



The Cursillo Movement of the Archdiocese of Toronto

# The Fourth Day Newsletter

November 2009

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*“Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring that Friend into Friendship with Christ”*

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## Spiritual Director’s Message - Thinking Inside the Board

During our all semester of the School of Leaders, we have a new addition. It’s an 8’ x 5’ board on wheels. One side is a whiteboard, while the other is a green board. Since it is riding on four wheels, we can run it into and out of our storage room at Consolata.

On the white side, we have listed some thirty names of possible candidates that members of the school have identified in their environments. As their respective sponsors continue to befriend them, the whole community is called to general palanca for actual people. Perhaps, we will learn more from the sponsors about these potential Cursillistas at some point.

This process reminds us that candidates are precious and few in our present experience in Toronto, at least. Analysis will reveal that these thirty or so prospects are the harvest of six or more active Cursillistas. Perhaps, this board will motivated everyone at the school to post a name on the board. Eventually, it’s conceivable that every Cursillista who frequents Ultreya will send a name for the public palanca list.

As a promoter of weight loss for men remarks as he invites new people to his weekly class, “If you could do it alone, you would have done it already!”

Father Terry McKenna  
Spiritual Director

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## Lay Director’s Message

Welcome to our new Cursillistas. It is always a great joy to welcome new Cursillistas and those who may have moved into the Archdiocese, or those who have been away from us for a while. The graces I receive from living the method increases with every person I encounter. There are many opportunities to participate in Cursillo as you journey through your 4<sup>th</sup> day, school of leaders, group reunion, Ultreya, secretariat, palanca, intercession for the prayer line, music, funeral home visits and shut in visits, etc.. The list is endless. Most important is that you offer your unique gifts and talents in service to Christ, to be Christ’s presence in the world. Some days it is simply a ministry of presence, just being there to listen. Other days I am called to action. Please open your mind, heart and spirit to hear Christ’s call in your 4<sup>th</sup> day. Your response to the call is your gift to Christ and each other.

Thank you to all 31 Cursillistas who through discernment made a one year commitment to the Cursillo movement as their prime apostolate on September 14, 2009.

Part of my job as Lay Director is to fill all vacant positions on the Secretariat and at this time. Each has a two year term. I'm have not yet filled the Communications Director, Music Director and we need a Secretary to take the meeting minutes. Each position is very rewarding and really not as difficult as one may think. In fact it is amazing the fulfillment one gets from volunteering your time and effort to make our Cursillo so successful. To obtain more information about these positions please feel free to contact me at 416-499-1053 at any time. Your interest is most welcome.

I thank those who have retired from secretariat over the past few months: Dennis Coates, Victor Bohus and Debbie Tardiff. Your service and palanca have helped sustain and grow the movement.

Decolores!  
Cathy Ferren, Lay Director

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### **General Information**

Secretariat Meetings.....Fourth Thursday of the Month @ 7:00 pm at Consolata 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Room 4  
Monthly GTA Ultreya.....First Monday of the Month @ 7:00 pm at Consolata starting February 1,  
2010

### **School Of Leaders**

Spring Semester.....Mondays @ 7:00 pm at Consolata in the downstairs hall, the new spring semester begins Monday January 18, 2010. If you have any questions about the school of leaders, contact the Rector of the School, Richard Allen at 905-619-8038. Even if you cannot attend every week, come whenever you can and receive the graces that come from participating.

### **Upcoming Grand Ultreya**

December 12<sup>th</sup>..... Hosted by Toronto East Ultreya, Mass at 9:00 am followed by the Grand Ultreya from 10:30 am – 2 pm @ Holy Redeemer Parish  
796 Eyer Drive, Pickering, Ontario

### **Pre Cursillo Pulpit Presentations**

If you can serve in this way doing presentations or helping with the information nights, contact PreCursillo, Evie Warden and your contact information will be forwarded to the Pulpit Presentation Working Group Reunion.

### **2010 Toronto Cursillo Weekends**

**Applications for Spring and Fall 2010 weekends should be sent to Pre Cursillo**, contact Evie Warden 905-840-8377. If you need an application let me know and I can send one out to you by e-mail

For further detailed information, check our Toronto Cursillo Web Site <a href="http://cursillotoronto.com">http://cursillotoronto.com</a>
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## What is CCCC ?

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Cursillos, otherwise known as CCCC, is the official name of the Cursillo Movement in Canada. The CCCC bases its understanding of Cursillo on the definition of the Movement given by its Founder, Eduardo Bonnín. "The Cursillo in Christianity, is a Movement, that by means of its own method, attempts, from within the Church, to ensure that the realities of Christianity are brought to life in the uniqueness, the originality, and in the creativity of each person. From their deep conviction their freedom finds the right direction and they discover their potential, and accept their limitations, thus their will is strengthened. Friendships are developed by virtue of their decision and perseverance in their daily, personal and community life".

## What is Compassionate Ministry?

The Cursillo Community is a family. We want to wish each other well on births, marriages, significant anniversaries or birthdays and to express our sympathy when someone is called to their fifth day in heaven. We also want to send cards or spiritual bouquets to sick or recuperating Cursillistas. Call or email Natalie Lucas at 905-799-1362, [nakey905@hotmail.com](mailto:nakey905@hotmail.com)

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## What is a Palanca?

Palanca is an action of intercessory prayer, sacrifice, and/or works of mercy that is offered, by your Cursillo brothers and sisters, to God on your behalf.

**Internet Prayer Line**

**[cursillo.toronto.prayerline@gmail.com](mailto:cursillo.toronto.prayerline@gmail.com)**

To send a prayer request, send an email message to [cursillo.toronto.prayerline@gmail.com](mailto:cursillo.toronto.prayerline@gmail.com) with "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Put the details of the request in the body of the email.

To be an intercessor and pray for others and the community, subscribe to the blind copy email distribution list, by sending an email to [cursillo.toronto.prayerline@gmail.com](mailto:cursillo.toronto.prayerline@gmail.com) with "subscribe" in the subject line. The email needs to contain your first and last name, and email address.

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**Pope Benedict XVI** at a private audience with Cursillo founder **Eduardo Bonnín** and World Cursillo leader **Juan Ruiz** in 2006.

**Year for Priests** As has been announced, the Holy Father Benedict XVI has decided to establish a special **Year for Priests** on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of St John Mary Vianney, the holy Curé d'Arns, a shining model of a Pastor totally dedicated to the service of the people of God. May priests commit themselves, with prayer and good works, to obtaining from Christ, the Eternal High Priest, the grace to shine with Faith, Hope, Charity and the other virtues, and show by their way of life, but also with their external conduct. That they are dedicated without reserve to the spiritual good of the people — something that the Church has always had at heart. During the Year for Priests which began on 19 June 2009 and will end on 19 June 2010, the gift of special indulgences is granted as described in the Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary, published on 12 May.

## **PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**



Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (*Jn. 2:5*) May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls, Amen. Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

The **Pilgrim's Guide 2004** is now available in **large print**, Arial 22 font. Email Cathy Ferren for an electronic copy of the pdf file at [sanctuary4praise@aol.com](mailto:sanctuary4praise@aol.com).