christmas like it was when we were children. They cannot hold back the darkness of sin and sorrow; they cannot change the world and bring us the salvation we desire. Only the Christ who was born on Christmas Day can do that. Only the risen and living Lord can make the celebration of his birth something that is more than a brief, frantic, and senseless time of feasting till we are sick of sweets, drinking till we are sick of drink, and of spending money we don't have on gifts that we don't need - till the rest of the world is sick of our wasteful and self-indulgent ways.

For many the decorations and the preparations are an attempt to capture for a brief moment the peace of forgetting the pain of the world rather than a triumphant proclamation that the Lord of Light, the Living God, will soon come and - and that on that day they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and the spears into pruning hooks - and that the pain of the world will be ended - and that peace come to us as nations neither lift up sword against each other nor learn war anymore.

It is a wonderful thing to defy the course of the world and to proclaim that there is a special day - a day in which family and friends may gather and dine together in peace and with joy. It is even more wonderful - when in doing so - you have reason to believe that a day is coming when the whole world will be at peace - and that you can influence its coming by making a friend, being a friend and bringing a friend to Christ.

We have that hope because of the one who first came at Christmas, and his promise to come again. Even now he is present in the hearts of the faithful. You and I can face the world as it is and make a difference.

Utreya!

Rev. Bob Campbell



A Message from the Chair

Dear Fellow Cursillistas,

Greetings in the name of the Incarnate Christ! It is indeed a privilege to once gain serve as the Chair of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat. I am truly humbled by this trust you have placed in me. It is also exciting to have worked with the other members of the CAC Secretariat to have developed a vision and action plan for the remainder of our three year term together. It is indeed a challenging agenda which we have set forward, but one which, with God's help, we hope we will be able to achieve, for "nothing is impossible with God".

With our focus on the four key areas of *Purpose, Governance, Communications, and Diocesan Relationships*, we strive to support authentic Cursillo across Canada, in movements that currently exist, those which may be struggling, and new diocesan Cursillo movements.

Goals for this CACS

- To be demonstrated leaders in Cursillo
- To increase Cursillo involvement across our country, especially involving more young people and men.
- To have a successful Triennial in 2012.
- To ensure that CACS is financially sound.
- To ensure the integrity of the Cursillo License which CACS owns.
- To strengthen communications with Secretariats, Dioceses and Cursillistas
- To strengthen CACS relationship and communication with Cursillo in other denominations, particularly with NECS and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Cursillo.
- To support all Secretariats in their Fourth Day activities so that Cursillo movements are healthy and flourishing, and focused on Piety, Study and Apostolic Action.

As this term of office proceeds, we will keep you updated on what we are doing to help us achieve these goals. We welcome your input, and I invite you to contact your local Provincial Representatives with your comments, ideas as to how we on CACS can best serve you.

As we enter this holy Advent season, I would like to wish each of you a very blessed Christmas. "O, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

Ultreya!

Valerie



FAQ's ABOUT CACS

WHO/WHAT IS CACS?

CACS is the national Secretariat for Cursillo in Canada, and consists of 10 members. Eight people represent the four provinces of the Canadian Church, and there is also an Episcopal advisor from the House of Bishops and a Chairperson. Members of CACS are elected by active Diocesan Cursillo Secretariats at the Triennial National General Meeting, for a three year term.

WHY DO WE HAVE A NATIONAL SECRETARIAT?

1. To ensure that the Cursillo movements in the Anglican Church of Canada follow authentic guidelines, as per our licensing agreement.
2. To help ensure that local diocesan leaders are knowledgeable about the Cursillo method, and that they conduct authentic Weekends focusing on the importance of the Fourth Day.
3. To assist leaders in local movements to grow in their faith, evangelize their environments, and walk the walk in their own lives.
4. To ensure that Diocesan Secretariats understand Cursillo licensing agreements.
5. To assist in the establishment of new Cursillo movements.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

1. By developing and sharing educational resource materials and guidelines,
2. By conducting Cursillo Learners' Workshops (CLW's),
3. By facilitating the sharing of resource materials, resource people, and ideas among Diocesan Cursillo Movements.
4. By communicating on a regular basis through the Diocesan reps, our newsletter, our website.
5. By assisting individual diocesan Secretariats with information and resources.
6. By promoting the authentic Cursillo.

HOW IS CACS FUNDED?

The National Secretariat is a registered non-profit organization. All donations to the CACS are used solely to promote its purposes. None of the members of the National Secretariat are paid for time spent on CACS activities.

Without your Diocesan and individual donations there would be no National Secretariat and Anglican Cursillo could not operate Canada.

HOW CAN I DONATE?

WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT YOUR NATIONAL SECRETARIAT BY SENDING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CACS TREASURER. Individual donations will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Please send your donation to the Treasurer:

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Recommended Reading

We would like to encourage you and all Secretariat members to read the National Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat (NECS) Guideline “*What is Cursillo?*” and share this with your diocesan bishop.

Each member of a diocesan Cursillo Secretariat should have copies of both the CACS Library guidelines and the NECS Library. We would also encourage you to share this information with your diocesan bishop. The CACS Guidelines are available for download on the CACS website. Copies of the NECS library are available from Terry Gushuliak, Treasurer.

What is a CLW?

A Cursillo Learners’ Workshop (CLW) is a weekend workshop offered by CACS to any Cursillo movement in Canada. A team of three CACS members, including two lay people and one priest, offer presentations followed by table discussions, similar to a Cursillo weekend.

A CLW is meant for any Cursillista who wants to broaden his or her understanding of Cursillo. The CLW is designed to help Cursillistas deepen their commitment to Christ, discover their leadership roles or leadership potential, and better understand both the Cursillo method and the Cursillo movement itself.

If your diocese is interested in hosting a CLW, please contact the Chairperson of CACS, Valerie Wilbur, at chairperson@anglicancursillo.com.



DIOCESAN WEBSITES

National - www.anglicancursillo.com

Eastern NL & Labrador – www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php

Central Newfoundland – www.cursilloadcn.org

Nova Scotia/P.E.I. – www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org

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

Niagara – www.niagaracursillo.org

Ottawa – www.oacm.ca

Toronto – <http://ca.geocities.com/torontoanglicancursillo@rogers.com/Home.html>

Saskatoon – www.saskatoon.anglican.org/Cursillo.htm

Edmonton – www.edmontoncursillo.ca

Calgary – www.cursillo.ab.ca

British Columbia – www.cursillobc.com

Please keep these upcoming Weekends in your prayers!

Western Newfoundland	Co-ed May 21 – 24, 2010
Eastern Newfoundland	Co-ed April 29 – May 2, 2010
Nova Scotia & P.E.I.	Men's' Apr 22 – 25, 2010
	Women's Apr 29 – May 2, 2010
Ottawa	Women's Nov 12 – 15, 2009
	Men's Mar 18 – 21, 2010
Niagara	Co-ed Nov 5 – 8, 2009
	Co-ed Apr 22 – 25, 2010
Sudbury/Manitoulin Deanery	Women's Nov 5 – 8, 2009
	Men's Nov 26 – 29, 2009
Qu'Appelle	Men's Nov 19 – 22, 2010
	Women's Nov 26 – 29, 2010
Edmonton	Men's Apr 22 – 25, 2010
	Women's Apr 29 – May 2, 2010
	CLW: March 19-21, 2010
Calgary	Men's Oct 29 – 1 Nov 2009
	Women's Nov 5 – 8, 2009
APCI	October 2010 (TBA)
	CLW: April 30-May 2, 2010
BC	Men's Apr 29 – May 2, 2010
	Women's May 13 – 16, 2010



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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

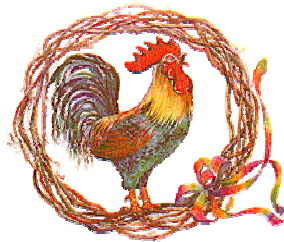
[Sunday](#) Pray for your own Diocesan Movement.

Please pray for all Diocesan Bishops, Clergy, Diocesan Cursillo Movements, their leaders and communities, that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit and be a source of strength, encouragement and support to each other. Pray for guidance, discernment and wisdom that all will be done for the Glory of God as we strive to change our environments for Christ through Piety, Study and Action.

FIFTH DAY

It is with sadness in our hearts that we tell you that Tim Sandell, who served faithfully on CACS from 2003-2009, went to his fifth day to be with his Lord this past Fall 2009. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Karen, and his family.

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



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