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Letter from Gene Scarborough, Lay Rector, Cursillo Weekend #152

To my dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

De Colores! WOW! Cursillo #152 is approaching rapidly! I, as have 151 rectors before me, been praying that God would lead me – lead #152 – in a powerful way towards whatever He has planned for the weekend. That we will be empowered by The Holy Spirit, filled with the wisdom of God, and show the love of Christ to those who will be in attendance. That the weekend will work to give honor, glory and praise to The Holy Trinity and to grow the Kingdom. WOW!

The team for Cursillo #152 is preparing – has been preparing – to serve on the weekend of June 26 – 29. We feel that we are, and have been, chosen to serve God by serving others. Surely we were not qualified when we were chosen to serve on this God-team! It is with willing hearts and obedient bodies that we feel so blessed to have been chosen and know that God WILL be served by the servants on 152 as well as all of you in the Cursillo community who sacrifice in so many ways to make a Cursillo weekend happen.

We know that God works good for those who love Him. We also have the assurance that we are heirs, through hope, of all He has promised us. “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jer. 9:11). Hope is my favorite word and so many times in the Bible we are told of the hope that belief in God brings. How He can turn mourning into joy. How everything that God made is good. How He can use everything for good. God IS good ALL the time and ALL the time God IS good! WOW!

Thank you ALL for your palanca in all forms, the sacrifices made for us and for the participants, for the witness each of you are in the lives you touch daily. I feel sure the participants will be overwhelmed with the love showered upon them. Please continue to support each new Cursillista as they join the Fourth Day Community and encourage them to join a Reunion Group. Please plan on participating in the celebration that is the Diocesan Ultraya on July 12th. WOW!

The Lord is my inheritance; therefore I will hope in Him! (Lam 3:24)

God's peace and abundant blessings!

Gene Scarborough

Lay Rector

Cursillo #152

Visit Cursillo website www.cursillo.org for the Prayer Schedule for #152

A New Thing in the East Cooper Ultreya!

An issue that seems to face Cursillo Ultreyas everywhere is the "graying" of the Cursillo community.

Last summer my husband and I attended Ultreya at Church of the Cross, Bluffton. The Lord rocked my world as I became aware of how, with God's help, Father Chuck Owen has bucked the trend of low participation in Cursillo and has completely embraced and incorporated the Cursillo Movement as a bedrock component of parish growth at Church of the Cross. I returned home and conveyed to Father Ted an overview of the 4-pronged model at Church of the Cross.

- 1) Alpha (to promote clarity of understanding and embracing the tenets of the Faith)
- 2) Connections (to help parishioners identify their personality types, spiritual gifts, and ministry styles)
- 3) Cursillo (to empower identified gifts for spreading the Kingdom in one's own spheres of influence)
- 4) Leadership Course (to clearly outline parish-specific expectations of leadership, particularly on the Vestry)

On a practical level, the first thing is to educate parishioners, especially younger ones, about Cursillo and to re-educate potential sponsors as to their role and responsibilities in "making friends, being friends, and bringing friends to Christ" within a Cursillo context.

The REAL first thing is to simply honor and worship the Author and Finisher of our Faith, then to seek His guidance and divine help in inspiring Cursillistas to reach a new generation of believers in the context of 21st Century demands on their time and attention. To paraphrase Job 33:4

"The Spirit of God has made the Cursillo Movement, and the breath of the Almighty (Ruach) has given it life."

For His Sake,
Joyce Harder, East Cooper Ultreya Lay Rector

Cursillo #152 Participants

Name	PARISH	SPONSOR
Todd Barnum	St. Helena's; Beaufort	Robert Mullen
Grif Barre	St. Andrew's; Mt. Pleasant	Mary Ann Dunham
Stewart Barre	St. Andrew's; Mt. Pleasant	Sam Dunham, Jr.
Lyssé Bell	Christ; Mt. Pleasant	Gwen Powell
Bruce Bradham	St. Matthew's; Fort Motte	Dab Dent
Heath Bryan	St. Michael's; Charleston	Ed Barnett
Jason Bryan	St. Michael's; Charleston	Ed Barnett
Kit Coker	St. Michael's; Charleston	Robert M. Kunes
Ken Coker	St. Michael's; Charleston	Robert M. Kunes
Carroll Coleman	St. Paul's; Conway	Sue Harrison
Dan Dunning	Church of the Cross; Bluffton	George Smith
Martha Dunning	Church of the Cross; Bluffton	Gail Smith
Sally Fine	St. Philip's; Charleston	Sheryl O'Neil
Deanna Flores	Church of the Cross; Bluffton	Elizabeth Ferrato
Ivan Flores	Church of the Cross; Bluffton	Jay Ferrato
Joyce Hickman	St. Helena's; Beaufort	Carol Schreck
Mitchell Jacocks	Holy Comforter; Sumter	Bucky Monroe
Ramona Jacocks	Holy Comforter; Sumter	Katherine Monroe
Chris Jared	Church of the Cross; Bluffton	Gaynell Albright
Craig Jared	Church of the Cross; Bluffton	Don Davis
Sue Mason	Church of the Cross	Gail Drabnis
Ruth Nissen	Christ-St. Paul's; Yorges Island	Marty Banks
Callie Perkins	Holy Cross Faith Memorial; Pawley's Island	Anne Walton
Wilson Perkins	Holy Cross Faith Memorial; Pawley's Island	Charlie Walton
Charlie Poag	Holy Comforter; Sumter	Tom Lawrence
Beth Poag	Holy Comforter; Sumter	Carol Lawrence
Lizzie Smith	Holy Comforter; Sumter	Katherine Monroe
Hamilton Smith	Holy Comforter; Sumter	Bucky Monroe
Stan Winder	Christ-St. Paul's; Yorges Island	Adam Jacobs
Sue Winder	Christ-St. Paul's; Yorges Island	Rachel Jacobs

From the Registrar

Applications keep coming in for participants whose sponsors are not attending Reunion Groups and increasingly who have not attended a 4th Day Seminar, as well as endorsements from clergy who have not made their Cursillo. These applications are currently being returned to the parish priest who endorsed the application. Current policy of the Diocese of SC is that sponsors be active in Reunion Group and that they have attended a 4th Day Seminar. Until this policy changes, applications will be returned. The Cursillo is not just the Weekend, it is preparation for the 4th Day and Reunion Groups are an integral part of that experience of a life of Apostolic Action.

Charleston-West Ashley Ultreya

Charleston-West Ashley Ultreya contains 16 Churches - what a challenge! We continue to reach out to ALL the Churches in our area, offering to appear in person to talk to members to excite and inform them about Cursillo!

CWA is seeking Host Churches for #152 and #153 events, which will fill out this year. These hosts are needed for Sunday evening Placemat Parties (which I would love to expand into a casual pot-luck supper!!!), Friday evening Eucharists, and Sunday Evening Welcome Home supper & program events. I especially want to include Churches who have never hosted one of these events -- please call Duval Acker at 884-4394 or email to me at tomandduvalacker@yahoo.com.

All of the Ultreyas in the Charleston area will be offering Host Families for Saturday night, April 18th, 2009, for those who attend next year's Diocesan Family Picnic can comfortably stay overnight and participate in Cursillo #155 Wake-Up at 6:00AM Sunday) or Clausura at 2:30PM Sunday! Contact Sue Freeman, Lay Rector for BCD Ultreya, for details.

Duval Acker, Lay Rector, CWA Ultreya

Cursillo #152 Team

Position	Name	PARISH
Rector	Gene Scarborough	Church of the Epiphany
Observing	Jim Ewing	Church of the Resurrection
Head SA	Rev. John Scott	Church of the Epiphany
SA	Rev. Jimmy Gallant	Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant
SA	Deacon Chip Holmes	St. Stephen's
Camp Coordinator	John Hood	St. Andrew's
Head Music Cha	Arthur Wilder	Holy Comforter
Music Cha	Linda Wilder	Holy Comforter
Music Cha	Toni Scott	Church of the Epiphany
Head Palanca Cha	Judy Hood	St. Andrew's
Palanca Cha	Dab Dent*	St. Matthew's - Ft. Motte
Palanca Cha	Nancy Holmes Mikell	St. Stephen's
Palanca Cha	Scarborough*	St. Michael's
Head Table Cha	Evelyn Ewing	Church of the Resurrection
Table Cha	Ellen Freeman	Church of the Cross
Table Cha	Susan Reed-Campbell	St. Andrew's
Table Cha	Ellen Childers	Church of the Epiphany
Techno Cha	Bill Childers	Church of the Epiphany
Head Table Facilitator	Beverly Howell	St. Michael's
Table Facilitator	Jon Burwell	All Saint's - Pawley's Island
Table Facilitator	Susan Burwell	All Saint's - Pawley's Island
Table Facilitator	Elaine Crafton	St. Stephen's
Table Facilitator	Tom Crafton	St. Stephen's
Table Facilitator	Ginny Gray	St. Matthias - Summerton
Table Facilitator	Ray Moran*	Holy Comforter
Table Facilitator	Roz Moran*	Holy Comforter
Table Facilitator	Don Rosania*	Church of the Resurrection
Table Facilitator	Norma Rosania*	Church of the Resurrection
* First Time on Team		
Crosses	Bill Childers	
Lanyards	Ellen Childers and Winner Noller	
Agage Dinner	Bill Clarkson and Callie Hub	
Altar Guild	Evelyn Ewing and Norma Rosania	

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4th Day Commission My name is Katherine Monroe and I serve Jesus as the 4th Day Commission Chairman for Cursillo in this diocese. During Ultreyas, we hear Lay Witness Talks by someone in the local Ultreya. I want to share with you what a Lay Witness Talk is and how it can be given by anyone in the body of Christ.

First, your talk should be a WITNESS, not a TESTIMONIAL. A TESTIMONIAL is a talk in which the speaker tells how Christ came into, or what He means in, her/his life. A WITNESS is a sharing of a *recent* experience that has helped you grow spiritually and how you help in your mission of evangelizing your environment (the Great Commission).

Listed below are some guidelines to developing a Lay Witness Talk:

- ✚ It is about Jesus Christ. [It can be based on a "Moment Closest to Christ"]. The aim of your talk is not to tell others what they should do, but rather how you love Jesus, and how because of this love you are trying to bring the people you encounter in daily life to Jesus.
- ✚ It is about a recent experience. If possible, it should be one that occurred within the past 6 to 8 weeks.
- ✚ It is practical. Show how it can, or will, result in making you a more effective witness for our Lord.
- ✚ It is simple. In 10 minutes, you should make one, but not more than two points.
- ✚ It is informal. Give the talk as if you are talking with friends, because you are!

Finally, ask yourself the following questions:

- ✚ Does the talk show that Christ is in my life? Will it show how much I want to follow Him?
- ✚ Does Jesus hold the most important place in the talk?
- ✚ Will my experience stimulate people to think of things they might plan to do to evangelize their environment for Christ?

Remember, your talk is a simple, sincere, talk about Christian action. The focus is on Jesus Christ in your life. Anxiety is productive. Your friends will be praying for you as you speak; invite the Holy Spirit to use you for the Glory of God!

U L T R E Y A !

If you have a witness to share, please send it to me for publication on the Cursillo web site. Others will want/need to see that Jesus Christ is Active and Alive in the Diocese of South Carolina! Katherine Monroe, 571 Yuma Court, Sumter, SC 29150 or email 4thdaysc@earthlink.net (Information taken from the Ultreya Rector's Manual)

Fourth Day

The Cursillo weekend is a starting point that lasts the rest of your life. It is a springboard to a long-range practice of the Baptismal Covenant in the life of the Church called the Fourth Day. The Fourth Day is composed of three major elements:

- 1. Group Reunion** the heart of Cursillo, is a small group of friends (usually 3-5) who meet weekly, and who hold each other accountable for their spiritual journey. They report on their piety, their study, and their apostolic action. A bonding develops that institutes a strong support group for life.

- 2. The Ultreya**, which is usually held monthly, is a "reunion of the reunions." It provides support and builds community by allowing the sharing of communal experiences.

- 3. Spiritual Direction**

is an important element of the Cursillo Movement. It is a commitment to seek out skilled laypersons or cleric for spiritual direction to provide help in deepening their union with Christ.

Additional info for Cursillo #152

Wake up - Sunday, June 29th - 5:30 am - Dining Hall - Camp St. Christopher

Clausura (closing service) - Sunday, June 29th - arrive no later than 2:30 pm - Multi Purpose Bldg. Camp St. Christopher

Upcoming Cursillo Week-ends

152: June 26-29, 2008

153: Sept 25-28, 2008

154: February 5-8, 2009

155: April 16-19, 2009

156: July 16-19, 2009

157: October 15- 18, 2009

#158: February 2 – 6, 2010

Lay Rector

Gene Scarborough

Jim Ewing

Bill Lyles

Carol Guerry Pierce

Michael S. "Bean" Winburn

Katherine Monroe

Dottie Bowen

Ultreya Date and Location

July 12, 2008, St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville

Oct 11, 2008, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant

February 21, 2009, St. James, James Island

May 2, 2009, St. Mathias, Summerton

August 21, 2009 Ultreya TBA

October 31, 2009 Santee Ultreya TBA

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