



# Rooster Tales

## Spring 2011

### NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

#### **Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador** ([www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php](http://www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php))

The Bishop is very supportive of Cursillo and is attempting to revitalize it. Weekends were discontinued and there will be none until 2012 during this reorganization. Cursillo continues to be a key part of the Bishop's Pastoral Plan. There is currently no Secretariat and contact with the Movement is through the Bishop. Delegates will be attending the Triennial. *For more information see Web Site.*



#### **Central Newfoundland** – ([www.cursilloadcn.org](http://www.cursilloadcn.org))

Cursillo is a critical part of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the Bishop comes to every Weekend. Secretariat provides an annual report to Synod. The Movement is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year (August 20) with support from the Bishop and the entire Diocese. A Day of Deeper Understanding was held last October in Mint Brook. At Christmas 2010, the Movement provided a gift of \$500 to their twin diocese of Belize to further development of Cursillo in that country. Secretariat is promoting Small Group Sharing and Ultreyas in all parishes so that everyone feels included. Prayers are requested for the upcoming weekend and for candidates considering attending. Their Newsletter, *The Fourth Day Flyer* is now available in an electronic format. *For more information see Web Site.*

#### **Western Newfoundland**

A Day of Deeper Understanding was held simultaneously at three locations in January 2011. A Reunion Revista is planned for September 2011 celebrating the Movement's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Diocese. Regular Revista's and Days of Deeper Understanding keep alive the excitement in Cursillo. Young adults and others are invited to attend Ultreyas where answers to any questions they may have help to dispel any myths that may have developed about Cursillo. *For more information contact Larry Renouf ([larryrenouf@gmail.com](mailto:larryrenouf@gmail.com)).*

#### **Nova Scotia/PEI** – ([www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org](http://www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org))

Cursillo is part of the Diocese's Five Year Plan and the Bishop actively supports the Movement. A new Banner is currently being made and will be carried by a group of Cursillistas as part of all processions, including Ordinations and other events. Grand Ultreyas are held regularly and a Day of Deeper Understanding is planned for five Ultreya locations in 2011. Currently the Secretariat is updating job descriptions and the Weekend Manuals. Their data base is now maintained on Excel, but new software is being developed that will improve the ease of data base management. A close relationship has been established with the TEC Steering Committee to attract TEC graduates and younger clergy are being encouraged to attend Cursillo events. The Secretariat has asked for prayer support for the TEC Community, their Ultreya Groups and in finding an Assistant Lay Director. *For more information see Web site.*

### **Fredericton**

The Movement is in the process of accepting registrations for the first Cursillo Weekend to be held in the Diocese in five years. A Small Groups workshop was hosted in November 2010 and there are now three areas in the Diocese with regular Ultreyas. The Secretariat is in the process of updating the database to keep current information such as date of weekend, team participation including roles, Secretariat service, CLW attendance, etc. Now that the Movement has been revitalized, enthusiasm is being built through the Newsletter and Ultreyas. Youth involvement is being encouraged through the Diocesan Youth Director, and TEC graduates are being encouraged to consider making a Weekend. The Movement is looking forward to hosting CACS and a CLW in fall 2011 and has asked for prayer support for the Movement as it rebuilds.

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### **Ottawa** – ([www.oacm.ca](http://www.oacm.ca))

Cursillistas have been able to participate in Synod by having an information booth and in leading Prayer, Praise and Worship, and Secretariat has requested the opportunity to present a report at Synod 2011. The Bishop is supportive of Cursillo and wrote an article for the last issue of the Movement's Newsletter, *The Rainbow*, and has agreed to do another article for *Crosstalk* (the Diocesan paper) that will clearly communicate the importance of this ministry.

The Community data base is maintained electronically by the Communications Coordinator and can be sorted by parish, names, weekend experience, etc. The Secretariat has recently partnered with [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org), adding a link to our site for making donations on-line, and the response to-date has been very good.

Currently, a workshop for Parish Representatives is being initiated to better equip them for the important role that they play within the life of the Movement. Planning for the Triennial Conference for June, 2012 is underway, and Father Chuck Owens, South Carolina has agreed to be our keynote speaker. The Secretariat is currently working with the Diocesan Youth Coordinator to foster an increased emphasis on sponsorship of youth, and the Youth Coordinator has been invited to participate in a Men's Weekend. The Secretariat is also considering restarting Challenge or initiating some other youth-based version of Cursillo. The Secretariat has requested prayers for the planning and preparation for Triennial, upcoming weekends, and for staffing of the vacancies on Secretariat.  
*For more information see Web Site.*

### **Ontario**

Regular monthly Ultreyas are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, and a Day of Deeper Understanding was conducted in the summer of 2010. Secretariat is currently conducting a survey to get feedback from Cursillistas. Rotating Ultreyas from church to church, to take the Ultreya to the community, has achieved some success in getting more local people to attend. They have asked for prayer for discernment and more commitment to the Cursillo movement on the part of those who have been given the gift of a Cursillo Weekend. *For more information contact Noreen Peters* ([noreenpeters@cogeco.ca](mailto:noreenpeters@cogeco.ca)).

### **Niagara** - ([www.niagaracursillo.org](http://www.niagaracursillo.org))

A Co-ed Weekend is held each spring. The Secretariat reported that it is a struggle to find Team Members and candidates, especially younger candidates, as it is difficult for them to get time off work to attend. They have asked for prayer support to overcome these obstacles so that Cursillo may continue in the Diocese.  
*For more information see Web Site.*

### **Sudbury/Manitoulin**

Cursillo is considered a tool for empowering lay people in the Diocesan Strategic Plan. There is a concern that there is a lack of involvement in Group Reunion and Ultreyas, but it is felt that this is a result of people being too busy with activities both inside and outside the church. Rescheduling of Ultreya times is being tried to see if that will make any difference to attendance.

Younger adults have not been specifically targeted for Cursillo because Challenge weekends are offered in this Diocese. This companion movement for young people between the ages of 16 and 24 has been going for over a dozen years. Many young people from Challenge have moved on to participate in Cursillo as candidates and team members on Cursillo weekends.  
*For more information contact Mary Beth Miller.*  
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### **Qu'Appelle** – ([quappelle@sasktel.net](mailto:quappelle@sasktel.net))

The Diocese held its first two weekends in November 2010 with the support of the Diocese of Calgary and is now planning a Day of Deeper Understanding for June 2011, and weekends in November 2011. Cursillo is specifically noted in the Diocese's Mission Action Plan, and is one of the seven actions of the plan is to "Actively encourage Cursillo." This is highlighted in the Bishop's letter for the Cursillo Web Site and the Bishop hosted a dinner and Ultreya for Team Members before the Day of Deeper Understanding. An electronic data base has been

initiated and will be maintained so that the Movement can track Cursillistas by name, parish, and experience. Prayer support for the fall weekends and growth of the Movement is requested.

*For more information see Web Site.*

### **Saskatoon**

A brief report was received that indicates the Secretariat has decided to lie fallow awaiting the Holy Spirit's direction regarding the future of Cursillo in the Diocese. There are a number of 4<sup>th</sup> Day Groups that meet regularly.

### **Edmonton** – ([www.edmontoncursillo.ca](http://www.edmontoncursillo.ca))

Edmonton celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an Anniversary Potluck Ultreya, and an Anniversary Service, followed by a reception held at All Saints Cathedral. In January 2011, *A Day with the Bishop* was held who spoke on "Mission of the Church". A "Day with Isaiah" is planned for 14 May 2011, which will be a quiet day of meditation reflecting on readings from Isaiah. A presentation about Cursillo was made to the clergy at a Clergy Day in November, 2010.

Secretariat is concerned that Ultreyas are poorly attended. One way Secretariat has tried to address this is by sending out to all Cursillistas a Cursillo Community Calendar brochure listing Ultreya dates and times as well any Special Event dates. Several young parish leaders have been engaged to assist in recruiting young people to attend upcoming weekends, and Secretariat has begun the process of getting information to them about Cursillo.

*For more information see Web Site.*

### **Calgary** – ([www.cursillo.ab.ca](http://www.cursillo.ab.ca))

The Diocese assisted the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan with their first set of weekends as well as holding a set of weekends in the fall of 2011. Secretariat also hosts a biennial Cursillo Information night for folks interested in learning more about Cursillo. The Bishop fully supports Cursillo and encourages the clergy to consider attending a Weekend, if they have not, to serve the movement when possible by working weekends, and to promote the movement within their respective parishes. The Bishop attends and presides at Weekend Closings whenever possible.

Secretariat has a dedicated member who manages their data base listing all Cursillistas within the Calgary Diocese, their working experience and their contact information. Good Sponsorship and inviting younger candidates and younger clergy to work weekends are key to attracting younger participants to Cursillo.

*For more information see Web Site.*

### **APCI**

The Bishop is supportive of Cursillo and involves the Secretariat in activities whenever possible. A Wine and Cheese Reception with the Bishop is planned for May. The Secretariat is encouraging new members from the BC interior to become involved in Secretariat. The Secretariat has requested prayer support as they look at new ways of becoming more engaged in the interior. *For more information contact Jim Waldie ([jim.waldie@telus.net](mailto:jim.waldie@telus.net)).*

### **BC** - ([www.cursillobc.com](http://www.cursillobc.com))

In September a celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cursillo was held, and a presentation on Cursillo was made to clergy assembled at a clergy day. The location of Weekends for 2011 has changed and timing of Weekends from the spring to the fall has also been changed to overcome the disruption of summer holidays. A fund-raising campaign is also underway to help cover the costs of candidates. Cursillo BC has established a *Facebook* Page, and a summer retreat for Secretariat is planned. Traditionally, a summer gathering for Cursillistas at a campground somewhat centrally located is held and Cursillistas are invited to spend the weekend camping together. *For more information see Web Site.*

## **DIOCESAN WEBSITES**

National - [www.anglicancursillo.com](http://www.anglicancursillo.com)

Eastern NL [www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php](http://www.anglican.nfol.ca/cursillo.php)

Central Newfoundland - [www.cursilloadcn.org](http://www.cursilloadcn.org)

Nova Scotia/P.E.I. - [www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org](http://www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org)

Fredericton - <http://personal.nb.ca/bbrottao/cursillo>

Niagara - [www.niagaracursillo.org](http://www.niagaracursillo.org)

Ottawa- [www.oacm.ca](http://www.oacm.ca)

Saskatoon - [www.saskatoon.anglican.org/Cursillo.htm](http://www.saskatoon.anglican.org/Cursillo.htm)

Qu'Appelle- [quappelle@sasktel.net](mailto:quappelle@sasktel.net)

Edmonton - [www.edmontoncursillo.ca](http://www.edmontoncursillo.ca)

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British Columbia - [www.cursillobc.com](http://www.cursillobc.com)



## *Spring 2011 CACS Meeting*

The Spring 2011 Meeting of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) was held at the Church of St. Barnabas, Calgary, 6-8 April 2011. CACS members extend their heartfelt thanks to the Cursillo Movement of Calgary and the Calgary Secretariat for their hospitality. We wish also to thank the parishioners of St. Barnabas' for sharing their facility.

Diocesan reports were reviewed, and major issues identified. This spring the major concerns echoed across the country included:

- General apathy and lack of 4<sup>th</sup> Day commitment.
- Low attendance at Ultreyas and level of Group Reunion support
- Difficulties in recruiting Secretariats and Teams
- Demographic factors such as aging communities, travel distances, getting time off work, etc.
- Sponsorship issues
- Relevance of the method for younger adults  
A number of possible solutions and means of dealing with these issues were discussed, and will be further developed over the coming months
- Use of electronic media for social networking  
– e.g., *Facebook, Twitter.*
- Youth- targeted Weekends
- Education Plans for Secretariats
- Consistent Reporting
- Use of existing resources - NEC Library, CACS Library with guidelines
- Rotating Ultreyas – taking Ultreya to the people
- Emphasis on education of the Servant community – getting back to basics
- Hosting CACS Meetings, CLWs and SENT Workshops

Other items of business included the ongoing evaluation of our progress in meeting the Action Items of the CACS Strategic Plan and the CACS Guidelines, as well as ways CACS and CACS representatives may be of more help to local Movements. Planning continues for the **2012 Triennial** to be held in **Ottawa**. The theme for this Conference will be **“Christ is Counting on You”** based on Matthew 28: 19-20.



Rev. John Gishler (Calgary Spiritual Advisor), Bishop Barry Hoskin and Bishop Jane Alexander in discussion during the CACS meeting with the Calgary Secretariat. Looking on from left to right, Peter Fowler, Bob Treherne (Calgary 3 Day Chair) talking to Terry Gushuliak, Mark Herrel (Calgary Servant Community Chair) and the Rev. Ed Keeping.



### **Resources - NEC AND CACS Libraries**

It's been said before, but it bears repeating. Time and again it has been demonstrated that most Cursillo Movements that are struggling or experiencing difficulties are either not following the authentic Cursillo method, or have not developed adequate policies and procedures in accordance with CACS and NEC Guidelines. It is imperative that all Secretariat members have a working knowledge of the contents of the NEC Library and the CACS Guidelines. This means that they need to be read, heeded and kept current. These resources, and updates are available from the Treasurer, Terry Gushuliak, ([tgushuliak@nurses.ab.ca](mailto:tgushuliak@nurses.ab.ca)). The CACS Guidelines may be downloaded free of charge from the Web site.

Both the NEC and CACS Guidelines are dynamic documents that are constantly being updated. All CACS and NEC Libraries should be updated and used as soon as new Guidelines are issued. The following is a copy of the current Table of Contents of NEC Publications, and the year in which the most current volume was issued. The CACS Table of contents follows the NECs Table.

**Please check to see that your libraries are current**, and if not, order copies of the new documents to update existing libraries.

**NEC Cursillo Library**  
**Table of Contents (as of April 2011)**

**Introduction**

What is Cursillo 2010

**The Fourth Day**

The Fourth Day First 2006  
Group Reunion 2002  
Ultreya 2009  
A Day of Deeper Understanding 2009  
Spiritual Direction 2007  
Servant Community 2003

**Candidate Preparation**

Personal Contact Technique 2007  
Sponsorship 2005

**The Three-Day Weekend**

Apostolic Message & Team Formation 2008  
Authentic Three-Day Weekend 2006  
Music and Cursillo 2010  
Role of the Clergy 2009  
Lay Talk Workbook 2004  
Clergy Talk Workbook 2006

**Administration**

Pastoral Plan 2007  
Secretariat 2003  
Health & Well Being of the Movement 2008  
Strategy for Restarting/Renewing  
Movements in Dioceses 2008  
Statement on Interdenominational Cursillo 2010  
Exporting Cursillo 2003  
Publishing a Songbook 1999  
By Laws & Legal Documents of the NEC 2003

**CACS Cursillo Library**  
**Table of Contents (as of April 2011)**

**Glossary** 2003

**Pre Cursillo**

Alpha and Cursillo 2003  
Sponsoring and Sponsorship 1999

**The Three-Day Weekend**

The Authentic Three-Day Weekend 2005  
Palanca and the Wider Community 2003  
Co-ed Weekends 2003

Weekend Team Selection  
And Development 2007  
Questions and Problems: The  
Weekend and the Charismata 1997

**Fourth Day**

Group Reunion 2003  
Permanent Group Reunion Card 2011  
Ultreya 2003  
The Servant Community/-  
Leaders School 2011  
Spiritual Direction 2000  
A Beginning List of Reading  
for Spiritual Development 2005  
Respecting Personal Boundaries 2011

**Clergy Involvement in Cursillo**

Cursillo and the Sponsorship  
Function of the Clergy 2007  
Questions and Problems:  
Cursillo and the Clergy 2007  
Diocesan Pastoral Plan:  
A Suggested Approach 1988

**Organizational and Administrative Issues**

Constitution 2009  
Duties and Responsibilities  
of CACS Representatives 2009  
Introduction of Cursillo into  
a Diocese 2008  
Diocesan Secretariat 2011  
Secretariat Operation and Governance 2009  
Interdenominational Participation 2005  
Evaluating a Diocesan Movement 2011  
Music in a Cursillo Movement 2000  
Re-activation of a Diocesan  
Movement 2008

**Appendices**

Letter of Agreement 1989

**Other Issues**

A Statement from CACS 2009  
How to Support your Local Clergy 2003  
Full Communion with the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church 2008  
Planning Guide for Triennial Meetings 2007  
Canadian Anglican Cursillo Website 2007



# A Message from the Chair

Dear Friends,

De Colores! As I write this from Alberta, the snow is melting and sign of spring and resurrection are everywhere. At our recent CACS meeting in Calgary, we discussed ways of bringing **new growth** to our Cursillo movements across Canada. Here are several ideas which emerged from our discussions:

- Offer Cursillo weekends on statutory holiday weekends so that people do not need to take time off work.
- Hold joint events, such as Ultreyas, Servant Community or community events with other local Cursillo expressions within your diocese.
- Have NEC Guidelines for sale at Ultreyas, and offer to sell them as individual booklets rather than complete libraries. Include both the NEC Guidelines and CACS Guidelines on any book sale tables at Cursillo events.
- In order to strengthen your Movement, offer a CLW (Cursillo Learners' Workshop). It is advisable to have a CLW every five years. This is one way to ensure that not only is your Secretariat kept abreast of authentic Cursillo, but any future leaders in your Cursillo movement also fully understand the Cursillo method.
- Use the CACS guideline on *Evaluating a Diocesan Movement* and determine what action steps you can take to bring new growth to your Cursillo movement.
- Ensure that your Secretariat is bringing on new people and providing them with good orientation to the Cursillo method.
- Have an education time at each Secretariat meeting where you can review a different Cursillo guideline each time you meet.
- Good sponsorship is a key to ensuring that Cursillistas are living the Fourth Day. Sponsorship workshops and guidelines can help ensure that sponsors keep their sponsorship commitment to their candidates.
- Ensure that new Cursillistas are included on weekend teams, and that weekend teams do not become like an exclusive club.

Another discussion which was held focused on how Cursillo might be structured for smaller and remote communities, an issue many diocesan Movements struggle with in a land as large as Canada. Here are some ideas which we came up with in our brainstorming:

- Try weekend team training and group reunions via Skype
- Hold Ultreyas and Servant Community events electronically
- Work with another local Christian denomination and offer a joint weekend
- Provide summer Cursillo mission teams to other communities via bussing
- Always consider the sustainability of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day in outlying communities
- Offer an Ultreya or Servant Community event in conjunction with a diocesan synod
- What would a virtual weekend look like?
- Record weekend talks in Cree, French, Inuktituk, etc.
- Invite northern bishops to attend a Cursillo weekend to see whether this would be a model which could be implemented in the north
- Audio teleconference Secretariat meetings, group reunions thereby allowing people from all parts of the diocese to be involved in 4<sup>th</sup> Day and Servant Community activities

I hope that these are just a few ideas to get you started in renewing your local Cursillo movement. Your sister in Christ,

Valerie



***Please Keep These Upcoming Weekends in Your Prayers!***

Central Newfoundland

**Co-ed:** May 20 – 23, 2011  
Oct 2011 - TBA

Western Newfoundland  
Nova Scotia & P.E.I.

**Co-ed:** May 20 – 23, 2011  
**Men:** May 5-8, 2011

Fredericton  
Ottawa  
Qu'Appelle

**Women:** May 12-15, 2011  
**Women:** June 2-5, 2011  
**Women:** November 10-13, 2011

Edmonton

**Men:** Nov 17 – 20, 2011  
**Women:** Nov 24 – 27, 2011

Calgary

**Men:** June 2-5, 2011

BC

**Women:** June 9-12, 2011

**Men:** October 27-30, 2011

**Women:** November 2-6, 2011

**Men:** October 27-30, 2011

**Women:** November 3-6, 2011

**Upcoming Dates on the CACS Calendar**

Oct 24-26, 2011 CACS Meeting, New Brunswick

Oct 2011 – CLW, Miramichi, NB

June 2012 Triennial, Ottawa



**NATIONAL CURSILLO PRAYER CYCLE**

**Monday** Pray for the Cursillo Movement Worldwide.

**Tuesday** Pray for Cursillo in Canada & your National Secretariat

**Wednesday** Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Dioceses of Western Newfoundland, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Central Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Montreal and Quebec.

**Thursday** Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: The Dioceses of Ottawa, Toronto, Huron, Algoma, Moosonee and Niagara.

**Friday** Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Diocese of Rupert's land, Qu'Appelle, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Keewatin, The Arctic, Edmonton, Athabasca and Calgary.

**Saturday** Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon: The Diocese of the Yukon, New Westminster, British Columbia, Kootenay, APCI and Caledonia

**Sunday** Pray for your own Diocesan Movement.

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