

**Fargo Diocese Cursillo  
Secretariat Meeting**  
January 27, 2013  
Valley City, ND

**Attendance:**

Deacon Jim Eggl	Joy Olson	Ben Seitz
Father Duaine Cote	Sandi Horsager	Gary Horsager

1. The Meeting opened with the Leaders Prayer and all shared a close moment.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was offered by Sandi Horsager and seconded by Joy Olson—all voted to approve the minutes.
3. Treasury Report:

Beginning Balance	\$17,505.01
Deposits	\$ 445.00
Expenses	\$ 2671.56
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$15,278.45</b>

Motion to approve by Ben Seitz, seconded by Sandi Horsager—voted and approved by all.

4. Old Business
  - a. Father Duaine Cote provided a comprehensive overview of the highlights from the Regional Encounter that he and Deacon Jim Eggl attended. A complete report on the Regional Encounter is attached. Highlights are below:
    - i. All other diocesan Cursillo Movements Secretariats have Spiritual Director, Assistant Spiritual Director and Lay Director as voting members.
      1. It was discussed and decided that changes to the Fargo Diocese Cursillo By-Laws would be rewritten to include these changes.
    - ii. There will be a Cursillo de Cursillo in Hankinson Oct 24-27, 2013 for Cursillistas
  - b. The Harvey Men's Weekend was cancelled due to lack of candidates—there were none signed up.
  - c. Fargo Diocese will be hosting a Regional Encounter April 25-27, 2014
  - d. Correspondence from Regional Director, Jim Wells
    - i. The Knoxville Diocesan Cursillo is seeking donations for missionary work—it was decided to donate \$250 to this cause.
    - ii. Upcoming Cursillo Training Meetings
      1. Dodge City KS April 26-28, 2013—Gary Horsager and Norm Olson have volunteered to attend.
        - a. Ben Seitz motioned that all travel and conference fees be covered by the Cursillo Movement which was seconded by Sandi Horsager and approved by all.

e. Dates for upcoming Cursillo 2013

Location	Date	Rector/Rectora
Belcourt Men	Feb 28 – Mar 3	Dave Azure
Belcourt Women	March 21-24	Marietta Good
Hankinson Men	March 14-17	Myron Jabs
Hankinson Women	April 18-24	Joy Olson
Harvey Women	February 21-24	Laurie Wiederrich

f. Dates for upcoming Cursillo 2014

Location	Date	Rector/Rectora
Belcourt Men	TBD	
Belcourt Women	TBD	
Hankinson Men	TBD	
Hankinson Women	TBD	
Harvey Women	TBD	
Harvey Men	TBD	
Valley City Men	January 23-26	
Valley City Women	January 30-February 2	

g. School of Leaders (SCOL) – Ben Seitz Briefed

- i. The SCOL meeting that had been scheduled for January was cancelled due to inclement weather.
  - ii. There has been discussion concerning methods of disseminating SCOL talks throughout the diocese. It was determined that utilizing “YouTube” as a proxy for storing the videos and having them accessible from the Cursillo ND website was not viable. For the immediate future there is no plan to expand the SCOL outside of the Fargo area.
  - iii. There was discussion on a “Vision” for 2014 weekends. Teams would be trimmed down to a Back table (5 persons) and conference room team (5 persons). Support for weekends would be provided by a team from the local area—but all conference room team members would come from the SCOL.
    1. The lean team concept will cut down on team meetings, as all of the members will have talks ready and teams can be formed from within the SCOL with minimal preparation.
    2. The lean team concept will also lend itself to having a more missionary focus, potentially putting on weekends in areas that have not had them before.
  - iv. Next SCOL meeting will be March 23, 2013 at Sts Ann and Joachim
5. Next Meeting: May 11, 2013 prior to the SCOL in Fargo at Sts Ann and Joachim at 11:00 AM with SCOL and Ultreya to follow.

6. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ben Seitz, seconded by Joy Olson—voted and approved by all.

Respectfully Submitted

Ben A Seitz

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KANSAS CITY REGIONAL ENDCOUNTER

September 28 – 30, 2012

### I. Overview of the Regional Encounter (Region VI)

Region VI includes states located in the mid-section of the U.S: N. Dak., S. Dak., MN., Neb., Wisconsin, Kansas and Missouri & possibly more. Approximately 100-130 people were in attendance; about 2/3 of them were Spanish and 1/3 Caucasian. Attending a regional encounter is a very interesting and enlightening experience in itself, somewhat comparable to participating in a large intercultural ultreya.. Cef Aguillon, the Coordinator of the English speaking Cursillo, was the keynote speaker, Others from this region also gave talks on various aspects of cursillo, including Jim Wells, our Regional Coordinatoar for Region VI.

### II. The Purpose, Mentality and Methodology of Cursillo – Cef Aguillon

The overall purpose of cursillo is to build Christian community among the team and the candidates. This involves an immediate purpose & an ultimate purpose.

**IMMEDIATE PURPOSE:** to provides a foundation for the candidates, so they can live what is fundamental for being Christian – love of God and love of neighbor, which is experienced in the cursillo through the 3 essential encounters: the encounter with ones self, the encounter with Christ and the encounter with others

**ULTIMATE PURPOSE:** to help the candidates experience what is fundamental for Being Christian, so they can structure Christianity in their family, workplace neighborhood and society (i.e. their environment), through a sincere and genuine friendship with other people they come in contact with in daily life.

The focus of cursillo is always on the person by means of friendship.

The Cursillo Movement always seeks to build the kingdom of God, based of Christ's Words in Matthew 6:33: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all those Other things will be given to you besides." So the Cursillo puts emphasis

On these great truths of what is fundamental for being a Christian, namely:

- 1) to live the 3-fold commandment: love of God, love of self and love of one's neighbor Mt. 22:36-39
- 2) to live our life in Christ, and in Him we experience our encounter with God the Father – our life is a living union with God in Christ and we work to bring others to that same living union.
- 3) To live a life in Grace: grace brings about every conversion, every encounter with God and every Christian community.
- 4) To live a life in faith: "God has revealed himself to human beings in Christ made human" Heb. 1:1, John 1:14-18
- 5) To live as Church, in accordance with the plan of Christ, the Church is the place where we encounter Christ and in Him, we encounter the Father.
- 6) To live the sacraments; in the Sacraments God encounters human beings And through them is concretized the sacramentality of the Church

We can live and share what is fundamental for being a Christian by living and sharing

## Our INTERNAL TRIPOD: Piety, study and action

Piety –the heart – ordering our whole life toward God through a personal relationship  
With him.

Study – the mind – this is what aims our action; an ongoing study of self, Christ and others

Action – the will – apostolic action involves the exercise of our power to love; it is directed by our study and based on our piety.

We are called to live and share what is fundamental for being a Christian through the 3 Encounters discovered during our cursillo weekend, so that we can nourish and deepen our relationship Christ ( love God), others ( love of neighbor) and self ( as you love yourself.).

We have an opportunity to live and share what is fundamental for being a Christian in each of the following:

- group reunion, ultreya, school of leaders, secretariat, regional & national encounters
- family, neighborhood, workplace and society
- Immediate world – the environment you find yourself at the moment

If we watch for it, we are given many opportunities to joyfully communicate our Christian living through FRIENDSHIP, which comes by way of personal contact

The main reason for living and sharing what is fundamental for being a Christian is:

- to proclaim the best news about the best reality that God in Christ, loves us
- to help our friends move from where they are, to where they ought to be...and they ought to be living what is fundamental for being a Christian.

2. The Cursillo Method – consists of precursillo, cursillo and postcursillo. All these steps involve the person, Christ and building friendship. Precursillo is actually an ongoing process that never ends. We need to keep trying to make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ. We are continually called to evangelize our environment, which Cef described as OUR MOVEABLE METER, that is the immediate environment in which you find yourself at any given time.

3. The Mentality of Cursillo – the “platform” of ideas by which the cursillo functions. It involves the living proclamation of the Good News of Christ’s intense love for us, which is communicated to the candidates by means of friendship. That is why cursillo is a marvelous “tool” of evangelation, which Pope John Paul talked about so often when he was our pope.

### III, The Diocesan Secretariat - Jim Wells, Region VI Coordinator

1. The members of the Secretariat come from the School of Leaders
2. They should demonstrate competence, a spirit of service, an understanding of the Cursillo method, humility, wisdom and sanctity.
3. Their position on the Secretariat places them in an even greater service to the Cursillo movement.
4. The Secretariat must have a viable, up-to-date Constitution and By-laws
5. It must have a viable Pastoral Plan in place
6. It needs to be affiliated with the Regional & National Secretariat.

7. Give an annual report to the Bishop and to the Regional Coordinator
8. A typical secretariat consists of the following: a lay director, assistant lay director (optional)
  - Spiritual Advisor and assistant spiritual advisor (optional), the Chairperson of the School of Leaders, Precursillo, Cursillo, Postcursillo, a secretary and treasurer.
9. The Secretariat is responsible for the correct functioning of the School of Leaders, which is the working arm of the Cursillo.
10. The Secretariat needs to keep striving to live “what is fundamental to being a Christian,” in all their endeavors.

During the discussion time following this talk, we learned that one of our parliamentary procedures needs updating in our Constitution, having to do with the lay director, spiritual advisor and assistant spiritual advisor. They are members of the Secretariat and therefore ought to have full voting privileges along with the other members of the Secretariat. This will be discussed at our next secretariat meeting.

#### IV. Other Interesting Pertinent Matters Discussed at the Regional Encounter

1. It was recommended that members of the Cursillo team have a follow-up meeting with the new cursillistas shortly after their cursillo to discuss these matters:

- a) What does sponsoring a candidate entail?
  - b) Why do we have a group reunion & ultreya after making a cursillo?
  - c) What needs/ concerns/ questions they might have had since making their cursillo?
  - d) Explain more about the conversion process they experienced during the cursillo.
  - e) Review with them how to live the 3 encounters of the cursillo weekend
  - f) Personally contact those new cursillistas who stood out as potential leaders at their table.
2. There is a trend coming down from the National Cursillo Center to “trim down” the Size of teams conducting a cursillo, because the ratio of team vs. candidates tends To be too large, therefore:
- a) In the future, consider having a team member give 2 rollos instead of one during a weekend.
  - b) Consider having not more than 5 or 6 team members on a weekend, plus those at the back table
  - c) Consider having no more than 5 candidates per team member at a table during the weekend
  - d) Having “silents” at a table is not recommended and not being done in most dioceses in the country.
  - e) Surprisingly, prayer backup is not done at a Regional Encounter and they are “modeling what a cursillo weekend ought to be like. (Cef said that this is where Prayer palanca comes into play. Prayer palanca needs to be happening throughout the year and not only during a cursillo
  - f) It’s still a good practice to have 2 people from the back table go with the speaker to the chapel (church) to pray with them before & after their talk, if so desired. Father Cote and Gary

(lay director), at the suggestion of Cef and Jim Wells, have scheduled a Cursillo de Cursillo (a cursillo for cursillistas – a CDC) for Oct. 24-27, 2013 At Hankinson to discuss all these matters in detail before implementing them. More details about this CDC later.

Submitted by Fr. Cote and Deacon Jim Eggl