



Cursillo Calendar

April 20 th	Guelph Ultreya
April 29 2012	Moonlight @ 3 p.m. St. Christopher Burlington
May 3-6 2012	Weekend # 47 Mount Mary Immaculate, Ancaster
May 27, 2012	Diocesan Ultreya St.Simon's Oakville

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From Our Lay Director

Carol Summers

Director's Direction

I am sitting here with my window open wide listening to the birds singing. The snowdrops have been up for a couple of weeks and the daffodils, and the other spring bulbs are pushing up out of their beds. Where am I? Usually, at this time of year I receive letters from my Mother-in-law who makes me long for England as her letters are full of talks of spring with the hedgerows and flowers in bloom and here we are usually still deep in our winter freeze. I recall one year as I was reading one of her particularly descriptive letters, I looked to up to see the snow blowing horizontally past the patio doors. It was April.

The weather forecasters and some sense of caution, warn us that it's not too late for winter to bite us and yet, I can't quite believe them. That sense of joy that comes with the unfolding and re-awakening which happens in the spring has stirred in me. I usually quell the first stirrings, knowing how much harder it is to have that snatched away by another winter storm, but this year is different. It's not that the winter has been hard, far from it, and yet that feeling of spring, maybe an ancient relief at survival, or just the sheer joy of life fills us and it overflows into thanks to God.

It seems right to have a Cursillo Weekend at this time of year, a time of renewal and re-growth. A Weekend requires a great deal of work by those on team but also, just as vital, is the support from you, the wider community. God is still working through this movement, still touching lives in a powerful way. I saw that clearly on the last Weekend, which is why I agreed to be Lay Director.

Please come and be part of what God is doing. Be sponsors or come and help with the Agape meal, sing at the *Mañanita* or join us in the closing or help with the take-down. Make this your way of praising God, giving thanks for your life and fulfilling the Great Commission.

Ultreya,
Carol

Spiritual Director

The Reverend Stephanie Pellow

Following Christ Passionately We

Last summer some of the members of our past and present Secretariat met with Bishop Michael Bird at Cathedral Place. We gathered to talk about the role of Cursillo within the Diocesan plan that we call our Vision. You are likely quite familiar with the five initiatives that are referred to as the “petals” because the diagrammatic representation of the Vision looks somewhat like a flower.

Just for a quick review, the five main areas of initiative, in random order, are:

- Life Changing Worship
- Outstanding Leadership for Ministry
- Continuous Culture of Innovation
- Prophetic Social Justice Making
- Generous Culture of Stewardship



Each of the petals represents an important facet of the ministry of not only the diocese but also each church congregation and individual Anglican in those churches. The petals segments are arranged in a circle and are of equal size for a reason. Although we have concentrated on certain initiatives in some years, they are all equally valuable initiatives for the growth of our ministry in Niagara.

The petal statements are important but absolutely central is the statement in the middle of the circle of petals; “Following Christ passionately we pursue excellence, practice justice and grow.” To narrow it down even more, I believe that everything hinges on the first part of that statement – “Following Christ passionately.” Passion implies a depth of emotion and commitment, dedication and single-mindedness. Passion is often associated with words like “fire,” “burning” and “desire.” “Passion” is a word loaded with meaning. It cannot be luke-warm or limited.

“Passion” is at the very turning point of true conversion. We may be loyal church attendees, helpful parishioners, interested in learning the way of Christian living, helpful to our neighbours, practicing hospitality and justice and doing many other things in keeping with the Christian faith and still not quite be the followers that Christ has called us to be. We can be doing all the right things in a perfunctory way or we may even be doing all the right things because we have a passion for the initiatives themselves and still not quite be the followers that Christ has called us to be. Think of the passion that Jesus inspired in his disciples. They wanted to spend every moment with him. They left their families and friends, they left their home towns, and they left their jobs just to be with him. Jesus taught them to be like him in the way they interacted with others in love, in the way they taught others about the wonder of God and in the way they encouraged others to model their way of living. There was passion in all of it. It was not just a project, no twelve step plan but rather a passionate way of living, in love with God who was the first to love and poured that passion into

creation and into reaching out to establish relationship with humankind. It is when the fire of the Holy Spirit inspires us with that sort of "passion," that we can truly be converted to follow Christ in the way in which Jesus called us to follow him.

Our Diocesan Vision hinges on "following Christ passionately." This is where I believe Cursillo can make the greatest contribution. The Cursillo weekend and follow through activities help to open a person up to the Holy Spirit. Other Cursillistas provide both a model of how to follow Christ passionately and they encourage others to do so in love and with the security of acceptance. In Cursillo we learn not to fear "passion" but to embrace it to allow ourselves to freely become passionate followers of Christ not only in all that we do but in all that we are. We never need to apologize for what we have to offer in Christ's name. Christ's passion and our passion are at the centre of everything.

Following Christ passionately wecan do more than we can ask and imagine.

Weekend Chair

Shirley Kitchen

Weekend #47 Coming Soon!

Song: "How Can I Keep From Singing"

Ecc 3:1: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

As Weekend Chair for Cursillo I now have an even bigger place in my heart for the weekends. I am hoping and praying that all will go well, but then, we all know that we have to "Let go and let God!" And God does not disappoint us! The team has started training and we have a great bunch of people to share the Cursillo method with a new group of participants.

This weekend, Pat Roberts bring a wealth of Cursillo experience to her role as Coordinator. John Newton, who has served on so many of the last weekends as our IT expert, is our Assistant Coordinator. We have three wonderful clergy for our Spiritual Advisors; Rev. Stephanie Pellow our Spiritual Director for Cursillo, Rev. Brian Galligan and Rev. David Toth. Carol Summers, our Lay Director brings a wonderful passion for the Cursillo method to her role as Professor as does our Support Coordinator, Marion Bailey. The hard working Support Team is Terry Cousineau, Paulette Switzer and Richard Summers. We are blessed to have Kristy Van Kooten-Bossence and Margaret Wilding DeNew on music, Tracey Champagne as Visual Tech and Pat McLennan, Wendy Beresford, Tim Standish, Gary Van Kooten, Donna Cousineau and Rita Predon as Table Enablers.

Do you remember your own weekend? I'm sure you do. Think about the things that blessed you most. If you have the opportunity, prayerfully consider being part of this weekend in the ways that the larger community supports the weekend. Sign up for the Prayer Vigil. Let Marion Bailey know that you can help with the Agape. Arrange your morning so that you can be there for the *Mañanita*. Join in with the Closing. And maybe most important, keep the entire weekend in your prayers.

God bless and Ultreya!

Shirley

Pre-Cursillo Chair

*The Reverend David Toth
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Hello all! I would like to introduce myself. I am The Reverend David Toth from Cursillo weekend # 43. I am new to the Secretariat and serve as Clergy at Large and Pre-Cursillo Chair.

We have Weekend #47 coming up on May 3-6 at Mount Mary Immaculate Ancaster and I would like to encourage you all to make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ. Please continue to invite candidates to a Cursillo weekend through personal invitation and asking your Rector to announce the next weekend in the bulletin or during the announcements on a Sunday.

I am available to come out to your parish to talk about the Diocesan program of Cursillo or if you know someone who needs a sponsor have them contact me at.....

God bless you all !
Rev 'd Dave

Huron Liaison

Jess Johnstone

Huron Cursillistas have been attending Guelph Ultreyas – the next one is April 20th. Last week they led the March Ultreya. Marjorie Brown of St. James, Paris gave the witness talk, Marion Bailey, of Grace, Brantford led the Ultreya assisted by Renee Anderson of Grace and Jess Johnstone of Holy Trinity, St George.

Three of the leaders on the coming weekend are from Huron. We continue to promote Cursillo and invite those who may have been inactive to once again become active members.

Ultreya!
Jess

Palanca

Marion Bailey

Palanca



I think the biggest surprise of my life was the Palanca I received on Friday, March 17, 1995, second only to the *Mañanita* on the following Sunday morning. My memory often betrays me, but those events are as vivid as the birth of my first child. To be very honest, I don't remember the talks or all of the people who were present on my weekend but the Palanca and *Mañanita* memories will never go away!

Fortunately the Cursillo Method begins with the Fourth Day as we become part of the wider community. Memories build with grouping and Ultreyas but the true meaning of Palanca becomes more than the receiving of notes. It has been my experience that the gift of giving Palanca is sometimes even more rewarding and there are many ways to give

Palanca each and every day on our Christian journey. We have received many a "thank you" for written Palanca sent from our Secretariat to weekend committees around the world.

We are blessed to give as we are preparing for Weekend #47 on May 3 - 6, 2012. Team training is well under way and participant registrations are being received. Do you know someone to whom you would like to share the gifts of Cursillo? Now is the time to make that happen!

As always, prayers are needed! Written Palanca for the participants is an integral part of demonstrating to the participants and team that you are holding them in prayer. Prayers will be offered up continually during the weekend by the team, but your support in the prayer vigil is vital.

The *Mañanita* is another vital part of the weekend. It is a demonstration of agape love for the team and the candidates. In fact, I would liken support of the *Mañanita* as Palanca in the purest form. As a wider community, we sacrifice by a very early rise, a long distance drive to quietly arrive and then leave....no thanks, no contact with the participants, nothing - simply a pure and honest demonstration of agape love. With your support and some adjustments to the venue, Secretariat and the Team of Weekend #47 pray that every participant and Cursillistas will experience the *Mañanita* with the awe of God's grace.

Please consider this to your invitation to be there - to give and to receive - 6 a.m
- the surprise unfolds at 6:15 a.m in the hallways of the dorms!

Ultreya!
Marion

Rainbow Trivia

- #1 How many colours are there in a rainbow?
- #2 What colour is on the outer part of a rainbow's arch?
- #3 the rainbow is first mentioned in the Bible after _____.
a) Creation b) the Exodus from Egypt c) the flood
d) the birth of Jesus
- #4 In 1941, the Rainbow Bridge replaced the Honeymoon Bridge. Where did this occur?
- #5 In a double rainbow, the colours in the secondary bow appear in the reverse order compared to the primary bow. True or False?
- #6 The sky inside a rainbow (in the area between the rainbow and the ground) is _____ the sky outside a rainbow.
a) brighter than b) darker than c) the same brightness as
- #7 The "Rainbow Warrior" is the flagship of what environmental organisation?
- #8 "Over the Rainbow" is the signature song of _____.
- #9 From an airplane, it is possible to see a rainbow in a complete circle. True or False?
- #10 He was the host of the PBS children's show "Reading Rainbow".

source: <http://www.braingle.com/trivia/24671/rainbows.html>

Answers: 1) 7 colours 2) Red 3) the Flood 4) Niagara Falls 5) True
6) A. brighter than 7) Greenpeace 8) Judy Garland 9) True 10) LeVar Burton

Prayer Schedule

Prayer Schedule may be found online here -- <http://www.niagaracursillo.org/Prayer-Schedule47.html>

Pick as many dates / times as you wish. If we have multiple submissions for a specific time slot - we'll just have lots of prayers happening at that time and you know that can not be a bad thing! Send your selections to --- communications@niagaracursillo.org

Day / Time	Name	Day / Time	Name
Thursday	May 3	Saturday	May 5
4 pm - 5 pm	--	7 am - 8 am	--
5 pm - 6 pm	--	8 am - 9 am	--
6 pm - 7 pm	--	9 am - 10 am	--
7 pm - 8 pm	--	10 am - 11 am	--
8 pm - 9 pm	--	11 am - 12 pm	--
9 pm - 10 pm	--	12 pm - 1 pm	--
10 pm - 11 pm	--	1 pm - 2 pm	--
-/-	-/-	2 pm - 3 pm	--
Friday	May 4	3 pm - 4 pm	--
7 am - 8 am	--	4 pm - 5 pm	--
8 am - 9 am	--	5 pm - 6 pm	--
9 am - 10 am	--	6 pm - 7 pm	--
10 am - 11 am	--	7 pm - 8 pm	--
11 am - 12 pm	--	8 pm - 9 pm	--
12 pm - 1 pm	--	9 pm - 10 pm	--
1 pm - 2 pm	--	10 pm - 11 pm	--
2 pm - 3 pm	--	-/-	-/-
3 pm - 4 pm	--	Sunday	May 6
4 pm - 5 pm	--	7 am - 8 am	--
5 pm - 6 pm	--	8 am - 9 am	--
6 pm - 7 pm	--	9 am - 10 am	--
7 pm - 8 pm	--	10 am - 11 am	--
8 pm - 9 pm	--	11 am - 12 pm	--
9 pm - 10 pm	--	12 pm - 1 pm	--

Lessons from Noah's Ark

- Plan ahead... It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.
- Don't listen to critics - do what must be done.
- Build on high ground.
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs. Two heads are better than one.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board...but then so were the turtles.
- Take care of your animals as if they were the last ones on earth.
- Don't forget that we're all in the same boat. When things get really deep, don't sit there and complain—start scooping!
- Stay below deck during the storm.
- The ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.
- If you have to start over, have a friend by your side.
- Remember that the woodpeckers inside are often a bigger threat than the storm outside.
- Don't miss the boat. Repeat...Do NOT miss the boat...
- No matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow on the horizon.

Communications

John Newton

Weekend Application Form

The application link is at the top of the page look for this icon

<http://www.niagaracursillo.org/Prayer-Schedule47.html>



on the website here:

A direct link to the weekend application form is available <http://www.niagaracursillo.org/docs/ApplicationForm2009.pdf>

If, for some reason neither link will work for you, simply email communications@niagaracursillo.org for a copy to be sent directly via email to you.

Moonlight

Moonlight, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. @ St Christopher's Anglican Church, 662 Guelph Line, south of the QE, just south of Burlington Mall on your right. Please come, to support and uphold those serving on this weekend and the participants of Niagara Cursillo Weekend # 47

Mark your Calendars

- For the Ultreya following the Weekend scheduled for May 27th - More information coming soon ! Watch your inbox

Email or Postal Mail

Do you have a preference of one option over the other?

If so, please let us know using one of the following

Email – communications@niagaracursillo.org

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