



Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat
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“Let us now go, even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass which the Lord has made known to us”

NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

- a CLW was held at the Lavrock Centre from Friday, Oct. 19th to Sunday, Oct. 21st, 07. Cursillistas from 5 dioceses attended.
- members of the Cursillo Community have a special ministry at the Janeway Child Health Centre where they reach out to Moms and Dads who have children ill and in hospital long term
- As the Cursillo Community in this Diocese approaches it's 20th year we celebrate that 1058 members have made their Cursillo Weekend, 20 – 25% of the community is grouping, and attendance at Ultreyas ranges from 60 – 110 depending on location.

Central Newfoundland

- information is now available through the website: www.cursilloadcn.org

Western Newfoundland

- there will be a special Christmas Eucharist & Pot Bless Friday December 7th, 2007
- There are 351 Cursillistas in this Diocese

Diocese of Ottawa

- There are 1889 Cursillistas in this Diocese.
- Seven monthly Ultreyas are held in the Ottawa area

Diocese of Toronto

- 2000+ Cursillistas in the Diocese.

Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

- “Two and half years ago we had a visioning session for our movement. One of the items we wanted to accomplish was to grow the movement in areas of the diocese where we had little or no presence. One location selected was Cape Breton Island. We put a plan in motion to accomplish this goal. Almost immediately we began to get response. And over the last couple of years, we have had many people come into the movement from Cape Breton. Some have already served on team and are now holding regular Ultreyas. The response has been so great that we are holding our next set of weekends in Sydney, Cape Breton. Over the summer we held another visioning session and are now formulating a plan to guide us for the next three years.”
- In 2008, plan to celebrate 25 years of the Cursillo Movement with “Celebration 25”. Four Grand Ultreyas will be held throughout different areas of the diocese.
- In June 2007, the first Grand Ultreya was held in Summerside, PEI. A second was held in Sydney, Cape Breton. On November 3, 2007, the third Grand Ultreya was held in Kentville, and the final Grand Ultreya will be in the Cathedral in Halifax in June of 2008. This will lead up to a special “Celebration 25” weekend in September 2008.
- Plans are also underway to host the next CACS Triennial conference in 2009.
- Cursillo supports *Feed Nova Scotia* (an agency that provides food to food banks throughout Nova Scotia).

Deanery of Sudbury and Manitoulin

- There are approximately 250 Cursillistas in this Diocese.

Deanery of Temiskaming

- There are 150 Cursillistas in this community
- Held their annual “Cursillo Seekers Breakfast” on a Saturday in September of this year which was very successful.

Deanery of Thunder Bay

- Congratulations to this Deanery!! They held their first Cursillo Weekends (men and women’s) with their own diocesan team this year.
- There are 33 Cursillistas in the movement.
- A number of groups have formed monthly Ultreyas are also being held

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”

Romans 15:13

Diocese of Niagara

- A Renewal Weekend was held Nov. 2 – 4, 2007 to refresh and recharge Cursillistas in both Niagara and Huron Dioceses
- The 25th anniversary of the first Weekend will be celebrated, with the Bishop presiding, on April 20, 2008
- There are 70 – 80 active Cursillistas who currently attend Ultreyas

Diocese of Edmonton

- Two of the smaller rural communities are holding their own Ultreyas to support them in their Fourth Day.
- Cursillistas were involved in supporting a Habitat for Humanity build.
- Several Cursillistas have committed their lives to mission work in developing countries around the world

Diocese of Fredericton

- There are over 400 Cursillistas with an active mailing list of around 250.
- Planning to hold a CLW in Fall 2008
- Also plan to hold a day to strengthen the Cursillo Community in four areas of the diocese starting in November 2007 and going into 2008. The Fourth Day message and the authentic Cursillo will be promoted.

Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior , British Columbia

- One Weekend is held every other year.
- There are 100 active Cursillistas in this movement.
- Two Cursillistas are going to Tactic, Guatemala to build an extension to the school.

Diocese of British Columbia

- A dinner for Parish Representatives will be held for fellowship, to hear what is going on in the different parishes, and learn what is expected from them as Parish Reps.
- A dinner will also be held for the Parish Wardens in the diocese as well as a dinner for the Priests in the diocese. This is the best way this movement has found to talk about the Cursillo movement.

Diocese of Qu'Appelle

- Bishop Greg Kerr-Wilson has invited CACS to hold its next meeting in Regina in April 2008.
- Regular Ultreyas are now being held in Regina

“For to us a child is born, to us a child is given... and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”.

Isaiah 9:6

Apostolic Action Success Story

Yvonne Mersereau and Gloria Paul, two New Brunswick Cursillistas, were awarded the YW – WMCA Peace Medallion on Nov. 24, 2007. They established Pilgrim House Retreat Center in Hoyt, New Brunswick.

They were active nurses and saw the need for such a refuge. They built a beautiful rural home, job shared, and had many regular and first- time visitors. Later, they retired and ran Pilgrim House full- time. Since last year, they have slowed down and now are closing the retreat house. At least one group reunion traveled yearly to the “House” for a quiet day, and several Cursillistas stayed for individual retreats. The house was a home filled with the Holy Spirit.

These two wonderful women have devoted their lives to serving others by serving Jesus Christ. Many people have very special memories of their stay at “Pilgrim House” over the years.

PRAAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these upcoming Weekends in your prayers:

British Columbia

Men – April 3 – 6, 2008

Women – April 24 – 27, 2008

Edmonton

Men – Feb. 21 – 24, 2008

Women – Feb 28 – March 2, 2008

Toronto

May 30 – June 1, 2008

Ottawa

Men – April 3 – 6, 2008

Nov. 12 – 16, 2008

Women – Mar. 6 – 9, 2008

Oct. 23 – 26, 2008

Niagara

Co-ed – Nov. 20 – 23, 2008

Algoma – Sudbury & Manitoulin

Men – April 17 – 20, 2008

Women – April 3 – 6, 2008

APCI – Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior – BC

Co-ed – October 23 – 26, 2008

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Men – April 24 – 27, 2008

Women – May 1 – 4, 2008

Western Newfoundland

Co-ed – May 16 – 19, 2008

“May the whole earth live to praise His name”

DIOCESAN WEBSITES

Eastern NL & Labrador: www.anglicansynodesternnl.ca

Central Newfoundland: www.cursilloaden.org

Nova Scotia/PEI: www.Nspeicursillo.chebucto.org

Fredericton: www.nbanglicancursillo.com

Niagara: www.niagaracursillo.org

Ottawa: www.oacm.ca

Toronto: www.toronto.anglican.ca/

Saskatoon: www.saskatoon.anglican.org

Edmonton: www.edmontonecursillo.ca

Calgary: www.cursillo.ab.ca

British Columbia: <http://members.shw.ca/cursillo>

CACS FALL MEETING – 2007

St. John's, Newfoundland

CACS had its semi-annual meeting on October 16th – 19th at St. Mark's Anglican Church in St. John's, Newfoundland.

CACS extends a very special thank you to the Rev. Sandra Tilley and the people of St. Mark's for their hospitality, the use of their conference room, and tasty meals they provide us. Thank you also to the Eastern Newfoundland Diocese for hosting the meeting, and making all the wonderful arrangements. We were very well cared for.

Highlights of the meeting included:

1. The planning of a second Cursillo weekend in the Diocese of the Arctic, in Hay River.
2. The Rev. Mark McDermott attended the Canadian Catholic Cursillo Conference (CCCC) as a representative for CACS on June 23 -24, 2007. He recommended that a member of CACS attend this annual event. CACS will also invite the chairperson of CCCC to attend the CACS Triennial in 2009.
3. The next Triennial Meeting will be held in Nova Scotia in 2009. CACS planned the theme, program, speakers, of this event.
4. The following CACS Guidelines were reviewed:
 - CACS Website
 - Diocesan Secretariat Guidelines
 - Workshop Outline on Sponsorship,
 - Clergy Guidelines
 - Lutheran Participation in Anglican Cursillo
 - The Weekend and the Charismata
 - Weekend Team Selection and Development

- Introduction of Cursillo into a Diocese
- Selection of Secretariat

5. At the request of several Cursillo movements, diocesan Cursillo movements were partnered in order to support each other, share concerns and resources, and pray for one another. Cursillo movements will be offered the opportunity to take part in this venture should they wish to do so. CACS representatives will be contacting each diocesan Secretariat about this.

6. Upcoming meetings of CACS are scheduled as follows:

April 9-11, 2007 – Regina, SK

October 2008

Spring 2009 – Halifax, NS, in tandem with the CACS Triennial Meeting.

NATIONAL CURSILLO PRAYER CYCLE

Monday - Cursillo Movement Worldwide.

Tuesday –Cursillo in Canada & your National Secretariat

Wednesday - Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical

Province of Canada: Eastern NF & Labrador, Central NF& Labrador , Western NF & Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Montreal and Quebec.

Thursday –Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: Ottawa, Toronto, Huron, Algoma, Moosonee and Niagara.

Friday Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Qu'Appelle, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Keewatin, The Arctic, Edmonton, Athabasca and Calgary.

Saturday Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon: 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.

“In His time shall peace and justice flourish”

Psalm 72

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A tax receipt will be issued to individuals.

RESOURCES

Pilgrim's Guide

- **"Pilgrim's Guide"** (a Fourth Day booklet for new Cursillistas) is available at a cost of \$4 per copy (plus shipping and handling). This is a good guide to have on book tables at Ultreyas. To order, please contact: Terry Gushuliak (see address above).

Canadian Anglican Cursillo Library

- The **CACS Library** has recently been updated. This is a collection of guidelines for Cursillo movements in Canada. It is strongly recommended that **all members of Secretariat** have an individual copy. It is available for order at a cost of \$15 per binder (plus shipping and handling). To order, please contact Terry Gushuliak.

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