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## Diocese of Fargo Cursillo Newsletter

### From the Desk of the Lay Director

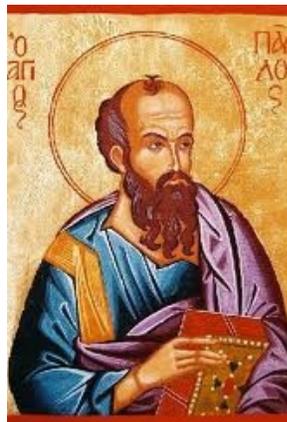
*As I sit here it is snowing out and the 1st half of January is behind us. I pray everyone made it through our first very cold blast, staying safe and warm.*

*The Harvey Cursillo is fast approaching, the teams are busy preparing for the weekends scheduled for February 11-14 for men, and February 18-21 for women. We need to evangelize in our environments and seek out candidates for upcoming Cursillos. We are called to Christianize our environments. Go out amongst the people and invite*

*them in.*

*I hope everyone remembered to pray for all those that traveled to Washington DC for the March for Life on Jan 20-23. Several inches of snow were forecast for Friday and Saturday with blizzard warnings for the whole area. I pray the Holy Spirit kept everyone safe.*

*During this Jubilee Year of Mercy we are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to a church with a Holy Door to obtain a plenary indulgence. St Mary's Cathedral in Fargo is one of the churches with a Holy Door. Other Holy Door*



*The Secretariat is the governing body for the Cursillo*

*locations can be found on the Diocese of Fargo's website at [fargodiocese.org/holydoors](http://fargodiocese.org/holydoors)*

*Put that on your 2016 bucket list and make a pilgrimage!*

*Reminder – Please do palanca for the upcoming Cursillos.*

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***"Make a Friend, Be a Friend,  
Bring a Friend to Christ!"***

*Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.* St. Augustine

*Until next time may God richly bless you and your families.*

Norman Olson – Lay Director

### **The Spirituality of a Cursillo Leader**

Today there is a real hunger for a more authentic spiritual life. More people today are interested in living a fuller, deeper spiritual life. As Cursillo leaders, we need to seek a more authentic spiritual life, especially after we lived the experience of a Cursillo.

What is meant by a Catholic Christian spirituality? Before delving into the meaning of Catholic Christian spirituality we ought to ask this question. Can the Cursillo be considered a form of spirituality? The Structure of Ideas book states: "Cursillo is not a form of spirituality." Cursillo gives us the tools to develop our spirituality. It is meant to create in us a hunger for God and to enter into a deeper union with him. Cursillo is designed to go deeper into what God is calling us to be, not necessarily to be better Cursillistas but to be better Christians. Christian spirituality might be defined as "the art of letting

God's Spirit fill and guide us." A Christian lives in and through the power of the Spirit working in us. The Spirit gives us different gifts for building up a community in love and is a bond of union holding us together in Christ. The fruit of the spirit in our lives is "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Gal 5:22-23) The Holy Spirit makes us holy and calls us to be a holy and more Christ-like person. So we can say with St Paul "It is not longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." (Gal 2:20)

Christian spirituality deals with the whole person-body, soul, thoughts, feelings, emotions, passions, hopes, fears and dreams, as we live our lives through the power of the Spirit. It deals with the whole person, calling us to live Christ's life to the fullest. The call to live a holy, Christ-like life is not restricted to priests and religious, but is addressed to all of us. We all share the same Spirit and are all called to live the same holiness. This fact is stressed in the Vatican II document "The Decree on the Church, Lumen Gentium," chapter 5, which states: "everyone shares one call to holiness in the Spirit." There are varieties of spiritualities in the Catholic Church, but not limited to Benedictine, Franciscan, Ignatian, etc.

How can that be if there is only one Christian Spirituality? No one lives a Christian spirituality in the abstract. All of us belong to particular communities in which we were born, where we were educated and came to know and experience God. The concrete and changing circumstances of our lives affect the way we live out our Christian spirituality. Each one of us is a unique person who represents a unique embodiment of Christian spirituality. There has never been nor will there ever again be a spirituality exactly like mine or exactly like yours. No one else has the same experiences, talents, values, hopes or dreams that characterize you or me as individuals. Yet there is only one Christian spirituality.

Living a full Christian life takes courage. We all experience times of doubt, confusion, uncertainty and struggle. How can we follow Jesus in the consumer culture in which we live today? Are you faithful to your spouse, your children, your community? Do you spend enough time in prayer? These are questions each one of us must answer in his or her own heart. The Holy Spirit is our most important spiritual director to help us answer these questions.

Fr. Duaine Cote - Spiritual Advisor for the Diocese of Fargo Cursillo

## Weekend Closing Ceremonies

Have you ever reflected on the closing ceremony from your three day weekend? I know I have many times over the last 11 years since I lived my Cursillo.

I lived my Cursillo in February 2005, in Great Falls, MT. I sat at St. Faustina's table. The entire weekend had a profound spiritual impact upon me. The one part that I remember most vividly is the closing ceremony.

My weekend was a faith filled experience that ended with the biggest surprise of all, a huge crowd at the closing ceremony!

Wow! The candidates and team members were on one side of the room and we were completely outnumbered by people on the other side of the room! All these

people, sponsors, friends and 4th Dayers crowding into the gym. They were all there to welcome us into the Cursillo family.

Over the years the more I reflected on the closing ceremony the more it seemed to be a small glimpse of what awaits the faithful in heaven. The room was full of people who had lived a Cursillo weekend. They were there greeting us with songs of joy. I imagine that when souls go to heaven that their friends, the saints and the angels, join Jesus in greeting them with songs of joy!

Do you remember your closing ceremony? When was the last time you attended a closing ceremony? Lent is the time Christians pray, fast, give alms or works of mercy. Why not in addition to praying for the newest members of the Cursillo family, try to

attend a closing ceremony and encourage them on their journey.

Most of the closing ceremonies are scheduled for 3:30 pm so put them on your calendars and attend if at all possible! I am sure there are folks who would like to car-pool.

The list of upcoming Cursillo weekends is listed below.

Decolores!

Jennine Seitz - Communications



## Cursillo Weekend Schedule [\(Click here for application\)](#)

### Harvey

Men—February 11-14, 2016

Women—February 18-21, 2016

### Hankinson

Men—March 3-6, 2016

Women—March 10-13, 2016

# School of Leaders

The School of Leaders (SCOL) for the Fargo Diocese Cursillo Movement meets in four different locations throughout the diocese: Fargo, Valley City and Grafton has monthly meetings and Karlsruhe meets on a bimonthly basis.

The purpose of the SCOL is to develop Cursillistas into Leaders within the Cursillo Movement. It is from the SCOL that Team Members for Cursillo Weekends are drawn. The meetings last about two hours and include presentations on Church Doctrine and Cursillo

Techniques as well as Small Grouping.

Registration is always open for the SCOL. Registration Forms are available online.

[SCOL Application-Click Here](#)

**Interested in starting a SCOL in your area?** All it takes is four Cursillistas dedicated to evangelization. One person will represent each section of the SCOL. Presentations of the Doctrinal and Technique talks are available.

Call Ben Seitz at (701) 540-8248 for more information.

## **Upcoming SCOL Sessions**

- ◆ Saturday, February 13, @ 9:30 am, Fargo.
- ◆ Sunday, February 14, @ 7:00 pm, Grafton.
- ◆ Wednesday, February 17, @ 7:00 pm, Valley City.

In order to maintain an Active Status in the SCOL members are required to attend more than 50% of the meetings.

# News & Updates

## **National Cursillo Newsletter**

Go to <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/news/>

## **World Wide Cursillo Schedule**

Offer Palanca for Them!

Go to <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/palanca/> for a list of Cursillos.

## **Next Secretariat Meeting**

Sunday May 1, 2016, 1:30 pm.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carrington, ND. All Fargo Diocese Cursillo members are welcome to attend.



## **Cursillo Prayer Chain**

There are two ways to participate in the prayer chain — Go to [www.cursillond.org](http://www.cursillond.org)

- Sign up to be a member of the prayer chain by simply typing in your name and email address. Then whenever anyone enters a prayer request you will receive an email with the prayer intention.
- Enter a prayer request—simply click on the prayer request link which will open an email. Fill in your prayer request and it will be forwarded to all members of the prayer chain.

# Small Group Reunion Locator

## Belcourt

### **Men's & Women's**

3rd Thursday 6:00 PM  
Queen of Peace Retreat Center  
POC: Denise Keplin

## Cooperstown Area

### **Men & Women's Group**

4th Wednesday at 7:00 PM  
St. George Church, Cooperstown, ND

## Devil's Lake

### **St. Joseph's Mixed Group**

Thursday 6:00 AM Church Basement  
1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 PM church basement  
POC: Hayley Kaffar (218) 791-4587

## Edgeley

### **Women's Group**

Thursday 5:00 PM Trans Adoration Chapel  
POC: Sandi Horsager (701) 320-5251

## Fargo

### **Sts Anne & Joachim Men's Group**

1st & 3rd Tuesday/month at 7:30 PM  
Sts Anne & Joachim Parish  
POC: Vern Solum

Every Saturday at 7:00 AM

Sts Anne & Joachim Parish  
POC: Ben Seitz (701) 540-8248

### **Sts Anne & Joachim Women's Group**

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM  
Sts Anne & Joachim Parish POC:  
Barb Jones (701) 293-0515

### **Holy Spirit Men's & Women's Group**

1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM  
Ave Maria Room (Enter thru main doors and turn left)  
POC: Randy and Cindy Ternes-Harms (701) 212-8796

### **Friday Night Rosary Prayer Group**

Every Friday Night at 7:30 PM  
3025 37th Ave S. Fargo  
POC: Jennine Seitz (701) 540-8668

## Grand Forks

### **Grand Forks Women's Group**

Fridays 8 AM Perkins 13th & Columbia Road  
POC: Annette Noehre  
[lanoe@midco.net](mailto:lanoe@midco.net)

### **Men & Women's Group**

Thursdays at 8:00 PM  
St. Michael's Church Basement

## Grafton

### **Women's Group**

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:15 PM  
St. John's Catholic Church  
POC: Cynthia Janousek (701) 520-1149

## Jamestown

St James Basilica POC: Jodi Grugel (701) 320-8498

### **Men's Groups**

Sundays 9:40-10:20 AM Holy Spirit room  
4th Thursday 7:00 PM Holy Spirit room

### **Women's Groups**

Sundays 9:40-10:20 AM in St Thomas room  
1st and 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM  
Thomas or Community Room  
Monday's 6:30 - 7:30 AM in St Thomas as room

## LaMoure

### **Women's and Men's Group**

Tuesday's 6:00 AM Norm & Sue Goehring's residence  
POC: Sue Goehring (701) 883-5724

### **Women's Group**

Wednesday 7:30 PM Holy Rosary Church  
POC: Sheila Hanson (701)-883-4460

## Minto Area

### **Men's Group**

Meets Monthly—usually First Wednesday  
Sacred Heart Church, Minto, ND  
POC: Keith Zikmund at 701-520-9751

### **Women's Group**

Meets 1st Thursdays 7:00 PM  
Sacred Heart Church, Minto, ND  
POC: Joan Schanilec at 701-360-2499

## Mixed Group

Meets monthly usually 3rd Sunday in homes  
POC: Joan Schanilec at 701-360-2499

## Valley City

### **Tuesday evening Men's Group**

Tuesdays 7:00 PM St. Catherine Church basement  
POC: Deacon Carl Orthman (701) 845-6271

### **Friday morning Men's Group**

Fridays 6:00 AM St, Catherine Church basement  
POC: Deacon Joe Leitner (701) 845-0817

### **Wednesday Morning Women's Group**

Wednesday 8:45 AM St. Catherine Parish Hall Committee Room  
POC: Lela Grim (701) 845-4067

### **Tuesday Women's Groups**

6:00 AM St. Catherine Parish Office  
POC Lauri Kupitz 701-490-1475  
3:45 PM St. Catherine Parish Office  
POC: Deb Didier (701)-845-5317

## Wahpeton

### **Men's Group**

Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 AM St John's Parish (KC Room)  
POC: Rod Koch (701) 274-8282

**If you wish to start a new small group & are looking for others in your area—drop me an email at [cursillond@gmail.com](mailto:cursillond@gmail.com)**