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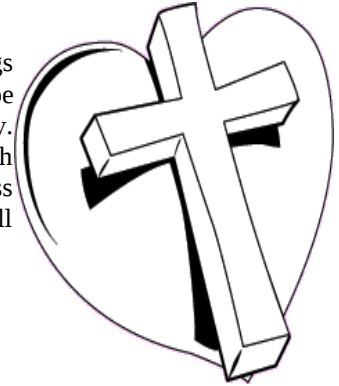
News from Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

Number 1

## From The Editor's Desk

Welcome to the summer edition of Eastern Light. We would like to extend warm greetings to the 15 new members of our Cursillo family. We consider each and every one of you to be a blessing and will be holding you close in prayer as you journey through your fourth day. We hope that this edition of Eastern Light will serve as one more tool to keep in touch with all Cursillistas, especially those who are unable to attend functions in person due to illness etc. Remember that, just as there is always a place at the Lord's table for you, there will always be an extra cookie waiting for you at Ultreya !!

Have a wonderful summer  
Ultreya !!  
Pamela Barnes, Elaine Carter



## From Our Lay Director

*“That we may perfectly love Thee”*

As I write for this edition of the Eastern Light, this quote taken from a devotional is on my mind; “But God is not eager for servers who love, The Lord longs for lovers who serve”. We have just come through our 44<sup>th</sup> weekend “**Less of me.**” It was indeed a wonderful, powerful weekend. We can introduce you to fifteen new Cursillistas.



What we have seen as a result of this weekend are people, not only new Cursillistas but our team as well who have fallen deeper in love with Jesus and our Glorious Father who loves us passionately. The world would have us believe that we must first love ourselves before we can love others. I think it is our love for God and His love that flows from “His throne unto His own” that empowers us to love others as well as ourselves.

I pray that all of us will continue on this journey of love. I encourage you to take this gift of Group Reunion, Ultreya and Spiritual Direction offered you in Cursillo and make use of it throughout your fourth day. May we all continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers as we walk with Jesus in love and faithful fruitful service.

**Ultreya!**

Joyce Bryant, Lay Director

## From Our Spiritual Director

Dear Friends in Christ

This past May we held our 44<sup>th</sup> Cursillo weekend at Lavrock with a total of fifty people in attendance, fifteen attending for the first time. It certainly proved to be a spirit filled weekend with all of us having the opportunity to grow in our faith. We may very well ask ourselves “why do we have Cursillo weekends anyway”? The booklet entitled “The Authentic Three



Day Weekend” explains it quite effectively:

*“...The weekend is part of the method which supports active Christian witness. It is summed up in these words: ‘the living out of what is fundamental for being a Christian’. Another way to say this is that Cursillo seeks to enable us to live out our baptismal (and confirmational) vows. As important as the Weekend is, it must never be looked at in isolation.” (p.2)*

The Anglican Church of Canada offers Cursillo Weekends for active church participants

*“...to focus on how the resources of our Church invite, strengthen and support our apostleship.” (p. 3)*

This same booklet says,

*“...Cursillistas seek more to serve Christ and His Church, and less the Cursillo Movement.” (p. 18)*



It is very encouraging as I travel around the Diocese to see so many Cursillistas living out their faith in leadership roles on the parish level. As one of the three spiritual directors of our last weekend (along with Bishop Cy and Iliffe Shepherd) I witnessed many leaders who live a life of piety, study and action in the Cursillo movement, in parish ministry and throughout the Diocese. I pray that each one of us will continue to live out our Baptismal Covenant at home, at work, in church, in Cursillo and throughout our community and world. May we never forget the words of Jesus “go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Your Friend in Christ  
Sandra  
Archdeacon Sandra Tilley, Spiritual Director

## Communications

I’d like to say a special welcome to all the new Cursillistas who made their weekend in May. I know you had a wonderful weekend, I could tell by all your comments at the closure. I pray you continue to live your weekend by attending Ultreyas and becoming a part of a fourth day group reunion. May you be richly blessed on your journey with Jesus.



In the Communications department, I am still looking for contact people in the following areas:

**Cathedral, Unit 2** in the Parish of The Holy Spirit and **Rigolet** in Labrador. A Contact persons duties are significant, but not at all overtaxing, it is a really good way to get involved with Cursillo.

Communications are very important and we need Contact people in every parish. If you are a member of one of these parishes and would like to help Cursillo by become the contact for your parish, please let me know.

I send out messages re Cursillo by email, and I know there are a lot of email addresses that I do not have. If you would like to receive notices of Ultreyas, servant community or other import information please send me a short note and I will add you to my address book. I promise to send only Cursllo information and no other type of communication. My email is rjosmond@yahoo.ca

Roberta Osmond, Communications Coordinator.



### A Note from the Music Team

Another fruitful weekend has come and gone and we have 15 new Cursillistas. What a joy to watch them grow closer to Christ. It is also a wonderful opportunity to grow in Christ as we work as a team doing His work. I have to thank God once again for Alvin and Whitfield who were part of the music team and helped in the duties of spreading Gods word through the music ministry. My sincere thanks to all who helped in the support of the music through prayer and moral support. I pray that we will have a Blessed and safe summer.  
God Bless you all.



Love in Christ, Hubert Somerton – Music Coordinator

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### From the Palanca Team

*“Do all this in Prayer, asking for God’s help...never giving up, pray always for all God’s people”-Ephesians 6:18*

**We ask for prayers for those names given to us.** Almighty Father, Giver of life and health, look with compassion we beseech you, through Jesus our Lord, Amen.

**Pray for those who are ill and their families:** Margaret Eastman, Isaac Smith (Norma Smith-Spurrell’s father) Pearl Rodway, Claribel Avery, Judy Newhook, Annie & Dolfie Smith, Doug Tarasuk, Lorraine Spurrell and her sons, Annie Newhook. In addition, we offer our prayers for those who have requested prayer but have asked to not have their names published.

**Gone to their 5<sup>th</sup> day:** Mary Pike, Ruby Smith, Carolyn Williams, Alfred Decker, and Ellen Adkins.

**Those who are bereaved:** We offer our prayers and sympathy: Patti Russell , Marilyn Noseworthy, Judy Bearns, Gertude Gladney, Wayne & Holly Andrews, Judy Greenland, Harry& Ruby Andrews, Canon Shirley and Charlie Gosse, Ted & Una Smith, Edward & Francis Smith, Eugene & Jacqueline Hutchings, Wallace Williams, Jean Decker, Vera Williams, Barbara Anthony, Irving Stanford, Fred Carter, Blanche Harnum, Molly King, Anne Brake, Shirley & George Sharpe, Rev. Stephen Adkins.

**Please continue to pray for Cursillo world wide,** Pray for the Cursillo movement in Canada and the National Secretariat; pray for upcoming weekends, pray for Cursillo in this Diocese, and our 15 new Cursillistas as they begin their 4<sup>th</sup> day.

Pray for Our Bishop Cyrus, Our Clergy and Parishes. Please pray for the Diocesan Bishops, Diocesan Cursillo Movements and 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.

The Palanca team is always ready to offer prayers for all.  
May God’s blessing be with you!  
Cecil and Gladys Collins, Phone 709-596-3694 or email  
ccollins@personainternet.com



*“For when two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them” Matthew 18:20*

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**From Our Post Cursillo Coordinator**

On **November** 28, 2008 Ultreya was held at All Saints, Foxtrap, with 37 people in attendance. The meeting was led by Margaret Fagan and Jim Fitzgerald did the witness talk and Rev Sandra Tilley did the spiritual reflection. Our **January** Ultreya was held at St Thomas Church, St John’s Jan 30.09 Rita Russell did the witness talk and Roberta Osmond led the meeting. Rev Sandra Tilley offered the spiritual reflection. 63 People in attendance.

**February** 27 09 Ultreya was held at St Phillips Parish, St Phillips. Meeting was led by Vera Schofield and the witness speaker was Mary Anthony. 58 people in attendance. Rev Sandra gave the spiritual reflection. The **March** 29th Ultreya, was held at Church of the Ascension, Mount Pearl. Judy Greenland led the meeting and Herb Dowden did the witness talk. Rev Sheppard from the Church of the Ascension, did the spiritual reflection. 41 people in attendance.

In **April** the Commissioning of the 44th team was held in St Phillips Parish led by Rev Iliffe Sheppard. Canon Shirley Gosse presided at the Eucharist. May 13, 2009, the Post Cursillo Ultreya was held at the SUF Hall in Dildo. Jim Hart, led an Instructed Ultreya and Gladys Collins did the Witness Talk. Rev. Sandra Tilley offered the spiritual Reflection. We will continue to alternate Ultreyas between St John’s area and the rural parishes of the Eastern Dioceses, with most being closer to St John’s over winter months.

I would again like to thank all fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, who, when asked, responded to the call to witness, chair meetings or offer spiritual reflection. Much thanks and gratitude also to those who contribute to all our meetings. To Enid Haines our hospitality coordinator and our music team including Jim Fitzgerald, Alvin Beck, Whitfield Andrews and Rev. Darroch Fagan led by Hubert Somerton. All have contributed their time and gifts for the glory of God and the Anglican Cursillo Movement.

Through Ultreyas we continue to renew and strengthen our Christian Walk through fellowship in the Cursillo Movement. It is a very special night of fond memories, renewed friendships and Christian fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you there.

God Bless

Jim Hart, Post Cursillo Coordinator



**Events**  
**Ultreyas**

- Wed., July 29, 2009 ..... St Martins, Dunville,
  - Wed., August 26, 2009 ..... St Mary’s, St John’s
  - Wed., September 23, 2009 ..... Church of Good Sheppard, Normans Cove
  - Wed., October 28, 2009 ..... All Saints, Foxtrap, CBS
  - Fri., November 27, 2009..... The Cathedral of St John the Baptist, St John’s
- All Ultreyas start at 8:00 pm. Come early for the music (7:30 pm) !*



## Workshops

Sat., Oct. 17, (10 am -3:30pm) ..... St Barnabas Hall in Blaketown and  
Good Shepherd, Mt. Pearl

Sat., November 7th. 10 am-3:30pm ..... Holy Redeemer, Spaniards Bay

*One other workshop to be held on this date, the location is not yet confirmed. (St. John's East)*

*(Please post this schedule in a place (under fridge magnet?) as a reminder of  
upcoming events. Please watch your local church bulletins for any changes.)*

### Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador 44th weekend Anglican Cursillo

Theme: *Less of me*  
April 30 - May 3, 2009

#### Team Members

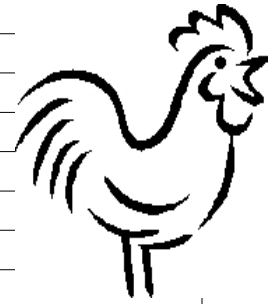
- Coordinator:** Marie Taylor (**Group Reunion, Ulterya**)
- Proctor:** John Carter (**Ideal**)
- Spiritual Team:** Sandra Tilley (**Director**) (**Sacraments, Christian life**)  
Cy Pitman (Bishop) (**Faith**)  
Iliffe Sheppard (**Grace, Obstacles**)
- Details:** Dave Arnott
- Lay Director:** Joyce Bryant
- Table Leaders:** Jim Fitzgerald (**CCIA \***) Linda Smith  
Patricia Somerton (**Study**) Christine Lynch  
Irene Newhook (**Piety**) Mary Young  
Dave Chafe (**Laity**) Ruth Marsh  
Rhonda Vaters (**Action**) Margaret Rossi Andrews  
Joan Fitzgerald (**Leaders**) Jim Reid
- Palanca:** Gladys Collins (**Coordinator**) Cecil Collins  
Joselyn Fagan Doug Wilkins  
Verna Chislett Emily Carter  
Elaine Carter
- Kitchen:** Enid Haines (**Coordinator**) Dave Fagan  
Fred Taylor Mona Wilkins  
Madonna Lawrence Frances Durnford
- Music:** Hubert Somerton (**Coordinator**) (**Study and Evangelism of Environments**)  
Whitfield Andrews Alvin Beck

\*CCIA-Christian Community in Action



**WELCOME**  
To all our new Cursillistas. !!

<b>Bartlett, Rosalind</b>	St Mark's
<b>Butler, Cynthia</b>	All Saints, CBS
<b>Gosse, Eileen</b>	St John The Evangelist, Coley's Point
<b>Green, Marilyn</b>	Holy Trinity
<b>Humphries, Fay</b>	Resurrection
<b>Johnson, Gwennie Kate</b>	St John The Evangelist, Coley's Point
<b>Kaba, Debbie</b>	Resurrection
<b>Mercer, Kimberley</b>	Holy Trinity
<b>Paul, Hazel</b>	St John The Evangelist, Coley's Point
<b>Pitts-Reid, Effie</b>	Holy Trinity
<b>Porter, Barbara</b>	All Saints, CBS
<b>Roberts, Tom</b>	Other
<b>Scoville, Esther</b>	Other
<b>Snow, Pansy</b>	Other
<b>Trickett, Paul</b>	St John The Evangelist, CBS



It was a joy to coordinator this 44th Cursillo weekend; "Less of me." I give God thanks for the team who served so willingly. and for the 15 new Cursillistas who made this 44<sup>th</sup> weekend. I pray that you will go forth in the world and proclaim your faith and your love of Jesus to others, transforming your environments for Christ.

Marie Taylor, Coordinator

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**GREAT NEWS**

I have GREAT NEWS! I am going to give you a tool to assure you that you will not be alone in facing the challenges of the days to come. The tool is Group Reunion. Group Reunion is a method which assists you in continuing the growth in Christ that has begun on this Cursillo Weekend. An ongoing relationship with Christ and with our brothers and sisters in Christ is available through Group Reunion. With Group Reunion, this relationship will last long after the Three Day Weekend is over.

Isn't that GREAT NEWS?

Group Reunion is the foundation of our Fourth Day. We need an ongoing relationship with Jesus to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives as we continue to grow in Grace. Our connection with Christ is maintained through prayer (which can be said or sung), scripture reading, the Sacraments, and Spiritual direction. Our connection with one another is maintained by regular corporate worship (meeting at church), Group Reunion (regular contact with a small group of close friends), and Ultreya (regular contact with the larger community).

Those in Group Reunion share spiritual journeys, hold one another accountable through piety, study, and action, and encourage each other in living out their faith and growing in Christ. In other words, a Group Reunion is a means of nurturing a deep fellowship in Christ. Your sisters and brothers in your Group Reunion will become family as the months and years go by. You will have a natural, open confidential sharing in your group. Be patient. It may take time to find the right chemistry. If you are forming a new group, give the group time to bond and build trust. Reunion groups change and grow. Don't get discouraged if you are not being nourished in your group. If this happens you should then find a new group. I have been in 3 Group Reunions. The first grew to over 10 members and although I was comfortable I had to leave because our meeting went on too long and I felt stressed about getting home late when I had to get up at 5:30 am. So I wasn't being



nourished in the way I needed. The second group I was in met for 4 years. Members moved away and we disbanded. In order to stay focused on Jesus, you need to be with other Christians.

Reunion group is an important tool to help you accomplish that focus on Jesus. I searched and asked people I thought I would like to group with. You may have to also. I didn't give up. I am now in a reunion group which meets at my home on Monday nights. For 6 years, there were only 2 of us. I consider Sue and her family my family. Now 2 more sisters and their families have been added to my family.

Group reunion can only thrive and grow in grace and love if the members meet on a regular basis. So, make the meeting time one which will rarely need to be moved or postponed. Treat Group Reunion as an appointment that can't be broken.

Our need for Group Reunion will always be present. We will always need to share our Christian life deeply with a few others in order to continue to grow in Christ. We all have valued friendships, but Group Reunion offers us an opportunity to talk with trusted friends about our faith journey, and to hear their stories of faith. The experience of Group Reunion brings participants closer to one another while getting closer to God. With Christ in the center, Group Reunion offers growth in grace and faith that we might go forth into the world and proclaim faith to others transforming the world to Christ.

From THE TRIPOD, A publication of the Massachusetts Episcopal Cursillo by Marsha Corliss, Newsletter Editor

## Your Secretariat:

<b>Bishop:</b>	Cyrus Pitman
<b>Spiritual Director:</b>	Archdeacon Sandra Tilley
<b>Lay Director:</b>	Joyce Bryant
<b>Treasurers:</b>	Joan Fitzgerald, Carol Penney
<b>Secretary:</b>	Margaret Fagan
<b>Eastern Light Coordinators:</b>	Pamela Barnes, Elaine Carter
<b>Music Director:</b>	Hubert Somerton
<b>Hospitality Coordinator:</b>	Enid Haines
<b>Post Cursillo Coordinator:</b>	Jim Hart
<b>Pre Cursillo Coordinator:</b>	Pamela Norman
<b>Palanca Coordinators:</b>	Cecil and Gladys Collins
<b>Communications Coordinator:</b>	Roberta Osmond
<b>CACS Representative :</b>	Rev Ed Keeping
<b>Coordinator 45<sup>th</sup> Weekend:</b>	John Carter

## FINDING ELIM

By Dave Nelson



AREN'T YOU EVER GOING TO  
FINISH THAT THING?