



# CURSILLO SOUNDS

## October 2013



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### Rector's Letter to the 4th Day

#### CURSILLO #171



#### Work In Progress

*Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. (John 21:15-17)*

Peter is our saint. I would say that Peter LOVED Christ more than anyone or anything. But he was, for sure, very human. He was truly a sinner, but in every way a disciple...an apostle of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. He was, as we are, a work in progress. And yet, Jesus tasked him with Feeding His Sheep. He built the church on Simon Peter, the rock of our faith.

Every day, we all strive to live a Christ-filled life. We pray, we study, we meditate on His teachings. Every day we fall short of the mark. We all maintain "work-in-progress status." Yet God loves us and we are saved by His grace alone!

As members of the Cursillo community, we have each been called to FEED HIS SHEEP through this ministry. As we feed them, we encourage them to go back into the world and feed the sheep in their local parishes and communities.

These past months have taught me so much in preparation for Cursillo 171. Not only have they taught me the meaning of "you're not in control", but they have humbled me to my knees...showing me continually the power and grace of our Savior Jesus Christ. We are prepared to feed the participants of Cursillo 171 through His grace alone.

Remember your weekend? Remember the joy, the love, the peace, the burning fire the Holy Spirit lit in your soul? Remember all that?

This weekend, we invite those chosen by Christ to participate in weekend #171, to feel that same joy, love, peace and fire for a Christ-filled life as we did on each of our weekends. And so, I ask you to join the entire Fourth Day community in praying for each participant to be filled with the Holy Spirit and step away from the weekend with a desire to know Christ more and more each day and to be prepared to "feed His sheep". Team 171 invites you to Clausura on Sunday October 13. We know the Holy Spirit will be there, and we pray you will, too.

DeColores,  
Mary Aquino-Cooper  
Weekend Rector, Cursillo 171  
[maryaquino1@yahoo.com](mailto:maryaquino1@yahoo.com)

## Cursillo #171 Participants

Nick Name	Last Name	Parish	Ultraya	Sponsor
Margaret	Aquino	The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach	GSN	Jim Cooper
Peggy	Box	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	Mary Frances Ahl
Medd	Box	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	Kevin Ahl
Missy	Chapman	All Saints, Florence	PD	Barbara Holliman
Anne	Crenshaw	St John's, John's Island	Islands	Catherine McLoud
Bill	Davis	The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach	GSN	James Ewing
Donna	DeJesus	The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach	GSN	Carolyn Jones
Charles	Echols	St Matthew's	LM	Bill Clarkson
Dave	Gordon	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Rob Kerdasha
Debbie	Hamilton	The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach	GSN	Evelyn Ewing
Ron	Hamilton	The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach	GSN	James Ewing
Diane	Hartman	St Matthew's, Ft. Motte	LM	Katie Clarkson
Kay	Hungerford	St Paul's, Summerville	GSN	Jeanne Browder
Crystal	Kornickey	St Michael's, Charleston	CWA	Ann Beauchamp
Perry	Malphrus	Grace Parish, N. Myrtle Beach	GSN	Penny Crawford
Debbie	Morris	The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach	GSN	Mary Aquino-Cooper
Laura	Nagelberg	Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant	EC	Lori Bellacicco
Lenny	Peel	Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant	EC	Rob Bellacicco
Sandy	Reiter	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Beverly Adams
Amy	Scott	St Paul's, Summerville	BCD	Toni Scott

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### WEEKEND SCHEDULE



Thurs., Oct. 10 – Sun., Oct. 13

*(All weekend activities take place at Camp St. Christopher.)*

Sunday, Oct 13

Wake-up - 5:30 AM

Clausura – 2:30 PM

Saturday, Oct. 26

Diocesan Ultraya

St. Paul's, Conway

### ABOUT PALANCA

The Spanish word "Palanca" means "lever". In informal Spanish speech it is often said that someone who has influence has "palanca". As for us Christians, the only real influence we can expect to have in the religious life of our friends, the participants on a Weekend, is through prayer. Prayer is the ultimate palanca. Perhaps the most effective palanca we can give to a participant is a short, loving note which says, for instance, that we are praying or fasting for that person as he lives through the Weekend. Please save any gifts that you might wish to give to your participant friends for their return. Only those small items that fit into a business size envelope are desired by the Palanca Chas.

### PRAYER VIGIL

The BEST palanca that we saints can offer Weekend participants and team members is in the form of PRAYER, appealing to the Throne of Grace!

Dick and Mary Rife,  
4th Day Co-Commissioners,  
have organized a 4-day prayer vigil to cover Weekend #171. Please contact them at [bchmimi@aol.com](mailto:bchmimi@aol.com) to learn of open slots that need coverage.



*The prayer of a righteous man (or woman) is powerful and effective.  
(James 5:16)*

### Group Reunion

The Group Reunion is a small group (3 to 6) of Cursillo friends who meet on a regular basis. The purpose of this meeting is to share with one another the growth that has taken place within each of them.

*In a Group Reunion, we learn:*

*- to share our spiritual life: (piety)*

*- to grow in the knowledge of Christ (study)*

*- and to prepare various methods of passing on to others what we have learned (action)*

As we make attempts to bring Christ into our various environments, we will sometimes become frustrated. The Group Reunion provides the continual support we need in order to persevere as a part of God's plan. If there is no group near you, pray for God's help in beginning one.

(From the website of French-Speaking Cursillo of Canada)

## Cursillo #171 Team

SERVANT ROLE	TEAM MEMBER	PARISH	ULTREYA	ROLLO
Rector	Mary Aquino-Cooper	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	15. Ultreya
Observing	Jackie Woodle	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	14. Reunion
Head Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Tom Woodle	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	
Spiritual Advisor	Fr. John Scott	St. Paul's Summerville	BCD	
Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Hank Avent	St. Phillip's, Charleston	CWA	
Camp Coordinator	Sue Harrison	St. Paul's, Conway	GS	
Techno Cha	Jim Ewing	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	
Head Music Cha	Jim Cooper	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	5. Piety
Music Cha	Kathy Nungesser	Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant	EC	
Music Cha	John Chaconas	St. Paul's, Summerville	BCD	8.Action
Head Palanca Cha	Carol Chaconas	St. Paul's, Summerville	BCD	
Palanca Cha	Michelle Kidd	St. George's, Summerville	BCD	3.Laity
Palanca Cha	<b>Karen Petrey *</b>	St. George's, Summerville	BCD	
Palanca Cha	Jim Gonnella	St. George's, Summerville	BCD	12. Christian Community In Action
Palanca Cha	Penny Crawford	Grace Parish, North Myrtle Beach	GS	
Head Table Cha	Evelyn Ewing	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	
Table Cha	Todd Barnum	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	
Table Cha	Brenda Gonnella	St. George's, Summerville	BCD	10. Leaders
Table Cha	<b>Barbara Holliman *</b>	All Saint's, Florence	PD	1. Ideal
Head Table Facilitator	Jim Huntley	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	11. Evangelism of Environments
Head Table Facilitator	Janet Huntley	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	6. Study
Table Facilitator	Mark Nungesser	Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant	EC	
Table Facilitator	<b>Mike Puckett *</b>	Resurrection, North Charleston	CWA	
Table Facilitator	<b>Jani Richardson *</b>	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	
Honorary Team Members	Elaine Crafton	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach		
	Tom Crafton	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach		
Crosses	Jay Freeman		BCD	
	Sue Freeman		BCD	
Lanyards	Susie DaSilva	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	
Aqape Dinner	Charlotte Burns	Resurrection, North Charleston	BCD	
	Jim Burns	Resurrection, North Charleston	BCD	
	Glenn Ohanesian	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	
	Karolyn Ohanesian	The Well By The Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	
Clausara-ULTREYA	Katherine Monroe	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	
Clausara-Group Reunion	Carey Freeland	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	
				* First time on team
				** First time on team in SC



### Palanca Sources

<http://www.palancagifts.com>

<http://www.palancaindustries.com>

<http://decolores.com/store/>

<http://iprayedforyoutoday.com/category/notecards/>

St. Michael's Saints Alive Book Store

Charleston \* 843-725-548

### SC CURSILLO WEBSITE







[www.sccursillo.com](http://www.sccursillo.com)

# ULTREYA! ULTREYA! ULTREYA!

## DIOCESAN ULTREYA

**St. Paul's Conway**  
**SATURDAY Oct. 26, 2013**

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- 9:00 AM Welcome, coffee, juice, and munchies
- 9:30 AM -Fourth Day Seminar (New Cursillistas and #171 Cursillo Rector)  
-Weekend Commission Meeting  
-Fourth Day Commission-Ultreya Rectors' Meeting  
-Pre-Cursillo Meeting  
-Fourth Day Refreshment (Veteran Cursillistas)
- 10:30 AM Secretariat Viewing of upcoming teams (Secretariat Representatives Only)
- 11:00 AM Reunion Groups
- 11:30 AM Eucharist
- 12:30 PM Lunch and Ultreya Meeting (Combined with Diocesan Ultreya Meeting)
- 2:00-3:00PM Secretariat Business Meeting (or immediately following the Ultreya) (Open to all who wish to sit in and listen.)

Cost of lunch \$8.00, payable at the door. RSVP e-mailing Jeanne Browder at [jbrowder@sccoast.net](mailto:jbrowder@sccoast.net) by **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## DIRECTIONS

**St. Paul's**  
**710 Main Street Conway, SC 29526**

### [MAP](#)

**From Charleston:** Hwy 17 N to Georgetown. Hwy 701 to Conway. Hwy 701 turns into 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Left onto Main St.

**From Florence:** US 301/US 76 E. Continue on SC 576 to US 501 S to Conway. Left onto 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Right onto Main St.

**From Hilton Head:** I-95 N to Florence. Proceed with directions above.

## FROM THE DIOCESAN LAY COORDINATOR

Bill Clarkson

It has often been said that God did not create a mission for the Church, rather He created a church for the Mission. The same can be said of Cursillo. So what then is our Mission?

Do Cursillo weekends exist so that we can have Group Reunions and Ultreyas and enjoy each other's company with food, fun, and song? Yes, those are very important parts of the Cursillo method, but not its mission.

Just like the Church, of which we are a part, we exist to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our method is unique in that our target audience is other members of the Church, and our witness is the overwhelming love and attention showered on each participant. "I've never felt such love before!" "I never knew so many people cared about me!" "This must be what Heaven is like!" We have all heard words like this many times at Clausura. People talk of healing and miracles and love; of lives changed and rededicated to Jesus. What a blessing it is to be able to share the Gospel like this!

DeColores,  
Bill



## FROM THE BISHOP'S CLERGY REPRESENTATIVE

Fr. Tom Woodle

Cursillo in the Diocese of South Carolina is alive and well. And, we are asking the Holy Spirit to infuse this movement with a new excitement and power for the days ahead as we move forward on the vanguard of building and edifying the Kingdom of God in our communities. I can honestly say that I am excited to have been appointed Spiritual Advisor for Cursillo in the Diocese of SC and look forward to what God has in store for all of us. As we look to the future, we need Cursillo more than ever in our diocese and in our lives, individually as well as in the local parish. The Biblical, time-proven aspects of a Cursillo Weekend have remained steadfast while things that needed updating have begun to be changed, as God has led. And, the Weekends remain as powerful and life-changing as they have ever been. Remember your Cursillo Weekend? For many of us it was a mountain-top experience and for others, it was a gentle breath of spiritual freshness that took some time to digest. God was there, and wonderful things happened in and around you. But the focus of Cursillo is and has always been the Fourth Day! It is in the Fourth Day that we live out that which God has given us in the weekends. It is in the Fourth Day that we worship together, not only as a parish but in our small groups and as the people of God in the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. And, it is in the Fourth Day that we encourage, mentor and sponsor those who can benefit from the Cursillo experience and rise to leadership in our churches, in their workplaces and in our families.

So, as we move forward in the Spirit of the Living God, we need YOU. We need you to pray for Cursillo. We need you to be involved in Cursillo events in your parish and on the diocesan level. We need you to listen to the voice of God as He whispers in your ear the names of those who need for you to be their sponsor, their mentor and their encourager. And, we need for you to live into the power of the Fourth Day in your parish! Cursillo is one of those things in our diocese that allows us to celebrate together within our local parishes and together in the wider Cursillo community of the diocese. And, God is still showing up for the weekends, healing, cleansing and changing lives. You, in the Fourth Day Community are a part of all of this. It is not our responsibility; rather, it is our BLESSING to be able to be involved and instrumental in God's work here and now. I invite and encourage you to re-examine your Cursillo Weekend and your Fourth Day experience. Is God calling you to a still deeper walk, to be involved in helping someone else in their walk, to leadership in Cursillo on the parish or diocesan level? God is moving in our diocese. And, if God is moving, why should we stand still?

Cursillo is alive and well and the excitement of God's power moving in the lives of participants and team members never fades or grows old. Come, step into the fire and allow God to do wonderful things as we stand in awe of His majesty and glory! To God be the glory, forever and ever!

Fr. Tom Woodle  
The Well By The Sea

# **PLEASE MAKE YOUR ANNUAL GIFT!!!**

## **The Joy of Giving**

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21*

God's grace and love is a free gift to us, and many of us found and accepted His gift on a Cursillo weekend. So that no one is held back from finding God's gift by the cost of a weekend, the Secretariat has given the gift of a Cursillo weekend to all Cursillo candidates, after their initial \$50 registration fee has been paid. This worthy idea and goal is called "The Joy of Giving" (JOG), and is working well in several other Dioceses.

We will need to raise money on an annual basis to make this happen, and this is where you come in. The Secretariat has approved asking each Cursillista in this Diocese to contribute \$100, or more, if possible. To be able to pay for this weekend and begin preparing for upcoming 2013 weekends, if you have not already done so, we are asking you to send your 2013 contribution as soon as possible to our Treasurer (address below) marking JOG on your check. If \$100 is too much for you to contribute at one time, several smaller contributions through the year will be gratefully received.

Remembering the life-changing weekend that Cursillo was for you, know what a joy and blessing it will be for others to receive, and how the number of Jesus' disciples on earth will be increased.

Thank you so much for considering a financial donation.

The "Joy of Giving" Committee

To donate, please make your check out to "Cursillos in Christianity", earmarking it "JOG", and mail it to:

Ms. Elisabeth Tezza Simmonite  
Diocesan Cursillo Treasurer  
2220 Atlantic Avenue,  
Sullivan's Island, SC 29482



### **THE GREAT COMMISSION**

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)*

***Make a friend.***

***Be a friend.***

***Bring a friend to Christ***



# Come Alive

Blog by Mark Buchanan

<http://www.markbuchanan.net>

I've been thinking about King David's worst day. He had many, if the psalms are any guide. Bleakness stalked him, calamity lay in ambush. He made stupid decisions that cost him dearly. He suffered betrayal, divorce, assassination attempts, coup attempts. Some of his best plans went horrible awry. He was hunted by a crazy king. He lost his best friend. One of his sons raped one of his daughters, another of his sons murdered the rapist, then his chief henchman killed the son.

There is more bloodshed and sorrow in David's story than in a Shakespeare tragedy.

But I think his worst day is when his son Absalom overthrows his kingdom – not because losing a kingdom is the worst that can happen, but because that day is a perfect storm: all his sorrows converge. A tsunami of accumulating disaster surges, breaks, and engulfs him. He is woebegone in a thousand ways.

David evacuates Jerusalem. Like Jesus on his own lonely and sorrowful night two millennia later, David crosses the Kidron Valley and climbs the Mount of Olives. An old enemy shows up to taunt him, hurl rock and dirt on him. The writer captures with terse vividness the weight of it all: "The king and all the people with him arrived at their destination exhausted" (2 Sam. 16:14).

*Exhausted.* In Hebrew, it means he was fainting tired. He was collapsing with weariness. He was dead on his feet. He was completely empty.

But then the writer adds this: "And there he refreshed himself."

*Refreshed.* In Hebrew, it means he breathed deep. He restored his soul. He came alive. He was abundantly full.

I think this is a spiritual skill David learned back in the sheepfold: how to locate God – his presence, his strength, his goodness – in the thick of troubles. How to hear God's voice in the din – beneath the condemning silences, above the jeering shouts. Indeed, I believe David wrote Psalm 23 out of the experience of this day, as he walked through a valley of death, surrounded by enemies. It's here he turns afresh to God, and finds God's comfort, and provision, and guidance, and renewal. "He restores my soul," David says in Psalm 23. It's the same word used here for *refreshed*.

This is a skill every Christ-follower needs to cultivate. Finding God in the dark. Resting in God in the turmoil. Trusting in God in the teeth of catastrophe. Being restored by God when all earthly comforts fail.

It's a skill you cultivate daily, until it becomes a muscle memory, an instinct, a default. And then, just when it's needed – when you're dead on your feet – it kicks in. And you come alive.

The Apostle Paul puts it this way:

I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am. (Phil. 4:11-13; Msg).

*I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am.*

Amen.



**Cursillo Sounds**  
**Diocese of South Carolina**  
**129 Cooper River Road**  
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**UPCOMING WEEKENDS**

<u>Week-end</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lay Rector or location</u>	<u>Ultreya Date</u>	<u>Ultreya Location</u>
RETREAT	Feb. 7 - 9, 2014	Camp St. Christopher		
#172	Mar. 6 - 9, 2014	Jackie Woodle	Mar. 22, 2014	TBA
#173	Jul. 10 - 13, 2014	Tom Acker	Jul. 26, 2014	TBA
#174	Oct. 9 - 12, 2014	Brenda Gonella	Oct. 25, 2014	TBA
#175	Spring 2015 (TBA)	Jim Huntley	TBA	TBA

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*If you wish to receive hard copies in the mail for the summer, fall, and winter issues, please mail the slip below to Jim Ewing along with any Postage Palanca that you are led to contribute. Checks are payable to "Cursillos in Christianity". You may also request mailed hardcopies and/or update your e-mail with Jim Ewing at [celevel@aol.com](mailto:celevel@aol.com).*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ My Ultreya: \_\_\_\_\_ My Cursillo # \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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