



**Canadian Anglican Cursillo
Secretariat
NATIONAL NEWS
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NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador* will be having a family barbeque and Ultreya on June 29, a CLW in October, and a CO-ED Weekend in November. Planning is also underway for 20th Anniversary celebrations in 2008.

Central Newfoundland* – The Diocese is planning a Revista again this year; it has been a part of their annual agenda for 15 years. A Co-Ed Weekend will be held in May and a renewal weekend for inactive cursillistas is planned for October.

Western Newfoundland* - In November of 2006 the Diocese celebrated their 10th Anniversary with a special two-day memorial event. A Co-Ed weekend is planned for May 2007.

Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island* are planning for the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Cursillo in their diocese. The celebration will begin in June of 2007 with the first of four Grand Ultreyas concluding with a special Celebration 25 Weekend in September 2008. Men's and Women's Weekends are planned for the spring of 2007, and Co-Ed weekends late in the year. Nova Scotia/P.E.I. has agreed to host the next Triennial in 2009.

Ottawa* - the Diocese has set up a web based system to assist cursillistas in finding group reunions and is planning a Day of Deeper Understanding for late May and a Men's' and Women's Weekend for the fall of 2007. There are regular monthly central Ultreyas in the city, and numerous regional Ultreyas in the rural areas that meet on a monthly basis.

Niagara is looking for ways to strengthen links with the regional RC Movement and is planning a renewal weekend in November and a Co-Ed Weekend in 2008.

Toronto* is planning a Co-Ed Weekend for June, and would like to hear good news stories that would be helpful in building their community.

Saskatoon* - The Secretariat has been working in the Dioceses of Qu'Appelle and Saskatchewan to introduce Cursillo and has offered to conduct Weekends as means of establishing Cursillo there. They are planning a potluck supper and Eucharist after their spring Weekends as a way of introducing new Cursillistas into the Community.

Secretariats interested in establishing links/partnerships with other Secretariats (see links/partnerships below).

Calgary has a new Bishop (Derek Hoskin) who is very supportive, particularly in encouraging clergy involvement. A new Website is being designed and should be ready in June. The diocese has just completed a successful Day of Deeper Understanding and has initiated Introduction to Cursillo Nights (2 per year) in the various churches to encourage candidates and sponsors. They have also established a link/partnership with Edmonton that is proving mutually beneficial.

Edmonton has moved their Weekends to the spring and the next will be in February and March of 2008. The Secretariat is planning a talent night Fundraiser for September and is undertaking an outreach program through Habitat for Humanity to increase awareness of the movement in the larger community.

A.P.C.I.* – holds Weekends every two years, the next are scheduled for the fall of 2008. They produce a Newsletter that is posted on the CACS Website twice yearly (an additional issue is produced for Weekends). Monthly Ultreyas are rotated amongst the different parishes.

Arctic* efforts are underway for a Cursillo Weekend in the western Arctic and we will be hearing more on this as planning evolves and the needs for assistance and support become evident. Next year will mark the 75th anniversary of the Diocese and plans are underway for a special presentation to Synod on Cursillo.



You'll KNOW you're an Anglican:

When you watch Star Wars, and they say, "May the force be with you," and you automatically reply, "And also with you."

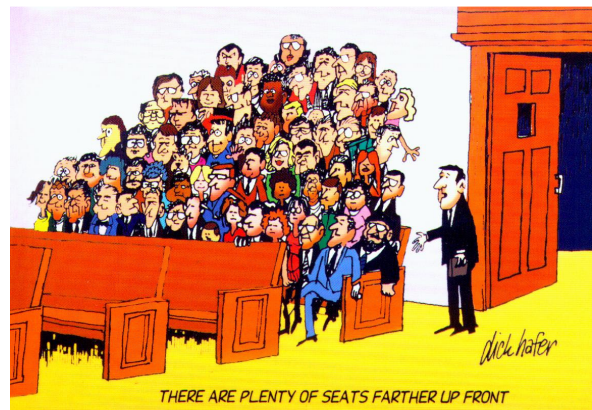
If you have totally memorized BCP & BAS and the first three episodes of 'The Vicar of Dibley'

If words like: "vouchsafe", "oblation", "supplications", "succour", "bewail", "wherefore", "dost" and "very" (in its archaic sense) are familiar to you even if you don't have a clue what they mean.

If your Choir Director suggests discussing something, over a beer, after choir rehearsal.

If you catch yourself genuflecting or bowing as you enter a row of seats in a theatre

If you ever find yourself saying, "Oh, but we've never done it that way before



If you know that the nave is not a playing card.

And finally...if you reach a point when you're not sure about anything theologically but you still feel completely at home at the altar rail and somehow know you're meeting God there, even though you can't begin to understand how

PRAYER REQUESTS**Please keep these upcoming Weekends in your prayers.**

Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador	CLW – Oct 19-20, 2007 Co-Ed – Nov. 15- 18, 2007
Central Newfoundland	Co-Ed May 18-21, 2007
Western Newfoundland	Co-Ed May 18-21
Nova Scotia & P.E.I.	Men – Apr 26-29, 2007 Women – May 3-6, 2007
Ottawa	Day of Deeper Understanding – May 26, 2007 Women – Nov 1-4, 2007 Men - Nov 15-18, 2007
Niagara	Renewal Weekend Nov 2-4, 2007
Toronto	Co-Ed: June 1-3, 2007.
Saskatoon	Women – May 3-6, 2007 Men – May 10-13, 2007
Calgary	Men – Apr 26-29, 2007 Women May 3-6, 2007

DIOCESAN WEBSITES

National - www.anglicancursillo.com
 Easter NL & Labrador – www.anglicansynodeeasternnl.ca
 Central Newfoundland – www.cursilloadcn.org
 Nova Scotia/P.E.I. – www.nspeiclursillo.chebucto.org
 Fredericton – www.nbanglicancursillo.com
 Niagara – www.niagaracursillo.org
 Ottawa – www.oacm.ca
 Toronto – www.toronto.anglican.ca
 Saskatoon – www.saskatoon.anglican.org (then click on the Cursillo link)
 Edmonton – www.edmontoncursillo.ca
 Calgary – www.cursillo.ab.ca
 British Columbia – <http://members.shaw.ca/cursillo>

Remember that we are called, equipped, and empowered by God; holding back has consequences; we must remain open to Him and follow His guidance in making decisions, and in our actions.

CACS SPRING 2007 MEETING

The meeting was held at the home of Bob and Rosemary Campbell, St. Albert, Ontario, April 11 – 13, 2007. The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat extends thanks to Bob and Rosemary for their hospitality, and to members of the Maxville parish for their hospitality, the use of their facilities, the Ultreya, and the fabulous meals that were provided.

All members with the exception of Gerry McDowell from British Columbia, and Tim Sandell from Saskatoon were able to attend. Tim is currently undergoing treatment for cancer and we ask that you would join us in lifting him up in prayer for a speedy recovery.

Business of the meeting dealt with issues arising from the regional reports, and other issues such as the health of the movement, budget implications, changes to the CACS website, renewal of the CACS Guidelines, contact with the RC Movement, *Tres Dias*, and inter-Movement links/partnerships across Canada.

CACS concluded their meetings in Ottawa over a dinner meeting with the Ottawa Secretariat, and took the opportunity to discuss some of the new developments in their movement. Of particular interest was their development of a Web-based site where new Cursillistas can go to find Group Reunions that are open to new members. A heartfelt thank you to all Cursillistas in Ottawa for their warm welcome to us, and for helping to make these meetings run so successfully. Your hard work and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Ideas From Across the Country

- Sharing of good news stories
- Establishment of permanent links/partnerships between Secretariats.
- Cursillo displays at Clergy Conferences, Synod, and other Diocesan events to talk about Cursillo, and answer concerns or questions
- Social events to celebrate important dates, or just to keep Cursillistas involved
- Regular meetings of the Secretariat with the Diocesan bishop
- Renewal Weekends

Ex Cathedra (from the Chair)

“To everything there is a season and a purpose”. Spring is certainly in the air, and it is a time of renewal. As we turn our thoughts to the new season, and all of the preparations necessary for the planting of gardens, care of lawns, etc., I am reminded of the constant care and work in making friends, being friends, and bringing friends to Christ.

Just as spring follows winter, we find that we are often in need of renewal and in reading your reports I am encouraged by the many indications of your acknowledgement of this, along with the various ways that are being sought to not only keep Cursillistas engaged, but also to extend Cursillo, and rejuvenate it in areas where it has lapsed. However, in so doing, we must be ever on guard to stay within the precepts of Cursillo and not be tempted to make it into something it was not meant to be.

There are several interrelated items of concern that I felt that I should share with you, since they have implications for the future of the Cursillo Movement in Canada, and I shall attempt to deal with these in turn.

Finances

We are in the grip of the most serious financial situation that the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat has confronted in recent history, due to factors about which we can only speculate. Is it due to the economy? Is it the multiplicity of divisions in the church we love? Is it procrastination? As of April 2007, we have only received one financial donation, and over the last few years annual contributions have fallen to below 1990 levels. It is difficult to prepare our budget without a clear picture of what income we can expect. It will also be difficult to plan our future meetings.

This is not about our being one more charity asking for people's money. This is instead about our proclaiming the Good News, which includes many opportunities to get more involved. We are inviting you to invest in Cursillo. This requires faith that God will provide and will make something good of our mutual efforts. We're saying that you need to be part of this.

You need to be aware that the very foundation of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Movement rests on your financial support. The National Secretariat holds the license for the Cursillo in Canada, and without this Diocesan Secretariats and Movements cannot exist. It is up to you to make the important decision in this ministry. Your annual contribution determines our ability to continue to serve you in the future. Simply put, without your help we will not be able to continue to work on your behalf in the way we are intended. Remember, the annual affiliation fee of \$3 per Cursillista is not optional. Without your donations, there would be no national Secretariat and Anglican Cursillo could not operate in Canada.

Please present Cursillo to your community as a worthy investment of the second fruits of the harvest. We intend, with God's help, to be good stewards of every one of your gifts.

Tres Dias

We have recently become aware that an apparently interdenominational group, calling themselves *Tres Dias*, has been trying to establish itself in western Canada. This movement appears to have copied the Cursillo method and has been soliciting Anglican Cursillo Movements for assistance and support. Although we applaud any and all initiatives that bring people to Christ and set them on the road to apostleship, we advise that if approached, you should avoid involvement with this movement that appears to be operating outside of Cursillo, since this could threaten our license and the future of the Anglican Cursillo Movement in Canada.

CACS Guidelines

The CACS Guidelines exist for a purpose, and I urge you to follow them. Many excuses have been found to explain declining interest, faltering and lapsed Cursillo Movements. In reality, most often the root cause has been taking Cursillo in directions outside of its precepts and operating principles. Cursillo is not a forum to address issues facing the Anglican Community. It operates (under license) within the National Church, and its sole purpose is to spread the Good News of the gospels by creating apostles to evangelize their environments for Christ. Any agendas that deviate from the Cursillo precepts and principles threaten not only our ability to carry out our aims, but also the very existence of the Movement under the terms of our license. These Guidelines are based on tried and true methods that apply to laity and clergy. In these times of controversy we need to be particularly mindful of our calling and not become a platform for particular issues and agendas.

It is pleasing to see the efforts that are being undertaken by many Dioceses to assist in the renewal of faltering and lapsed Communities, and for the establishment of the Movement in new areas. Several of you have expressed an interest in the development of inter-Secretariat links or partnerships for the sharing of ideas, information, and mutual support. Calgary and Edmonton have already formed such a partnership and we would certainly encourage others to do so. If you require any assistance to forge such links, please let us know.

For many of you the basic point of contact with CACS is through our Website. At our recent meeting, we decided to not only change our web server, but also to add features that will enhance your ability to communicate with us, and each other. It was brought to our attention that certain of the links that had appeared on the site may not have been in keeping with our stated purpose. In updating the site, we will ensure that such links are not included, and we offer our sincerest apologies for this having happened. We hope to be able to maintain the domain name so you should not experience any disruption in service. We will be including a bulletin board for the posting of Newsletters, Weekend dates, special events, etc., and encourage you to make use of this feature. The CACS Guidelines will also be available online in a downloadable format. As a result of your responses, we decided against having a "Q and A" section. Any questions that come up can be addressed using the current report forms.

I would like to point out that the Anglican Church of Canada has been in full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church since 2001 (*Waterloo Declaration – may be accessed at: <http://www.elcic.ca/docs/waterloo.html>*). This means that Evangelical Lutherans should be given full consideration for involvement in all aspects of Cursillo in your communities.

Several of you have also expressed an interest in closer contact with the RC Movements in your regions. CACS has also been in the process of renewing links to the parent Cursillo Movement and will be sending a delegate as a guest to their upcoming National Conference to determine how this relationship may be developed

In conclusion, we pray that all the upcoming Weekends will be a joyous one for both Candidates and Team and that your walk with Christ will be strengthened and enriched. We also pray that you will accept all of the challenges of your Fourth Day. Ultreya!

Yours in Christ,
Valerie Wilbur

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 Eastern NF & Labrador, Central

NF, Western NF, 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 : 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 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 well 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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