

Fall 2006



CURSILLO OF EASTERN OREGON

The Bantam

Looking Ahead

A meeting was held on Friday, June 23, with the Bob Thomson, Robanai Disque, Bishop Gregg and Beth Hartwell. The meeting was exciting, encouraging, and productive as our goal was to evaluate how we can make the Secretariat stronger, and how we can improve the organization and the tasks pertaining to the Cursillo weekend. The following is a list of the goals and resolutions that we came to after our discussion.

Our first priority this year is to edit and refresh the script. It needs to be pruned and brought alive once again.

Our next priority is to train and support each other. So many new people are joining the team, and we need to find consistent ways to bring everyone into the spirit feeling confident in their tasks at hand, and having an understanding of the full picture of the workings of the weekend. The fol-

lowing are our intended steps.

Schedule a training, much like what we have seen to be productive with the Rollo team, where the new Core Team trains Team Chairpersons, prior to the two team meetings. This addition time will help support, troubleshoot, and inform those carrying the greatest responsibility for the weekend.

Next year, work on editing and refresh-

Grand Ultreya Planned

Our Cursillestas in The Dalles & Hood River have heard the call to host the Grand Ultreya this year. Lead by an enthusiastic team, it will be held on November

10th and 11th, 2006 at St Paul's in The Dalles.

Contact Bob Thomson or Beth Hartwell if you want to be involved in the planning



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May God's Goodness Be Yours

*May God's goodness be yours,
And well, and seven times well, may you spend your lives:
May you be an isle in the sea,
May you be a hill on the shore,
May you be a star in the darkness,
May you be a staff to the weak
May the love Christ Jesus gave fill every heart for you;
May the love Christ Jesus gave fill you for every one.*

Looking Ahead, continued

ing the scripts for each of the teams, so that chairpersons have an improved tool for helping their team understand their tasks and responsibilities.

Track the team participants' experience, so that as assignments are made and the team grows, each member has a broad experience in all the roles, and has a deeper understanding of how we each fit into the whole, and are able to support each other in specific task completions.

In the Fall plan a Secretariat training after the board is filled, so that we have a deeper understanding of how we each fit into the whole, and can support the needs of all members of Cursillo, the meetings of 4th Day groups, the workings of the weekend, and prepare for the core team and committee chairpersons training. This training would be in addition to the regular meetings that need to be held each quarter.

Define the understanding that when a role is completed, such as a core team member, a committee chairperson, or a member of the secretariat, the responsibility continues for another year in an advisory role to the incoming position holder for tapping into their knowledge and experience. In the case of the secretariat, this will be much easier to do if we hold to single 2 year terms, with a third advisory year.

The third priority is to find a meaningful, consistent, and candidate focused practice for the Healing Service. We hope to accomplish this with added training as well.

When the script is re-written add discussion of healing service to the activity after the "Obstacle to Grace" Rollo so that candidates are better prepared, can consider and arrange whom they might want to have join them, and understand that the pews are filled with people praying intentionally for them as well.

That the healing service be an item added to the Rollo team training, so that table leaders are equipped to lead the discussion.

That the healing service is added to the agenda for the first team meeting, so that all members of the team have a clear and consistent understanding of the role the healing service has in the weekend as well as an appreciative understanding of their role as team.

That a team healing service be added to the second team meeting.

Our reflection on this year's healing service was generally positive, especially as it related to having the 3rd station at the back, and the consideration each person gave to letting each healing stand on its own. Privacy in communicating to the healer, a clear entrance and exit, and a focus on the candidates' comfort are the key elements in this spiritual practice.

The privacy, protection, and welfare of the Candidates is paramount. Feedback from Candidates indicates that, for some, too many people, too much movement, and a sense of hovering is invasive and feels very uncomfortable. It has even changed what a Candidate has felt he or she

could say or had intended/wanted to say when asking for healing. Much discussion took place around risk and liability, but the truth of the matter is that we would never want a candidate to have an experience that would take us to that. If we focus on our training, table discussion and prayerfully continue to support and connect with the candidates, we will all be able to be open to the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, we have agreed to narrow the number of persons to two to three people accompanying a Candidate to the healing station. The Candidate would invite these persons, and in unusual situations, exceptions could be requested of the Spiritual advisor.

By developing and living into a common understanding theologically, liturgically, and pastorally of the healing liturgy, we can and will have a solid, effective liturgical practice with a clear focus on God's love and work for the Candidates that is explicitly embraced in appropriate, real, and substantive participation by everyone.

Comments can be made to Beth Hartwell (beth@xreem.com) for submission to the secretariat as this plan is implemented.



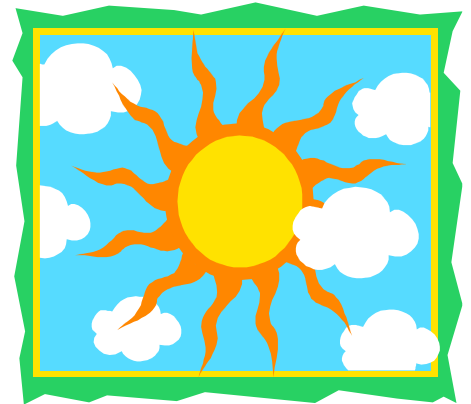
News from Ultreyas

Redmond-Prineville Ultreya gathered for Fiesta on May 25th. We had not met for several years, so this was a new beginning in several respects. With 27 Cursillestas in attendance, we welcomed Guinn Peden, Don Scott, Virginia Scott, and Dick Brown into the community with good food, music, and a wonderful "rollo" reflection on the 2006 Cursillo by Dick Brown. Singing lead by John Burgess and Ruth Brown, gave us opportunity to give lots of praise and glory and thanks to God. We made plans to meet at least quarterly throughout the year, and responses to help plan the gatherings, and participate were "off the charts".

Our Ultreya enjoyed a picnic supper

together on August 17th at a local park in Redmond. We, again, ate well, serenaded the neighborhood with praises to God, and were entertained with a couple of fun, but questionable spiritual offerings by the music team. Thank you, Ruth, John, and Dick. Other new Cursillestas, Kim Griffin of Prineville and Judy Palmer of Keizer joined us to make a total of 21 attending the picnic.

A planning meeting is scheduled for Sept. 27 at God's House (St. Alban's office and multipurpose building). Committees will be set up, and we hope to begin the work of supporting each others' ministries as we share and spread God's love in Christ out into our communities.



Mark Your Calendars Now

November 10-11

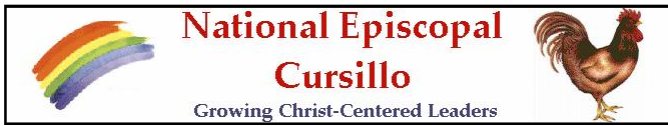
Grand Ultreya

The Dalles, Oregon

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Ministry, Discernment, and Inviting

When we work for Christ, speak for Christ, or simply live our daily lives for Christ, our entire life and being are ministry. When we invite others to be involved, we are sharing an opportunity for them to do something special. The tasks are not special because of what the tasks are as such. The tasks are not special because of how hard we might work, how good we might feel about doing the tasks, or how good we might think we are for doing them. The tasks are special because of who God is and because he has a perfect plan for each of us in doing them, a perfect plan for each of our parish churches, a perfect plan for our diocesan Cursillo movement. We need to identify and follow the plan. **We need to pray and we need to listen.**

By Bernie Maly, Colorado Episcopal Cursillo

A Modern Parable

There was once a master who had two servants. To the first servant he gave ten measures of silver, and to the second servant he gave only two measures. The master told his servants, "Be faithful to what I have given you. Do what is right".

The first servant took the money and purchased the finest vineyard in the area. He hired foreigners from distant lands to work for sub-standard wages, and bought fertilizers and equipment from the cheapest source available, which was seldom ever made locally. At harvest time, the first servant had the fields picked clean, leaving nothing for the gleaners. He sold his grapes below cost to drive down the price his competition was able to receive. He drove many of the other vineyard owners out of business, forcing them to liquidate their assets, which he was then able to snatch up at fire-sale prices. The people who worked on these farms were in turn put out of work, and forced to live on the streets or take jobs for less than half of what they had been working for.

The master's second servant took the money he had been given and purchased a much smaller plot of land, for he had received a much smaller share. Instead of vines, the servant planted wheat, and while the wheat was growing, the servant made a large oven for baking bread out of the local rock that was available all around. There was even enough rock to build a couple of small houses for himself and the people he hired to help him with the harvest. When the wheat was ready, the servant took it and ground it into flour and baked bread, much of which he gave away to the newly homeless and hungry people of the town.

When the master returned, the first servant presented him with a glorious bounty: hundreds of barrels of wine, land beyond imagine, and silver and gold to fill a chest. The second servant brought only a loaf of bread. On which servant do you think the master smiled ?