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**Rector's Letter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Day  
Cursillo #187**

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

**Acts 20:24**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a blessing this has been. I am truly honored to be the Lay Rector of our Lord's Cursillo #187. Our Bishop Mark Lawrence recently reminded us, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." (Matthew 9:37)

Our verse for the weekend is a reminder that we have been given the Great Commission: to be Fishers of Men. Our task is to testify about the good news of God's grace to those unseen neighbors in unseen neighborhoods. We are all called to be his laborers. People who learn to trust Jesus move from obeying God because obedience feels forced on them, to obeying God because it is in their hearts and minds to desire what God wants. And God wants us to share the Good News.

Our patron Saint for this weekend is Andrew. Andrew and John became the first disciples after having spent the afternoon with Jesus, and the first thing Andrew did was to go home and tell his brother Peter about it, (John 1:41-42). He said, "We have found the Messiah!" He was known for bringing individuals, not crowds to Jesus. He was more concerned with bringing people to Jesus than who got the credit, or who was in charge. Andrew is the very picture of all those who labor quietly in the background. In other words, he was the first "Cha".

Precious Heavenly Father, I thank you for the blessing that is Cursillo. I thank you for making Cursillo a vessel for bringing others to you. I pray that when we pray the words of the Invocation on our Pilgrims guide "Come Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love", that we truly are filled with the fire of your love, and we look for our unseen neighbors.

For His Sake,

Deb Brooks

Weekend Rector #187

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## Cursillo Participants #187

Nick Name	Last Name	Sex	Parish	Ultreya	Sponsor
Jim	Allison	M	Prince George, Georgetown	GS	Brooks Hamilton
Milette	Allison	F	Prince George, Georgetown	GS	Brooks Hamilton
Jim	Barnes	M	St. Matthew's, Ft. Motte	LM	Lockwood Tupper
Judy	Barnes	M	St. Matthew's, Ft. Motte	LM	Jayne Tupper
Heather	Cromer	F	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	Brandy Cromer
Sam	Cromer	M	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	Ben Cromer
Luke	Deman	M	St. Timothy's, Moncks Corner	BCD	Bill Clarkson
Trey	Dutton	M	Holy Trinity, Charleston	CWA	Emily Barnette
Jack	Frawley	M	Trinity, Edisto	Islands	Frank Kirk
Julianna	Hane	F	St. Matthew's, Ft. Motte	LM	Marti Hane
Clark	Hight	F	Prince George, Georgetown	GS	Brooks Hamilton
Shaun	Hunchak	F	Prince George, Georgetown	GS	Ramsey Gilchrist
Jeff	Koob	M	Old St. Andrew's, Charleston	CWA	David Alwine
Rianna	Landes	F	Prince George, Georgetown	GS	Suiter Coxe
Ryan	Landes	M	Prince George, Georgetown	GS	Rags Coxe
Danny	Morgan	M	Prince George, Georgetown	GS	Brooks Hamilton
Katherine	Morgan	F	Prince George, Georgetown	GS	Brooks Hamilton
Charles	Nation	M	Prince George, Georgetown	GS	Stoney Miller
Cathy	Perry	F	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	Melissa Arscott
Joe	Perry	M	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	Melissa Arscott
Steve	Shellhammer	M	St. George's, Summerville	BCD	Michael Singletary
Kathy	Sullivan	F	Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant	EC	Ellen Walsh
Liz	Tumbleston	F	Christ - St Paul's, Yonges Island	Islands	Bill Swygert

**#187**

### WEEKEND SCHEDULE



**Thursday, July 18 – Sunday, July 21**  
*(All weekend activities take place  
at Camp St. Christopher.)*

**Sunday, July 21**  
**Wake-up - 5:30 AM**  
**Clausura – 2:30 PM**  
**(CHILDCARE AVAILABLE)**

**Saturday, August 3, 2019**  
**Diocesan Ultreya**  
**Church of the Cross, Bluffton**

### 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 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 Team #187

Servant Role	Name	Parish	Utreya	Rollo
Rector	Deb Brooks	Trinity, Edisto	Islands	Utreya
Observing Rector	Debbie Doty	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Group Reunion
Head Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Michael Hub	All Saints, Weddington, NC	LM	Grace; Sacraments; Christian Life
Spiritual Advisor	Dcn. Sam Turbeville	All Saints, Florence	Pee Dee	Faith; Obstacles to Grace
Camp Coordinator	Frank Gibson	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	Leaders
Techno Cha	Jim Ewing	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GS	Laity
Music Chas	Head- John Chaconas	St. Paul's, Summerville	BCD	
	Craig Reeder	St. Barnabas, Fort Mill	LM	
Palanca Chas	Head- Carol Chaconas	St. Paul's, Summerville	BCD	Piety
	Evelyn Ewing	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GS	Study
	Jim Burns	St. Paul's, Summerville	BCD	
Floating Cha	Keith Brooks	Trinity, Edisto	Islands	Evangelization of Environments
Table Chas	Head- Melissa Arscott	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	
	Guy Doty	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	
	Emily Barnette	Holy Trinity, Windermere	CWA	Action
Table Facilitators	Head- Stephen Arscott	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	Christian Community
	Jim Huntley	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GS	
	John Dougherty	Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant	EC	Ideals
	Charlotte Burns	St. Paul's, Summerville	BCD	
Crosses	Tom Acker	St. Michael's, Charleston	CWA	
Lanyards	Duvall Acker	St. Michael's, Charleston	CWA	
Agape Dinner	Islands Utreya	Lindy & Frank Kirk in charge	Islands	
Calligraphy	Sam Turbeville	All Saints, Florence	Pee Dee	
Altar Guild	Evelyn Ewing	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GS	

**AMERICA, AMERICA,**

**GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE...**



# ULTREYA! ULTREYA! ULTREYA!



## DIOCESAN ULTREYA

**Church of the Cross, Bluffton**  
**SATURDAY, August 3, 2019**

- 9:00 AM Welcome, coffee, juice, and munchies
- 9:30 AM -Fourth Day Seminar (New Cursillistas and #187 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 PM 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 is \$7.00, payable at the door. Please RSVP NLT Wednesday, July 31st [HERE.](#)

Or contact Sheila Sulak at [ssulak@thechurchofthecross.net](mailto:ssulak@thechurchofthecross.net) or 843-757-2661. Childcare available with advance notice.



**Church of the Cross, Bluffton**  
**110 Calhoun St. , Bluffton, SC 29910**

[MAP](#)

### From Charleston:

Take Hwy 17 South toward Beaufort. Take Trask Pkwy to US-21 S/Parris Island Gateway in Burton. Get on US-278 E/Fording Island Rd. in Okatie from SC-170 W. Merge onto US-278 E/Fording Island Rd. Continue on SC-46 W. Drive to Calhoun St. in Bluffton

### From Florence:

Follow I-95 S to SC-462 E in Coosawhatchie. Take exit 28 from I-95 S. Follow SC-462 E, SC-170 W and US-278 E/Fording Island Rd to Calhoun St. in Bluffton

# DECOLORES!

## FROM THE BISHOP'S CLERGY REPRESENTATIVE

Father Tom Woodle

As we stand on the threshold of the 187th consecutive Cursillo weekend in the Diocese of South Carolina, I am reminded not only of the mighty power of God that I have witnessed and the lives changed throughout the years, but also of the lifelong friends I have made. These friendships are deep, strong and plentiful. In many ways they form a special thread that runs among our parishes and our common lives in Christ, far too valuable to take for granted. So join me in thankfulness for this great gift of God to our diocese by supporting the pilgrims and team of 187 with your prayers and presence at the closing! Remember those who took the time and effort to make your weekend special and pass it on!

Ultreya and Buen Camino!

Fr. Tom

## DIOCESAN LAY COORDINATOR

Brenda Gonnella

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's exciting to have a Cursillo weekend right around the corner! We have certainly had some challenges to overcome after having to reschedule the April Cursillo! But rest assured, we are moving forward! The enemy has tried to stop this amazing movement, but the Lord is in control and will continue to be glorified through Cursillo. Lives will continue to be changed for eternity! His Spirit will continue to move in and through every participant and every team member!

I know some of you have been concerned over the past couple of months about the future of Cursillo in the Diocese after the rescheduling of the spring weekend. Please let me assure you that the Secretariat is praying and working hard to face these challenges, pursuing constructive change to enrich the weekend experience as well as the 4th Day, and strengthening that which is good about Cursillo in South Carolina. Fr. Tom Woodle and I have met with Bishop Lawrence. He is extremely supportive of the direction that Cursillo is going and has welcomed and endorsed our ideas going forward. I encourage you to attend the next Secretariat meeting directly following the Diocesan Ultreya in Bluffton on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to learn about our exciting new direction.

We continue to pray and move forward as the Spirit leads us. For 2020, in addition the annual winter retreat, the Secretariat has reduced the number of Cursillo weekends from three per year to two. We want to make sure the weekends are filled. This makes for a much more enriching experience for the Participants as well as the Team. When we get to the point of a waiting list, we will then add back another weekend...or two if needed. This is our prayer! To make this happen, we will need your help! One of the first things we can do for our Movement is to support new Participants by fulfilling the Sponsorship commitments before...during...and after their weekend. This includes Reunion Group, Ultreya (Diocesan and Local), and evangelizing our environments. The second thing we can do is support the Joy of Giving program generously.

Please join me by supporting the participants and team of #187 with your prayers, palanca and your attendance at the Clausura on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30pm to welcome them into their 4<sup>th</sup> Day! Let's pack the house! Remember how exciting it was for you when you walked into your closing with a full house singing, praising and clapping as you entered the room! Let's do the same for them! Come a little early and catch up with you Cursillo family before the Clausura starts.

As we look to weekend #187, please pray for the Team and Participants. Don't forget to sign up for our prayer vigil with Jim Burns by e-mailing him at [jimmib1948@aol.com](mailto:jimmib1948@aol.com).

Can't wait to see you all at Clausura and the Diocesan Ultreya!

Ultreya!

Brenda

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# **Your Annual Gift to Cursillo is Critical!**

## **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 the October weekend, if you have not already done so, we are asking you to send your 2019 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

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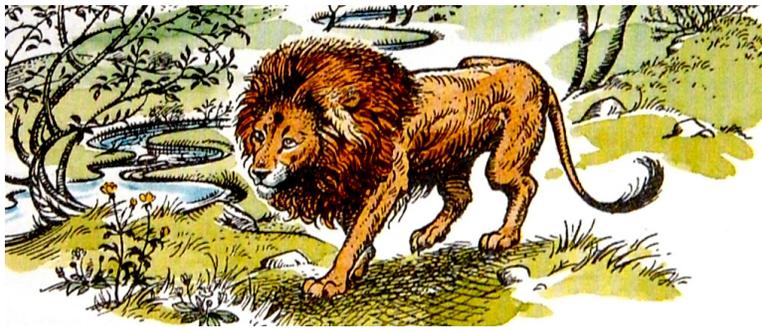
### **THE GREAT COMMISSION**

*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***



**C.S. LEWIS**

### **THERE IS NO SAFE INVESTMENT**

Lewis compares God's creation of people like our invention of an engine that runs on gasoline. Without it, it wouldn't run correctly. Likewise, "God designed the human machine to run on Himself," he says (*Mere Christianity*). When we break our life off from the lifegiver, we begin to fade (like those in *The Great Divorce*). What God is looking for is the change that comes as Eustace in *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* scratches more and more deeply and discovers the hardened dragon scales were falling off.

God is aiming for a rebirth. It means we'll encounter the two edges of suffering and hope. But, Lewis reminds us in *The Four Loves*... about the alternative which might appear safe but offers a damning end.

*"There is no safe investment. To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket—safe, dark, motionless, airless—it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell.*

*"I believe that the most lawless and inordinate loves are less contrary to God's will than a self-invited and self-protective lovelessness. It is like hiding the talent in a napkin and for much the same reason. 'I knew thee that thou wert a hard man.' Christ did not teach and suffer that we might become, even in the natural loves, more careful of our own happiness. If a man is not uncalculating towards the earthly beloveds whom he has seen, he is none the more likely to be so towards God whom he has not. We shall draw nearer to God, not by trying to avoid the sufferings inherent in all loves, but by accepting them and offering them to Him; throwing away all defensive armour. If our hearts need to be broken, and if He chooses this as the way in which they should break, so be it."*

What are you in love with and how has it shaped you? Is it God or a replacement? If we are to follow Jesus, it is to a sure scene of crucifixion, both his and ours, as we painfully surrender our wills to his, our ways to his, our luxuries to his crown. Let us rekindle again the risk and reward of the Gospel.

<http://www.cslewis.com/no-safe-investment/>

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#### UPCOMING WEEKENDS

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lay Rector or Location</u>	<u>Ultreya Date</u>	<u>Ultreya Location</u>
#187	July 18-21, 2019	Deb Brooks	Aug. 3, 2019	Church of the Cross, Bluffton
#188	Oct. 17-20, 2019	Debbie Doty	Nov. 2, 2019	St. Paul's, Conway
Retreat	Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2020	Camp St. Christopher		
#189	July 16-19, 2020	Michelle Barnum	Aug. 1, 2020	TBD
#190	Oct. 22-25, 2020	TBD	Nov. 7, 2020	TBD

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