

Winter 2007



CURSILLO OF EASTERN OREGON

The Bantam

Cursillo #41 April 26-29



2007 Core Team, left to right,
Ron Hankinson, Vice Rector
Shelli Britt, Rectora
Gene Arntt, Rector
Vicki Carlson, Vice Rectora

It is that wonderful time of year again, to remember making our Cursillo, and to prepare to be part of giving this wonderful experience to others. To be thinking about preparing palanca, and about praying daily for all those involved. To be pulling out songbooks and humming tunes. To be thinking about how we are each called to be involved in this life changing experience.

The core team has been meeting together, and calling to encourage involvement on the team.

Mary Royes, Rector at St. Marks in Hood River, is the Spiritual Advisor, Gene Arntt from Heppner is the Rector, Shelli Britt from Heppner is the Rectora, and the Vice's are

Ron Hankinson of Bend and Vicki Carlson of Portland.

Be sure to find applications for team and candidates, and to find a link to sign up for the newsgroup on the webpage. Being on the newsgroup will give daily updates and prayer lists as April approaches.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Update your calendar! Cursillo #41 is scheduled for Thursday April 26, to Sunday April 29. Other important days to add are;

Saturday, March 10, 2007 - 1st Team Meeting

Saturday, April 14, 2007 - 2nd Team Meeting

Both team meetings will be held at St Paul Episcopal, 1805 Minnesota,

The Dalles, OR from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

We're on the web
easternoregoncursillo.org

Prayer is not designed to change God but to change us. The faster we let that happen, the better our prayer is going to be.

- Thomas Keating

"Eternal God, who are the light of the minds that know you, the joy of the hearts that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you; grant us so to know you, that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom, in Jesus our Lord."
(Prayer of Saint Augustine)

Grand Ultreya 2006



The singing began Friday evening, and carried on through Saturday afternoon.

Friday night, November 10, much exclaiming, and hugging and praising began as Cursillestas gathered together at St Paul's Episcopal in The Dalles, Oregon, for the Grand Ultreya. A spread of desserts met those gathered, and by the time Gary Bowne and Rita Jones showed up, everyone was ready to sing. We then gathered around the altar for Holy Eucharist, led by Mary+ Royes, who will be the Spiritual Advisor for Cursillo 41.

We greeted a few more Cursillestas on Saturday morning, as we filled coffee cups and plates of pastries, ready to begin another day of fellowship.

After more singing, we heard a Rollo by Beth Hartwell, sang some more, and then pulled out the big stick for a go at a piñata.

After a tasty lunch, provided by the Cursillestas of St Paul's, it was time to get down to the business of The Eastern Oregon Cursillo at the annual meeting.

New officers were elected, discussions around better communications, updating mailing lists, and the healing service at the Cursillo weekend, the Core Team was announced, and we voted to commit to a Re-

gional Leadership Training provided through the National Episcopal Cursillo.

The enthusiasm for the Movement and the Community was high, and there was a renewal of commitment by the attendees to take an active role in keeping it alive and growing.

We ended the weekend as we began it, with song, praise and the love of fellowship. It won't be long before we gather again for our first team meeting in preparation for Cursillo #41



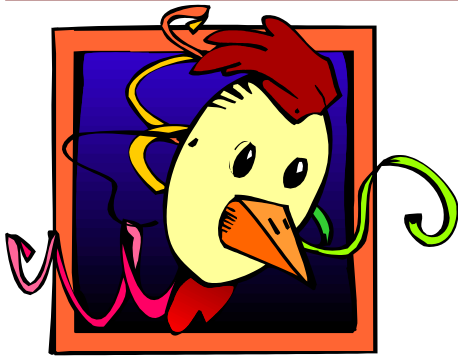
Mark Your Calendars Now

Cursillo # 41

April 26–29

Join the Team, Sponsor a Candidate

What is an Ultreya?



Fourth Day

The Group Reunion, sometimes known as a Fourth Day group, is the heart of Cursillo, a small group of friends (usually 3-5) who meet weekly, and who hold each other accountable for their spiritual journey. They report on their piety, their study, and their apostolic action. A bonding develops that institutes a strong support group for life.

Some of the groups in Eastern Oregon are new, and others have been meeting for many years. Redmond boasts 3 active groups. Bend has 2 men's groups and 3

women's groups and one made up of two friends who have been meeting for 17 years, twice a week. Pendleton has an active group, and Hood River has just begun a weekly gathering this fall.

Other members of the Eastern Oregon Cursillo community consider their EFM group, or their AA group, or other covenant groups as serving them in the same capacity as a 4th Day group.

The Ultreya

which can be held monthly, but more realistically meets 1-4 times each year, is a "reunion of the reunions". It provides support and builds community by allowing the sharing of communal experiences. This would be a gathering of Cursillestas in a region to share a potluck, sing songs, hear a rollo, and enjoy each others company. Ultreyas were held this year in Bend, Redmond, and The Dalles.

The Grand Ultreya

is an annual gathering, held in the fall for all of Eastern Oregon. Usually scheduled for a Friday evening social time and then Eucharist and Saturday day, for breakfast, songs, rollos and entertainment, and then lunch and the Annual Meeting where officers are elected, the Core Team is announced, plans are made, policies established and other business is taken care of.

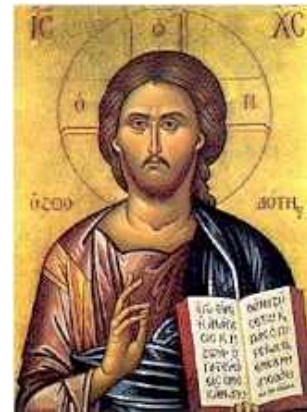
The Cursillo Weekend

the 'event' of the year, would not be all that it is if it were not supported by Cursillestas committed to year round devotion to the movement.

If you have further questions about how to start your own 4th Day Group, or plan a regional Ultreya, our Fourth Day Chairperson is Susan Hankinson (susan@adaptationsinc.com) and she always has fun ideas, and enthusiasm to share.

Your Secretariat

President	Bob Thomson
Corresponding Secretary (VP)	Beth Hartwell
Recording Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Rita Jones
Clergy Advisor	Vacant
Pre-Cursillo Chairperson	Michael Roberts
Fourth Day Chairperson	Susan Hankinson
Continuing Action Coordinator	Kait Skylar



FAITH

In the broad scope of the spiritual life, we see faith not as something you have but as something you are in — a relationship. It involves an awareness of and an attunement to God's presence in our everyday experiences.

Practicing faith, then, is like developing any relationship. You have to give it time and attention. It requires you to see, hear, feel, and constantly remember your partner — God. Have confidence in the relationship's viability, even when you are facing mysteries, doubts, and paradoxes. Trust in this faith, even to the point of staking your life on it.

Many people assume that the chief challenges to faith are disbelief and doubt, but the real stumbling block to faith is resistance to God or the hardened heart. In the Biblical traditions, the heart is used as an image for the deeper self, the true and total person. The hard heart is not open to the sacred. It is similar to eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear.

Difficulties can be catalysts to faith. During a dark night of the soul, sometimes all we can do is trust that this, too, will pass. Facing illness, death, or the myriad other challenges in our lives, we are strengthened by the knowledge that a Greater Power watches and waits with us. In the long run, it's the relationship that matters

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