



CURSILLO SOUNDS

October 2014



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Rector's Letter to the 4th Day

Cursillo #174

"Fully Rely on God"



Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5

What does it mean to Fully Rely on God? How do we trust Him with all of our heart? It starts by trusting Him to guide us every day, starting off each day with Him in prayer and in His Word. This is what the Lord has been teaching me as I prepare to guide and lead weekend #174, His weekend. I have, and will continue, to fully rely on Him daily. He has truly shown me that He is in FULL control of this weekend! I have asked the team to fully rely on God and they are, one day at a time. Though this sounds easy, it is not. When everything is going well, it's easy. However, when things are hard and painful and you don't understand, it's not so easy. That is when we truly need to Fully Rely on God, to F.R.O.G

On one of my daily walks, the Lord brought to my attention one of our SC state license plates that reads "In God we trust." I sensed the Holy Spirit asking me, "Do you? Do you trust me enough to Fully Rely on Me?" Do I, as His child? Do we, as the Body of Christ, as a community, as a nation, as a world? Do we Fully Rely on God? Only you can answer that question for yourself. My prayer is that the participants, as well as the team for #174, can and WILL Fully Rely on God!

Please be in intentional prayer for the participants to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to leave the weekend with a *personal relationship* with their Father. It is through this relationship that they will be the disciples He has called them to be. Pray that they experience a one-on-one encounter with Jesus and are filled to overflowing with His amazing love shown through us, our prayers and Palanca. It is also my prayer that you will be at wake-up and the Clausura on Sunday, October 19th to welcome in the newest Cursillistas into the 4th Day. Please continue to keep the Cursillo movement as well as #174 in your daily prayers, as lives are truly being transformed! Remember your weekend; remember how amazing it was for you to receive such love from people you did not know through your palanca. Remember and let His Love shine through YOU!

Our Lord has truly called an amazing team together for this weekend, and I am so blessed and humbled to be a part of it. I am certain that He will do mighty things in the lives of those He has called by name to this weekend, #174.

In His amazing love,

Brenda Gonnella
Lay-Rector #174
brendagins@aol.com

Cursillo #174 Participants

Name	Parish	Ultreya	Sponsor
Betsy Acken	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	Linda Wilder
John Acken	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	Arthur Wilder
Laura Bowman	Grace Parish, North Myrtle Beach	GS	Penny Crawford
Martha Brown	Trinity, Pinopolis	BCD	Carol Morrison
Pat Bush	The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	Jani Richardson
Brad Davis	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Roger Sandler
Kim Davis	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Brenda Peters
Laura Dixon	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	Mary Francis Ahl
Phil Dixon	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	Kevin Ahl
Judy Ferguson	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Joanne Byrd
Marilyn Fisher	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	Peggy Box
Diane Gascoigne	St. Paul's, Conway	GS	Francine Tuohy
Bill Gascoigne	St. Paul's, Conway	GS	John Tuohy
Kaye Halvorson	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Paul Scott
Paul Halvorson	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Alex Perri
Bill Johnson	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	Medd Box
Lilly Petrey	St. George's, Summerville	BCD	Karen Petrey
Martin Scarbrough	Holy Trinity, Charleston	CWA	Ed Rosenlieb & Chip Holmes
Adamm Smith	The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	Steve & Carolyn Jones
Ben Stief	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Alex Perri
Jayne Stief	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Kim Perri
Fran Willey	Church of the Resurrection, Surfside	GS	Steve & Laura Hoffman
Andrea Young	The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	Steve & Carolyn Jones

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 #174. Please contact them at 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)

#174

WEEKEND SCHEDULE



Thurs., October 16 – Sun., October 19

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

Sunday, October 19

Wake-up - 5:30 AM

Clausura – 2:30 PM (CHILDCARE AVAILABLE)

Saturday, November 1

Diocesan Ultreya
Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant

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 #174 Team

Servant Role	Name	Parish	Ultreya	Rollo
Rector	Brenda Gonnella	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	15. Ultreya
Observing Rector	Jim Huntley	The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	14. Group Reunion
Head Spiritual Advisor	Fr. John Scott	St Paul's, Summerville	BCD	7. Sacraments
Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Michael Ridgill	Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg	Santee	4. Faith 12. Christian Life in Grace
Spiritual Advisor	Deacon Eddie Driggers	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	2. Grace 9. Obstacles to a Life of Grace
Camp Coordinator	Mary Aquino Cooper	St. Paul's, Conway	GS	
Techno Cha	Alex Perri	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	
Techno Cha in training	*Scott Myers	St. Michael's, Charleston	CWA	
Head Music Cha	*Gaye DuPre	Christ-St. Paul's, Yonges Island	Islands	1. Ideal
Music Cha	*Steven Herman	Christ-St. Paul's, Yonges Island	Islands	
Music Cha	Greg Johnsman	Christ-St. Paul's, Yonges Island	Islands	
Head Palanca Cha	Kim Perri	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	13. Christian Community
Palanca Cha	Penny Crawford	Grace Parish, North Myrtle Beach	GS	6. Study
Palanca Cha	Jim Gonnella	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	
Palanca Cha	Renee Easterling	St. Paul's, Bennettsville	Pee Dee	5. Piety
Co-Head Table Cha	Charlotte Luton Burns	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	11. Environments
Co-Head Table Cha	Jim Burns	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	3. Laity
Table Cha	*Medd Box	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	
Table Cha	Devvy Ridgill	Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg	Santee	
Table Cha	Harry Easterling	St. Paul's, Bennettsville	Pee Dee	
Head Table Facilitator	Janet Huntley	The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach	GS	
Table Facilitator	*Nancy Collins	Christ Church, Mt Pleasant	EC	
Table Facilitator	*Frank Collins	Christ Church, Mt Pleasant	EC	
Table Facilitator	Lennis Driggers	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	
Table Facilitator	Tommy Betsill	Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg	LM	10. Leadership
Table Facilitator	*Barbara Betsill	Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg	LM	
Float/Palanca Cha	Lori Grimm	Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	8. Action
Special Asst. to the Rector	Michaela Gonnella	Church of the Resurrection, N. Charleston	BCD	
Honorary team member	Martha Horn	St. Luke's, Hilton Head	South	
Altar Guild	Charlotte Luton Burns	Lori Grimm & Janet Huntley		* First time on Team
Crosses	Don Rodrick			
Lanyards	Mary Rife			
Calligraphy	Bunny Shifflett			
Agape Dinner	Michelle & Todd Barnum	Mike & Bobbie Puckett, Mary Doar & Don Rodrick	Karen Petrey	

"I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God,





Who is sending a love letter to the world."

Mother Theresa

ULTREYA! ULTREYA! ULTREYA!

DIOCESAN ULTREYA

Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant
SATURDAY November 1, 2014

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- 9:00 AM Welcome, coffee, juice, and munchies
- 9:30 AM -Fourth Day Seminar (New Cursillistas and #174 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 \$7.00, payable at the door. RSVP to Michele Hood at hoodam99@gmail.com or 843-810-6489 by **Wednesday, October 29th.**

DIRECTIONS

Christ Church
2304 Highway 17 North Mt. Pleasant, SC 29166

MAP

From Myrtle Beach: Hwy 17 South. After crossing the intersection with Highway 41 the next light will be at Brickyard Plantation. Go THROUGH the light and get into the left lane. On the left will be a big, red barn-like building with a green roof which is Boone Hall Farms. Turn left about 100 feet beyond that building, cross the north-bound lane of Hwy 17, and veer right onto the frontage road, which Old Georgetown Highway. Go down about a quarter of a mile and you'll see the entrance to Christ Church on the left.

From I-26 : Take I-526 East toward Mt. Pleasant. Cross the blue Don Holt bridge and a second bridge over the Wando River. You'll pass the Family Circle Cup stadium as you ascend the second bridge. After crossing the bridge, take the first exit, which is Long Point Road. Turn left onto Long Point. Stay on Long Point until it makes a T-intersection with Highway 17 (about 4 miles). There will be two left-hand turn lanes at the light. Get into the RIGHT left-hand turn lane, as you'll turn right immediately after turning left at that light. Take the first right, and the first right again and you'll be on the campus.

From Beaufort: Cross the Ashley River Bridge on Hwy 17 N. Take the Mt. Pleasant exit onto the Arthur Ravenel bridge. Get into the left lanes and take the Georgetown exit off the bridge. Drive on Hwy 17 for about 8 miles. After you go through the intersection with the Isle of Palms (IOP) Connector you'll see the historic chapel of Christ Church on your right at the 2nd stop light. Get into the right lane and take the first right after the light. Take the next right into the campus.

PARKING: Parking is in front of the red brick Parish Hall. Or, circle around to the left of the Parish Hall for more parking in the back of the campus.

FROM THE DIOCESAN LAY COORDINATOR

Bill Clarkson

DECOLORES!

I have always been involved in the Church; I guess that is the byproduct of being the child of a priest, but it was only after I went through Cursillo that I really became involved in ministry. One of these ministries is Kairos, which is loosely based on Cursillo but takes place inside a prison. Unlike a Cursillo weekend, many of the participants of a Kairos weekend not only do not know Jesus, but they may not have experienced any form of love for years. Telling someone who has no hope of the good news of Jesus Christ can be very powerful!

Let me tell you about one prisoner in particular who has really touched my heart. He has a long Spanish name, so we called him Mitch. Mitch was about 22 years old and had been drafted by a professional baseball team as a teenager. He was the golden boy in his family and his future looked bright. In his first season during spring practice, Mitch injured his shoulder and was released by the team. Remember, he was still a teenager, but now he was loose on the streets with a whole pot full of money that he got as a signing bonus. I don't know exactly how much, but it was well into the six figures.

Over the next year or so, two things happened. First, his shoulder healed, and second, he went through all the cash. Mitch found himself broke in the upstate, but another major league team asked him to come to tryouts to restart his baseball career. He didn't have the money for the travel, so he decided to steal it. He and his friend concocted an extremely stupid scheme to get the money. They thought it would protect them, but they were very wrong. A few days later, Mitch was pulled over by a police officer for a traffic violation, and he instantly confessed to the robbery. Instead of getting just a few years for the theft, Mitch was sentenced to around sixty years because of their clever "scheme."

As a Kairos weekend begins, every street person is paired up with a resident to be their sponsor. I was Mitch's sponsor, so I got to spend a lot of time with him. I really began to like this guy. Yes, he did steal the money, and yes, he did some extremely dumb things, but Mitch is not evil. The more time I spent with him, the more I got to know him, and the more I began to love him. Now, Lee County Correctional Institution is a very dark place. It is a maximum security prison and most of the inmates have either a very long sentence or life in prison. It broke my heart to think that Mitch will spend the majority of his life in a place like this. He will not be eligible for parole until he is nearly sixty years-old.

On the Saturday afternoon of my weekend as Mitch's sponsor, I was sitting by myself at a table and praying quietly to God. I remember telling Him that if it were only possible for me to pay Mitch's fine and have him released, I would do it. Instantly, God answered. It wasn't with words that you can hear with your ear; rather, it was a thought that came into my mind that was not from me. God said, "Now you know how I feel. But I can and I did pay his fine." Wow! I had never thought about how much it must pain Jesus to see us living in our own prison of sin.

As much as I care for Mitch, and I pray for him every day, I cannot get him out of prison. I can and I did share the good news of the Gospel with him, but I don't know if he's truly accepted Jesus. God could get Mitch out of Lee County Correctional Institution, or He could use him as a light in that very dark place. But the darkness that lasts forever, the prison of sin and death, is one that Jesus wants for none of us.

Ultreya!

Bill

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 2014 weekends, if you have not already done so, we are asking you to send your 2014 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

FROM THE BISHOP'S CLERGY REPRESENTATIVE

Fr. Tom Woodle

Brother and Sister Cursillistas:

As we look into the fall of the year and another exciting Cursillo Weekend, let's take a moment and relive our own Cursillo experience. Wonderful, wasn't it? However, the Cursillo Weekends are not an end in and of themselves. They are the beginning of a deeper life in the Spirit and an increased awareness and utilization of our own spiritual gifts as we carry our individual apostolic callings in our local parish and diocese. Through Cursillo, God equips us to move forward, taking our place on God's staff of workers, performing the work that He has designed and equipped us to do in the power of the Spirit. And, part of that work is the recruitment of other workers in our local vineyards who will benefit from the Cursillo Experience and the encouragement of those who are becoming newly, fire-inspired Cursillistas.

Cursillo is not just a weekend....it is a way of life in the Church. With that said, I invite all of us to rekindle the excitement that was ours at the end of our own weekend and to join in sharing the glory in which Cursillistas are enveloped as they reach the culmination of their weekend at Clausura. What a wonderful thing it is to see so great a cloud of witnesses together as these people, ending their weekend, walk into Susanna's House at Camp St. Christopher. Many of them shed tears that so many people cared enough to come and support them at closing, not to mention the palanca that they receive from people with whom they are not even acquainted during the weekend. So, consider being an integral part of someone else's experience by supporting them with a letter for the weekend. And, come share in the worship and support of new Cursillistas at Clausura. It doesn't matter if someone from your church is attending or not; the effect is the same for those precious souls who are weary from so much "well-doing" but aglow with the love of Jesus. Come. You are a part of the family, and the more people who are there through palanca and through their attendance at Clausura, the more glorious the celebration.

Note the dates of Cursillo 174 and make an effort to not only write palanca, but to share in the "communion of saints" by attending Clausura!

De Colores and Buen Camino!

Fr. Tom+

FROM THE MUSIC COMMISSIONER

Mary Aquino-Cooper

Attention Cursillo Musicians!

Clausura is October 19th. That's right around the corner! Don't forget that all musicians are WELCOME to join the music team, so bring your guitars, flutes, and voices, and be a part of a glorious worship experience! Join us at around 2:00 PM in Susannah's House.

Also, the Diocesan Ultreya will be held on November 1st at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant. I'll be gathering names of musicians for our musicians list. If you're interested in being a part of an upcoming weekend as a Cursillo team member, please try to make it to Ultreya!

Decolores!

Mary



Cursillo Sounds
Diocese of South Carolina
18 Crystal Beach Ln.
Bluffton, SC 29910



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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>
#174	Oct. 16 - 19, 2014	Brenda Gonnella	Nov. 1, 2014	TBA
Winter Retreat	Jan. 30 – Feb. 1, 2015	Camp St. Christopher		
#175	March 19 – 22, 2015	Jim Huntley	April 4, 2015	TBA
#176	July 23-26, 2015	Rob Shelton	Aug. 1, 2015	TBA
#177	Oct. 22-25, 2015	Katie Clarkson	Nov. 7, 2015	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 Don Freeland at dkfreeland@aol.com

REQUEST FOR MAILED COPY OF THE CURSILLO SOUNDS

Name _____ My Ultreya: _____ My Cursillo # _____

Street Address or P.O. Box _____
City/State/Zip _____

Mail to: Don Freeland 18 Crystal Beach Ln. Bluffton, SC 29910