



CURSILLO SOUNDS

April 2013



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Rector's Letter to the 4th Day CURSILLO #169



"O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song." (Psalm 100:1)

As Cursillistas, this is what we are called to do: "Serve with Gladness." Serve our Father and serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Therefore, throughout the upcoming Cursillo weekend our team will serve the participants of #169 with gladness and through song!

I remember the exact moment when I chose to lay down and admit my brokenness and follow our Lord. That moment took place eight years ago in the Kimbel Chapel. I am forever humbled and blessed to know that I can be part of His Great Commission, and like St. Andrew, Cursillo #169's patron saint, glorify His name and be a fisher of men.

As many of you have come to realize, I am slightly ADHD. Did someone say brownie? (note to self...Focus!) Being called to serve as Lay Rector, I was determined to plan way ahead so life's interruptions would not distract my focus. Several months ago I came across a saying that is helping to keep me grounded and remind me that only He is in charge. "I plan, God laughs." Though not from Scripture, it is a reminder that He does chart out the ultimate plan, as well as have a very good sense of humor.

Preparing for the upcoming Cursillo Weekend has not been without many of life's mountains and valleys, but knowing that these attacks are only distractions attempting to disrupt God's plan for the Weekend keeps this team's focus on the importance of Cursillo weekends in the building of His kingdom. If there were no concern about the renewing and awakening of The Spirit in the hearts of the participants, the attacks would cease.

My prayer is for each one of the participants to realize God's grace and feel His divine presence in their lives. May they can become more focused on Him and help build His kingdom and spread His joy throughout "all ye lands."

Thank you for your continued prayers for the participants and team of Cursillo #169. May the peace of the Lord be with each of you.

In His service,

Tabby Shelton
169 Weekend Rector
fosteringhopeinc@aol.com

Cursillo #169 Participants

Nick Name	Last Name	Church	Ultreya	Sponsor
Barbara	Bardon	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Martha Siebers
Ray	DaSilva	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GSN	Dick Rife
Susie	DaSilva	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GSN	Mary Rife
Dusty	Duke	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Brenda Peters
Doadie	Evans	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	Maude Hornsby
Kathy	Faircloth	St Paul's, Conway	GSN	Tabby Shelton
Ken	Faircloth	St Paul's, Conway	GSN	Rob Shelton
Nan	Freitag	St. Michael's, Charleston	CWA	Tom & Duval Acker
Elise	Gabbard	Holy Trinity, Grahamville	South	Margaret Curtis
Bud	Irvin	St Stephen's, Bolivia, NC		Tom Crafton
Diane	King	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	Maude Hornsby
Kathy	Meinzer	St. George's, Summerville	BCD	Jim Burns
Becky	Mitchell	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	Abby B. Morris
Billy	Musselwhite	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Ted Favata
Evelyn	Musselwhite	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Sheila Sulak
Fran	Tuohy	St Paul's, Conway	GSN	Ginny Biddle
Jack	Tuohy	St Paul's, Conway	GSN	Larry Biddle
Gerry	Wallace	St Paul's, Conway	GSN	Rob Shelton
Amber	Wallace	St Paul's, Conway	GSN	Kathy Hamilton
Lolly	Yates	Holy Trinity, Grahamville	South	Sheri P Boyles

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 #169. 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)*



Thurs., April 18 – Sun., April 21

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

Sunday, April 21

Wake-up - 5:30 AM

Clausura – 2:30 PM

Saturday, May 4th

Diocesan Ultreya

Holy Comforter, Sumter

DECOLORES!



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



www.sccursillo.com

Cursillo Team #169

SERVANT ROLE	TEAM MEMBER	PARISH	ULTREYA	ROLLO
Rector	Tabby Shelton	St. Paul's, Conway	GSN	Ultreya
Observing Rector	Carey Freeland	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Reunion
Head Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Jason Collins	St. Paul's, Conway	GSN	Faith, Obstacles
Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Michael Hub	St. Matthew's, Ft. Motte	LM	Grace, Sacraments
Spiritual Advisor	Deacon Dawn Rider	St. Paul's, Conway	GSN	Christian Life
Camp Coordinator	Don Freeland	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	Environments
Techno Cha	Robert Shelton	St. Paul's, Conway	GSN	Study
Head Music Cha	Fr. Tom Woodle	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GSN	
Music Cha	Bo Kennerly	St. Michaels, Myrtle Beach		
Music Cha	Jackie Woodle	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GSN	Christian Comm
Head Palanca Cha	Katie Clarkson	St. Matthew's, Ft. Motte	LM	
Palanca Cha	Shawna Collins*	St. Paul's, Conway	GSN	Peity
Palanc Cha	Jim Huntley	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GSN	Leaders
Head Table Cha	Callie Hub	St. Matthew's, Ft. Motte	LM	Ideal
Table Cha	Christopher Floyd	Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg	Santee	Action
Table Cha	Michael Gray*	St. Matthias, Summerton	LM	Laity
Table Cha	Janet Huntley	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GSN	
Head Table Facilitator	Bill Clarkson	St. Matthew's, Ft. Motte	LM	
Table Facilitator	Delton Powers	St. David's, Cheraw	Pee Dee	
Table Facilitator	Frank Gibson	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	
Table Facilitator	Phyllis Gibson*	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	
Table Facilitator	Lori Grimm	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	
Table Facilitator	Brenda Kennerly	St. Michael's, Myrtle Beach		
Table Facilitator	Doug Grimm	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	
				*First time on team
Crosses	Jay Freeman	Christ Church, Stroudsville, PA		
Lanyards	Sue Harrison	St. Paul's, Conway	GSN	
Agape Dinner	Suzanne Sasser	St. Paul's, Conway	GSN	

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. Kindly do not send food or drinks to camp as personal palanca.

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)

ULTREYA! ULTREYA! ULTREYA!

DIOCESAN ULTREYA

Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter
SATURDAY, May 4, 2013

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- 9:00 AM Welcome, coffee, juice, and munchies
- 9:30 AM -Fourth Day Seminar (New Cursillistas and #169 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 \$7.00, payable at the door. RSVP to Lori Grimm at lorigrimm88@gmail.com or 803-236-3247 by **Wednesday, May 1st.**

DIRECTIONS to ULTREYA
Church of the Holy Comforter
213 N Main St., Sumter SC 29150

[Map](#)

From I-95

- Take Hwy 378 toward Sumter.
- At the fork with Hwy 763, bear left onto 763.
- 763 merges into East Liberty.
- Proceed on East Liberty about 8 blocks to Main Street.
- Turn right onto North Main.
- The church is 4 blocks up on the corner of North Main and Calhoun St., on the right.

FROM THE DIOCESAN LAY COORDINATOR

Bill Clarkson

“Cursillo”

A few months ago, my youngest son, Sam, brought me his weekly vocabulary list from the Spanish II class he is taking. He pointed out the word “cursillo” and asked if this is what his mother and I do. So I asked him the definition he had for cursillo. He said that it means “workshop.” Of course, that is different from our translation of “a short course”, but I like it a lot better.

Katie and I have had the wonderful opportunity to serve on a number of Cursillo teams since we went through weekend #132, and each time we have left feeling closer to God than when we arrived. The analogy of a workshop fits my experience better than a classroom. Whether God smoothes and sands rough spots, or cuts and planes out the bad areas, we are the material and He is the Carpenter. When a weekend ends, I do not feel “educated”, I feel “changed”.

Once again, I am blessed to be a part of a Cursillo team. I do not know if I will be the hammer or the nail or the wood. But no matter how God uses all of us assembled at St Christopher for this weekend, I know His plans far exceed anything we can imagine! What an awesome God we serve!

De Colores,
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 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

To Know God is To Obey God

In C.S. Lewis's spiritual autobiography, *Surprised by Joy*, he describes how God led him from atheism, to theism, to eventual belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. One key in his journey to faith was his understanding that if there was a God, that human beings should obey God, not because of what He's done, but because of who He is. Lewis writes:

There are men, far better men than I, who have made immortality almost the central doctrine of their religion; but for my own part I have never seen how a preoccupation with that subject at the outset could fail to corrupt the whole thing. I had been brought up to believe that goodness was goodness only if it were disinterested, and that any hope of reward or fear of punishment contaminated the will. If I was wrong in this (the question is really much more complicated than I then perceived) my error was most tenderly allowed for. I was afraid that threats or promises would demoralise me; no threats or promises were made. The commands were inexorable, but they were backed by no "sanctions." God was to be obeyed simply because he was God. Long since, through the gods of Asgard, and later through the notion of the Absolute, He had taught me how a thing can be revered not for what it can do to us but for what it is in itself. That is why, though it was a terror, it was no surprise to learn that God is to be obeyed because of what He is in Himself. If you ask why we should obey God, in the last resort the answer is, "I am." To know God is to know that our obedience is due to Him. In his nature His sovereignty *de jure* is revealed.

Of course as I have said, the matter is more complicated than that. The primal and necessary Being, the Creator, has sovereignty *de facto* as well as *de jure*. He has the power as well as the kingdom and the glory. But the *de jure* sovereignty was made known to me before the power, the right before the might. And for this I am thankful. I think it is well, even now, sometimes to say to ourselves, "God is such that if (*per impossible*) his power could vanish and His other attributes remain, so that the supreme right were forever robbed of the supreme might, we should still owe Him precisely the same kind and degree of allegiance as we now do...¹

A good New Year's resolution might be to pray and ask God to help us better obey Him this year, not because of what He can do for us, but rather, because of Who He is. If this resolution is kept by the power of the Holy Spirit in us, then the coming year is certain to be full of great promise and joy.

Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 2:4-6 (NIV)

¹C. S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy: The Shape of My Early Life* (London: Fontana Books, 1959), pp. 184-185.

His Resurrection Destiny

Oswald Chambers

"Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" (Luke 24:26)

Our Lord's Cross is the gateway into His life. His resurrection means that He has the power to convey His life to me. When I was born again, I received the very life of the risen Lord from Jesus Himself.

Christ's resurrection destiny— His foreordained purpose— was to bring "many sons to glory" (Hebrews 2:10). The fulfilling of His destiny gives Him the right to make us sons and daughters of God. We never have exactly the same relationship to God that the Son of God has, but we are brought by the Son into the relation of sonship. When our Lord rose from the dead, He rose to an absolutely new life— a life He had never lived before He was God Incarnate. **He rose to a life that had never been before. And what His resurrection means for us is that we are raised to His risen life, not to our old life.** One day we will have a body like His glorious body, but we can know here and now the power and effectiveness of His resurrection and can "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Paul's determined purpose was to "know Him *and the power of His resurrection*" (Philippians 3:10).

Jesus prayed, ". . . as You have given Him authority over all flesh that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him" (John 17:2). The term *Holy Spirit* is actually another name for the experience of eternal life working in human beings here and now. The Holy Spirit is the deity of God who continues to apply the power of the atonement by the Cross of Christ to our lives. Thank God for the glorious and majestic truth that His Spirit can work the very nature of Jesus into us, if we will only obey Him.



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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>
4 th DAY PICNIC	April 6, 2013	Old Santee State Park		
#170	July 10 - 14, 2013	Carrie Freeland	July 27, 2013	TBA
#171	Oct. 9 - 13, 2013	Mary Aquino-Cooper	Oct. 26, 2013	TBA
Retreat	Feb. 7 - 9, 2014	Camp St. Christopher		
#172	Mar. 6 - 9, 2014	Jackie Woodle	Mar. 22, 2014	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 celeval@aol.com.

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

Mail to: Jim Ewing, 129 Cooper River Road, Surfside Beach, SC 29588