

Atlanta Catholic Cursillo Movement

Spring 2011

CALENDAR

Leaders School is held on Thursdays at St. Pius X High School beginning with Mass at 7 pm followed by our session. However, we will begin our summer break after the May 19th session.

Sign-up for September Teams:

Due to the Summer break, sign up to work on the Men's and Women's Teams for the Fall weekends will be held at Leader School on May 12th & 19th 2011. If you are interested in working on Team, please contact:

Mary Paulinelli - 678-925-8495

Gary Simmons - 770-957-7041

Team Formation for the Fall weekends will begin on Saturday, **August 13, 2011**

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Encounter: July 28 - 31, 2011

St. Mary's University,
San Antonio, TX

**Men's Fall Weekend - at Monastery
September 22 - 25, 2011**

**Women's Fall Weekend - at Monastery
September 29 - October 2, 2011**

Let's NOT cancel another weekend

While our next set of Cursillo weekends will not be held until September, it's not too early to recruit candidates and turn in their applications; especially men's applications!

Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends

While unfortunately the Men's weekend was canceled due to low numbers (only 2nd time in over 30 years), the Women's weekend continued as scheduled. There were **22** women from **14** different parishes attending the Spring retreat held at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit Retreat House, Conyers, GA.

The following are our new Cursillistas:

WOMEN

Valerie Beach-Barnett	St. Lawrence	Lois Kroll	St. Mary Magdalene
Theresa Breitbart	St. John Vianney	Pattie Mattozzi	St. Brendan
Wally Diaz	Prince of Peace	Peggy Meaney	St. Ann's
Laura Elliott	St. Mary Magdalene	Madgie Murray	St. John Vianney
Shirley Fields	St. John Vianney	Jennifer Portis	St. Paul of the Cross
Janet Foshee	Sacred Heart /	Mercedes Rodrigo	St. Jude
Meredith Frank	St. James	Betsy Schueth	St. Thomas Aquinas
Janice Geib	St. Pius X	Julie Siler	Our Lady of Lourdes
Yvonne Heholt-Campbell	St. Mary Magdalene	Gail Solsona	Prince of Peace
Patsy Kang	St. Gabriel	Yolaine Thomas	St. John Vianney
Kathleen Kroll	St. Jude	Kisha-Ann Williams	Our Lady of Lourdes

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME NEW CURSILLISTAS

"The Cursillo movement, in the years since 2nd Vatican Council, has proved itself to be a vital component in the ongoing evangelization of our faithful, bringing to the lives of people, the techniques for awakening the Gospel spirit on a daily basis. I cannot think of a spiritual movement in the Church more dedicated to the necessity of finding God within the fabric of ordinary life, and life's ordinary encounters."

*Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory
Archbishop of Atlanta*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Two Cursillo events you won't want to miss!

May 21st - A one day Renewal Retreat

Prince of Peace Church, 6439 Spout Springs Road, Flowery Branch, GA

This is being offered for Cursillistas on the northern side of Atlanta hosted by the Prince of Peace Ultreya. There will be 4 great talks on Christian Life, Spiritual Growth, the Cursillo Method, and Support for your journey. The retreat will begin with Mass at 8:00 am followed by a light breakfast and the day will end around 3:00 pm. For more information, please see our website, www.atlcatholiccursillo.org or contact Nancy Lesslie - 678-936-7502

July 29th - 31st - Cursillista Weekend Retreat at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, GA.

This will NOT be a mini Cursillo but will indeed be a spirit filled weekend! Friday evening thru Sunday Noon we will hold a retreat for men & women, couples or singles. However, space is **limited** so if you are interested in attending, please register using the forms found on our website: www.atlcatholiccursillo.org

Our thanks to Tony & Laurie Nerio for donating the postage for our newsletter

REGION VII SPRING ENCOUNTER

The Regional Encounter was held on April 15-16 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Goose Creek, SC....Diocese of Charleston.

Around 120 Cursillistas from our SE region attended the 2 day event.



Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church celebrated by Bishop Robert Guglielmone,

Bishop of Charleston Diocese

**The following article was written by:
Mrs. Darryl Moore, Ultreya leader at St. Pius X Conyers, GA.**

On a cold and dreary January 21st, the Ultreya group of St. Pius X Church in Conyers, GA hosted a Renewal Retreat for the Southeastern portion of the Atlanta Archdiocese, with over 70 fellow Cursillistas in attendance. While the weather outside may have been foreboding, the atmosphere inside was warm and spirit-filled. Anticipation and joy, excitement and the greeting of new and old friends filled the air. It was a day that SPX Ultreya had been anticipating for over two months, and everyone seemed excited to be part of this event. The goal of the retreat was to provide an experience for fellow area Cursillistas that would refresh our lives in the Spirit of God, re-capture the feelings we experienced at Cursillo, and to renew our Fourth Day.



The SPX Ultreya leadership team proposed a plan for the event to the Atlanta Cursillo Secretariat in early November, and over the next two months worked closely with Drew Shurmantine and Jack Knight to develop an agenda for the day, which included a series of four talks. Preparations geared up as the time approached, and teams were formed at SPX to help with hospitality, food, prayer, decoration, and setup.

Forgoing the usual potluck dinner the first Saturday of one month, a lunch box auction was held instead, which helped to raise over \$250 and supplemented regular donations toward the purchase of food and supplies for the big day. Attendees provided a love offering for the day, which will help supplement Cursillo weekends for SPX parishioners. As the leader of St. Pius X Cursillo/Ultreya team, I can't thank enough the SPX and Leadership teams, who worked together to provide a beautiful experience for all in attendance.

Following an opening Mass officiated by Father John Kieran, Sister Margaret McAnoy gave a talk on Christian Life, followed by a brief period of reflection. This talk set the tone of the day-long event, and helped to prepare hearts for the musical drama presentation by the St. Pius LifeTeen group, who received a standing ovation for their performance of *Everything* based on the music by Life House. The second talk of the day, Spiritual Growth, was provided by Penny Simmons. If you have heard Penny speak before, you know that she shares her heart and her life in her talks. Her openness and directness always point upward – to Jesus, to following Him, and to work toward not only discerning His plan for our lives, but to encourage us to live out that plan. Other talks of the day included The Cursillo Method by Greg LaHatte, and Support for the Journey, by Jim Gray.

Prayer had been a part of the inspiration for the day, part of the planning for the day, covering the day of the event, and those who would attend so that they would be refreshed and renewed. It was our prayer that each person would take away some small portion of what the speakers had presented in order to ponder what the Lord would have them do in order to help them on their journey - to make a friend, be a friend, and walk with that friend to Christ.



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