

The Rainbow

Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo Newsletter

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1. Lay Director's Report

Renée Anderson

Christ is Counting on Me!

Many years ago I realized I *really* didn't know Jesus Christ. I believed in Him, I prayed to Him, I loved Him, but didn't *really* know Him. Since that time, I have struck out on the road to improving my knowledge and strengthening my faith. God helped me. He helped me by putting people on that road with me. Then I was asked to a Cursillo Weekend, and I never looked back. Sure, there are ups and downs, energy going forward then backing off, drifting.... It's human to feel that way and experience changes. I didn't think much of the "Be a Friend, Make a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ" motto at first. But I watched a video of a Cursillista addressing a conference in Texas and I realized how important friendship is when you are a Cursillista. My closeness to other Cursillistas took a hold of me and again, I realized how much I needed the friendship aspect of Cursillo. I heard the Witness Talks and developed the sense of who people are in their faith, giving greater light to my road, leading me forward. I am grateful to Cursillo and all it has to offer. It's the people using the method, which works. I do not want to fail Jesus; I want to know Him! I want to serve him. He is counting on me and I am counting on Him!



An AFP Prayer for us

Creator God, Life is your gift to me. Through Baptism, you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show your Presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call. I pray especially for those who serve you in ministry throughout the parishes of these Dioceses. May we bring the Good News to those in need. Keep us close to you. Open the minds and hearts of many others — men, women, and young people — that they may accept your challenge to build the Kingdom in our parishes. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Glance At This Past Year: We welcomed our new members to Secretariat: Carol Summers, Weekend Chair; Ann Mulvale, Member-At-Large; Pat Hyslop, Secretary; and Kathy Parker in her new role as Fourth Day/Ultreyas Chair. We have enjoyed a great team of individuals serving Christ and Cursillo with sincerity and love in all matters. Leaders. A heartfelt thanks to all of Secretariat—Blair Richardson, Tim Standish, Rev. Brian Galligan, Pat Hyslop, Carol Summers, Ann Mulvale, Kathy Parker, Blanche Mills, Christyn Perkons, and Rita Predon who cares for Palanca and willing to sit with us at our meetings and offer input as business arises. Six meetings were held using Zoom from October to May, incorporating working sessions.

- **CLW** – Due to the pandemic we could not plan a Cursillo Weekend for the fall and thus, we thought we should have some kind of event keeping us connected and informed. We accepted CACS’ invitation to hold a Cursillo Learners’ Workshop via Zoom this past Spring— March 13, 20, and 27. It proved to be very informative, enlightening, and gratifying. The agenda included prayer, “Fourth Day First” talk, an “Ultreya” talk, “The Authentic Three Days” talk, “The Pre-Cursillo” talk, “Rule of Life”, an Ultreya, and worship over the three Saturdays. Secretariat plans to hold a CLW annually, if possible. I hope you can make it to the next one! One day they again will be in person! We thank the members of CACS for organizing and presenting. We also thank all those who said “yes” when asked to help out with the Ultreya the first day of the CLW, which was organized by the NHAC Secretariat. A donation of \$5pp was submitted by our Secretariat to CACS since we met via Zoom instead of the normal in-person sessions.
- **CACS Round Table** - The Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors of Cursillo across Canada came together via Zoom on January 30, 2021, giving us an opportunity to share our experiences and be more informed of some of the steps we practice on a Weekend. Rev. Brian and I thoroughly enjoyed participating. Attendees focused on an agenda of prayer, grouping, break out discussions, and a large group discussion. We exchanged ideas and support for one another. An evaluation sheet was submitted on behalf of Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo. It was agreed that we would benefit and enjoy meeting annually; CACS has confirmed this and it was made into a motion and passed by them. Thanks to Marion Bailey and Rev. Yvonne Thistle for making this Round Table event possible.
- **By-Laws** – The last time the By-Laws were approved was in 2005. Since our movement’s name changed as approved by CACS, we scrutinized these By-Laws to reflect how our movement runs currently. Secretariat also created a **mandate** to state clearly that NHACS is responsible for the health and growth of the Cursillo Movement. This is included in these By-Laws under Article III and I draw your attention to this important statement. The mandate was proposed in our “Report to the Bishop and Diocese of Niagara On Proposed Changes within the Diocesan Cursillo Movement Following Feedback from Clergy” dated March 2020. Secretariat has approved the draft of the By-Laws. You will find a copy of the draft version of the By-Laws with highlighted sections to reflect what we want to change attached to the Communications email coming to you with this Rainbow. Upon approval by the members who attend the Annual Meeting, the draft will turn into an approved and accepted copy.
- **Bishop of Huron** - Our practice has been to meet with each of our bishops annually. Just before the pandemic we were able to do this with Bishop Bell and Bishop Townshend. Since

that time and since in-person was not an option, your Lay Director wrote a letter to Bishop Townshend, updating him on the events with our Movement.

- **Bishop of Niagara** – We have had a lot of contact with Bishop Bell, as we moved through the creation of the New Model to establish a better Cursillo connection with clergy and their congregations. We appreciate all Bishop Bell and Christyn Perkons have had to offer in the way of advice in promoting Cursillo in our dioceses. We are also thankful for the advertising skills of Bill Mous and Jane Wyse.
- **The New Model** - With God's help, a lot of prayer, and many meetings, we believe we have a good document to work with and share. Through the efforts of many, this document will come alive as we move into a more "normal" setting in our churches. We will implement the Servant Community, needing many human resources to provide clergy with help in spreading the Gospel, and feeding those who hunger for a closer relationship with Christ. Cursillo is one way to do this. People want to be touched by inspiring words and the truth of the gospel. Cursillo is one way of doing this. Cursillo should mean openness and dialogue through personal contact in our church environment. As Philip said to Nathaniel "come and see" (John 1:46). This model has been approved by Bishop Bell and we thank her for her guidance. **You will find a copy within this newsletter.**
- **CACS - www.anglicancursillo.com** - We have provided diocesan reports to CACS informing them of how we are doing. In addition, we have provided them, at their request, pictures and comments from our dioceses' Weekends, Ultreyas, and Days of Deeper Understanding in order for them to put a PowerPoint presentation together as an information tool for our Movement. We actively participated in the Triennial General Meeting in June and thank everyone who took an interest by attending. We are pleased that NHAC is represented by Anne Gould, the Chair, and Rev. Canon Stephanie Pellow, Priest from the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. Our prayers reach out to them as they do God's work.
- **Ultreyas** – Niagara Huron members have enjoyed receiving invitations to Ultreyas across Canada: Edmonton, Nova Scotia/PEI, and Ottawa. Zoom makes this possible. We will make a habit of attaching a Group Reunion card when we send out the link for our Ultreyas. It is a good outline of how we can group and share as intended. Many thanks go to Shirley Kitchen, Kathy Parker, Lorrette Shermet, and so many others including our musicians, for providing us agendas filled with energetic and self-motivated witness talks that have been heartfelt, educational, and eye-opening.
- **ECM (formerly NEC)** – please visit the new Episcopal Cursillo Ministry website at **www.episcopalcurstilloministry.org** for up-to-date documents, guidelines, and information. "The Cursillo Path" may be of interest to you.
- **Diocesan Liaison** - We are grateful for the time Christyn Perkons has afforded our Secretariat as she informs and advises during our planning sessions and Secretariat meetings. Christyn has learned a lot about Cursillo and we hope she can attend a Weekend soon, post-pandemic.

It is always our intention and practice to be guided by the "Letter of Agreement" we have with the Roman Catholic Church dated May 9, 1989 and CAC. This letter can be viewed on the CACS website.

Music Chair

This chair has been vacant this past year. It is our hope that a member will come forward and say “yes” and hold a seat on Secretariat. I’d like to express our appreciation for the generous time our musicians have contributed to our Ultreyas this year. We look forward to this time being expanded to the next Weekend (!!!) and other events as they are planned, in-person and via Zoom. We thank Margaret Wilding-Denew for renewing our church copyright license with CCLI each year.

Pre-Cursillo Chair

This chair has been vacant this past year. This chair on Secretariat is very important and plays an integral part with a Weekend and Fourth Day. Personal contact to identify potential leaders within our environments can be implemented through Pre-Cursillo. We will continue to seek out the appropriate person for this position.

Continuing Education Chair

This chair has been vacant this past year. Secretariat has been working as a group to plan and move forward with an event, since we are unable to hold a Cursillo Weekend in 2021. There will be more information coming out at the Annual Meeting in September. The good news is we have found a Cursillista willing to fill this chair and the person will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

A New Parish-Level Collaborative Cursillo Model For the Diocese of Niagara November 13, 2020

Introduction

Cursillo, or “Cursillos de Cristiandad” means “Short Courses of Christianity” in Spanish. First offered in 1944 in Spain, these were designed to help motivate and support Christians to live out their baptismal covenant and to faithfully share the Gospel. These were very successful and the Movement began to spread world-wide, across the major denominations. The Cursillo Method involves attending a weekend course, joining a small discussion group, meeting with a spiritual director and attending regional worship gatherings (ultreyas). In 1977, the first Canadian Anglican Church Cursillo Weekend was held in the Toronto Diocese and the Movement spread across Canada.

In March, 2020, Bishop Susan Bell endorsed a report which had been prepared by the Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (NHACS), on proposed changes to improve the Niagara Diocesan Cursillo Movement, following feedback received by NHACS from clergy. The feedback came from response to a survey and from a clergy focus group discussion. This report was distributed to active and retired clergy and licenced lay workers that same month. It contained a number of recommendations which are being implemented in collaboration with the Diocese of Niagara. This includes a new model, to operate at the parish level, as described below. This new model has been approved by the Bishop.

Key Roles in the Model

1. A Cursillista (a person who has participated in a Cursillo Weekend) who has agreed to be the NHACS contact person with the chosen parish, to help it implement the new model.
2. The rector in the parish, who acknowledges the benefits for parishioners and who agrees to implement the new model.
3. Local Cursillistas, who are participating in, (or willing to start), a small discussion group which meets regularly, known as a Small Group Reunion.
4. A lead Cursillista in the parish, who works with the rector and the NHACS contact person on behalf of all the Cursillistas in the parish (1 and 4 could possibly be same person)
5. Cursillistas who offer to become sponsors for possible participants in Cursillo Weekends.
6. Possible participants in an upcoming Cursillo Weekend.

Steps in the Process: How the Model Works

1. The rector, NHACS contact person and local Cursillistas decide how best to promote the Cursillo Weekend among the congregation.
2. The rector and local Cursillistas undertake various communication activities within the parish.
3. The rector and local Cursillistas prayerfully identify possible participants.
4. A Cursillista who knows the possible participant and who has agreed to be a sponsor, approaches them to describe the Weekend, how it might help them with their spiritual discernment and faith formation and then explores with them if the Weekend would be appropriate.
5. If a possible participant is interested, then the Cursillista who will become their sponsor explains his/her role and answers questions. The sponsor encourages the possible participant to talk to other Cursillistas as well.
6. The sponsor arranges a meeting for the possible participant with the rector, who discusses and guides the possible participant in their decision-making.
7. If the possible participant decides to proceed, then the sponsor provides an application form and offers to assist them to complete and submit it, together with payment and the endorsement of their rector, before the deadline.
8. The sponsor offers to transport the candidate to and from the Cursillo Weekend location.
9. The rector, sponsor and local Cursillistas prayerfully support the participant before, during and after the Weekend.
10. After the Weekend, the sponsor arranges a meeting between the new Cursillista and rector to review their Weekend experience and to prayerfully explore next steps, which may include possible volunteer roles/opportunities open to the Cursillista.
11. The new Cursillista decides on next steps, which may include ministry in specific environments inside or outside the parish.
At this point, the new Cursillista may choose to complete a "Rule of Life", which is a commitment to God and oneself about how you intend to live your life. According to the Book of Common Prayer (p. 555), a rule of life may include a commitment to all or any of worship, prayer, study, action and stewardship.
12. The sponsor offers to introduce the new Cursillista to a Small Group Reunion of local Cursillistas, who meet regularly to discuss and support each other's progress on faith, study and action.
13. If the new Cursillista is agreeable, then the sponsor obtains the consent of the group and makes the introduction.
14. The sponsor keeps in touch with the new Cursillista and offers to transport them to the next scheduled regional Ultreya, or gathering of Cursillistas and invited guests.

2. “New Beginnings” by the Spiritual Director

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Brian Galligan

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

Earlier on in Paul’s Letter to the Philippians, he tells them that he’s praying that their love for Christ and for each other may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight, in order to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ, they may be found pure and blameless. He then continues by talking about the struggles and challenges we will all face in coming to know Jesus Christ more intimately. He highlights the need to continue moving forward to gain more knowledge, to be prepared to leave some of the old ways behind, in order to change and grow, in seeking a closer relationship with Christ.

As Cursillistas we have all attended our own Weekend and many of you have shared with me that your Weekend, was so special and unique in many ways. You just wish that everyone could experience the same kind of spiritually uplifting and transformative moments that you experienced. As I think about St. Paul’s life and recall that he was once known as the Christian persecutor Saul, I recognise that he too went through some spiritually uplifting and transformative moments. But I wonder if he wished that everyone could go through the same experience as him to grow closer to Jesus? Probably not!

The reality is that every Cursillo Weekend and every Participant is unique! First of all, a Sponsor recognises something in you. Something that suggests to them that you are ready to change, grow and to seek a closer relationship with Christ, by becoming more active in your church community. After having that feeling affirmed by your parish priest, your own unique journey begins. The Weekend Team, which was prayerfully selected to be a different and unique mix of Cursillistas every time, will spend many hours training and preparing for your arrival, including the prayerful selection of who will be on your Table. However, despite all the high level planning that goes into every Weekend, it is an absolute certainty that every Weekend will have something happen which requires the Schedule to be tweaked in some manner, to make sure that things will run smoothly. When the Weekend begins with your Sponsor dropping you off at the Retreat Centre, the Team then wisely hands over control to the Holy Spirit who has already planned a unique experience for every participant.

No wonder, no two Weekend experiences are ever the same and neither should they be. Indeed, I think that one of the hardest things we all have to accept, is that we need to let go of sharing things that happened on our Weekends in the past, to allow future Participants to fully experience the Weekend of their own.

In light of the New Model for Cursillo which has been developed for Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo, future Weekend will start to look somewhat different, at least in the planning stages, to the one that

you attended. It may become a day shorter, starting on Friday instead of Thursday and some of the added-on “fun” elements may have been dropped or shortened to save time. However, the essential elements of the Talks, Meditations, Worship and Grouping that are so important to the faith building aspects of the Weekend will still happen. This will ensure that it remains an authentic Cursillo Weekend.

Of course, you can also still trust that when you arrive at the Retreat House to drop off the Participant whom you’ve decided to Sponsor, the Holy Spirit will be ready and waiting to show up with a unique plan of their own, for every single Participant. So, if at some time over the next few months you are approached and asked to become involved in some way with the “New Model” for Cursillo, don’t be alarmed. Know that it is still going to be an Authentic Cursillo Weekend and that the participants will still have the opportunity to be blessed with a unique spiritually uplifting experience of their very own.

There will be opportunities for you, the members of the Wider Community to get involved with identifying possible Participants. Then to discuss your discernment process with your parish priest before receiving the go ahead to approach the person and offer to sponsor them. There will be opportunities to form new Group Reunions and invite future Participants to join in before they go on their Weekend and don’t forget, that sharing Worship at an Ultreya, be it in person or virtually on-line, is one of the great blessings of being a Cursillista. Also know that the Bishops of both Niagara and Huron support, recognise and value Cursillo as a valuable and effective faith formation ministry in their Dioceses.

So let us be open to new beginnings and may we all trust in the Holy Spirit. Ultreya!

3. Weekend Chair Report

Carol Summers

As the Weekend Chair for the past year I have to say I have been disappointed. It fell to me to recommend cancelling the Weekend to be held in November of this year. The COVID situation was so unclear and while we live in hope of it ending, there was little hope of it ending in time for us to do all the preparations, and then along came the lockdown.

In an effort to reach out to people who would have come to the cancelled Weekend, or who might want to find out more about Cursillo, we are preparing a new one day event, called “An Introduction to Cursillo”. It is to be held on November 13, 2021, the same date as the cancelled Weekend.

As I write this report we have been thinking and feeling that the end of this pandemic might be coming but there is growing uncertainty about a new wave of illness caused by the Delta strain. This might force us to maintain the strict safety rules that have been developed to combat this virus, and which we were hoping would soon be lifted. In view of this, we are preparing two versions of the Introduction to Cursillo event. One is to be held in person, circumstances permitting and the other to be filmed ahead of time and broadcast over the internet.

New circumstances call for new methods of reaching out to people about Cursillo. Please hold the ‘Introduction to Cursillo’ in your prayers and encourage people to attend. It is open to anyone, included those who might want to reconnect with Cursillo.

We have, in faith, booked the Five Oaks Conference Centre for November 11-13, 2022 for our next Cursillo Weekend. Please join us in praying for that long-awaited Weekend.

May we all come together at that closing service to celebrate. Ultreya.

Below item shared by Ann Mulvale



Sharing this beautiful image someone just sent me....Jesus holding and healing a corona virus patient wrapped up in all the flags of the countries of the world. Exactly what I believe the Good Lord is doing right now. Remember the little song we sang as kids? "He's got the whole world in His hands...."? 😊 Please share if you would like to.

4. **Zoom, Zoom, Zoom Ultreyas!!!**

Shirley Kitchen

It is wonderful to get together with other Cursillistas to sing and pray and share our faith and listen to a good witness talk and responses and then to have a chance to group and get to know others. We miss those "in person" times when we could gather to do this and then follow it up with a delicious Pot Luck supper. All of that was put on hold during the beginning of Covid. But Covid has not stopped us! Beginning last September, we began to Zoom with our Diocesan Ultreya. It was a wonderful success.

At Grace Milton, as we considered starting to Zoom our Milton/Acton Ultreyas it just made sense to open it up and make it a diocesan event. So, beginning in November we did just that and it has been terrific. We have an average of 35 attending from all over the diocese and visitors from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. In March we had our largest attendance when our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls and Bishop Susan Bell and others joined us. We have learned to make Zoom Ultreyas work as we struggled with this new technology, muting ourselves, clapping visibly, and using break out rooms for grouping. We are all muted for the singing and words are screen shared so everyone can join in at home.

Each month it seems only to be getting better. One side benefit is that there is no driving involved. The Ultreya is just a click away on your computer or phone.

So, why don't you join us when we start up again in the fall!! There are many of you reading this that we have missed seeing. Ultreyas are the first Friday of the month beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m. One of our new additions is a time to socialize for the half hour before, so come early. Social time starts at 7:00 p.m. And remember, Ultreyas are open to everyone. Why not invite a friend.

Make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ!

5. Palanca

Rita Predon

PALANCA, WHAT IS IT? The Spanish word palanca means 'lever'. A lever enables us to lift something that is beyond our human strength. Just like the lever enables a person to move things, Palanca empowers the accomplishment of things which would not have been possible without the Grace of God. "For man it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." (Matt 19:26) Palanca is petitioning God through any one or a combination of prayer, sacrifice and works of mercy offered for the success of a particular phase or of all phases of the Cursillo Movement, meaning we offer our prayer and sacrifice and works of mercy to God asking him to send His Grace. What is 'not' Palanca? For the 3-day weekend, Palanca is not little notes written to individual candidates in the 100s or through mass photocopying and it is not special little gifts or flowers. The Palanca is petitioning God, not just letting candidates on our weekends know that we are praying for them. This means we offer our prayer and sacrifice and works of mercy to God asking Him to send His Grace for ALL those on the weekend. An indication of the Palanca being done can be sent BY an individual but should be addressed to the WHOLE weekend. The idea is that we are praying for the success of the Cursillo weekend, that all will encounter God and His Grace. The important thing is to actually do palanca for all the team and the candidates, as a whole. Mallorca would say that good Palanca is to do something specific, something that costs us, not to just tack the intentions of the Cursillo on to those acts of piety that we normally do. In Mallorca they maintain that attending the mañanita is Palanca for the weekend and attending the Clausura is continuing Palanca for the Cursillo weekend because for them, attending often means a fairly lengthy drive after they have already attended the mañanita on the same day. Palanca might mean babysitting for one of the candidates or taking supper over to a man who is looking after his children while the wife is on the weekend. The following is a story from a person who worked on a team. When I was a team member on a particular weekend, there was one man whose wife was a candidate on a weekend who didn't send his wife a 'palanca letter'. Someone from the team phoned him and he said; "I have spent the weekend mending the kitchen door and fixing up the kitchen, it is something she has been asking me to do for a long time. I offered my work as palanca". At the time we were quite stunned at this notion but in conversation with Mallorca leaders we realize now that this was good palanca. It is of course the same as when we offer our trials and difficulties for the good of someone else. In the authentic Cursillo, personal letters are unheard of, especially for the team. A group reunion may send some notice that they are praying or an individual may. These notices are pinned up or displayed on a table throughout the weekend. To send personal letters to individual Cursillistas has the effect of taking them out of the environment of the Cursillo itself and back to their home environments, it serves as a distraction. If this isn't how it

works on your weekend and when you try to implement this in your movements, you will probably get some resistance but if you discuss it and reflect on it your leaders should understand. The people who will react negatively will be those (if any) who are on the team but are not on the same journey as you and your leaders. It may be necessary to remind them that the candidates will not miss the written notes, they don't know anything about them. What is important is for them to realize that there are people who don't know them who are actively praying and sacrificing for their good. The reality that others are praying for Cursillistas on the weekend is referenced by the Rector in the skiing story in the Rector's talk after the Piety Rollo (Appendix 8 of the Step by Step Guide to the Cursillo weekend). It is the first intimation that there is a community outside the weekend that is supporting them and is the precursor to the message of the third day; that there are many who are waiting to welcome them to the fourth day.

6. Treasurer's Report

Tim Standish

The past year has been quite uneventful for NHAC's finances. It could best be described as a holding pattern. That is, we made our usual donation to the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) and other payments such as website fees but not much else. There was no weekend or other in-person event to generate expenditures. Likewise, on the income side we did not collect weekend fees (which is really just a pass-through item) but we did get about \$1000 in various donations. But the main reason we increased our bank balance to over \$12,800 at the fiscal year end on June 30 is because of the Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) donations of 13 faithful Cursillistas. They contributed over \$3500 in total, with monthly donations ranging from \$5 to \$50 dollars. This means not that we are well in the black (which feels nice) but that come the next weekend, fees will be able to be kept lower and people will be able to attend who otherwise might not have been able to afford it. So please consider signing up for PAP and then forget about it! No "Oh darn, I'm out of cheques," or the internet crashes in the middle of an e-transfer. Think about what 13 people have been able to do and join in. You'll be a cheerful giver knowing that it's all taken care of. So contact the Treasurer at nactreas1@gmail.com to get set up.

Utreya!

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Balance Sheet Y/E June 30, 2021
as at June 2021

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
10000 - Bank	
10001 - TD CanadaTrust	<u>12,817.98</u>
Total 10000 - BANK	<u>12,817.98</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>12,817.98</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>12,817.98</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>12,817.98</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 - Opening Balance Equity	10,739.36
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	-
Net Income (YTD net)	<u>2,078.62</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>12,817.98</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT Y/E JUNE 30, 2021
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021

	Actual Month of June 2021	Actual YTD Y/E June 30, 2021	Budget 2020-2021	Actual Last Y/E 2020
INCOME				
40001 - Cursillo - Weekend Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,600.00
40002 - Cursillo PAP Donations	\$ 294.00	\$ 3,538.00	\$ 3,648.00	\$ 3,648.00
40003 - Donations - J.O.G., Memorials & Other	\$ -	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,162.00
40005 - Cursillo Church Offering (closing/weekends)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 512.00
40006 - Focus Group Facilitation Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
40008/9* - Recharge Weekend Fees Guests/Team	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,940.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 294.00	\$ 4,558.00	\$ 4,848.00	\$ 18,862.00
EXPENDITURES				
60002 - Advertising and Promotion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
60003 - Bank Service Charges *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.06
60004 - Business Licenses and Permits	\$ -	\$ 169.81	\$ 300.00	\$ 291.88
60005 - Website	\$ -	\$ 349.57	\$ 250.20	\$ 24.45
60006 - Conferences and Secretariat Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 15.51
60008 - Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -
RECHARGE WEEKEND				
60009 - Speakers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 628.99
60010 - Mount Mary Accommodations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,840.00
60011** - Recharge Weekend - other expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183.22
WEEKEND EXPENDITURES:				
60015 - Office Supplies - photo copies - printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
60016 - Cursillo Snacks & supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
60017 - Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
60018 - Agape and Mañanita	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96.68
60019 - Crieff Hills/Five Oaks centres	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,229.31
60020 - Team Training (church use & supplies/snacks)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
60021 - Bulletins, closing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER:				
60024 - Cursillo expenses-current year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
60025 - AGM Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -
60027 - CACS - annual dues	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 600.00
60028 - CACS -CLW	\$ -	\$ 160.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
60029 - Triennial Expense for Niagara Huron Cursillo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
60030 - Clergy Survey/Focus Group Facilitator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
60031 - PWRDF Donation re: Clergy Survey	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ 2,479.38	\$ 3,860.20	\$ 13,085.10
NET INCOME	\$ 294.00	\$ 2,078.62	\$ 987.80	\$ 5,776.90

* Service charge 4.95 cancelled by account rebate of 4.95

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7. CURSILLISTAS SHARE

Colin Shutt

Doubt

The word raises all kinds of thoughts especially in my Christian mind. If I doubt my faith is there something missing? If I have doubts am I lost in some hinterland? Do doubts give rise to a stronger faith, by merely trying to assail them are my beliefs strengthened?

Then along came Covid-19 verse 1, 2, 3 and maybe 4 don't know about you but this Christian ran out of things to keep my hands and brain busy and unwillingly started doing things that I don't like to do. There is/was so much time left in the day that I got into looking too far ahead or too far behind and doubting even things that I was reasonably sure of.

During my 3rd year of EFM (education for ministry) we came to a section in history that truly upset me and most of my fellow group members. We know it as the 'Doctrine of Discovery' or Papal Bull of Alexander the VI : May 4th 1493, Inter Caetera which stated the right to colonize, convert and enslave.

One of our group Karen brought in this prayer for us and especially since Covid started and the Indigenous horrors that have been exposed, I use it every day to waylay my doubt and ease my anxieties. I would like to share it with you.

**Guide me,
Holy one,
Into an unclenched moment,
A deep breath,
A letting go;
Of heavy experiences ,
Of shrivelling anxieties,
That , softened by the silence,
Surrounded by the light ,
And open to the mystery,
I may be found in the wholeness,
Upheld by the unfathomable,
Entranced by the simple,
And filled with the simple joy,
That is You.
Ultreya**

Rainbow – Reflections on Serving

Ann Mulvale

I have known about Cursillo since the late '70's.

My late husband was anxious to participate yet having moved from worshipping within the Toronto Diocese to the Niagara one he could not attend.

When our then rector, Rev. Mark McDermott, called, Peter was away, but I knew that he would answer Mark's question about Cursillo with a "Yes". The experience – connected many dots in his spiritual journey - changing his life.

Almost two years later, 1982, I said 'Yes' to Cursillo.

Peter embraced the opportunity to serve on Team many times; faithfully Grouping weekly. Me, not so much but, because we sponsored a number of friends eventually, I Grouped too.

Peter's Fifth Day, after a year of incredible, loving and practical support from countless members of Cursillo, commenced in his 51st year.

Cursillo – reminding me of Peter – became too painful, thus I stepped back.

Then, years later, I got a phone call, the one in which I was asked to 'prayerfully consider' – familiar to a number of you, I am sure. After 'excusing' myself with, "but I have not been to Leaders' School" I learned, no longer required; I said 'Yes' to serving on Team; thus added to my spiritual journey.

Next, would I serve as a Member at Large on Secretariat? Again, I said 'yes'.

COVID has delayed many 'face to face' Cursillo related experiences and of course Cursillo too. With the wonder of Zoom, we continue to share fellowship and I have the privilege of Serving, learning and growing in faith via Secretariat.

I am learning about the activities of the Cursillo Ministry across Canada, North American and beyond'; how, in part, God's work and witness is unfolding.

A recent devotional had Ephesians 3:20 – "Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" – as it text. A needed nudge to remind that we are all called to say 'Yes' to opportunities to serve; in doing so, we are His hands, feet, voices to create, to nurture and be His means of enacted Love in our community and indeed the universe.

Please say "YES", God and you, together, can change & bless the world.

Sharing thoughts on Zoom Ultreyas

Lorhel White

Just to let you know how much I have enjoyed the Zoom Ultreyas over the past months! It has been wonderful to meet with Christians to share some worship and song, to hear Witness talks and to share our Christian faith, study and action. After some initial bumpiness, our Ultreyas have become better and better. What a great way to remain connected and, also, to strengthen our ties to one another! We have also benefitted from Ultreyas in the West and in Nova Scotia and I hope that we can continue to be in touch with them, as well. I have learned so much about each area and the work that people are doing for Christ in loving others.

Hopefully, in the fall, we can meet together in person but I think that it would be good to continue, in some way, to zoom. This, to me, is especially important in continuing to meet people across Canada, and for those who find it difficult to get out. It is possible that zooming would mean we do not have to cancel because of poor weather.

I would like to thank God for all who helped make the Zoom Ultreyas possible and encourage many to continue to meet and to find friends to bring to Christ.

8. Communications report

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This has been my second year in the communications role with many things that were learned because of Zoom and adding in the Ultreyas this year. Thanks to everyone who helped put those together. My thanks to the Secretariat team and others for sending in items to share in this Rainbow.

Are you moving? Have you changed your email address? Please check with your friends who are Cursillistas and share the information with me at niagaracursillocomm@gmail.com so that we can continue to keep in touch with everyone.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept 26, with more details to follow. Minutes from the Annual Meeting in 2020 can be found on the website under the Cursillo Niagara Huron Secretariat page. The next Ultreya will be held on Friday Sept 10 (please note this is the 2nd Friday in September).

Ultreya!

9. Announcements

Next Ultreya

Friday, September 10 (2nd Friday of the month)

Social Time – 7:00 p.m.

Ultreya starts promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Annual meeting

Sunday September 26, 2021

More details to follow via email closer to the date

Reminder

**"Introduction to Cursillo" event
will be advertised at the Annual
Meeting. Be sure to attend.**



10. A little joke

shared by Rita Predon

Alice was to bake a cake for the Presbyterian Church Ladies' Group in Manotick, but forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets, found an angel food cake mix.

When she took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured. "Oh dear, there's not time to bake another cake!" This cake was important to Alice because she did so want to fit in at her new church, and in her new community of friends. So; being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. She found it in the bathroom -- a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing.

Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect ... and, before she left the house to drop the cake at the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 and to buy the cake and bring it home. When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold.

Amanda grabbed her cell phone and called her mom. Alice was horrified. She was beside herself! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized; talked about and ridiculed! All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake and would attend the fancy luncheon and bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member and try to have a good time. She did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Manotick, but having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant; the company was definitely upper crust and to Alice's horror the cake in question was presented for dessert! Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake! She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it; but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said: "What a beautiful cake!"

Alice still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say: **"Thank you, I baked it myself."**

Alice smiled and thought to herself: "God IS good."

