

# Fully Alive



CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC CURSILLOS, NATIONAL SECRETARIAT  
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## OFFICERS' CORNER

Reino Pitkanen, Past CCCC Chair and Carlos Muñoz, CCCC Chair

I only had the privilege of being servant Chair of the Cursillo Officer's Group for one year, but it was a very rewarding experience. I was fortunate to work with a great bunch of people during my tenure and have the utmost confidence that this group will continue to guide the Canadian Cursillo Movement where God wishes it to go.

During my short year, one of the initiatives begun under the tenure of the previous Chair was achieved and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Cursillo received official recognition by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops as an Ecclesial Movement and was given official permission to use Catholic in its name. Recognition by the CCCB ensures Canada has a vote at OMCC World Encounters. That simply means Canada has a say in the direction to which the World Movement is heading, and hopefully, to ensure all Cursillistas are guided by the Foundational Charism.

God has called me in a different direction, the Diaconate, and as clergy, I can no longer be the Chair of a Lay Movement, so the position is passing on to Carlos Munoz who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position. I have accepted the position of Assistant Spiritual Advisor to the Canadian Movement.

You may read more of Reino's journey in 'Witness' on page 10 in this issue

### SERVICE

From our new chairperson, Carlos Muñoz.

To serve means, in a certain sense, to give one's life like Jesus who "did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many".

Today, perhaps, no one asks us to give our lives physically, but is it not also giving our lives to sacrifice a little of our time to help, in whatever way, our fellow human beings?

The Church, that is, all the baptized, is called to "have in his/herself the same sentiments that Christ Jesus had". In Jesus we have the figure of the faithful servant, capable of making his life a gift of love to God and to his brothers and sisters.

When we hear the "call of the Lord to serve", it is important to be attentive and receptive to recognize it. The call can manifest itself in different ways, such as an inner feeling of urgency, a spiritual revelation, or even through other people who invite us to get involved in service

activities.

To recognize the divine call, we must be willing to listen to our inner voice and pay attention to the signals that life sends us. It is essential to be in tune with our FAITH and trust in divine wisdom to discern if the call is truly from God.



Once we have recognized the "call of the Lord", it is important to respond with humility and availability.

This entails being willing to set aside our own desires and objectives in order to fulfill God's will.

By responding to the "call of the Lord," we can find a deeper sense of purpose and fulfillment in our lives.

It is important to keep in mind that this call may lead us down unfamiliar and challenging paths. It is necessary to trust that God will guide us and provide us with the necessary tools to fulfill the task we have been given.



Furthermore, in answering the call, it is important to maintain an attitude of selfless service.

Service to the Lord should not be performed with selfish objectives or in search of recognition, but as an expression of love and devotion to God and to our fellow men.

In summary, to recognize and respond to the call to serve, we must be attentive to the signs, trust in God's wisdom, be willing to let go of our own desires and objectives, trust in His guidance, and maintain an attitude of selfless service.

All of us here are leaders in the Cursillo Movement and, therefore, are called to serve in different areas.

There are many kinds of service, but all of them invite us to transmit the love of God. We

must understand that to serve God is to serve our fellow companions in life.

We must perform this task with enough humility to understand that there are no unworthy tasks, and that any assignment is an excellent opportunity for Christian service.

We must put aside childishness and leave aside so much susceptibility that is affecting the quality of service that, as leaders, we are called to render to God through our fellow companions on the way.

In Cursillo we are not all called only to be rector/a, rollistas or members of a secretariat, but we are all called to offer our talents for the building of the Kingdom through the faithful application of the Charism of our movement.

We must remember what we have been told countless times: *"We are not all good for everything, but we are all good for something"*.

The core of all this is the sincere, honest application of our talents and putting them to work in unity in order to spread God's love in all environments.

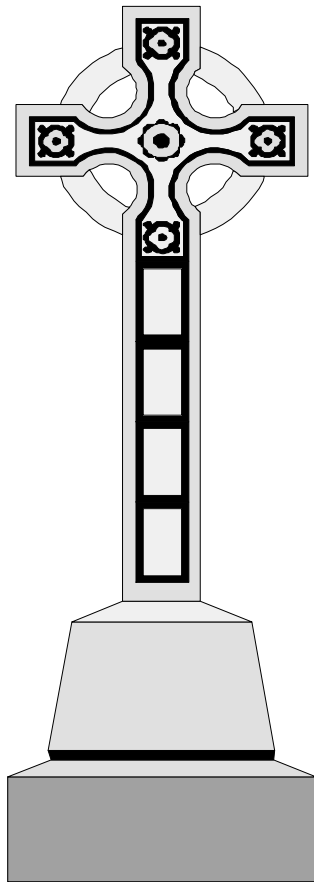
*"He who loves the most is the one who serves the most"*. Let us remember this phrase when we are invited to serve in the Cursillo Movement, or wherever we are called.

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few"*.

When the Lord asks: Whom shall I send?

Let us answer with a heart full of grace: Lord, send me.

To the Father through our Lord, Jesus Christ.



## MATTERS SPIRITUAL

### A Gratuitous Gift from God

Father David Smith, R.I.P. Spiritual Advisor to the OMCC  
when it was seated in the US

"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9).

How do we bridge the gap? How do we come to know this seemingly inaccessible God?

God himself has "bridged the gap" in the person of Jesus Christ, who through revealing his identity as Beloved Son that God is love, has given us access to the "inaccessible" God. Jesus taught that "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; live on in my love." (John 15:9). This is not just a moral exhortation or an exercise in wishful thinking.

St. Thomas Aquinas, following the thought of Aristotle said "Agere sequitur esse". Translated, it means "action follows being" or "action flows from being". Another way of saying this is that "who you are comes before what you do". The Catechism (#236) observes that "a person discloses himself in his actions and, the better we know a person, the better we understand his actions."

"God is Love. Whoever abides in Love, abides in God and God in him" (I John 4:16). According to the aforementioned principle, that which flows from God's being must be manifestations of love.

Therefore, "As the Father has loved me..." is not merely an exhortation to live a moral life, or "pious wishful thinking", but is, rather, an invitation to participate (through grace) in the very being of God who is Love.

Acts 17:28 announces that it is God "in who we live and move and have our being". Therefore, we "live and move and have our being" in Love.

"Action flows from being"... "In this, the final age, God has spoken to us through his Son...the exact representation of the Father." (Hebrews 1:3). We have our being (in Grace) through God whose being is exactly represented in Jesus Christ. We come to our truest selves as we grow in loving friendship with Jesus.



How do we come to know our truest selves?  
By coming to know Jesus.

The second reading of the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time can be helpful here. "Be renewed by the renewal of your minds, so that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect". (Romans 12:2) This "renewal of our minds" is, in effect, a "vision transplant". We see what we have always seen, but with new eyes, the eyes of Christ. In Jesus, God's ways are no longer "as high as the heavens", beyond our reach—God, who is Love, has reached us. Cursillo gives us the means to grow in Love, in friendship with

ourselves, with God and with each other, and in Love, to see all things anew, alive with possibilities to draw us into deeper union in each of the "Three Encounters".

St. Therese of Lisieux recalled, "I came to see that my vocation is Love." It is a love that enables us to "live and move and have our being" in Love. It is in the love of the Incarnate Jesus, that all history takes on new meaning.

Action, in Love, flows from Being, who is Love". It is only in the "faith-vision" of Love, that we are empowered to live

"De Colores".

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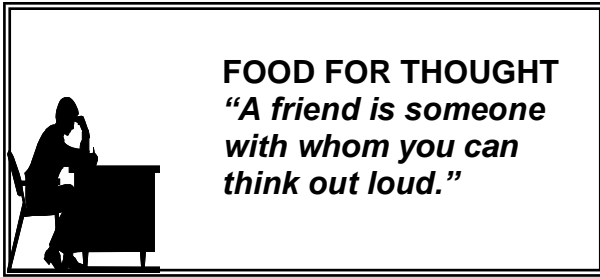
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### CURSILLO PRAYER LINE



Let us help one another lighten our burdens and what better way than to join regularly in prayer for one another. The Cursillo prayer line has been established especially for this and we want to encourage the greatest number of people to benefit from it. When we have occasions to pray in gratitude for the many blessings, we gladly share this and multiply our joy. We want to also care for one another through all occasions of life, to erase worry, lighten the burden, be a presence in hardship, to share with God's people who are in need. As a community, united, we want to look ahead in faith, and unwavering trust that God is indeed by our side in every battle, and we are strengthened by the faith and confidence of all his people.

**Become a member of the prayer line by contacting Yvonne,**  
[cursilloprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:cursilloprayerline@gmail.com)



## LETTER TO THE CURSILLISTAS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BUENOS AIRES

Letter from Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, to the Cursillistas of the Archdiocese (June 13, 2011, Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church)

My dear Cursillistas:

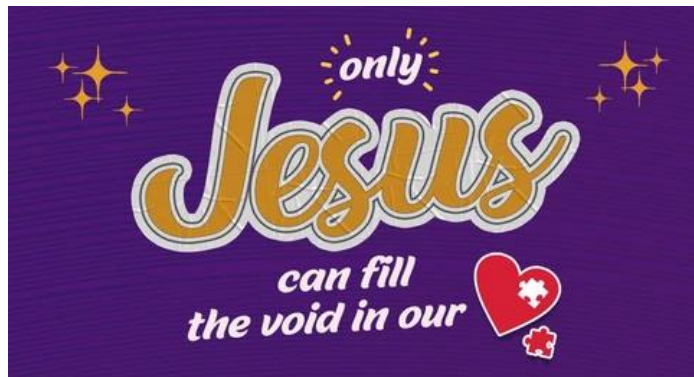
"The good seed are the children of the kingdom." (Mt. 13:38)

As we approach the celebration of the feast of Saint Paul, your patron and model of how to live "*de colores*", we give thanks to God for all the fruits that the Cursillos in Christianity Movement has generously given the Church.

Your service of proclaiming Christ by being his witnesses in your everyday environments, is an embodiment, a concrete renewal of the Baptism that we have received in Him and makes you disciples and missionaries of the Word, as this was expressed in the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*: "Through their baptism and confirmation all are commissioned to the apostolate by the Lord Himself" (*Lumen Gentium* no. 33).

I write to you conscious of the challenge that today's society presents to the enculturation of the Gospel; but I trust that your audacity and apostolic fervor - born of a personal encounter with self and with Christ - will lead you to make history for the good of all. So that, many brothers and sisters, marginalized the fringe may feel love of Jesus.

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to be open to life and what is happening in good Samaritan the difficult  
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city means not comfortable, but to pay attention to our heart - like a confronted with circumstances of sisters.

It is necessary that the Cursillos in Christianity Movement, through the participation of everyone, continue its journey of pastoral conversion as proposed at Aparecida (Cf. 5th General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, "*Disciples and Missionaries of Jesus Christ*").

As Cursillistas living through difficult times you need to ask God for the Grace to have many candidates, to have an ongoing precursillo, so as not to fall into the hopelessness that paralyzes and causes anguish. The gift of the *Kerigma* that you received in your Cursillo sends you on mission as proposed by the tripod of piety, study and action.

As an Archdiocesan Church, we need the unity of all in Christ, so that He, and only He may reign in our hearts, and we may thus be able to recognize him like the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

In thanking you for your journey as a Cursillista, I ask you not to stop renewing your apostolic zeal and dedication and that of your brothers and sisters in your Group Reunion before Jesus in the Eucharist.

Today more than ever we need that your nearness in the environments be a source of light and joy for so many brothers and sisters who do not yet know that God is a Father who loves them tenderly.

Today more than ever we need your presence so that many families may encounter the transcendent love of Christ - a new and greater dimension of human love.

Today more than ever we need you and your witness at the *Ultreyas*, so as to go "onward", to go beyond, in the proclamation and experience of the *Kerigma*.

I ask that you pray for me. May Jesus bless you and Our Lady, Mother of Divine Grace, keep you.

Affectionately,

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio SJ, Archbishop of Buenos Aires

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The above letter from Pope Francis to the Cursillistas of Buenos Aires, Argentina, was written when he was their Archbishop. We published this in *Fully Alive* on the occasion of his election as Pope. This letter is an affirmation of Cursillo and recognizes its value to the mission of the Church and demonstrates that Pope Francis understands the mentality of the Cursillo Movement; he knows who we are, and he knows what our mission is. We are the evangelized, we are then called to be the evangelizers.

Recently and regretfully, there appears to be a growing number of Catholics who don't approve or accept the teachings and leadership of Pope Francis. This is a situation that must not apply to those of us who are Cursillistas, apostles of Christ, dedicated to spreading the Good News that God in Christ loves us. Through the Holy Spirit and by the Grace of God, we encounter Jesus in Cursillo. It is he whom we follow, it is he for whom we

do all that we can, with the grace and gifts that we have been given, to be the Gospel in our environments.

The Cursillo Movement has been recognized as an ecclesial movement; that means our Charism is recognized as authentic, and the apostolic work that Cursillistas do in their environments is approved and supported by the Hierarchy of the Church. This also means that we acknowledge and accept our place as a movement of the Church, and thus, we are faithful to the magisterium of the Church.

Pope Francis was called and anointed, not by the Hierarchy but by the Holy Spirit. This then, cannot be called into question, the Holy Spirit can never be submitted to a vote; many times, in Scripture we see God's people faced with situations that seem strange, impossible even; but God's will is always seen to be done when his people act according to his will.



We as Cursillistas must remember that we belong to an Ecclesial Movement, as such, even though we may be disturbed by what we perceive as 'not what we have always known', as Catholics we must follow the leadership of the one whom the Holy Spirit has appointed.

Some may be concerned or disappointed with what they perceive as attempts to change what they believe. However, as members of Cursillo and as an ecclesial movement, it is not acceptable to share these thoughts on social media in the name of Cursillo. To do so will attract negative attention to the Cursillo Movement, which may cause problems for the Movement as a whole.

This is being addressed to you all as a result of a direct request from the world body of Cursillo, OMCC (Organismo Mundial de Cursillos de Cristiandad).

All are entitled to their personal opinions, but as members of an ecclesial movement, we may not, as Cursillistas, publicly join the negative voices. We have no knowledge of this being a problem in Canada so may we all continue to live as apostles for Christ, infecting our environments with Jesus, he who spent his life on this earth teaching us that God our Father is a God of mercy and compassion. His desire is to welcome each one of his creatures into a life of endless love.

Next year is a Jubilee for the Church. Pope Francis has invited Cursillistas together with other participants of lay movements, to days of celebration in Rome and for Cursillistas, a World Ultreya. More information will be made available to all once CCCC has received it.

PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 15 FOR MORE  
INFORMATION ON THIS VERY  
SPECIAL INVITATION!!!

**CCCC needs help!!!!!!!  
A Volunteer to assist  
us as  
TREASURER**

A few hours a month. We use Quick Books which can produce reports automatically; these are submitted to the Officers for their monthly meetings. The majority of payments are made by e-transfer. Preparation of the Canadian Revenue Agency annual report is required. The current treasurer, Muriel Brideau, will be available to assist in whatever way is possible to make the transition as smooth as possible. Please contact the Resource Centre if you are interested or have any suggestions for a new Treasurer.

# witness

*Daily we touch Him*

God has called me in a different direction than the leadership of our Cursillo Movement. He has called me to the Diaconate. Cursillo played a huge role in my formation as a deacon. Before living my Cursillo weekend, I had a very tenuous faith. I had not understood Christ's unconditional love and had not been part of any other organization that demonstrated how we can share that love with those in our square metre. My faith came to life over the next few years, living my fourth day, attending every Canadian National Conference and a couple of Cursillo events in Mallorca, where Cursillo began, all of which continued to build on the foundation laid out on my weekend.

Cursillo gave me the confidence to sing in choirs and speak in public by simply being in a place where I truly felt the unconditional love that Christ taught. That love meant I did not feel judged when I sang or spoke because Christ and the Holy Spirit were always with me, supporting and guiding whatever I did, and Cursillistas live and love as Christ would have us live. Christ said, "Love one another as you love yourself." Through those I met in Cursillo, I learned to love myself, knowing I was accepted as I am, warts and all. The saying, "God does not always call the qualified, but He always qualifies the ones He calls", gave me the confidence to be on our Diocesan Secretariat and then the lay director. This confidence in God's support also allowed me to be the Acting Atlantic Officer on the CCCC and, finally, the Chair of the Officers Group.

I am deeply grateful that God gave the charism of Cursillo to Eduardo through the Holy Spirit. I am also profoundly thankful that Eduardo had the faith to follow the vision that he was given for the Cursillo Movement. We are so blessed to have Cursillo to guide us in evangelizing our environments.

The decision to become a deacon was not made lightly. The Cursillo Movement is such an important ministry, and I, as a "doubting Thomas", required many messages from God that the Diaconate was the path He wished me to follow. I have seen miracles in the form of healing and providing for the least among us. Most importantly, I have learnt that God works through me in making sure the needy are provided for when I pray for His support and in the Holy Spirit speaking through me whenever I get myself out of the way.

I am called to serve the Lord in the way He has guided me. I genuinely believe I am following God's plan for my life. It took sixty-nine years for my formation, and I can clearly see every step God took to bring me where I am today. Cursillo was a big step on my path. It is essential to note that this is "my" path and not an expectation for others in the Cursillo Movement. Some may be called to leadership, while others are called to be a beacon of light and hope in their respective environments, preaching the gospel by how they live and attracting others to that way of life. We must all prayerfully listen for God's guidance to know how He wants us to serve. Some may never see how

God has used them in His service, but we can all be sure He has a plan for each of us.

I will not be 'leaving' Cursillo, I will still attend my Group Reunion, the Ultreya and National School of Leaders. The Officer's

Group have also asked me to be the assistant Spiritual Advisor to CCCC, assisting Archbishop Pettipas.

De Colores,  
Deacon Reino Pitkanen

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**Q.** CCCC recently received a question regarding the choice of the Rector/Rectora for a Cursillo weekend; here is their communication to us and the response.

The Secretariat has been wondering what to do when a Rector or Rectora arbitrarily changes the sequence of events and/or times posted in the Step-by-step Rector's guide, as happened on one recent weekend. We are considering what this change will mean for our movement.

**A.** When secretariats choose a Rector or Rectora for a weekend they should ensure that person has lived an authentic weekend following the Step-by-Step Rector's guide, that they belong to a reunion group, and that they actively participate in the Ultreya and

School of Leaders. Those acting in the lead role must be part of the ongoing conversation with the rest of the broader movement who are learning about the charism, the mentality, and the method of Cursillo.

The Rectors and Rectoras cannot simply do what they want, changing things as they go, on the weekend. They must be faithful to the Step-by-Step Rector's guide. It will mean that Rectors and Rectoras may have to work in that role on multiple weekends until there is a critical mass of Cursillistas in a movement who can serve in that role.

For many movements, these criteria have not been the tradition, a tradition inherited when Cursillo was introduced into Canada. Since we began to study the charism, we consequently began to learn the mentality. In many movements, a new Rector or Rectora is chosen for each weekend and then only works once in that role.

Being asked to be a Rector/Rectora is a call to serve, it is not a reward, nor is it based on seniority where once one has reached the role, they can never be selected again. Common sense tells us that having a fully experienced pool of past Rectors makes putting together a competent team much simpler.

# FROM EDUARDO

Excerpted from *History of a Charism*, Eduardo Bonnín

## FOUNDATIONAL CHARISM OF THE CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY

What is a charism - There are different charisms - The specific charism of the Cursillos in Christianity - What the charism accomplishes in the Church - In the world today - In the present time - Assuming the grace of God.

A personalized faith and the disposition of a few resources:

Concrete (specific)  
Dynamic  
Continuous

A collective faith and the offer to express it in a way that is:

Convinced  
Decisive  
Constant

The founding charism of the Cursillos in Christianity:

1. What is the charism, what does it consist of?
2. Elements that make up the charism
3. Purpose
4. Particular characteristics that express the charism
5. The way to live, to communicate, and to proclaim the charism
6. In the charisma's spiritual dimension: prayer
7. In the charisma's practical dimension: mentality, method, and style

### 1. - WHAT THE CHARISM IS, WHAT COMPRISES IT

The charism is a gift that God gives for the good of the community. A gift that the Holy Spirit gives to the Church for the good of man and of humanity, which receives its authenticity when approved by the Hierarchy. It consists of four elements:

a gift from God,  
to one or few specific persons,  
for men, the community, the Church, humanity,  
recognized by the Hierarchy.

Quadruple reference:

the Holy Spirit,  
the specific persons,  
for the good of the Church, the community, humanity,  
the recognition of the Hierarchy.

## 2. - ELEMENTS THAT COMPRISE THE CHARISM

A message: God loves you.

A vision: true, new, dynamic; more than loving God: God loves you.

One approach: basic, total, direct to the root of the Christian: life of Grace.

An awareness: of reality, study of the environment; time and space.

A proposal: concrete (specific), attractive, and possible.

One answer: convinced, clear, and joyful.

A proclamation: aimed at awakening in others the newly discovered proofs.

It addresses the individual, the person, by achieving the convergence of conviction, decision, and perseverance. It makes you see: indicating, outlining, and refining the indispensable, not to extract decisions, but to promote the maturation of convictions.

## 3. - PURPOSE OF THE CHARISM

The goal of the Charism is that the good news that God loves us will reach as many persons as possible, that no one lives his life without finding out that God loves him.

## 4. - DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS THAT EXPRESS THE CHARISM

The focus of one's thinking is the faraway, faraway because they are not informed, misinformed, or uninformed.

They meet for a short period (three days) in an isolated place so as to focus their attention and sharpen their intention.

They will be given the essential fundamentals of Christianity, in a practical tangible way, condensed, concise, based on power-ideas, and in a way:

- simple: alive, testimonial, immediate.

- attractive: because it responds to their needs.

- available: to everyone, for everyone, if the leaders go first, it is just in order to speed up the process.

- verifiable in its reality. The self-discovery of a great personal treasure, the hidden pearl; the spring of a powerful energy; the living water of which Christ speaks to the Samaritan woman.

## 5. - METHOD TO LIVE, COMMUNICATE, AND PROCLAIM IT (THE CHARISM)

So that the encounter with oneself, with Christ, and with the brothers is transformed into friendship with oneself, friendship with Christ, and friendship with the others.

Communicated by contagion. Proclaimed with one's testimony.

## 6. - IN ONE'S SPIRITUAL DIMENSION: PRAYER

Speak about God, speak with God, let God speak

## 7. - IN THE CHARISM'S PRACTICAL DIMENSION: MENTALITY, METHOD, AND STYLE

In its practical dimension, the charism is the attitude of thought that gives life to ideas and meaning to the person.

The method that supposes a minimum of organization: a system for achieving the purpose: Precursillo, Cursillo, Postcursillo, and School of Leaders.

Group Reunion: life as a reality shared in friendship.

Ultreya: a means that makes the best of each one reach the greatest number of persons

possible.

Style: Is the way it is lived. Is the grace of God packed into every gesture, detail, expression of what is lived with spontaneity, joy, and enthusiasm.

The Foundational Charism of the Cursillos in Christianity is an attitude that is characterized:

By its radical optimism.

By its joy.

By its audacity and its staying power.

By a person's constant decision that flows from his conviction.

By the values one values that are always valuable.

Because one knows and believes — something that produces a progressive amazement — that everything Christian is sustained, motivated, and evangelically oriented by the logic of Christ, by the Christological that is summarized and synthesized in one's living faith in the Resurrection of Christ, the essential cause of our faith.





## Information about the WORLD ULTREYA and the JUBILEE OF ECCLESIAL MOVEMENTS, ROME 2025

The year 2025 is a GREAT JUBILEE YEAR, an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social importance in the life of the Church, as it has been for many centuries. On this occasion, it is celebrated with the motto "Pilgrims of Hope." In the words of Pope Francis in the Bull of Indiction, "hope constitutes the central message of the next Jubilee... May it be for everyone a moment of living and personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" of salvation (cf. Jn 10:7,9); with Him, whom the Church has the mission to proclaim always, everywhere and to everyone as "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1).

To this end, many Jubilee activities are being prepared throughout the year in Rome, aimed at the various realities of the Church (priests, religious and laity, young and old...). Thus, all the Movements, associations of the faithful and new ecclesial communities, among them the Cursillos of Christianity Movement, have been summoned to celebrate together the Jubilee on June 7 and 8, 2025, coinciding with the feast of Pentecost.

Understanding that this Jubilee celebration can also be a moment of grace for our Movement, the OMCC has proposed a significant event in Rome on those dates, a multiple event, in which three very significant activities are articulated: the meeting of the OMCC with the Executive Committees of the International Groups, the first to be held with the new model of international coordination of the Cursillo Movement, on June 2, 3 and 4. A great World Ultreya of Cursillo Movement on June 6. And participation, as a Movement, in the joint program of the Jubilee for Movements, Association and New Communities on June 7-8, including an encounter with Pope Francis.

- The World Ultreya of the Movement of Cursillos in Christianity will take place on Friday, June 6, 2025, between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. It will be a great gathering of the Cursillista family from all over the world to share joy, enthusiasm, friendship, and life within.

a. Like all World Ultreyas, it is open to the participation of all Cursillistas who wish to attend. It will follow the usual model, with rollos, testimonies and will end with the Eucharist.

b. Participation will require registration, that will be made through the National Secretariats.

c. All registered participants will receive credentials that will give access to the Ultreya site, the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. They will also be provided with the proper material for participation in Ultreya (a bag with a booklet of contents, songs, and liturgical celebrations). Food and beverages are not included.

d. The Ultreya Organizing Committee is preparing all the details for its development, but it does not take care of the participants' transportation. Each individual participant or each group will have to arrange the transfers to the Basilica, arrive at the scheduled start time, and leave it once finished.

- The joint program of activities of the Jubilee for Movements, Associations, and New Communities will occur on

June 7 and 8, 2025, Saturday and Sunday, the feast of Pentecost. It is a program to which we have been summoned as Movement of Cursillos in Christianity, together with the rest of the ecclesial realities around the world. Its organization depends on the Dicastery for the New Evangelization, which, through a Committee (in which the OMCC participates), is working to arrange and specify the various activities. The complete program is not yet available, only some basic guidelines, but it is already known that three major events are being prepared in which we will be able to participate:

a. On Saturday morning, 7th, the Pilgrimage to the Jubilee Holy Door will occur. All the Movements, separately, will go on pilgrimage to the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Each Movement will be assigned a specific period in which it will have to be present at the Vatican and go through the Holy Door, thus gaining the Jubilee. The schedule for the Cursillo Movement is not yet known. Still, when it is communicated to us, all the National Secretariats will be informed so that all the Cursillistas present will gather in St. Peter's Square. Together, we will complete the pilgrimage to the Holy Door.

b. On Saturday evening, Saturday 7th, there will be a joint celebration of the Vigil of Pentecost. All the Movements and Associations will be in St. Peter's Square, with the presence of Pope Francis. Access to the square will be allowed at 16:30; between 17:30 and 19:30, there will be a time of musical animations and reflections, and at 19:30, the Holy

Father will arrive, and the prayer space will begin, which will end around 21:00.

c. On Sunday morning, the 8th, there will be a large meeting of all the Movements with the Holy Father and a Jubilee Eucharist, probably in Parco di Centocelle, an open space in the outskirts of Rome. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will last until noon. As in the previous activities, it is foreseeable that accreditation will be required for participation, which will be distributed through the National Secretariats.

We suggest that each diocesan secretariat look into making bookings as a group. Travel Agencies offer this service. There are many options for different types of accommodations near the Vatican, all focussed on providing for Vatican events such as the Jubilee and World Ultreya.

Here are a couple of links:

Casa di Accoglienza Le

[https://www.tripadvisor.it/HotelHighlight-g187791-d8107981-Reviews-Casa\\_di\\_Accoglienza\\_Le\\_Orsoline-Rome\\_Lazio.html](https://www.tripadvisor.it/HotelHighlight-g187791-d8107981-Reviews-Casa_di_Accoglienza_Le_Orsoline-Rome_Lazio.html)

Guarda Hotel Casa TraNoi su

<https://www.booking.com/Share-TUxphgu>

The Jubilee will be welcoming many to Rome. Accommodations should be booked as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

This is the information we can offer now about this great event we will experience in June 2025 in Rome. As new information becomes available, we will share it with everyone. But certainly, we can already write them down in our diaries, start the preparations for the trip, and begin our prayer for the success of that moment.

# Here we go!!!

In the celebration of the  
great JUBILEE of  
ecclesial MOVEMENTS,  
ASSOCIATIONS  
and NEW COMMUNITIES

**Friday 6th**

**WORLD ULTREYA**

(S. Paul out of the walls)

**Saturday 7th**

**PENTECOST VESPER**

(S. Peter Square)

**Sunday 8th**

**MEETING with POPE FRANCIS**

(Pace di Centicello)

Cursillo  
Movement  
**WORLD  
ULTREYA**

Rome, June 6th 2025

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