

The Rainbow

Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo Newsletter

Summer 2023

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1-Lay Director's Report

Respectfully submitted by Renée Anderson

Ever changing, ever moving, that is the Cursillo Movement. The Cursillo of today is not the Cursillo of yesterday. Yet the core identity is preserved. "Its own method makes it possible for people to live what is fundamental for being a Christian, and to live it together. It helps people discover and fulfill their personal vocations, and it promotes the creation of core groups of Christians who leaven their environment with the Gospel." I hope the participants at Cursillo Weekend #56 came away realizing this identification.

We, your Secretariat, have encouraged online grouping, when travelling makes it difficult to meet in person. We have had positive feedback regarding the Zoom method and hope this helps each participant on some personal level to receive and give mutual sharing. Hopefully the sense of community will encourage stepping out and engage in person-to-person contact and develop some level of friendship. With our new

Cursillistas your sponsors should be contacting you about establishing a group or joining an existing one. With the group's permission, it will be a start to new friendships and relationships. Remember, it's all about faith, study, and action.

The Diocese of Niagara asked Brian and I to attend Synod on November 5, 2022 and make a 5-minute presentation to demonstrate how the Cursillo mission is also the mission of our church. It is all God's work, without prejudice. We were asked to "draw inspiration from the theme of the synod, "God's Church for God's Mission", inspired by the recent Lambeth Conference gathering of bishops from around the globe." In our opinion it went well!

As we saw the end of Christyn's work with our Secretariat, her position as diocesan liaison was filled by Bishop Susan Bell by appointing Dr. Emily Hill. Emily was very eager to attend the Cursillo Weekend, which was postponed and re-scheduled during her first year with us. She is now a Cursillista and from all appearances, Emily enjoyed herself during the Weekend. We are grateful for the time Christyn Perkons spent with us, offering us her knowledge from Bishop Bell's perspective, especially with our revised documents which Cursillo use as its guide. She was also a great asset during meetings where she could include Cursillo in discussions with clergy and others. Thank you, Christyn from all of us!

We revised our brochure, and it can be seen on our website. It is a very informative document and reflects who we are. It is now a document that does not need revision every time we have a new bishop; we can use it for many years to come. And it also carries our current name of Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo.

We were busy this year revising the Weekend application, health form and sponsorship form. We still have some work to do on clergy forms, as more clergy are eager and encouraged to attend the Weekend. Their requirements for attendance are slightly different.

As Lay Delegate to Synod in Huron, I was able to be visible at Huron's Synod this past May. Cursillo had a ministry table which included the brochure and information about the Weekend.

Our website is being restructured and is in draft form at the moment. Roy Campbell has put his talents to work to help us make a clean and modern site as people click to find out more about our movement. It was one of the recommendations when we put the report to the bishop together.

I cannot say enough good things about Carol Summers and Rita Predon as they endured all the changes and challenges of Cursillo Weekend #56. With Carol, it started when we asked Ann Mulvale to be the Coordinator, which ended due to concerns about the virus and indoor usage of facilities and of course, her personal schedule. Then Rita stepped up and we still endured postponement and schedule changes. Please appreciate all the work that went into planning this Weekend (and all Weekends) because, unless you have been on team, you cannot imagine the work that goes into planning and implementing that plan, and the required communication and training to present an incredible schedule full of activities and worship. **Thank you** Carol, Rita and your team. Thank you to everyone who started out with a "yes" then had to back out due to these changes. We appreciate your time and commitment before backing out. We also thank those who had to back out due to health and care. Our prayers are unceasing.

There were many people who had to step up to be on team upon request when we postponed one date and scheduled another for the Weekend. A few are on Secretariat. Many thanks to all of you for coming forward with your support and tenacity.

You may see in this newsletter that we bought a used trailer for all our stuff! Now it can be gathered in one spot, not using garages and basements; where it all can be moved to a Weekend facility, be unloaded and reloaded. Our parking location is Grace Church, Brantford. Thanks to Colin for making this suggestion, making the purchase, fixing it up, licensing etc. to make this a reality. Thanks to the council at Grace Church for allowing us to park on its property.

On April 22nd a CACS Round Table was held via Zoom. This is the national Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat, who encourages discussions and sharing with Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors all over the country. Brian and I received some note-worthy ideas for growth and

development we can use in our movement. One idea became useful renting a city park picnic shelter for an Ultreya this summer. Please see our poster included in this newsletter.

We wish to extend our prayers for the families of the Cursillistas who went on to their 5th day, namely Brian Rothwell, Cecil Johnstone, Bob Bailey, Elizabeth Rothwell, Bill Harris, and Matt Brown, and for those I may have missed. Whenever possible, Cursillistas gathered together to remember fondly each one's faith and dedication to Christ.

As you can see, we have been busy. But this report does not reflect all that we have done. It ticks off some of the to-do list. We have another year coming up, with some new Secretariat chairs to fill and I pray it will be a very productive year.

De Colores!

THE NEXT CURSILLO WEEKEND
APRIL 12-14, 2024
MT. MARY RETREAT CENTRE
ANCASTER

CURSILLO
(CUR-SEE-O)



DISCERN - Your Vocation

EQUIP - For Mission

WITNESS - For Christ

THROUGH - Faith, Study and Action

TO FULFIL - God's Mission

2-Spiritual Director's Report

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Brian Galligan

He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' (Matthew 14:29-31)

As did many of you, when I confirmed my baptismal vows, I professed that I believe in God the Father, in Jesus Christ the Son of God and in God the Holy Spirit. After renewing my commitment to Christ, the Bishop then laid his hands upon me and prayed, "*Defend, O Lord, your servant Brian with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen*". I remember how good it felt to sense invisible waves of emotion flow through my body, from the Bishop's hands on my head all the way down to my toes as my faith in Jesus seemed to spread and fill every cell of my body. I often wish that I could consistently maintain that high level of faith, but the reality is, our faith is constantly being tested by Satan's evil power and all manner of worldly pursuits that seek to diminish our faith and draw us away from God.

For instance, many of us, me included at times, like to think of ourselves as independent problem solvers. Indeed, some of us take great personal pride in thinking that we can develop a plan to tackle the most challenging problems and then manage it without the need to ask for help. However, you know how the story goes, pride comes before a fall of which I have experienced several! In the above Gospel account, St. Peter developed a plan based on his belief that he had sufficient faith to enable him to walk on water just like Jesus. All seemed to be going well until a challenge arose, in the form of a strong wind that came up to test his faith. When faced with this challenge, he suddenly felt vulnerable and the faith that he'd confidently thought was sufficient to complete his walk, began to fade and as it did, he began to sink beneath the waves. Only then, when he realised that things were no longer going according to his own plan, did he call out to Jesus to ask for help and of course, Jesus had been there all along, ready and waiting to help save the day, when called upon.

I chose this particular scripture because it teaches us several lessons about the folly of trusting in our own beliefs and abilities to create and see a plan through without the need to repeatedly pray and ask God for help from the beginning, all the way through to completion. How often we choose instead, to trust in our own abilities and our own plan, rather than God's plan who we already know is able to accomplish "far more than all we can ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20)*

Weekend #56 that ran from July 21-23, 2023, gave many of us the opportunity to reflect on how St. Peter must have felt when our own plans began to go awry. Despite the best laid out plans, unexpected challenges arose that tested our faith, caused us to feel vulnerable and our hearts to begin to sink! To my recollection, it was a Weekend that had originally been planned to take place in November 2020. Our usual preferred hosting venue was not available and so in the early planning

stages, your Secretariat had agreed to search for a new location to host our first Weekend using the new model that had been developed with clergy input. The Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre in Paris, ON was identified, prayers of discernment were offered, the Centre chosen, and a deposit paid, but then of course came our first challenge, the Covid virus and we cancelled the Weekend. Two subsequent Weekends in 2021 and 2022 were also cancelled, Team members came and went only to be replaced by new ones and for the first time ever, Secretariat agonized over whether to re-arrange the Weekend during the summer, when Covid transmission rates have been shown to decline. Then, however, after having agreed to hold a July Weekend, even more challenges continued to flow and test us. For a while it seemed like old Satan had Cursillo in his sights and was determined to do all that he could to stop us from hosting a successful Weekend. Fortunately, in the nick of time we recognized this was Satan's typical game plan, to disrupt Cursillo Weekends because they are one of the most effective methods for equipping Christ's disciples for ministry and sharing the Gospel. We also recognized that surely our Weekend Theme (Ephesians 3:20)* was telling us that perhaps it was time for us to call out for help and hand our Weekend plans over to God who'd been there all along, ready and waiting to help save the day, when called upon.

What a Weekend it was! Eighteen participants, four of whom were clergy and one who is a member of the Niagara Diocesan staff. The Right Reverend Todd Townshend, Th.D., Bishop of Huron presided at the Closing Eucharist and the participants talked of how the Weekend had deeply touched them and in some cases, given them a deeper and enhanced understanding of their faith. Thank goodness we had the presence of mind to ask Jesus to take over before we sank beneath the waves! Now I'm excited to learn how the new Cursillistas will put what they learned on their Weekend into their faith, study and action. With the ongoing support of our Primate, Bishops and Clergy, the future of Cursillo in Niagara and Huron as a method for faith formation and equipping disciples for ministry, is looking great! Now let's watch God's plan for Weekend 57! Ultreya!

To all our Musicians

a huge



for your constant support

and gifts you offer at Cursillo Weekends and Ultreyas.

3-Weekend Chair Report
Respectfully submitted, Carol Summers

My big news for this year must be that for the first time since November 2019 we held a Weekend! Holding a residential program during and post covid provided enormous barriers and so, with the best will in the world, we were unable to hold our much-awaited Weekend 56 in November 2022, as we had hoped and planned to do. The move out of shutdowns meant that viruses we had previously avoided because of our isolation now ran riot through us all. Hardly anyone was comfortable attending in November and most of the Team were struggling with illnesses too, so we postponed the Weekend until July 2023, when we hoped the onslaught of colds and viruses would have burned out. This was the first time any of us could recall holding a Weekend in the height of summer and we were booked in at Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre, Paris, Ontario. I commend Rita Predon and her whole Team for enthusiastically serving on the Weekend. Thanks to a very hard-working Core Team, especially the Support Leader, Karen Galligan, as there were a lot of changes to be made for us to fit our Weekend into this new venue. They made it work, everything took place and 18 new Cursillistas joyfully received their crosses at the Closing which was presided over by The Right Reverend R. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron.

I went several times, to help unload on Friday, to decorate for the Agape on Saturday, the Manunita and the Closing on Sunday and each time I went I was pleased to hear of how much God had blessed the Weekend.

I am pleased to say that we are booked for our next Weekend on April 12 -14, 2024 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre, Ancaster. I am also delighted to tell you that Renée Anderson will be the coordinator. I have already heard of people wanting to attend, so I hope you will be able to support Weekend 57 in any capacity but especially with prayer as we build the Team and start the preparations for God's next Cursillo Weekend. Ultreya.

4-Music Chair Report

Respectfully submitted by Karen Galligan

Psalm 98:4 "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music."

It is with joy that I report that between Online and In-person events, Music continued to play a strong role this past year in our Niagara Huron Cursillo.

It was wonderful to be able to return to in-person activities at our Annual Meeting last Fall 2022! While most of us were still masked, it was invigorating to join our voices in singing worship songs aloud together as we praised and celebrated our Lord's goodness.

Fall continued with a focus on Team Training where musicians Margaret and Susanne once again delivered uplifting, rejuvenating, and joyous music, with team members joining in enthusiastically. Stepping in on Team last minute, I returned home energized and excited about the approaching Weekend.

As we know now, God had different plans! So instead, a Diocesan Ultreya was held via Zoom on Dec. 2nd where once again Margaret and Susanne blessed us with their musical gifts. That was followed in the new year with another online Ultreya where Kristy gifted us with her musical talents. From our experiences with the use of Zoom, we have learned that the Musicians Setting for audio must be selected each time, so that everyone can hear both the singers and their music clearly.

Our next Diocesan Ultreya was held on May 7th at the Church of the Resurrection in Hamilton. For those of us who were able to attend in-person, we once again celebrated being able to sing aloud and raise our voices together to the Lord.

With the Weekend finally approaching in July, the Moonlight service for the commissioning of the team was another opportunity for the Cursillo community to gather and to give thanks and praise to God in song and worship. With joy and hope in our hearts as plans came together, the atmosphere of exalting God through song was truly palpable and we knew God had great plans for the Weekend itself.

Weekend 56 was truly amazing...hard work...but truly amazing at how God's hand, presence and provision was felt throughout. Through prayer and great song selection by all involved, the music was inspirational and uplifting, enhancing every aspect of the Weekend from start to finish! We give thanks once again to Musicians Margaret and Susanne who worked to provide our music. God inspired? Absolutely! Let us give thanks and praise for our Music Makers and let us pray for the next time we can gather and raise our voices to the Lord.

Ultreya!

5- Pre-Cursillo Report

Respectfully submitted by Colin Shutt

Just a few notes from your Pre-Cursillo chair. The last weekend was special, as all that I have been connected with have been. I suppose as again with all of us my own weekend was even more special. I heard and felt things that I had never been exposed to in my days on this finite earth. I had the privilege of being a table enabler and met three very special men this time.

True to my "Rule of Life" as was discussed on the weekend. God gave me the ability and tools so that I could purchase and refurbish a Cursillo trailer which now holds most everything required for a successful weekend. When I was pulling it back from the weekend I was overjoyed with the number of people observing the words "Niagara and Huron Cursillo" on the side and praying that they might just 'Google it' and join us in 'Making a Friend, Being a Friend and bringing that Friend to Jesus. It made me consider hooking up to it once a month and towing it around Huron Diocese.

We, here in London, are restarting our 'Group Reunion' at Holy Trinity St. Stephens Memorial and if you are a Cursillista in our area you are more than welcome. Group Reunion is one of my favourite

things to do, we have been successful at getting some of our older Cursillistas out and their input is most welcome.

Bringing people to Jesus is a goal worth achieving.

Ultreya

6-Education Report

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Bray (Brown)

Spiritual education, or consolidation is an important consideration. A Day of Deeper Understanding, following a Cursillo attendance, can help to enhance our relationship with the Lord, nurture spiritual growth, and provide some answers to some questions that we may have encountered along our journey(s).

In the year 2022, we supported an interactive zoom experience, with a guest speaker who sparked our creative instincts regarding next steps in our spiritual paths.

For the year 2023, we have set aside November 4th 2023 for a date that we are planning an in-person attendance, speaker and location to be confirmed.

I have enjoyed being a part of the secretariat, as the Education Chair, for the two-year program of 2022 and 2023. We have seen many changes over these last two years, both in the outside world, and, within our own selves. Some of us have experienced losses, of loved ones, the effects of (social) isolation, and many were unable to have a physical church experience. Still, we managed to keep our spirits up, by bonding together, and giving of ourselves to others, wherever we see the need(s) in front of us.

Looking ahead, I see brightness, much light, love, and a clear path to pave the way to the Lord by virtue of the kindness of others. Together, we will make our experiences here on Earth the best that we can, (for others), for what else is our purpose, but to carry out the Lord's work?

May many blessings be upon you,
Ultreya

7-Treasurer's report
Respectfully submitted by Tim Standish

The Income Statement and Balance Sheet are as of June 30, 2023. This is also the end of our fiscal year, so the balance shown is also our year end balance i.e. \$17,979.94. An interesting result of having a summer Weekend this year is that team and participant fees are spread over two fiscal years (see the \$1250 already received on line 40001). No big deal but perhaps a little more complicated for a treasurer who may be asked to provide a financial accounting of a weekend.

Many blessings and Ultreya!

(Reports follow. These reports will be presented at the Annual Meeting in September.)

Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo
Balance Sheet Y/E June 30, 2023
as at June 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Chequing/Savings

10000 - Bank

10001 - TD CanadaTrust

17,979.94

Total 10000 - BANK

17,979.94

Total Chequing/Savings

17,979.94

Total Current Assets

17,979.94

TOTAL ASSETS

17,979.94

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

30000 - Opening Balance Equity

17,889.85

32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets

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Net income (YTD net)

290.09

Total Liabilities & Equity

17,979.94

Print date: 8/22/2023

NIAGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT Y/E JUNE 30, 2023
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2023

	Actual Month of June 2023	Actual YTD Y/E June 30, 2023	Budget 2022-2023	Actual Last Y/E 2022
INCOME				
4001 - Cursillo - Weekend Fees	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 4,375.00	\$ -
4002 - Cursillo PAP Donations	\$ 269.00	\$ 3,238.00	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 3,318.00
4003 - Donations - J.O.G., Memorials & Other	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,247.72	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,370.01
4005 - Cursillo Church Offering (closing/weekends)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,659.00	\$ 7,110.72	\$ 8,815.00	\$ 6,688.01
EXPENDITURES				
6002 - Advertising and Promotion	\$ -	\$ 91.53	\$ -	\$ -
6003 - Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90.00	\$ 70.05
6004 - Business Licenses and Permits	\$ -	\$ 157.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 150.00
6005 - Website	\$ 287.64	\$ 287.64	\$ 350.00	\$ 46.00
6006 - Conferences and Secretariat Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
6008 - Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -
WEEKEND EXPENDITURES:				
6015 - Office Supplies - photo copies - printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ -
6016 - Cursillo Snacks & supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ -
6017 - Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -
6018 - Agape and Mohanta	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ -
6019 - Griff Hills/Five Oaks centres	\$ -	\$ 1,012.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ -
6020 - Team Training (church use & supplies/snacks)	\$ -	\$ 164.08	\$ 110.00	\$ -
6021 - Bulletins, closing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ -
OTHER:				
6024 - Cursillo expenses-current year	\$ 127.48	\$ 3,908.38	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00
6025 - AGM Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
6027 - CACS - annual dues	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
6028 - CACS -CLW	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,015.12	\$ 6,828.63	\$ 8,465.00	\$ 1,816.14
NET INCOME	\$ 643.88	\$ 282.09	\$ (649.00)	\$ 4,871.87

* Service charge 4.0% cancelled by account rebate of 4.0%

** Holiday fee

*** Mohawk Park fee for August 23 - Ultras

NIAGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO
PROPOSED BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENDITURE JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024
FOR APPROVAL AT ANNUAL MEETING

	Proposed Budget 2023-2024	Actual Month of June 2023	Actual YTD Y/E June 30, 2023	Budget 2022-2023
INCOME				
40001 - Cursillo - Weekend Fees	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 4,375.00
40002 - Cursillo PAP Donations	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 269.00	\$ 3,238.00	\$ 3,240.00
40003 - Donations - J.O.G., Memorials & Other	\$ 3,070.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,247.72	\$ 1,000.00
40005 - Cursillo Church Offering (closing/weekends)	\$ 580.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 15,550.00	\$ 1,619.00	\$ 7,110.72	\$ 8,815.00
EXPENDITURES				
60002 - Advertising and Promotion	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 91.53	\$ -
60003 - Bank Service Charges	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
60004 - Business Licenses and Permits	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ 157.00	\$ 170.00
60005 - Website	\$ 300.00	\$ 287.64 **	\$ 287.64	\$ 350.00
60006 - Conferences and Secretariat Meetings	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
60008 - Postage	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00
WEEKEND EXPENDITURES:				
60015 - Office Supplies - photo copies - printing	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85.00
60016 - Cursillo Snacks & supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110.00
60017 - Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00
60018 - Agape and Mañanita	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.00
60019 - Crieff Hills/Five Oaks centres	\$ 22,765.00	\$ -	\$ 1,012.00	\$ 6,700.00
60020 - Team Training (church use & supplies/snacks)	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 164.06	\$ 110.00
60021 - Bulletins, closing	\$ 70.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70.00
OTHER:				
60024 - Cursillo expenses-current year	\$ 350.00	\$ 127.48 ***	\$ 3,908.38	\$ 200.00
60025 - AGM Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
60027 - CACS - annual dues	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
60028 - CACS -CLW	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 26,315.00	\$ 1,015.12	\$ 6,820.63	\$ 9,460.00
NET INCOME	\$ (10,765.00)	\$ 603.88	\$ 290.09	\$ (645.00)

* Service charge 4.95 cancelled by account rebate of 4.95

**Hostgator fee

*** Mohawk Park fee for August '23 Ultreya

Note: This document encompasses two Weekends in one fiscal year. Activity for #56 at Five Oaks is reflected here; #57 at Mt. Mary (April 2024) has to be covered both in revenue and expenses which is also reflected here. Secretariat heavily subsidized the 2023 Weekend fee. The fee for Cursillo Weekend 2024 is under evaluation.

8-Fourth Day/Post-Cursillo Report

Respectfully submitted by Shirley Kitchen

I first want to talk about **Zoom Grouping**. It has been on my heart to start a Diocesan Zoom Grouping opportunity for those who are not part of a regular group. It really works very well! The ladies and men in Milton have successfully used it. The men moved back to in-person, but the ladies have decided that especially during summer months Zoom grouping works best. One of our members now resides in Sudbury and is still able to join us. We can be at the cottage or at home and still meet together. We may also start an in-person group in the fall for the ladies, time will tell.

If Zoom grouping is of interest to you look for further information and/or contact me with your preference as to the day and time.

We were thankful to resume in person Annual Meetings last September followed by an in-person **Diocesan Ultreya**. I was not able to attend because of vaccination requirements and it was also decided that it would not be Zoomed which was very disappointing to me. However, we move forward, Ultreya! and are thankful that Covid restrictions have now lessened and people are coming back together! We most definitely support everyone in making their own decisions concerning this doing what is best in regard of their health.

Our second Diocesan Ultreya for this Cursillo term was Zoomed on February 17th, 2023. This is a good option in the winter months so that we don't have to worry about the weather.

On May 7th we provided a Zoom option for our **in-person Diocesan Ultreya** which took place at the Church of the Resurrection in Hamilton. What a joyous time we had. It was so nice to get together with everyone and as usual the potluck was delicious!

As I write this, we are looking forward to our first **Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo Picnic and Ultreya** which will take place August 20th at Mohawk Park in Brantford. This was an idea that has finally come to fruition. Thanks to all who are planning on supporting this venture and have supported Ultreyas with their presence.

Many thanks to all who say "yes" when called upon to fill one of the many roles in an Ultreya whether it is leading, music, giving a witness talk, lay response or Clergy response. Ultreyas are a vital part of our Fourth Day as we seek to encourage and support each other in living out our Christian faith. If you would like support in beginning your **Regional Ultreyas** again, please give me a call (905-514-3944). The Milton/Acton Regional Ultreya hopes to start up again this October on the second Friday of the month.

Blessings and Ultreya

9-The Still Small Voice

God speaks to us in many ways. Through scripture, through music, other people, directly or through that still, small voice in our head. This is most often how God tells me there is something I need to do or take care of. I confess that it took me a long time to recognize, pay attention and follow up. I learned over time that if it was important the voice did not stay still and quiet for long. The voice would become loud and intrusive and not listening had consequences. This is why you are reading this. While I was reflecting on the many responses to prayer and the directions, I had been given over this past Weekend by that still, small voice, I heard: You should send this to the Rainbow. So here it is.

Rita Predon
Weekend #56

Note from your Secretariat. Palanca is not a position on Secretariat, but Rita's faithful attendance to the meetings is most appreciated—it shows her love for Cursillo. We always welcome different opinions and comments that will benefit our movement. Thank you Rita for being there for us!

10-Communications report

Respectfully submitted by Blanche Mills

In April 2023 a new computer was purchased for the communications chair as the old one wasn't holding a charge with the battery, and we were afraid that all the information stored on it would be lost.

I have been communication chair since Sept 2019, and this is my 2nd two-year term. Currently if you would like to take a role in Secretariat and have some technology experience to maintain the website, send emails, and be able to put together the Rainbow newsletter -once or twice a year please let me know and I would be happy to help you with the job. Also this computer needs to get to Ultreyas and weekends along with the data projector (s) for the music and other things needed.

We are also working toward only having one email address instead of the 3 or 4 we've had for the communication person to keep in touch. The main email address we are using now is niagarahunanglican@gmail.com so if you haven't received an email recently and are wondering why please check your spam folders and add this email to your address book.

Are you moving or have you moved? Please remember to forward your new address or if you have changed your email address to niagarahunanglican@gmail.com

Annual Meeting with Ultreya and Pot Luck Supper – Sunday, September 24, 2023 – Location is The Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton, doors open at 2:00 p.m. and meeting will start at 3:00 p.m. All Cursillistas welcome!

Ultreya

11-Announcements

What a great day we had for a picnic and Ultreya. Thanks to Shirley, our Fourth Day Chair for organizing this event, thanks to the musicians, speaker, responders, and the many prayers that come in holding an event such as this. We never know how many Cursillistas and guests will show up, but guess what? If you build it, they will come! It is my hope we can do this every summer as everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thank you to Secretariat for making this possible. *Renée*

Ultreya and Family Picnic at Mohawk Park, Brantford All Day Sunday, August 20, 2023 Hosted by Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo



Check out the city website to see more about the park: www.brantford.ca

Come out and meet the new Cursillistas! Shelter "F" is Cursillo's from 8am until 8pm. Come early to enjoy the park (including splashpad) and bring your lunch. The washrooms are next to our shelter. Hydro is available for musicians (bring extension cords).

Picnic tables are under the shelter and lots of ground for lawn chairs and blankets.

Ultreya Program starts at 3:00 p.m.

Hear music, singing, and a witness talk during the program.

Supper time immediately after Ultreya: Bring a potluck dish to share, dishes, utensils, and drinks.

From the 403 in Brantford at Wayne Gretzky Pkwy, take pkwy. towards downtown. Turn right onto Colborne St. and immediately left onto Lynnwood Dr. which takes you to the park. Go past first large parking lot to the second lot where the playground is. Shelter "F" is behind the playground.

The closest parking lot is in front of the play area; other lots available as well. Lots are free.

Contact person for the day: Renée Anderson, Cursillo
Cell phone 519-754-7363

We are grateful to our Bishops for their continued support for a strong Christian ministry such as our Cursillo in Niagara and Huron.



More information coming as the team makes its plans!

We hope *you* can plan to attend.

