

# The Rainbow

Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo Newsletter

Summer 2024

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## 1 - Lay Director's Report

Respectfully submitted by Tim Standish

*"<sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you." 1 Cor 1:5,6 NIV*

In the past year, Cursillo in Niagara Huron continued with the post-Covid rebuilding. Weekend 56 at Five Oaks in Paris had just concluded in July 2023 and organizing for Weekend 57 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre, Ancaster, in April 2024 was already underway. With a combined total of 28 new Cursillistas we were getting a real injection of new blood in a short space of time and efforts were made to involve those in 4th day activities such as diocesan Ultreyas and grouping.

A key feature of these 4<sup>th</sup> day efforts was the Day of Deeper Understanding -Discipleship Now: A Call to Action, held in May at St. Christopher's, Burlington. I don't believe that Cursillo in Niagara or Huron has ever undertaken a one-day event requiring such a level of organization. The Education Committee under Ann Mulvale with

members Blair Richardson, Pat Atkinson and others secured three top level guests to have a discussion about how we do discipleship in the current times of the unchurched, the anti-church, etc. Jessie Cruickshank, John Bowen and Ian Mobsby (thanks to the Diocese of Niagara) lead the panel and presented challenging opinions and assessments of the current climate in the world for people of faith. Many people's skills and comfort zones were stretched in implementing this day. (For example, your Lay Director was tasked with learning about and implementing on-line registration through Eventbrite. Gaaah! is not too strong a word to describe the experience.) At any rate, it all came together with about 70 people in attendance. Also, an effort was made to invite Christians of all denominations from beyond the Cursillo fold and by all accounts about one third of attendees fell into this category – although mostly still Anglican.

Weekend 57 was held in April at Mount Mary with 10 participants. Weekend Chair, Carol Summers had secured Renée Anderson to be the Coordinator. It was another success with the participants feeling energized and uplifted to live out their 4<sup>th</sup> Days in the world. The high attendance at the following Ultreya (see below) is one measure of that. Many thanks to Carol, Renée and the entire

team. Unfortunately, Carol has been dealing with eye problems and is stepping back as Weekend Chair. Fortunately, she has been able to get Marion Bailey to allow her name to stand for the position at the AM.

The Diocesan Ultreyas were organized by the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Coordinator, Shirley Kitchen and her committee. The four events were held in person and a parallel Zoom was also attempted for those who find travelling difficult. The Zoom poses technical problems but we are persevering with it as it is important to maintaining participation, especially in the winter months. The May/post Weekend 57 Ultreya had 44 in attendance with, I believe, 8 musicians coming out of the woodwork! Many thanks and prayers for Shirley who stuck with it while suffering the loss of her husband, Paul. We are very grateful for her faithfulness as she now steps back from this leadership position to have a well-deserved rest.

The only active regional Ultreya in the last year has been in the Milton/Acton group. Promoting more regional Ultreyas is an area which would benefit from more discussion by Secretariat.

Renée Anderson has taken over the Communications portfolio after Blanche Mills' many years of faithful service there. The website is looking very good and she gets notices out in a very timely manner. I also appreciate still having the advice of our past Lay Director on Secretariat too. And as a further bonus, her status as a delegate to the Huron Synod maintains an important link to people and events in that diocese.

Financially, we are in a good position despite having weekends 56 and 57 fairly close together. Faithful donors on pre-authorized giving as well as generous one-time gifts during Covid (when there was nothing to spend it on) and since that time, meant that the coffers were built up significantly. The Day of Deeper Understanding cost us more than we expected which was a result of having to fly Jessie Cruickshank from Denver on a US holiday weekend and paying in US dollars. Nevertheless, with 70 people in attendance on that day, I think most would agree we got good value for money. With Weekend 58 being over a year away, our finances should continue to build to the point where we can keep weekend fees affordable. It is always our goal that finances should not keep a person from attending a Weekend. It is interesting to note that a comparison of costs between Five Oaks and Mount Mary based on total bill divided by number of participants + team showed Mount Mary to be about \$93 less per person. Not insignificant!

At least a couple of Cursillistas went to their 5<sup>th</sup> Days during the last year. Pam Battersby of St. John's, Hamilton and Rev. Susan Wells, who served as Spiritual Director of Cursillo Niagara for several years previously. Very recently we lost Kathy Beattie; her Celebration of Life will be held next week. They will be missed.

Speaking of Spiritual Directors, many thanks to Rev. Dr. Shirl Christian who accepted that position last year. She and I have been getting our feet wet as newbies to our positions and I have appreciated her input and guidance.

The Secretariat met six times during the year and Zoom meetings are now the norm. Especially with Huron Diocese involved, the distances can be so great and many potential members might be otherwise unable to participate. And we all appreciate not having to travel and our usual 12 members is a size well suited to Zoom. I am grateful to other Secretariat members not yet mentioned in this report. Thanks to Janice Toth for her first year as treasurer. Thanks to Karen Galligan for bringing stability and continuity to the music portfolio. And thanks to Pat Hyslop for her faithful service as secretary. Rita Predon has served as a Palanca member, praying for us all and the work of Cursillo. The Pre-Cursillo portfolio was unfilled this past year and remains so. The Education and Fourth Day portfolios will be available starting with the Annual Meeting on September 22. If you are interested in serving on Secretariat or know someone you think might be interested, let me know and I'll contact them. Terms are for two years and we generally meet about six times per year on Zoom.

In the coming year we will continue to promote the 4<sup>th</sup> day activities and encourage grouping. We will also have a discussion and evaluation of the shorter "three-day weekends", which the last five have been. Should we revert to the 70-hour weekend versus the 48 hour one? Will less people be able to attend if we do? Will the quality of the experience be better? Will it cost more? We will look at these things.

Let us continue to be enriched and see that revealed in others through Cursillo. Ultreya!



THE NEXT CURSILLO WEEKEND  
TENTATIVELY BOOKED FOR NOVEMBER, 2025  
MOUNT MARY RETREAT CENTRE, ANCASTER

	<b>DISCERN</b>	- Your Vocation
	<b>EQUIP</b>	- For Mission
	<b>WITNESS</b>	- For Christ
	<b>THROUGH</b>	- Faith, Study and Action
	<b>TO FULFIL</b>	- God's Mission

## 2 - Spiritual Director's Report

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Dr. Shirl Christian

I am now halfway through my term as Spiritual Director for Niagara-Huron Anglican Cursillo. I have enjoyed meeting many of you and participating in several events, including the Closing for Weekend #57. I commend the team for their hard work in creating a memorable experience for the participants.

Small groups are a wonderful way to maintain relationships and give/receive mutual support. I have been blessed to meet more-or-less regularly with a small group and appreciate the opportunities for online participation afforded by Zoom. It is a helpful way for those of us who are more geographically remote to meet without having to travel, and I encourage everyone to engage with others in a small group, either virtually or in person.

Summer has brought with it a slowdown in Cursillo activity as many of us have been travelling or holidaying, or otherwise taking advantage of the lovely summer weather. I took 3 ½ weeks in June/July to drive out west to Alberta and back, visiting many relatives and friends along the way. Thanks be to God for protection all along the more than 7,000 km of driving – not even a flat tire this year!

I have been blessed in my involvement with the Circle of Faith Parish Group (Huron): taking some services and filling in as organist for St. Thomas's Walkerton on occasion. In the upcoming year, my focus as Spiritual Director will be to spread the word about Cursillo, especially in areas where there has been less experience/exposure. I invite other Cursillistas to come alongside in those efforts, by offering suggestions or participation.

I hope everyone has had a refreshing summer, and comes into the fall season with renewed energy. God's blessings!

### 3 - Weekend Chair Report

Respectfully submitted, Carol Summers

[Note from the Lay Director: Carol has had a visibility problem since the spring and cannot view the computer to write a report or participate in Zoom meetings. In fact, she has had to withdraw from completing her full term. The following is a report based on what she had presented to Secretariat just before.]

Re: Weekend #57 The Team Leaders went for a site visit to Mount Mary, which went very well. The Team is complete and the Coordinator, Renée, worked hard at making the preparations for the team training which was on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton. The Moonlight was held at the end of the training on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The wider community was encouraged to join the Team for their commissioning. Before and since the Weekend, I have been keeping in touch with Candice from Mount Mary who handles the bookings. Our communication has

been excellent, in stark contrast with our past Weekend experience. Candice has been very accommodating (appropriately so for someone who books a facility!) and has certainly made us welcome. It feels like going home. This cooperation and positive relationship has continued right through the Weekend (which was excellent) and to the final invoicing.

After discussion at Secretariat, we decided our next Weekend should be held in the fall and so I contacted Mount Mary. We are on the wait list for the week of October 14-26 2025. They open their calendar a year in advance and so I am confident we will have those dates but the next Weekend Chair will need to confirm that booking in October.

Marion Bailey called for a chat and I asked her if she would consider being Weekend Chair and she at first said she would pray about it and then after we chatted, she said she would do it. She has agreed to one term of 2 years.

### 4 - Music Chair Report

Respectfully submitted by Karen Galligan

Psalm 95:1-2 (NIV) *“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.”*

Music this past year has continued to play a key role in supporting our Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo events. With many thanks to our talented musicians, we have been able to joyfully sing and clap along with songs of praise and worship to our loving and gracious God.

Our dedicated musicians all lead very busy lives, and we are grateful for the effort they make in fitting our events into their schedules. Also, for the planning, practice and carting around, of not only their instruments, but also the sound systems, microphones, amplifiers and other equipment necessary to provide our music. We are blessed by their ongoing support and efforts!

Last summer's well-attended outdoor Ultreya and Picnic held at Mohawk Park in Brantford was great fun. Using electricity provided at the rented picnic shelter, we had 4 musicians who joyfully led us in singing during the Ultreya. Instead of trying to project the words outdoors, we used our original Cursillo songbooks to provide the song lyrics for everyone, along with some newer selections passed out on an additional sheet.

We were able to enjoy several more Cursillo events throughout the past year, both online and in person where music was a key element. Weekend 57 in April of course was a highlight, with great music provided at the Moonlight sendoff, during the Weekend itself, and again at the Celebratory Closing. To top that off, the following Diocesan Ultreya in May gifted us with 8 musicians attending and sharing their gifts, including 2 of our newest Cursillista members playing along. It was fabulous and fun!

The database for song lyrics to be projected on screen during our indoor events continues to grow as our musicians learn and teach us new selections. Our Cursillo CCLI membership (Church Copyright License) is renewed annually each January and allows us to access and use a wide range of faith-based songs. With input from our musicians, we continue to explore purchasing some additional sound equipment/systems to help support our Weekends and other Cursillo gatherings.

We have much to be thankful for. Music brings such joy, hope, togetherness. When we play and sing with our hearts, it lifts us up in our faith and in our connection with our Creator. We are always looking for new talent to join us. Come and share your talents and love of music if you are able! Ultreya!



## 5 - Pre-Cursillo Report

The Pre-Cursillo Chair position was not filled for the year 2023-2024. Secretariat members have been ready to approach fellow Christians about the tools of Cursillo through a Weekend and Ultreyas. The nature of the position is being responsible for proposing to the Secretariat a plan for the promotion and extension of the Movement in the Dioceses. S/he is to assist the wider community in implementing the Pre-Cursillo phase of the Movement, especially in the study and identification of environments to be evangelized and identifying potential leaders within those environments to be sponsored to attend a Weekend.

## 6 - Education Report

Respectfully submitted by Ann Mulvale

Once again, the tradition of providing an opportunity for children of God, both members of Cursillo and not, to set time apart to share fellowship as they deepen their relationship with God, was created. An important tool to strengthen each of our respective Fourth Days.

Hence the major focus in the past 'year' was clearly the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Day of Deeper Understanding; well-attended with, very overall, positive feedback.

The theme, Discipleship, was suggested by Blair Richardson, who then, essentially, co-chaired the event proving to be an invaluable contact/coordinator, with the three speakers.

Rev. John Bowden, Rev. Canon Ian Mobsby and Rev. Jessie Cruickshank dovetailed in an informative, yet relaxed manner. Each was clearly comfortable with post individual presentations "Q & A" between themselves and the participants. The latter added to the learning and sharing opportunity.

St. Christopher's Anglican Church, Guelph Line, Burlington – many thanks to Christyn Perkons for her invaluable help – was a very good, accessible & hospitable location. It had more than adequate parking and public transit options.

At the Secretariat's debrief of May 25<sup>th</sup> it was agreed that the next "Day" would potentially be in the Kitchener-Waterloo area; with 'easy' highway accesses being considered.

A topic for future consideration is "Grief" – the loss of abilities, mobility, loved ones who have gone on to their 5<sup>th</sup> Day, 'freedoms' during pandemics like COVID, financial flexibility perhaps, becoming empty nesters, etc.

I appreciated the support I received from members of Secretariat and other volunteers – especially Shirley Kitchen & her 'team' on Day of Deeper Understanding – during my tenure as Education Chair. I regret that the inability of my business schedule to reliably mesh with the majority meeting preferences, requires me to step back from this role.

In doing so I am confident that subsequent educational opportunities – Days of Deeper Understanding – will unfold to feed the interests and souls of folk engaged and external to Cursillo in Niagara & Huron.

May God continue to direct and bless His Cursillo.



## **Article as Published in Diocesan Newsletters**

### **First Time Ever!**

## **The Anglican Diocese of Niagara and the Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo (NHAC)**

### **Co-Sponsor a Workshop on Discipleship**

“Thank you so much for your work to get Jessie there: I was blown away, very uncomfortable in the way I know means I need to change something, because of a new insight, a revelation”

...said one of the 70 people who eagerly participated in the interactive, day-long workshop which was held on May 25 at St. Christopher’s Church in Burlington.

The Workshop was originally an idea from the NHAC Secretariat; Bishop Susan Bell agreed to co-sponsorship, with Diocesan representation in the planning and hosting of the event. Leading organizers were Tim Standish, Lay Director, NHAC and Ann Mulvale, NHAC Coordinator of Education. Key assistance was provided by Emily Hill, current liaison person with the NHAC for the Diocese and Christyn Perkons, now a member at St. Christopher’s and former liaison person to NHAC.

There were three goals for the day: one, to better understand the importance of discipleship; two, to learn about the concepts (contained in the book entitled “Ordinary Discipleship” by Jessie Cruickshank) and the discipleship process, and three, to gain insight on personal barriers to discipleship and how to address these.

The participants benefitted from presentations from three experts, who led panel discussions and facilitated the small group exercises. And the participants left with homework questions to reflect on! The presenters were: Dr. John Bowen, Emeritus Professor of Evangelism at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, who has served on the steering committee of the Niagara School for Missional Leadership for the past four years; Rev. Canon Dr. Ian Mobsby, Community Missioner in the Diocese of Niagara, Canon Theologian for Mission and a faculty member of the Niagara School for Missional Leadership; and Jessie Cruickshank, a nationally-recognized expert in disciple-making and the neuroscience of transformation. She became an ordained minister with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, an Evangelical Pentecostal Christian denomination founded in the U.S. in 1923.

! A participant commented, “The workshop was excellent. All three speakers gave their rendition of discipleship, especially Rev. Jessie Cruickshank. She spoke from the heart and being a neuroscientist, was able to explain how the brain works in conjunction with God’s word.”



From the closing panel discussion: “People want to see authenticity – revealing vulnerability is powerful. When people see you walk through the struggle, they know that they are not alone (as a disciple). The discipling process heals both of us – the disciple and the disciple-maker.”

Blair Richardson, June 6, 2024



### Day of Deeper Understanding Photos







## 7 - Treasurer's report

Respectfully submitted by Janice Toth

This was my first year as the Treasurer of the Cursillo Group. It has proven to be a challenging and rewarding experience, I think I am finally getting the hang of it. The Income and Balance Sheets attached are as of June 2024 as this is the end of our fiscal year. The balance shown at the year end is \$10,117.63. The shortfall for the year was expected to be \$10,765.00 but due to our very generous members the shortfall was only \$7,862.31. Our Pre-Authorized Givings have increased this fiscal year, and I am hopeful we can grow this amount in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Many Blessings and Ultreya!

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

**NIAGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT Y/E JUNE 30, 2024  
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024**

	<u>Actual Month of June 2024</u>	<u>Actual YTD Y/E June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Budget 2023-2024</u>	<u>Actual Last Y/E 2023</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
40001 - Cursillo - Weekend Fees	\$ 300.00 ***	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 1,625.00
40002 - Cursillo PAP Donations	\$ 294.00	\$ 3,398.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,238.00
40003 - Donations - J.O.G., Memorials & Other	\$ 30.00	\$ 3,602.42	\$ 3,070.00	\$ 2,247.72
40004 - Day of Deeper Understanding Income	\$ 2,335.83	\$ 2,335.83		
40005 - Cursillo Church Offering (closing/weekends)	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ 580.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,959.83</b>	<b>\$ 18,766.25</b>	<b>\$ 15,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,110.72</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
60002 - Advertising and Promotion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 91.53
60003 - Bank Service Charges	\$ 4.95	\$ 19.80	\$ 20.00	\$ -
60004 - Business Licenses and Permits	\$ -	\$ 165.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 157.00
60005 - Website	\$ -	\$ 129.86	\$ 300.00	\$ 287.64
60006 - Conferences and Secretariat Meetings	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
60008 - Postage	\$ -	\$ 10.40	\$ 10.00	\$ -
<b>WEEKEND EXPENDITURES:</b>				
60015 - Office Supplies - photo copies - printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -
60016 - Cursillo Snacks & supplies	\$ -	\$ 801.95	\$ 600.00	\$ -
60017 - Postage	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
60018 - Agape and Mañanita	\$ -	\$ 140.73	\$ 280.00	\$ -
60019 - Conference Centre	\$ -	\$ 18,982.00	\$ 22,765.00	\$ 1,012.00
60020 - Team Training (church use & supplies/snacks)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 164.08
60021 - Bulletins, closing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70.00	\$ -
<b>OTHER:</b>				
60024 - Cursillo expenses-current year	\$ -	\$ 163.85	\$ 350.00	\$ 3,908.38
60025 - AGM Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
60026 - Day of Deeper Understanding Expenses	\$ 350.00	\$ 4,814.97		\$ -
60027 - CACS - annual dues	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
60028 - CACS -CLW	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 554.95</b>	<b>\$ 26,628.56</b>	<b>\$ 26,315.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,820.63</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,404.88</b>	<b>\$ (7,862.31)</b>	<b>\$ (10,765.00)</b>	<b>\$ 290.09</b>

\*\*\* Payment from one participant was missed and one participant wrote postdated cheques.

Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo  
 Balance Sheet Y/E June 30, 2024  
 as at **June 2024**

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
10000 - Bank	
10001 - TD CanadaTrust	10,117.63
Total 10000 - BANK	<u>10,117.63</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>10,117.63</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>10,117.63</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>10,117.63</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 - Opening Balance Equity	17,979.94
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	
Net Income (YTD net)	<u>(7,862.31)</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u><u>10,117.63</u></u>

**Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo  
Proposed Budget Income and Expenditures July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025  
For Approval at Annual Meeting**

	<b>Proposed Budget 2024-2025</b>	<b>Actual YTD Y/E June 30, 2024</b>	<b>Actual YTD Y/E June 30, 2023</b>	<b>Approved Budget 2023-2024</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
40001 - Cursillo - Weekend Fees	\$ -	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 8,500.00
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40003 - Donations - J.O.G., Memorials & Other	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,602.42	\$ 2,247.72	\$ 3,070.00
40004 - Day of Deeper Understanding Income	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,335.83	\$ -	\$ -
40005 - Cursillo Church Offering (closing/weekends)	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ 580.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,766.25</b>	<b>\$ 7,110.72</b>	<b>\$ 15,550.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>				
60002 - Advertising and Promotion	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 91.53	\$ 100.00
60003 - Bank Service Charges	\$ 20.00	\$ 19.80	\$ -	\$ 20.00
60004 - Business Licenses and Permits	\$ 170.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 157.00	\$ 170.00
60005 - Website	\$ 300.00	\$ 129.86	\$ 287.64	\$ 300.00
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60025 - AGM Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
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60028 - CACS -CLW	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,050.00</b>	<b>\$ (7,862.31)</b>	<b>\$ 290.09</b>	<b>\$ (10,765.00)</b>

**2024-2025 Proposed budget Notes:**

1. Lines 40001, 40004, 40005, 60015 through 60018, 60020, and 60021 have no value assigned as we do not plan on having a weekend in this fiscal year.

## **WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT CURSILLO**

By supporting Cursillo, you will help us sponsor candidates who may find it a financial burden to attend a Weekend, yet wish to follow their faith-formation journey. Secretariat also subsidizes the Weekends as the cost increases every year for the team as well. We want to ensure everyone has an opportunity to attend. There are other expenses that Secretariat is responsible for i.e. dues to CACS (our national Cursillo) and our newest purchase—a trailer to store our Weekend equipment and supplies. Your donations are most appreciated.

### **E-Transfer to Cursillo**

Set-up e-Transfer by following these steps:

Step 1: Send the Treasurer an email ([nactreas1@gmail.com](mailto:nactreas1@gmail.com)) asking for answer to the security question. Please mention you are making a donation or payment to Cursillo. Once you have this security word you can pay online.

Step 2: Login to your online bank account.

Step 3: Add “Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo” (bank account name) as a recipient under transfers.

Email: [nactreas1@gmail.com](mailto:nactreas1@gmail.com)

Security Question: What is Ultreya?

Answer: (see step 1.)

\*\*\*Not all banks may have the transfer button in the same spot, however

TDCanadaTrust will be located under Transfer. Then go to Interac e-Transfer.

Step 4: Enter.

Step 5: Enter the payment/donation amount and recipient.

Step 6: Enter.

Step 7: Confirm.

Step 8: You should see a confirmation that funds were sent.

Please note that the bank gives plenty of time for the transfer to take place.

### **BY CHEQUE**

Mail cheques to our Treasurer, Janice Toth, P. O. Box 125, Mount Hope, ON L0R 1W0 made out to Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo.

**Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt.**

**THIS FORM CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE**

**NIAGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO  
Pre-Authorized Giving Program  
Authorization Form**

Please choose one:

**NEW INCREASE / DECREASE / CHANGE BANKING / CANCEL**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a voided CHEQUE if it is a **NEW** account or **CHANGING BANK INFO:**

**Payments can be taken on any numerical day of the month. Please indicate which day(s) you prefer.**

I/We hereby authorize the "Diocese of Niagara" to debit my/our bank account each month on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the month in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

(date(s))

This donation is made on behalf of: an individual  a Business

This authorization is to remain in effect until The Diocese of Niagara has received written notice from me/us of its change or termination. Please note that we must receive the change or termination by the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month in order for it to take effect for the following month. In an emergency the PAD can be recalled or stop payment within a 24 hour notice. To obtain a sample cancellation form, or for more information on my right to cancel a PAD Agreement, I may contact my financial institution or visit [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca).

I have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAD Agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I may contact my financial institution or visit [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca).

*Please note: for joint accounts both parties should sign below:*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to:

The Diocese of Niagara  
Attn: Kim Waltmann  
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## 8 - Fourth Day Report

[Our chair has had to resign from Secretariat. Here is the last report which reflects some of the activity of our Ultreyas.]

4<sup>th</sup> Day Report June 15, 2024

Not much has happened since the Diocesan Ultreya. I was pleased to hear that 44 Cursillistas attended the Ultreya on May 5<sup>th</sup>. I find it helpful to have a sign in sheet so that there are names of those who might participate in the next Ultreya. The 4<sup>th</sup> Day chair should also receive feedback after a weekend with names of those most suited to giving a talk.

Renee has booked Mohawk Park in Brantford for the Diocesan Picnic and Ultreya on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Karen has notified the musicians. I trust there will be a good turn-out. I am praying that God will bless us with the weather.

I am feeling the need to step back from Secretariat for a time and concentrate on getting my home in order. I will finish out my term by finding the witness speaker, lay response and clergy for the Picnic/Ultreya. I am always open to suggestions. I will gladly help the new 4<sup>th</sup> Day Chair in any way that I can.

I will continue to organize Regional Ultreyas for Milton/Acton. Our final Ultreya for this season is Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> at Grace Anglican Church in Milton. I feel sorry that I was not able to work on promoting Ultreyas in the different regions. I think that this is an important next step. We found that it only takes one person to get the ball rolling. Also, that a small group attending can be just as much a blessing as a large group. Our first Ultreya at Grace after several years absence had only six attending and now typically has about a dozen.

Blessings and Ultreya,

Shirley Kitchen

**PICTURES FROM THE ULTREYA AUGUST 18, 2024 AT GRACE CHURCH, BRANTFORD.  
MAKING USE OF OUR SONG BOOKS!**





SORRY, NO PICTURES OF THE BUFFET TABLE!



## 9 – Palanca

Palanca is a Spanish word meaning “lever”. In Cursillo, Palanca is the lever which is a physical expression of prayer intended to lever or move the recipient to embrace the love the God and the love from community during the Weekend.

Above all, “Palanca” simply means prayer. Many people offer their prayers to the participants and team, through expressions of love such as:

- fasting
- personal sacrifice or devotion (giving of your time)
- prayers (Anglican prayers, litanies, intercessions or personal prayers)
- day of abstinence (give up something i.e. television or computer for a day)

This is true palanca.

Palanca must be genuine and offered by communities and individuals living in union with Christ. It is used in Cursillo to mean an outward expression through prayer or expression of our Christian love.

Source: CACS website [www.anglicancursillo.com](http://www.anglicancursillo.com)

## 10 - Communications Report

Respectfully submitted by Renée Anderson

Completing my first year in this role has given me an appreciation for its job description. Learning to master a website is very important in this day and age and requires full attention to detail. This chair was responsible for connecting The Education Chair and The Day of Deeper Understanding committee to the wider community with professionalism and detail.

Did you know we have databases? Each Weekend team and participants/new-Cursillistas are recorded in Excel giving us a history of information to work with, as needed. The databases give us a resource to help create teams for our Weekends. However, as many of you know, we do not record the age of anyone and it’s a bit of a chuckle to call someone to work on team and find out they are in their golden years and just want to enjoy themselves and family in a quiet atmosphere! Please chuckle when some of you get the call!

At any time you are welcome to contact me about updating your email address, address, phone numbers, and whether or not you want to receive emails from us.

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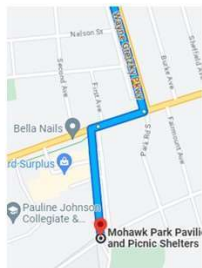
## 11-Announcements

Thank you for coming out to this event which was relocated to Grace Church in Brantford due to the rain forecast!

### Ultreya and Potluck Picnic at Mohawk Park, Brantford

Sun., August 18, 2024 - starting 2:00 p.m.

Hosted by Niagara Huron Anglican Cursillo



51 Lynnwood Drive

Check out the city website to see more about the park:  
[www.brantford.ca](http://www.brantford.ca)

Come out and bring your family & friends! Shelter "F" is reserved for Cursillo. Come and enjoy the park (including splashpad). 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.

**Potluck supper immediately following 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  
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DON'T MISS  
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
NIAGARA HURON ANGLICAN CURSILLO  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

3:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

Church of the Resurrection  
435 Mohawk Rd. W., Hamilton

Tim Standish, Lay Director

**ULTREYA & POTLUCK SUPPER FOLLOWING THE MEETING.**

Please read the reports contained in this newsletter and the minutes of the 2023 AM.

ZOOM LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO ASK FOR IT AT LEAST ONE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING, PLEASE.

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