



Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat NATIONAL NEWS

Fall 2010

Website (www.anglicancursillo.com)

NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php

A Working Group has been established under the guidance of Bishop Cyrus Pitman to examine ways and means to rebuild the Diocesan Cursillo Movement. During this period the Movement intends to continue with local Ultreyas, family barbeques and bi-monthly Servant Community events following the NECS Manual.

For more information see Web Site.

Central Newfoundland -

www.cursilloadcn.org

A Day of Deeper Understanding was held October 16-17, 2010 and a Co-ed Weekend is planned for May 2011. A 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held in Mint Brook in August of 2011. Areas of concern highlighted were maintaining Group Reunion and commitment of candidates to weekends.

For more information see Web Site.

Western Newfoundland

There are approximately 400 Cursillistas in the Diocese which has its team training manual based on both the NECS Guidelines and the CACS Library. *For more information contact Larry Renouf (larryrenouf@gmail.com).*

Nova Scotia/PEI

www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org

Secretariat has updated all members CACS' Libraries. Cursillo was also involved in the processional at the closing Eucharist for General Synod and provided Cursillo information to all the members of General Synod. A series of Grand Ultreyas and a

attendance at Ultreyas.

For more information see Web Site.

Fredericton

A new Secretariat for the New Brunswick Anglican Cursillo was installed in March of 2010. This Secretariat spent its summer learning about Cursillo, Secretariat roles, purpose and direction. A Small Groups Workshop is planned for November as part of Archbishop Claude Miller's Nicodemus Project. Planning is underway for the first Cursillo weekend in five years. Servant Community events are held once every 4 – 6 months focusing on Personal Contact, Terminology, Weekends and Sponsorship. Prayer support is requested as they move forward.

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Ottawa www.oacm.ca

A Visioning Day was held in April to discern God's plan for the Movement, and a Day of Deeper Understanding in May. The Secretariat would like to hold a CLW in the spring of 2011 and has begun planning for the Triennial Conference in 2012. The Secretariat indicated that a common issue raised by the community is how Cursillistas can become involved on weekend teams. In order to encourage participation of new Cursillistas on teams a volunteer form has been included on the Web Site and in the Newsletter. Completed forms are made available to Weekend Lay Rectors for team selection. The Secretariat has partnered with CandaHelps.org to accept donations electronically.

For more information see Web Site.

Niagara www.niagaracursillo.org

The Movement is experiencing difficulty finding people willing to serve on Secretariat and has had to cut back on some of its committees and join others together. A Co-ed Weekend is planned for 2011.

For more information see Web Site.

Qu'Appelle quappelle@sasktel.net

Qu'Appelle has continued to hold Ultreyas eight times per year across the Diocese. The Movement is an integral part of the developing Mission Action Plan for the Diocese, and publishes upcoming events in the *Saskatchewan Anglican*. The first Men's and Women's Weekends, held in November 2010, were in partnership with the Diocese of Calgary and supported by donations from the Dioceses of Toronto and Edmonton.

For more information see Web Site.

Calgary www.cursillo.ab.ca

Successful Men's and Women's Weekends were completed in the Spring and a Cursillo Information Night was held in September with another planned for 2011 to encourage sponsorship and potential candidates. Most of the candidate/sponsor application is done on-line and Cursillistas can access and update contact information. The Movement has been supporting the Diocese of Qu'Appelle in their start-up efforts with initial weekends. Two Weekends for Calgary were also held in late October and early November 2010.

For more information see Web Site.

Edmonton www.edmontoncursillo.ca

The Edmonton Secretariat hosted a number of events including a BBQ in June, an Ice Cream Social in August, and a Servant Community event on Grouping in September. In October, the community was invited to Synod where the Bishop highlighted the Movement as one of the evangelistic ministries of the Diocese. A 20th Anniversary Weekend is being planned with a Pot Luck Reunion for November followed by an Anniversary Service of Recommitment at the Cathedral. A Servant Community

event- A Day with the Bishop- is planned for January 2011.

For more information see Web Site.

APCI

The Movement provided leadership and entertainment to a gathering of Anglican Parishes at 100 Mile House in March, and held a successful Co-ed Weekend in October welcoming new Cursillistas, including candidates from the Dioceses of Caledonia and Kootenay.

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BC www.cursillobc.com

Men's and Women's Weekends were held in April/May of 2010 and a 4th Day Workshop was conducted in mid-June. A presentation on Cursillo was given at a Diocesan Clergy Day at the invitation of the Bishop. A 25th Anniversary Reunion was held in September. The Movement is also investigating ways and means of using technology to facilitate social networking.

For more information see Web Site.

Fall 2010 CACS Meeting

The Fall Meeting of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) was held at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, November 7-9, 2010. CACS members extend their heartfelt thanks to the Cursillo Movement of Western Newfoundland and the community of Corner Brook for their hospitality. We wish also to thank the parishioners of St. Michaels and All angels for sharing their facility.

Diocesan reports were reviewed, and major issues identified. This fall the major concerns echoed across the country were:

- Issues related to the role of clergy in strengthening Cursillo in Dioceses
- Low attendance at Ultreyas
- Level of Group Reunion Support
- Difficulties in recruiting Secretariats
- Demographic factors such as aging communities, travel distances, etc.

- Level of clergy support, clergy burn-out
- Level of 4th Day commitment
- Relevance of the method for younger adults
- Level of Bishop support

A number of possible solutions and means of dealing with these issues were discussed, and will be further developed over the coming months:

- Transparent method of nomination and open elections
- Youth- targeted Weekends
- Use of Social Networking
- Education Plans for Secretariats
- Unified Reporting
- Use of existing resources - NECS Library, CACS Guidelines
- Clarification of the Role of Clergy
- Personal Contact

Other items of business included planning for the **2012 Triennial** to be held in **Ottawa**. The theme for this Conference will be **“Christ is Counting on You”** based on Matthew 28: 19-20.

The minutes of the CACS meeting have been distributed to all dioceses. If you require further information consult the Web site or contact your local Secretariat.



Recommended Reading

Historically, it has been shown, that 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

NECS Guidelines,(all Secretariat members should be familiar with these). These are available from Terry Gushuliak, Treasurer (tgushuliak@nurses.ab.ca).

National Episcopal Cursillo Library

Many of the NEC Guidelines and booklets have been updated over that past few years. Your Secretariat should be using the most current guidelines. The following is a list of all their publications and the year in which they were published:

- **What is Cursillo - 2003**
- **The Fourth Day First – 2006**
- **Group Reunion - 2002**
- **Ultreya - 2009**
- **A Day of Deeper Understanding - 2009**
- **Spiritual Direction - 2007**
- **Servant Community - 2003**
- **Personal Contact Technique - 2007**
- **Sponsorship - 2005**
- **Apostolic Message & Team Formation - 2008**
- **Authentic Three-Day Weekend - 2006**
- **Music and Cursillo - 2010**
- **Role of the Clergy in the Cursillo Movement - 2009**
- **Pastoral Plan - 2007**
- **Secretariat - 2003**
- **Health & Well Being of the Movement - 2008**
- **Strategy for Restarting/Renewing Movements in Dioceses - 2008**
- **A Statement on Interdenominational Cursillo-2010**
- **Exporting the Episcopal Expression of Cursillo - 2003-**
- **Publishing a Songbook - 1999**
- **By Laws & Legal Documents of the NEC - 2003**
- **Lay Talk Workbook - 2004**
- **Clergy Talk Workbook - 2006**



Making a Difference

An acquaintance of mine, who is a Cursillista is a special education teacher in the local school system. She works with visually impaired and blind children to provide meaningful and realistic experiences for her students, and believes in a child-centred, experiential approach to learning with the support and expertise of a multi-disciplinary team that must include the parents. She holds the conviction that experiential learning and development of life-skills is as important as academic learning, and her teaching career has been underscored by her basic philosophy, "Just because you can't see the stars, doesn't mean that you can't reach for them!"

Six years ago, a 12 year old lad (I will call him John Doe to protect his privacy) became part of this person's caseload. John suffers from neurofibromatosis, a genetically transmitted disease in which nerve cells grow tumours that may be harmless, or may cause serious damage by compressing nerves and other tissues. In John's case inoperable tumours on the optic nerve had led to severe visual impairment, to the extent that he was legally blind. Other spinal nerve tumours had also hampered his ability to walk, and he was largely confined to a wheelchair. Some of the tumours were operable which meant that John spent considerable periods at the Sick Children's Hospital undergoing treatment and he was not able to attend school on a regular basis. On the occasions he was able to get to school, he was placed in a community living class and largely overlooked because of his frequent absences and what was perceived as an unpromising prognosis for his future. As a result, he was not happy to be at school, and his spotty attendance was punctuated by his desire to be anywhere else.

When my friend met John, he was attending school half days when he was able. Where others saw a "hopeless case", she saw a keen mind and a human being trapped by circumstances which might be overcome. She did not accept that there was no potential, and that John's future prospects were dim. She slowly established a relationship with John and began to teach him Braille and provided orientation and mobility training to enable him to become more independent. Over time, a relationship of trust was established as John recognized that here was someone who actually cared about him as an individual and was concerned for him. His attendance became less sporadic and he began to actually look forward to his weekly visits with my friend. She had also arranged for a full-time educational assistant to work with John during the rest of the week, and had taken the time and effort to obtain technical support equipment that would assist and improve his educational experience.

However, that is not the end of the story. My friend was not content to let it rest there. She went that extra mile to involve John's mother, the School Board psychological staff, and the medical personnel from Sick Children's Hospital in a review and evaluation of John's situation and abilities. This culminated in his transfer to a Learning Centre where he not only can continue with his education, but also at the same time receive therapeutic treatment to assist him in developing a more normal life style. John now attends school full time, is beginning to walk, and despite his visual impairment, takes part in the regular activities that are part of the daily life of young people his age. He has made friends, and recently one of them convinced him to sign up for a "Canadian Idol" competition being held in the school. He fully expects to participate when the show is put on before their classmates at the end of the school year.

John's life has undergone a remarkable transference because of the dedication and caring of one individual who made a difference in his life. Lest you think that John was a special case, each of the students my friend works with is a special case, and there is a story for each of them. I wanted to share John's story with you as it highlights for me the effect that each of us can have in the world when we open our minds and hearts to others and are willing to give of ourselves to make a difference in their lives.

Her faith in Christ has not gone unnoticed. Each Monday, when she meets John, he says "I know what you did this weekend. You cleaned the house, did the laundry and on Sunday went to church".

Ultreya. Bob Campbell

A Message from the Chair

De Colores! I am often asked by Cursillo Secretariats how they can strengthen their Cursillo Movement. I think that if you are asking this question, one of the best things you can do is to offer a Cursillo Learners' Workshop (CLW) to your Cursillistas.

What is a CLW? 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.

What is the Purpose of a CLW?

- To deepen the commitment to Christ among Cursillistas
- To clarify the purpose and method of the Cursillo Movement, especially the post-cursillo, encouraging leaders to develop a strong movement.
- To give Cursillistas a clear understanding of their roles and the methods they have available to make the Cursillo Movement an effective instrument in the evangelization of environments.
- To help the leadership of Diocesan Cursillo Movements deal with any problems in their local movements, and to assist them in their work of making diocesan movements more effective.

Who leads a CLW? The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS), selects a team of three leaders for each CLW. One of the team will be a priest who will act as spiritual director for the weekend.

What does a CLW include? Like a Cursillo weekend, the workshop, which is 2 ½ days, includes

- ◆ Worship
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Work sessions
- ◆ Talks
- ◆ Table discussions

If you are interested in hosting a CLW, please contact me.

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



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/bbrotao/cursillo>
Niagara - www.niagaracursillo.org
Ottawa- www.oacm.ca
Saskatoon - www.saskatoon.anglican.org/Cursillo.htm
Qu'Appelle- quappelle@sasktel.net
Edmonton - www.edmontoncursillo.ca
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British Columbia - www.cursillobc.com

Please keep these upcoming Weekends in your prayers!

**Central Newfoundland
Nova Scotia & P.E.I.**

Co-ed: May 20 – 23, 2011

Men: May 5-8, 2011

Women: May 12-15, 2011

**Ottawa
Sudbury/Manitoulin Deanery**

Men: March 24-27, 2011

Men: April 7-10, 2011

Women: March 24-27, 2011

Qu'Appelle

Men: Nov 18 – 22, 2011

Women: Nov 25 – 29, 2011

Edmonton

Men: June 2-5, 2011

Women: June 9-12, 2011

BC

Men: October 27-30, 2011

Women: November 3-6, 2011



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.



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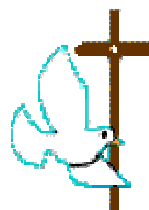
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Upcoming Dates on the CACS Calendar

April 3-5, 2011 Next CACS Meeting, Saskatoon
Spring 2011 CLW Ottawa
Spring 2011 CLW BC
Fall 2011 CACS Meeting, New Brunswick
Fall 2011 CLW New Brunswick
Spring 2011 CACS Meeting, Ottawa
Spring 2012 Triennial Meeting, Ottawa



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