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THE CANATA

NEWSLETTER OF CURSILLO BC COMMUNITY

Candidates, Weekends, Palanca and Ultreya

Wishing you joy this Easter.



At the time of Lent and new beginnings I am reminded of all the reasons why when we are asked to volunteer to help on team or Secretariat, other things so often come first. We all have ways of saying "No!" We all have mastered the art of sweeping our faith under the rug or behind the nearest door.

Holy Week will remind us that even the best disciples had more than a few excuses for not being at the Lord's side and then Easter demonstrates those same friends being skeptical that He had risen from the dead.

Cursillo portrays God's love for us with such force that there is no room for denial; there is no place to hide; there is no doubt that will stand up.

As our weekends happen after Easter our worship should be more Spirit-filled than ever. Having just journeyed with the Lord to Calvary and the empty tomb, the palanca sacrifices should be even more meaningful. Please embrace the joy of Cursillo as you support all those who are involved. To share in the way of the cross and the new life of Easter is the heart of who we are as disciples. May this year's journey be filled with grateful wonder and awe!

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Jean McKay

Lay Director

In this edition of the Canata you will find the names of candidates approved to date. The deadline is April 30th so if you have any candidates still getting paperwork done please get it to us before that date. If you think it will be delayed for any reason if you can let us know the names and details we can try and get them approved.

So now you can start Palanca. In the next Canta will be all the times for Mananitas, Clausuara and details of where you can drop off Palanca. . Please watch out for these details.

Also in this Canta are details of upcoming events, including Lower Island Socials and Ultreya's. Responding to your requests we are running a short simple Ultreya with no frills or pot luck at St Peter's Lake Hill.

In our 4th Day one of the things Cursillo encourages us to do , is to seek ways of being held accountable for our ongoing Christian Action. This is what an Ultreya offer us. In its simplest form it is a time of Christian witness by a lay person about their current Christian Walk. It is followed by a short response and then an opportunity for all to group and share their own study, action and piety goals. and challenges.

Starting in May on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.00pm we will gather at St Peter's LakeHill for an Ultreya. It will last about an hour. No pot luck, no service, just Ultreya.

Please join us.

For social fun and fellowship come to St Andrew's Sidney on the last Saturday of each month for a pot luck and fellowship time, We are planning games nights, square dancing, and this month a Palanca night. Come along and lets lift the roof with prayer as we "palanca" together.

Men's weekend
Church of the
Advent
Colwood
May 7th-10th

Women's weekend
St Peter's Campbell
River
May 21st- 24th

4th day Event
"A Servant
Community"
Saturday June 13th
St Peter's
Quamichan

CANDIDATES APPLICATIONS APPROVED TO DATE

WOMEN

Donna Baines

SPONSOR Selinde
Krayenhoff.

Mitzi Arthur

SPONSOR-Daryth Patten

Muriel Prosser SPONSOR
-Daryth Patten

Lorrain Jordan SPONSOR-
Muriel Winter+Louise
Baines

Alison McDonell

SPONSOR Kyle Norman.

Harriet Thom

SPONSOR Ann Avery

Ester Hensman

SPONSOR-David & Sheila
Weatherall

Marieta Struthers

SPONSOR Tricia Datene

Diana Hicks

SPONSOR - Kathy
Fitzsimmons

Joan Rookes

SPONSOR Cathy Beise

CURSILLO NEEDS YOU!!!



Did you find your three day weekend transforming?
Do you think that Cursillo offers a ministry that is worthwhile?
Would you be concerned if it did not continue to be offered in
this Diocese?

If the idea concerns you please consider how you can help the community. It
only exists here because of the willingness of members to serve in various
roles. But as time goes by new people are needed as some of those people
move on or need to take time out for other ministries. Without new people
coming in Cursillo is always vulnerable.

God gave us all many talents. Which ones can you offer to Cursillo?

Do you have the gift of administration?

Can you help Secretariat in secretarial duties- taking minutes , keeping
records?

Do you have the gift of prayer?

Can you help Secretariat with Palanca for weekends all over the world

Do you have a gift for hospitality?

Can you help Secretariat co-ordinate Ultreya's and support and encourage
lower island Ultreyas?

Do you have a gift for technology?

Can you help with the web site?

Do you have a gift of leadership?

Cursillo needs a ongoing lay director. Co-ordinate ministries, assist
Secretariat, liase with Bishops office and National Secretariat.

Can you help? Will you help?

CURSILLO NEEDS YOU

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

MEN

Neil Mikkonen

SPONSOR -Bob Brandle
Roger Kimble

SPONSOR- Ray
Arseneault.

Doug Bradshaw

SPONSOR Jan Bergink
Skip Triplett

SPONSOR- Stan Parker.

James Hensman

SPONSOR-David & Sheila
Weatherall

Osita Oluigbo

SPONSOR Nigel Tully

Richard Finlay

SPONSOR Michael
Hooper

Rick Steel

SPONSOR Chris Burton

ULTREYA

Lower Island

(see article)

- St Peter's Lake Hill

Monday

May 11th

7.00pm-8.00pm

Cursillo fellowship night

St Andrew's Sidney

Saturday

April 25th

6.00 pm Pot Bless

Palanca night

Mid Island-

St Paul's Nanamino

Friday 17th April

6.00pm

Pot Bless



PALANCA means PRAYER

As we prepare for the Upcoming Cursillo Weekends, we ask that you reflect prayerfully on what palanca represents.

Palanca is offering a prayer to our Lord in the name of a special person as they attend a special weekend to draw closer to Christ. The ability to pray for one another is one of God's greatest gifts to us. Some people light a candle as they pray, some say a rosary for a person and others review a piece of scripture. Palanca is the time you spend in prayer, sacrificing your time or other activities to just be with Christ as you ask His blessings in the name of that special person.

Plan your prayers and sacrifices carefully to make sure that you have left enough time to fully complete the prayers you are planning. A small hand written note will tell the candidate or team member what you are doing for them with prayer. The note is not the palanca, the prayer is the palanca. Palanca is not about quantity. You do not have to do something for everyone on the weekend. Pick your person, and pick your day and pray with all your heart. Feel free to use pretty paper and nice cards but remember that these are not the palanca. Palanca is prayer.

When you send the note or card, make it easier for the Palanca Team to sort and deliver the mail by writing the following on the envelope:

To: Last Name, First Name

Day: Faith, Love or Hope -First drop is Friday (Day of Faith), 2nd drop is Saturday (Day of Love), 3rd drop is Sunday (Day of Hope)

From: Sponsor, Parish Priest, or Family/Friend or Community

Along with Palanca for individuals, you can also pray for the Spiritual Success of the Weekend itself. Pray for the place, for the team, for the candidates, for their sponsors, for the Lords presence, for harmony, for protection from evil, for successful Rollos, for the work of the Holy Spirit, for the meals or whatever aspect of the weekend feels like it needs extra prayer. After the weekends you can continue to pray for the candidates as they go forth on their Fourth Day and for them to find a Reunion Group.

Chocolates, candy, cookies and other goodies are not palanca. They are nice to have on a weekend but in all fairness, they should not be sent via the Palanca team to a select few. Please give these items to the kitchen team in sufficient quantities that all will receive one.

Mark Bennewith
Palanca Director



When is Palanca?!

Yes that's right, when is palanca?

We all remember from our *Cursillo* weekends that the word palanca is Spanish

for a lever. In *Cursillo* we use the term to mean that combination of prayer and a gesture which helps or supports someone else. We are perhaps most familiar with palanca in the form of notes or letters promising prayer and offering encouragement. Most of us can remember when and how the concept was introduced at our own *Cursillo* weekend.

But that's the whole point. Palanca is not just about *Cursillo* weekends. It isn't just about *Cursillo* come to that. It's about how we give expression to our

support for each other, at any time and in any place. One definition of palanca is that it is written prayer.

Perhaps, but there's so much more to it than that. Palanca is that quiet word of encouragement, affirmation or support...

Palanca is a phone call to say that you care...

Palanca is the time spent praying for someone else...

Palanca is the time that you give somebody, just listening...

Palanca is something you plan...

Palanca is something you do on the spur of the moment...

Palanca is...???

When is palanca?

Keep watching for future notices for Palanca drops and names of Candidates. Look at the definition above and please pray how you can express palanca for team members. Are you praying for them. If you know member son team how can you help them by making it easier for them to attend without worries about what is going on at home.

We all need Palanca to encourage and support us as we give our time to the Lord.

Cursillo and members of the Anglican Network in Canada.

As you know Cursillo, here in BC, has always been open to non Anglicans who love the Lord and seek to deepen their relationship with Christ. All that has been required under our National Rules is that the Lay Director, Rector and Rectora and Spiritual Advisors should be Anglicans. We have benefitted in many ways from the inclusion of many of our brothers and sisters from other denominations and I believe we have all been richer for accepting and respecting all Christians and their personal decisions as to how and where they worship our Lord.

At the last Canadian Anglican Secretariat meeting the National Body clarified the situation of Anglican Network members as follows:

"Anglican" in all Canadian Anglican Cursillo documents and language is defined as "members of the Anglican Church of Canada". This then means that members of ANIC are a non-Anglican denomination and would be considered as any other non-Anglican denomination (i.e. may participate as secretariat members or team members in accordance with the CACS guidelines, but not in lay director or spiritual director positions)."

So Cursillo continues to welcome all who love the Lord to fellowship with us.

Ultreya

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