



The Cursillo Movement of the Archdiocese of Toronto

The Fourth Day Newsletter

August 2012

“Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring that friend into friendship with Christ”

Spiritual Director’s Message

The Meaning of Criterion

'Criterion' is one of the ten topics of Cali Figuera. Cali Figuera is a location in Spain where the founders of Cursillo met to discuss the ten topics that our movement seeks to address in our methodology for living what is fundamental for being a Christian.

The recent national conference for Cursillo referred to some of these topics. One of the rollos helped us to understand 'criterion'. I found this presentation very helpful. Let me share what I learned.

When we are prompted to act in a particular way to express our faith we should discern the source of the suggestion. It could originate from our human spirit, from the deceptive spirit of darkness or from the Holy Spirit. The human spirit may be looking to satisfy one's conscience by obeying a divine commandment in a minimal way or to postpone the full solution with a band-aid or temporary measure.

Or, the unholy spirit may be proposing a half-measure or an apparent but sterile response to the requirement.

The Holy Spirit, by contrast, will move us to an action or attitude that flows from the life of grace within us. Such a response will surpass mere compliance with a commandment and reject the counterfeit satisfaction from the dark side.

'Criterion', then, is the quality of full surrender to the Holy Spirit's prompting to live in grace, to grow in grace and to choose the path of grace.

Fr. Terrence McKenna
Spiritual Director

From Your Lay Director

Gabriel Ferdinand

Report: August 2011 to August 2012

1. With God's grace one set of men and women weekends were made with 20 candidates and 18 team members in November – December 2011 and another set made in May – June 2012, all at Consolata Missionaries.

2. We now have the following regional geographic *Utreyas in the Archdiocese of Toronto*: Toronto, Mimico, Brampton and Pickering.

For days and times of Utreyas see our website: ***cursillotoronto.com***

Utreyas for the whole community is held at Consolata missionaries in Toronto on the *first Monday at 700 p.m.*

3. The *School of Leaders* meets weekly for seven consecutive sessions twice during the year at Consolata Missionaries in Toronto. The rollos are currently aimed at "getting behind the rollos" given on the weekends.

Together we explore the strategic goal, purpose, message and placement of each rollo in the Weekend. We share how I experienced the rollo on the weekend as a candidate and later on my fourth day and also as a Team Member.

4. Secretariat meets once per month on the fourth Tuesday at 700 p.m. by SKYPE. All are encouraged to attend and participate. Let me know and I will send the agenda, minutes action points and decisions.

Secretariat members are: Spiritual Director – Fr Terrance McKenna, Lay Director Gabriel Ferdinand, Pre-Cursillo – Frank Messina, Post-Cursillo – Victor Bohus, Palanca – Lucia Tobin, School of Leaders Rector – John Jezioranski, and Treasurer Dennis Coates.

Discernment:

Secretariat members participate in an annual retreat to discern and plan for the following year. This year it will be on Saturday August 11.

4. A "*Day of Reflection*" is held annually for all Cursillistas. This allows each of us to reflect on and discern where God wants us to serve Him and His church in the upcoming year. This year it will be held on Saturday 13 October 2012 at Consolata Missionaries from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

All are encouraged to participate fully and be enriched by the spiritual directions and our sharings.

5. A *"Day Of Commitment"* is held two days later at which the Bishop celebrates mass and Cursillistas commit to serve before the Bishop to serve Christ for a period of one year in an apostolate e.g. in the Cursillo Movement.

Future:

6. Weekends for women are planned for November 15 – 18, and for men November 29 – December 2, 2012.

7. Group Reunions are experiencing great success as most of the new Cursillistas from the 2011 Weekends are in group reunions.

8. Remember in all our undertakings palanca, prayer and our encouragement determine success, through the Holy Spirit.

MAY GOD BLESS US AND OUR CURSILLO MOVEMENT

From Your Pre-Cursillo Co-ordinator

We currently have 2 males and 1 woman confirmed for our fall sessions.

If anyone had candidates who have cancelled from our spring 2012 sessions or previous sessions please contact them to see their availability and willingness to attend the fall sessions.

Let's pray that the potential candidates receive the call to attend the fall sessions.

Thanks and God Bless

CENTRAL REGIONAL 2-day Encounter

Dear Fellow Cursillistas, we are hosts to all Ontario and English Montreal cursillistas this fall.

We, the Archdiocese of Toronto Cursillo Movement, are holding a CENTRAL REGIONAL 2-day Encounter, **Nov 3- 4, 2012, at Consolata Missionaries. 2671 Islington Avenue, Toronto, ON. M9V 2X6.**

The theme for the encounter will be that of the National CCCC conference held in London in June of this year: **"THE CONVERSATIONS, THE PATH TO UNDERSTANDING"**

All Cursillistas who could not attend the conference... this is your opportunity to hear the message. Cost is \$35.

All are encouraged to attend. We also need your attendance, your palanca and your joy.

Please **have your dinner before** registration. We will provide snacks only.

Registration start 5:30 pm and Welcome is at 6:00 pm on 3 November 2012

Come and hear guest speakers from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Cursillos, as they help us to better understand the cursillo mentality which we learn in the School of Leaders and to rekindle the joy and the grace as we live our Cursillo.

For more information on how to register, please contact one of your committee:

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General Information

Secretariat Meetings	Fourth Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm. All Cursillistas are welcomed to attend. Meetings are conducted over Internet conferencing using Skype. Contact Gabe Ferdinand (gabriel.ferdinand@gmail.com) for meeting logistics.
Team Formation	Please pray and do palanca for the weekend rectors and teams.
Moonlight Retreat	Monday <Date> @ 7:30pm at Consolata in the hall
Women's Weekend	15-18 Nov 2012 at Consolata
Men's Weekend	29 Nov – 2 Dec 2012 at Consolata
Day of Reflection*	13 Oct 2012 9:30AM – 3:30PM at Consolata in the hall
Commitment Celebration*	15 Oct 2012 7:30PM at Chinese Martyr's Catholic Church, 2755 Denison St, Markham

* The Commitment Celebration is an annual ceremony for Cursillistas to confirm their commitment to the Cursillo Movement as their prime apostolate for one year. The Day of Reflection is a day set aside for Cursillistas to discern on this commitment.

Ultreyas

Archdiocesan Ultreya	First Monday of every month at 7:00 pm (except holidays) at Consolata in the hall. Next Ultreya on Monday February 6, 2012.
Brampton Ultreya	Third Thursday of every month at 7:45 pm at St. Jerome's Church.
Mimico Ultreya	Every Thursday at 7:30 pm at St. Leo's Church (basement)
Toronto East Pickering Ultreya	Second Saturday of every month 10-11:30 am at Holy Redeemer Church

For further information, visit our Toronto Cursillo Website
www.cursillotoronto.com.

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