



The RAINBOW

Niagara Anglican Cursillo Newsletter

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CURSILLO CALENDAR

July	12	Diocesan Picnic&Ultreya 3:00pm Bronte Park in Oakville
Sept	13	Niagara Cursillo AGM Time & Location TBD
Nov	5-8	Weekend 44 Mount Mary Ancaster

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We welcome submissions from readers as viewpoints, faith journey stories, book reviews, news and coming events from parishes.

All submissions must include a name, telephone number or e-mail for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for content and length.

(see last page for submission details & deadlines)

From our Lay Director

Ann Grose

Last time I wrote for the Rainbow, I was talking about Christmas and Epiphany! Now the sun is shining, the grass is green, flowers are blooming in the garden, the fish in our pond have come back to life, and yesterday I picked up my bedding plants from our church! They are sitting in all their young glory waiting to be planted. At last I feel summer is here! It really is one of the miracles of our planet how everything that looked so dead for many months, is now alive, colourful and vibrant! Our God is so good and mighty clever!!

Secretariat has been meeting on a monthly basis and is active publishing brochures, organizing ultreyas, updating both our data base and website. Our website is not complete yet, but you might take a look at it. Any comments are welcome! The link is <http://www.niagaracursillo.org>

We are holding a **Diocesan Ultreya on Sunday, July 12**. It will be a little different! Laura MacKenzie is organizing this and has provided more details elsewhere in the Rainbow.

September and our AGM may seem a long way off, but it is not too early for Secretariat to start thinking about nominations. As a result, we have formed a **Nominating Committee** (see details elsewhere in this newsletter). However, I just want to say that working on Secretariat is a privilege, and a very interesting and solid way of being involved in our Cursillo Movement here in Niagara. The Nominating Committee members will be contacting various people in the Wider Community, and if you are one who is called it is because the Nominating Committee believes you would serve well in this capacity. Therefore, I urge you to please pray and consider your involvement!

June 5 – 7, The Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat is holding their **2009 Triennial Conference and General Meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia**. We have two representatives from Niagara who will be attending. Nancy Harris, as the Deputy Lay Director, will be a voting delegate, and Jan Collinson will be a non-voting participant. There will be representatives from all over Canada, and it will be an excellent opportunity for Nancy and Jan to meet other Cursillistas and to learn about other Cursillo movements in the various dioceses. Please uphold the Conference and Nancy and Jan in your prayers. We wish them both safe journeys and an interesting and meaningful Conference!

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FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR

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Remember, although Secretariat is the “working arm” of our movement, you the **Wider Community are our inspiration and support**. There is much talent out there and the Cursillo movement and God’s kingdom of earth, benefit when that talent is tapped and used. We thank you for your prayers, and welcome your time, talent and treasure!

Blessings
Ann Grose”.

REGIONAL ULTREYA SCHEDULE

Hamilton & Burlington: Second Friday of month (excl. Jul & Aug) at 7:30 pm Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

Contact: Tim Standish (905) 318-7405

Oakville: Sunday afternoons as determined, at St. Simon’s

Contact: Lorraine Cassidy (905) 842-5832

Guelph: Third Friday of every month at 7:30pm.
Location as determined

Contact: Brian & Elizabeth Rothwell
(519) 823-1124

Goergetown/Milton: First Friday of month (excl. Jul & Aug) at 7:30 pm Meetings at Grace, Milton
Currently no contact: (Call the church)

Niagara Peninsula: (currently inactive)

Weekend # 44 – November 5-8, 2009
Coordinator – Marion Bailey

Weekend # 45 – April 22-25, 1010
Coordinator – Larry Collinson

Weekend # 46 – March 31- April 3 2011
Coordinator - TBD

All weekends to be held at Mount Mary
Immaculate in Ancaster

Spiritual Director’s Report – Rev Susan Wells

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:1-5)

Since 1990, when I had my Cursillo weekend, the Cursillo community has helped me to abide in Jesus. All of you have had Cursillo weekends. Many of you would say it had a profound effect on your faith journey. And that is wonderful because Cursillo has always been about pointing the way to God and calling us to our part in the extension of God’s Kingdom here are earth.

However, it is easy to get busy doing ministry in your parish and put Cursillo on the back-burner as something you no longer have time for or something you no longer need..And maybe that is how it should be.

Cursillo has a role to play in our bishop’s vision and in the ministry of our parishes. Just as it possibly did for you – Cursillo can encourage a deeper relationship with God and a more “passionate spirituality” within an individual which can carry over to the parish– This is part of the Bishop’s vision. Another part of the Bishop’s vision is life giving worship – which I, for one, have experienced through Cursillo especially at the closing service for weekend #43.

I believe that God is calling us to use the Cursillo method to create passionate disciples for Christ. To do this **we need your help. There are two ways in which you can help.**

- We need you to identify people in your parish who could benefit from a Cursillo weekend – to talk to your clergy and then to sponsor them. Sponsorship is not some great onerous task – it is about being a mentor. Think about it. I know that each of you know people who God is calling to Cursillo. The logistics can always be worked out – there is a whole community of Cursillistas out there to help you.
- We need you to contributions to the Sponsorship fund. Last year the sponsorship fund paid ¾ of the weekend cost for all participants. Money should not be the determining factor as to whether or not someone can attend a Cursillo weekend. Please consider completing the PreAuthorized Giving Form in this Rainbow. A gift of \$20 per month would sponsor one person on a weekend plus leave \$40 to go towards general operating expenses. \$10 oer month would sponsor ½ a person.

As we move towards Pentecost my prayer for you is that your heart will be filled with the spirit of the Risen Christ.

Ultreya
Susan

Pre-Cursillo

Are there friends in your parish who would like to know more about Cursillo?

Are you tired of appearing to be the only voice speaking for Cursillo in your parish?

Would you like to have someone else come out and make a brief presentation to the parish or parish Council?

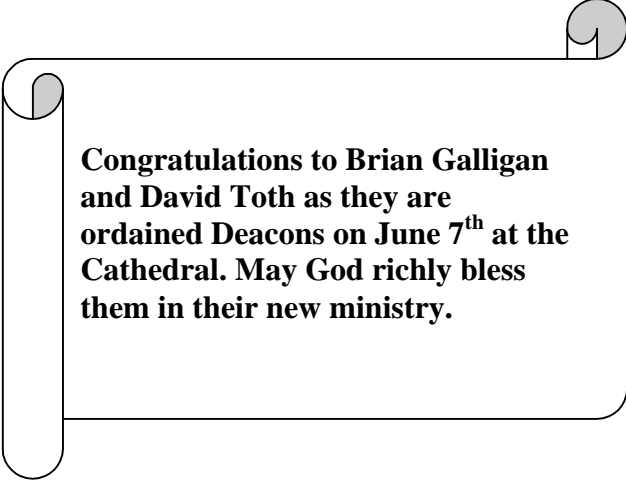
Would you like to have the Cursillo display available for coffee hour?

Do you need copies of the Cursillo brochure to pass around to potential Cursillistas?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above please contact the PreCursillo Committee by email precursillo@niagaracursillo.org

We'll do our best to help your parish know about Cursillo.

Dave Tinker,
PreCursillo Committee



Congratulations to Brian Galligan and David Toth as they are ordained Deacons on June 7th at the Cathedral. May God richly bless them in their new ministry.

Post Cursillo/Fourth Day Report

Over the past few months, Secretariat and this committee have implemented a few changes to the format of the Diocesan Ultreya which, from all reports, has resulted in a more dynamic and interesting event. Each of the Diocesan Ultreyas has been well attended and the witness talks inspirational.

We are also holding the Diocesan Ultreyas in different regions and from the attendance numbers this would also seem to be well received, especially by those who find it difficult to travel to other areas.

We thank Grace Church in St. Catherine's for hosting the Regional Ultreya in April. Their hospitality was greatly appreciated and we look forward to a return visit next year.

The next Diocesan Ultreya will be a family picnic at Bronte Park on Sunday, July 12th. Please feel free to bring friends and family to celebrate the greatness of God's love.

The Committee has also been working on streamlining the guidelines for the Witness Speaker's talk, the Lay Response and the Priest Response. It is hoped that these guidelines will be more helpful and clearer for the speakers at our Regional and Diocesan ultreyas.

In our Committee, we are also in the process of establishing a 4th-Day contact, clergy as well as lay, with each region in order to have a liaison person, hopefully, to enable better communication and contact between the regions and Secretariat.

Richard Turner
Post Cursillo/Fourth Day Chair

Prayer requests can be directed to
Hilda Fair hfair@cogeco.ca
289-389-0768

Huron Diocese Liason Report

A presentation was done at the Parish Council meeting at Grace Church, Brantford by Dave Tinker, the Fourth Day team leader. He gave an explanation of Cursillo and invited participation. The Cursillo display will be present at the coffee and conversation portion of the Grace Church service on May 24th and May 31st, giving the congregation an opportunity to receive the Cursillo information.

Copies of the revised Cursillo brochure have been distributed to Tobermory, Meaford, London, and Kitchener Cursillistas to be used in promoting Cursillo.

Marion Bailey, Grace Church, Brantford, will be the Co-Ordinator for the upcoming Weekend #44 – November 5 – 8 and we are praying for new participants from Huron to attend, as well as team members.

We are working towards to taking the display to the Synod in London, Ontario, again this year – May 25, 2009.

We are keeping “the Faith”, grouping & attending Ultreya

Jess Johnstone,
Holy Trinity, St George,

Communications Report

We continue to communicate with the Wider Community through blast emails. Updating the email lists as always in an on-going task.

In addition, we have been working on updating our website. The focus of the updates is to present information about the Niagara Cursillo movement not only to you, the Wider Community but to non-Cursillistas who may visit our site to learn more about Cursillo. We are trying to present the information in a clean looking, professional way. Once the clean up is completed, the Communications Committee will look at other possible ways of presenting the website with a view to making it more user friendly.

Please remember to advise us if you change your email or your mailing address so we can ensure our records are up to date. Also, like many other you wish to receive the Rainbow by email only please let us know. Send changes to Nancy Wood at 905-335-5067 or email to: communication@niagaracursillo.org

Weekend Committee Report

Weekend #44 is being Coordinated by Marion Bailey of Huron Diocese . She is working on putting her team together. The following people are on the Core Team:

Marion Bailey	Coordinator
Richard Turner	Assistant Coordinator
Larry Collinson	Support Group Coordinator
Suzanne Adams	Music Director
Rev. Stephanie Pellow	Spiritual Advisor

As Marion gets more people on the team, these names will be added to the list and will be found on the Cursillo Website.

The dates for weekend are #44 November 5th to 8th, 2009 and will be held at Mount Mary in Ancaster.

Hope you are thinking of possible participants for the weekend. Get names in as soon as possible!

Some future dates to remember: Weekend #45 April 22nd to 25th, 2010
Weekend #46 March 31st to April 3, 2011

It is wonderful to know that we have 3 weekends in the planning.

Reminder: Weekend banners are still looking for homes. If you were a weekend coordinator and would like to have your banner, please contact Nancy Harris at 905-465-3985.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Harris Chair Weekend Committee

FINANCIAL SUPPORT/DONATIONS

Please consider a donation to Cursillo Niagara.

Cursillo Niagara is a non-subsidized organization relying entirely on donations and pledges from individuals. It does not receive any Diocesan or Corporate financial support.

Cursillo Niagara has a Sponsorship Fund. This Fund subsidizes the cost of a Three-Day Weekend for all participants. Team members working on a Weekend, are required to pay the full cost themselves.

Other expenses incurred by Cursillo Niagara include advertising, brochures, publication of the newsletter, annual National Cursillo apportionment, travel expenses for our delegates to attend National Cursillo meetings, and operating costs.

There are various ways to financially support the organization.

1. **Pre-Authorized Payment:** this is the most beneficial method for both the organization and the donor. A PAP is automatic and once in place requires no further action. Cursillo Niagara receives your stipulated donation regularly. At the end of the year, PAP donors receive a tax receipt for their yearly donations. As an example, \$20 a month equals \$240 a year which, at current costs, pays for one participant to attend a Cursillo Weekend. Here is the Link to the PAP form for your convenience. Just fill out and mail to the Treasurer, address below.
2. **J.O.G. (Joy of Giving) Envelopes:** These are available at Regional and Diocesan Ultreyas, and should be given to or mailed to the treasurer in the pre-addressed envelope.
3. **Toonie or Loonie Film Cans:** These small cans hold 50 toonies or loonies and are an excellent way of donating a part of your small change! Also available at Ultreyas.
4. **Spontaneous, periodic donations:** Any donation is gratefully received.

Whichever method you use, an annual income tax receipt is issued by the Diocese of Niagara.

Thank you for your support. Donations can be mailed to the address below or brought to any Ultreya.

Mrs. Jan Collinson,
Treasurer, Cursillo Niagara
156 Crosthwaite Avenue North,
Hamilton, ON. L8H 4V5.



We have booked Bronte Park Conservation Area **Site F** on Sunday, July 12, 2009 for a picnic.

This site will be available to us from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Someone will be there to greet you from 12:00 noon onwards.

There will be organized activities/including children's games until 4:00 p.m., when we will have an Ultreya, with a witness speaker and plenty of music. This will be followed by a Potluck supper. Tea, coffee and juice will be provided.

Park Fees are \$15.00 per car (includes all passengers)

Swimming pool fees are \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for youth.

Come out and enjoy this Sunday afternoon with your friends and family.

Please contact me with children's ages for the games, before June 30 th.

For More Information contact
Laura McKenzie at 905-549-1971.

Missing Banner

The banner for Weekend 40 is missing. Dave Arnold was the Coordinator for this weekend and he would like to have the banner. The theme was "Jesus left no stone unturned to find me." We have looked through the banners that we have and can not find it. If anyone has this banner or knows of it's whereabouts please contact Nancy Harris at 905-465-3985 so we can arrange to get it to Dave so we can arrange to get it to Dave.

Trying to Explain: Weekend Nov. 2005

I know I don't need to explain, but I feel like I want to explain what happened from my point of view in the closing Eucharist at Cursillo 2005.

Someone I very much respect had made the comment to the effect that we do not want the leaders to fall apart during a Cursillo weekend and it had happened before. I was a table leader that weekend and it was a wonderful weekend. We came to the closing Eucharist and I felt the Holy Spirit at work as we began to praise. As often happens for me that brings a desire to cry, only this time I could feel the sobs starting to rise. I was faced with a dilemma; was I going to 'look good' or was I going to let God do what I thought he wanted to do. I chose the latter. It was a little embarrassing though I wasn't really embarrassed, as I sobbed those belly shaking sobs through the service. A friend from church who is prone to get teary eyed during services commented to the effect that I made him look good. ☺

After Communion, I went to the ladies room and as I continued to sob, I said, "God what is going on?" What went through my head was, "I am setting you free from fear." I figured I would know if that was true in the working out of my life.

Lots has happened since then as I have worked through facing different fears, but the reason I am writing this now is that we got back a few weeks ago from a trip to Whistler with three of our sons and I experienced a freedom from a fear that has plagued me for years. When I was young I was not afraid of heights, but one time visiting Hilton Falls as an adult, I went to step down to a ledge on the cliff face and did not judge the distance properly. I was facing into the gorge and as I stepped down farther than I expected to it almost catapulted me forward and scared me half to death as I realized I could have died, hmm, maybe it is actually a fear of death. After that I went on a small Gondola ride at Lake George, NY and found that I was scared and it was not fun! Anyways, while we were at Whistler I rode the Peak to Peak Gondola ride and loved it! I looked down and studied the trail 1400 feet or 436 metres below and enjoyed the beautiful scenery. This experience made me want to share my new found freedom with those who may have witnessed my state during Cursillo and wondered what was going on. "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free (Gal. 5:1a)." Ulteya.

Shirley Kitchen, Grace Church Milton
March 28, 2009

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Secretariat has formed a Nominating Committee comprising three people from the Wider Community. The members are:

Marion Binns, Jack Bedgood, and Lorrette Shermet.

The Lay Director, Ann Grose, and the Spiritual Director, Rev. Susan Wells act as ad hoc members.

This committee's task is to consider and contact nominees for Secretariat 2009-2010, and to provide a list of names to bring to the AGM in September for election. There are six positions to be filled. If you are called as a nominee please prayerfully give your most earnest consideration.

The Cursillo Niagara Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 13th.

Many thanks to Marion, Jack and Lorrette for taking on this responsibility.

Fifth Day

The Rev. Ruth Pogson, was active in the Cursillo movement here in Niagara when it first came to the Diocese. passed away on December 30, 2008. A service and burial of ashes will be held at St. Luke's Anglican Church, in Kincardine on Saturday, June 27th at 2:00

Nominations Requested for 2010 Secretariat

All Cursillistas who are members of the Niagara Anglican Cursillo Movement are invited to attend this year's Annual General Meeting which will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2009. Location and time to be determined.. Part of this year's business will be to elect several members to serve on Secretariat for a two year term.

Article 12 of the By-laws that governs the nomination of persons for Secretariat is reproduced below:

12. The nominating committee shall be responsible for presenting a slate of names to fill the vacancies arising on the Secretariat to the AGM. In addition, any member of the Cursillo Community may be nominated by another member, using the following guidelines:

- a) The person making the nomination will write a letter to the nominating committee giving brief details of the experience of the person being nominated, and indicating that s/he has been approached and is willing to accept the nomination.
- b) These nominations where feasible should provide geographic representation among members of the Secretariat. All persons nominated must agree to follow the screening procedures as outlined in the Code.
- c) Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the AGM. If someone nominated from the floor is elected, their election will not be ratified until the elected person has fulfilled the requirements of the screening procedure as outlined in the code. As soon as is practical, the nominating chair will present to the Lay Director, who in turn will present to the Wider Community, the names and brief details of the experience of those people nominated. When an election takes place at an AGM, it shall be done by secret ballot and a majority decision will be accepted. In the case of a tie, the Lay Director will cast the deciding vote.

Nominations from the wider community should be submitted *in writing*, either by e-mail or hard copy. Every nomination should provide brief details of the person being nominated and confirmation that each one is willing to let his/her name stand.

Nominations must be received no later than September 6, 2009, and should be sent to:

Lorrette Shermet
611 Foster Crt
Milton, Ontario L9T 4P1

Or by email to peteshermet@sympatico.ca

Secretariat

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Treasurer	Jan Collinson	continuinged@niagaracursillo.org	(905) 545-4285

Last Call for Weekend Banners

If you would like one of the weekend banners please let us know by **July 31st**. First priority will be given to weekend coordinators and then to those who made the banner. It's first come, first serve after that. These banners look great in churches around the Diocese with the added benefit of promoting the Cursillo movement. The banners are rolled up and in their own pouch, and we can provide a stand to go with them. Contact Nancy Harris at (905) 465-3985 or weekends@niagaracursillo.org

Weekend

2 Lord Jesus of You I will sing as I journey	20 I will be your guide 12 I will be with you always
3 But if I have no love, I am nothing	21 Nothing shall separate us from the love of God,
4 Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength	22 Be not afraid
5 Thou shalt be like a watered garden 6 Rejoice in the Lord always	23 The Lord is my light, whom shall I fear
7 I come to set the world on fire	24 I am the vine, you are the branches
8 The joy of the Lord is my strength	25 We will rise up on eagle's wings and soar before his face
9 I set before you an open door	26 He will raise you up on eagle's wings
10 Feed my sheep	27 Stand firm in the faith, be men of courage
11 Our God reigns.	28 Jesus light of the world shine upon us
12 I will be with you always	29 You are a letter from Christ.
13 You are the light of the world 31	31 Ask and you shall receive and your joy will be complete
14 Take up your cross and follow me	32 Look, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
15 Knock and the door shall be opened unto you	34 Light in the darkness
16 Love one another as I have loved you	35 Love your enemies
17 Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart	36 He will lead them to the springs of living water
18 Because He lives	38 May we be visible signs
19 Lord Jesus of You I will sing as I journey	39 Go and bear fruit
	42 Not my Will, but Thine be done

The Rainbow is published about four times per year: at the beginning of November, February, May, and August. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Please send to: Nancy Wood, 2262 Kirkburn Dr, Burlington. ON L7P 4G7 or e-mail editor@niagaracursillo.org. All submissions must be Cursillo or Christ oriented, not of a political or controversial nature, and are subject to editing.

Secretariat has final approval as to appropriateness of any articles submitted.

If you know of an event, concert or activity that you feel might be of interest to Cursillistas please let us know.



Niagara Anglican Cursillo

Pre-Authorized Giving Program

Authorization Form

To: Jan Collinson, Treasurer
156 Crosthwaite Avenue North
Hamilton, ON L8H 4V5

I/We wish to take advantage of the Niagara Anglican Cursillo Pre-Authorized Giving Program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: Postal Code: _____

I/We hereby authorize you to debit my/our account on or about the 15th of each month in the amount of \$ _____ payable to The Diocese of Niagara for Niagara Anglican Cursillo

Enclosed is a blank cheque clearly marked "VOID" showing my/our bank account, which you may use to obtain the correct account number.

Your treatment of each payment shall be the same as if I/we had personally issued a cheque authorizing you to pay as indicated and to debit my/our account accordingly.

I/We understand that this authorization may be cancelled or changed at any time upon written notice by me/us, provided that I/we provide this notice in reasonable time for the current month. **(Please allow two weeks for the change to take effect.)**

Please note: for joint accounts both parties should sign below

Date: _____ (Signature)

(Signature)

- Note:** 1. Income tax receipts are issued in February for the previous year.
2. The Treasurer can be reached at (905) 545-4285

[Please attach VOID cheque here]