

# The Lever

April 2011

Heartland Episcopal Cursillo (Dioceses of Kansas and West Missouri) and Iowa Cursillo

## A Grand Ultreya

Friends,

It's almost time for the Cursillo Community and Christian friends to gather for the annual Grand Ultreya for the Diocese of Kansas and the Diocese of West Missouri. Is it Grand Canyon "grand" or is it la-de-dah "grand?" We like to think that this Ultreya will be both. It is larger and longer than usual like the Grand Canyon and it has extra music and food and celebration to make it very la-de-dah. So, join us on **Saturday, April 30th at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral (13th & Broadway, KC, MO) from 9:30 to 2:30**. We will provide **morning snacks and a delicious lunch**.

And, like many "grand" plans, we have had some changes. Originally, Bishop Field was slated to celebrate the Eucharist for the Ultreya; however, an unavoidable time conflict



Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, MO  
13th and Broadway.

occurred and he will not be able to attend. But, we are delighted that **Father Bill Breedlove, Assistant Rector of St. Michael and All Angels, Mission, KS, will be the celebrant for the day**. Bill+ attended the 2010 Weekend and he will be part of the clergy team at the February, 2012 Weekend.

Remember, **everyone is welcome at Ultreya gatherings**. This would be a good time to carpool and invite others to come with you. This would also be

a good time to bring friends who may be interested in attending a future Weekend. And, if it's been awhile since you've been involved with Cursillo, it would be a way to reconnect.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ultreya!

Harriet Duff  
Lay Director  
Heartland Episcopal  
Cursillo Secretariat

**Grand Ultreya  
April 30  
9:30am-2:30pm  
Grace & Holy  
Trinity Cathedral**

### May Ultreya

- NW Convocation—May 1 @ St. Luke's Wamego—5:00pm

### June Ultreyas

- KC Metro Area—June 3 @ Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City, MO—6:30pm
- NW Convocation—June 5 @ St. John's, Abilene, KS—5:00pm
- SW Convocation—June 19 @ St. Andrew's, Derby, KS

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## June Ultreya in Kansas City

The next Ultreya in Kansas City will focus on study. We will be discussing the book, In Constant Prayer by Robert Benson.

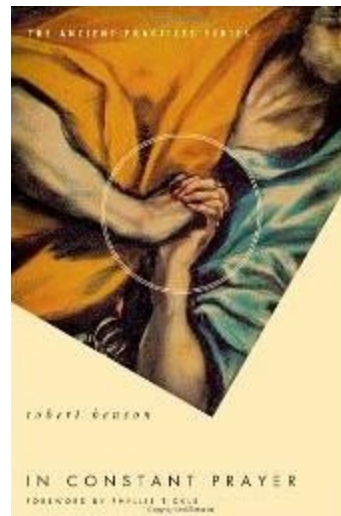
Everyone is encouraged to read the book before the Ultreya. Sandy Ackerson indicated it was a fairly easy read.

The book is located in the Mid-Continent Library. I did not see it listed in the Kansas City, Missouri Public Library or the Kansas City,

Kansas Public Library. It is available through Cokesbury and through Amazon. A Kindle version is available, if you prefer that reading media. I did not check the Johnson County Public libraries, because I don't know the names of them.

If you have questions, write us at [heartlandepiscopalcursillo@earthlink.net](mailto:heartlandepiscopalcursillo@earthlink.net).

—Rachel Swaney,  
St. Michael's, Independence, MO



## Weekends Are Approaching

This community has two weekends scheduled. The first is October 6-9, 2011. The rector is Larry Hannan. The location is White Memorial Camp in Council Grove, KS.

The second weekend is February 16-19, 2012. Harriet Duff is the rector. The site is Heartland Presbyterian

Center in Parkville, MO.

Teams are forming for these weekends. Team meetings for the October weekend start May 14th. Most meetings will be the 4th Saturday of the month.

Team meetings for the February

*Applications at*  
[www.stmichaelschurch.org](http://www.stmichaelschurch.org).

weekend are the third Saturday of the month beginning in August. Complete an application if you are interested in working. Start praying about potential candidates.

## Communications—Are You Sharing Information

Are you and those you know in your area getting communications from the community?

We have moved to mostly electronic methods of communication. It is more cost efficient and can be timely. However, we are counting on YOU to pass the information along to those in your congregation

that do not have access to e-mail and the internet.

Contact us using e-mail at [heartlandepiscopalcursillo@earthlink.net](mailto:heartlandepiscopalcursillo@earthlink.net). We have also started a Facebook page—Heartland Episcopal Cursillo. Additionally we will be using the more traditional e-mail.

We need a contact person from each

congregation to receive notices for posting. Please send us the name and contact information for the person at your congregation that will take on this ministry.

—Secretariat



## Sponsorship

The key to a good weekend and having an effective Fourth Day is sponsorship. Sponsors are to identify people, after studying the environment the sponsors know them to be in, whom the sponsors believe will be potential leaders in that environment, for the purpose of making the environment more Christian.

Remember, the Fourth Day is about being Christian leaders in our day-to-day environments. We study the environments, the people in them. We stay connected to Christ and his church through the practices of piety and studying Scripture and being part of the Christian community. We stay accountable and are encouraged in our actions by participating in Group Reunion and Ultreya. Because of our growing relationship with Christ, we desire to reach out to the environments we study as part of our burning desire to bring the world to Christ.

Cursillo's goal is to change the world for Christ. Our individual role is to make this change one environment at a time, one person at a time by being a friend and bringing the friend to Christ.

The sponsor is not just a person to bring a candidate to the weekend. The sponsor lives the life of a Cursillista, an apostle, and models that life to the candidate. Ideally, the sponsor brings the candidate into the life of the Fourth Day, apostleship, before the candidate has ever been through the weekend, by getting the candidate involved in a Group Reunion and Ultreya. Accountability to each other is important. Life in community is necessary to live in the world and to change it.

The sponsor is not let off the hook at the end of the weekend. Encouraging the continuing growth of the apostolic life of the new Cursillista is necessary. The weekend is not all there is to Cursillo. The weekend gets us on the same page and describes a method by which we can live our lives as Christian apostles to the fullest. In many ways, Cursillo IS our lives after the weekend, living the Fourth Day to the glory of God and the Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

As a sponsor you must follow at least these steps:

1. Select your candidate, who you think has a potential as a Christian leader.
2. Pray for the person
3. Contact the clergy of the potential candidate for the clergy's feedback. Things happen in our lives that the clergy know that we may know. Some of these things will be too distracting for a person to benefit right now from the weekend and a life in the Fourth Day.
4. Pray for the person.
5. If you get an OK from clergy, ask the person if they would like to participate in the weekend. Describe Cursillo, not just the weekend.
6. Pray for the person.
7. Bring the person to Ultreya and Group Reunion. This can happen at any time in the process, the earlier the better.
8. Pray for the person.
9. Help the person prepare for the weekend. Assist with cost if that is appropriate.
10. Transport the person to the weekend.
11. Ideally, do not work the week-

end. Focus on prayer and being present at the closing and Fourth Day activities during the weekend.

12. Transport the new Cursillista home.
13. Encourage the new Cursillista to participate in Group Reunion and Ultreya. Help the new Cursillista get into a group. Car-pool with them to Ultreya.
14. Continue praying and encouraging the new Cursillista in this new walk with Christ as an apostle.

It is only together as the body of Christ that we can be Christ in the troubled world in which we live. Ultreya.

—Rachel Swaney,  
St. Michael's, Independence, MO



They are sisters, but they are also a sponsor/candidate pair.

## Sponsorship—from a Sponsor's Point-of-View

**SPONSORSHIP:** Not a commitment to be taken lightly

As Cursillistas each of us owe our own Cursillo experience to our sponsors—those folks who cajoled, bribed, and maybe even shamed us into committing ourselves to a weekend of who-knows-what in the middle of our otherwise too-busy, over-scheduled, no-time-to-give-up-72-hours lives. And after having such a deep, life-changing experience with Christ, many of us feel the urge to pay that gift forward by sponsoring a friend or loved one in his or her own Cursillo weekend.

But being a sponsor for a Cursillo candidate is more than just telling someone how much fun she'll have, signing a few forms, and promising to pray. In fact, sponsorship is a serious commitment—one that can be quite intimidating and thought-provoking. To be a good Cursillo sponsor, you must be ready to give yourself over to being a Christ-centered servant.

Because Cursillo is a means to building Christ-centered leadership in the Episcopal Church, those invited to attend a weekend should already be leaders in their own right. They should be individuals who show a longing to do God's work both in the church and in the world, and should be socially mature and in an emotionally stable place in life. Sometimes, although we identify a couple or individual as ideal candidates, life's issues can get in the way and patience is required. Don't get anxious—pray instead. When the time is right, it will happen.

Once the sponsor has explained Cursillo to a candidate, he or she is willing to attend, and a weekend is available, the sponsor should gather all the forms needed, and be certain

the candidate knows which forms and how to fill them out, answer any questions the candidate may have, and even offer to pay the weekend fee. Don't forget to pray! Once the candidate's forms are complete (don't forget the sponsor and priest forms, too), the sponsor should take care of getting all the paperwork turned in to the weekend coordinator or Secretariat. The sponsor's prayers continue.

Now's the time to get the word out to your reunion group and Ultreya that a new pilgrim has committed to a weekend. Ask for palanca, ask for prayers, ask for help. These small communities within the larger Cursillo community are in place to help

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Not a commitment to be  
taken lightly*

each other and make Cursillo happen for others. Don't hesitate to utilize the support and wisdom your community offers. And be sure to keep them in the loop with reminders about your candidate's weekend, requests for palanca, and the need for prayers.

As the weekend draws near, the candidate may raise issues or concerns with you. As his sponsor, you should calm his nerves as needed by offering to house sit, baby sit, dog sit; water plants, check mail; explain how things work during the weekend; and answer any and all questions that come your way. If vague, non-committal answers such as, "Don't worry! Everything you need will be provided." don't suffice, you should be as specific as needed. You may want to have your

candidate join your reunion group before his weekend experience. Bottom line: make your candidate feel comfortable with the experience into which he is entering. Keep on praying.

Finally, the weekend arrives. Don't stop praying now! And when offering to transport your candidate to and from the weekend, don't take no for an answer! This may seem like a small thing, but the car time gives you a chance to talk, answer more questions, have a meal together, introduce him to others once you arrive, and make sure that registration goes smoothly. You can also hand off all that wonderful palanca you and your Fourth Day community have prepared for your candidate to a staff member.

After leaving your candidate at the weekend, you may want to light a candle or implement another visual reminder in your home to pray for your candidate at the weekend. You may want to have a special meeting of your reunion group to pray for your candidate, or host another prayerful event in your candidate's honor.

On Sunday, you will travel back to the weekend's location to attend the closing service and take your candidate home. Be aware of how you can help make his re-entry into the real world a little softer. If the drive back is long, have items in the car that might make him especially comfortable. At his home, a welcome-back basket and/or a stocked refrigerator are wonderful gestures for which an exhausted, new Cursillista is especially thankful. Even though your candidate is home, the prayers should continue.

A day or two after the closing, be sure to check in with your candidate.

## Sponsorship—from a Sponsor's Point-of-View (continued)

Make sure he is recovering from the weekend physically and emotionally while still flying high spiritually. Be sure he plans to attend your group reunion that week. And check in on dates that work for him for a Welcome Back Ultreya. As a sponsor, you should orchestrate or have a heavy hand in putting together the Welcome Back Ultreya for your candidate. And still, the prayers go on.

When deciding on sponsorship, consider prayerfully not only the candidate you want to invite, but also

sponsorship itself. It is not a job to be taken lightly—it is a role that requires dedication, organization, love, servanthood, and, of course, lots and lots of prayer. Sponsorship is a wonderful gift—not only to your candidate, but also to yourself—one given in love and only by God's grace. *Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.... One day I hope to have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*

—Lacey Howard  
St. Timothy's, West Des Moines, IS



Lacey Howard

## Sponsorship—A New Cursillista's Point-of-View

DeColores!

Ask me about my sponsor, and you will see me smile!

I did my Cursillo July 2010. It was everything and more than she said it would be!

I was divorced after 30 years of marriage. My 2 teenage daughters were suffering deep emotional pain as their father abandoned them emotionally, physically, and financially. As I tried to teach them to trust in their heavenly Father to love them, my oldest asked me to not mention God to her. There was a spiritual war going on in my home. I needed and prayed for help. I listened for answers. I was given a sponsor!

She started taking me to Ultreya monthly meetings. She talked to me about attending Cursillo. I was ready for a spiritual retreat! I was excited about going and looked forward to the weekend.

Sponsorship is a big commitment! For me it was, and is, a special gift, from a very special person. It was answered

prayers! When my sponsor drove me home, I was renewed and energized, wearing the armor of God, ready to win the spiritual battle at home.

My sponsor has continued to be there my "4th day"- and is still very close. We attend monthly Ultreya meetings together. We are each others small group. Through study, piety, and action I am learning to be a better spiritual leader at home, church, and in life.

The Baptismal Covenant has become my mission in life. I will, with God's help, "keep on keeping onward". When it gets tough my sponsor is a phone call away- reminding me of the next Ultreya, giving me hope, and praying for me and my daughters.

I am, with God's help, slowly winning the spiritual war at home. I continue to talk about "Him" and his love. I share what I read and learn with my daughters. I pray and now others pray with me, and for me and my girls.

It works! The other night I heard the words I had not heard for a long time - words we once shared everyday- " I love you all the way to God and back"!

I thank God for his love and mercy. And I thank him for my sponsor. She is very special to me. She is my sister in Christ, my earthly sister, and my daughters aunt. She is Tina Thornburg. She is a blessing in our lives, and I am eternally grateful for her gift of sponsorship.

God's peace to all!  
Cathy Ward  
St. Peter's,  
Harrisonville, MO



## From NEC (National Episcopal Cursillo)

Please hold these weekends up in prayer.

- Apr 28 Mississippi, Chicago, San Diego
- May 12 Dallas/Fort Worth—Spanish, West Texas
- May 19 Maryland, New York, Colorado
- May 27 Long Island—Spanish
- June 9 Southwest Florida, Alabama
- June 11 Pennsylvania
- June 23 Spokane

The 4th Day Magazine is published by NEC. Here is a link to the Spring 2011 issue.

[http://www.nationalepiscopalcursillo.org/4th%20day%20spring%202011\[1\].pdf](http://www.nationalepiscopalcursillo.org/4th%20day%20spring%202011[1].pdf)

## News of the Community



Secretariat met in April. All communities reported they are doing well. We need to work on bringing in younger people. This is a problem in all areas of the community.

The Kansas City Metro area community is doing well. This community is preparing for the Grand Ultreya and hope to see all of you there.



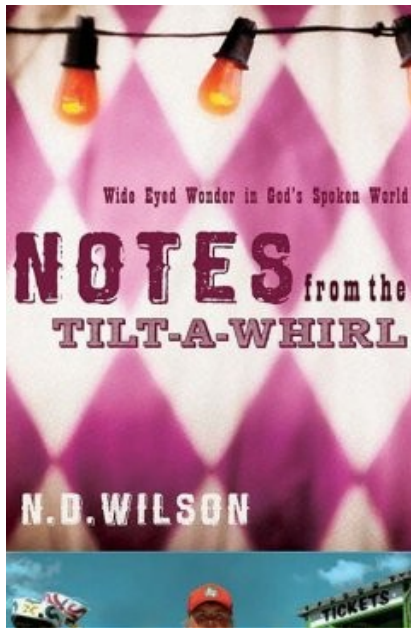
The NW convocation of Kansas is preparing for the October weekend. Larry Hannan, the rector, sent additional information which is at the back of this issue of The Lever. Ultreyas have occurred monthly on the first Sunday of the month, weather permitting.



The SW convocation is also continuing to grow. There were 12 people at the last Ultreya in April. Ultreyas are occurring every two months. Group Reunions are forming and active.

## Book Review—Notes from the Tilt-A-Whirl, Good News for Anxious Christians

Two recent books present two approaches to living the Christian life that are different from each other but not necessarily inconsistent with each other. One of the books is *Notes from the Tilt-A-Whirl: Wide-Eyed Wonder in God's Spoken World*, by N. D. Wilson (Thomas Nelson 2009). The other is *Good News for Anxious Christians: 10 Practical Things You Don't Have To Do*, by Phillip Cary (Brazos Press 2010). Both readily acknowledge that nothing about living the Christian life comes easy and that suffering is part

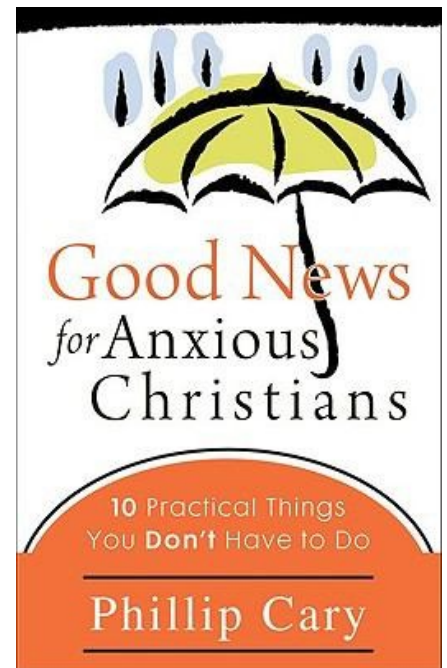


of the deal, but both proclaim that life is good, nevertheless, just as God is good.

Jesus, in his days leading up to the crucifixion, almost certainly was saying something, but what? Usually, the more he explained himself, the more confused his disciples became. This came to mind as I read *Notes from the Tilt-A-Whirl*, which I borrowed from my friend Donna Meyer. It's a kind of intense poetry

written as prose. It's not written with clarity, but it's written with passion and wonder and art. It's not a children's book. It's like the world it describes. At page 157 it says, "The world is rated R, and no one is checking IDs. Do not try to make it G by imagining the shadows away. Do not try to hide your children from the world forever, but do not pretend there is no danger. Train them. Give them sharp eyes and bellies full of laughter. Make them dangerous. Make them yeast, and when they've grown, they will pollute the shadows." Blogger Tony Reinke described this book as a "rare treasure" at <http://spurgeon.wordpress.com/2009/06/30/nd-wilson-notes-from-the-tilt-a-whirl-9780849920073/> adding, "Notes is good as Theology, singing a song of praise to our sovereign God who created the wonder and majesty before our eyes." And Michael Hyatt, CEO of the book's publisher, Thomas Nelson, interviewed the author on a YouTube video at <http://michaelhyatt.com/book-notes-interview-with-n-d-wilson.html> in which the author characterized himself and his writing as childish. He said this not an apology but as a goal. Hyatt said of the book, "It is a kind of orthodox apologetic for a post-modern, A.D.D. world. The writing is truly art. But it is different. It honestly made me see God's creation afresh, as though through the eyes of a child." It's not a feel good book in the sense that reading it will make you feel all warm and cuddly. It's a feel good book in the sense that living your way through it may make you feel the truth that you are a beloved part of God's ongoing creation, where God continues to look and to say, "It is good." The book is available at the Johnson

County Public Library in Kansas but, so far as I can tell, no public libraries in Missouri. I'm returning Donna's copy to her, and maybe she'll loan it you if you ask nicely.



In contrast, *Good News for Anxious Christians* is a remarkably clear analysis of the consumerist evil that's behind what the author calls the new evangelistic theology, which has caused his students such needless anxiety, and a clear argument that Jesus Christ is the alternative to that consumerist evil. The author is a professor of philosophy at Eastern University and takes the care you'd expect of such a teacher to dissect and explain complex concepts in relatively simple terms. He explains that God calls and equips us to think, to use wisdom that is ours for the asking and to focus on Christ. The new evangelistic theology which he criticizes at length is what he describes as a set of

## Book Review (continue)

“supposedly practical ideas about transforming your life that get in the way of believing the gospel” and that has now thoroughly adapted itself to consumer society. This new evangelistic theology has the same long-range impact on our lives that the rest of consumer society has on our lives, which is that it manipulates us and ultimately discards us. Relying on Martin Luther, Karl Barth and several others, the author argues that we should stick to a theology of God’s love and transformation which has developed over a couple of mil-

lennia to enrich us in living the Christian life, based not on the popular advice of entertaining religious celebrities but on the gospel of Christ. You may disagree with some of what he says, but he says it well, and he makes you think. This book is available at the Mid-Continent Public Library in Missouri and at the Kansas City Kansas Public Library. You can find an interviews of the author about the book at <http://www.dashhouse.com/2010/12/good-news-for-anxious-christians-an-interview-with-phillip-cary/> and at <http://cpyubookshelf.blogspot.com/2011/01/>

[good-news-for-anxious-christians.html](http://good-news-for-anxious-christians.html) and a similar You Tube interview at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPyGqNDqQnE>.

—Jim Swaney,  
St. Michael’s, Independence, MO



## From the Rector—October 2011

Cursillistas: We are looking for a few good sponsors!!! Effective sponsorship is such an integral part of Cursillo, and of our Apostolic Action. Please consider likely candidates for our next Cursillo and begin a prayerful dialogue with them and with their rectors. I am attaching to this note an open letter I distributed to our Pastors and Senior Wardens – if this hasn’t been discussed in your parish I would encourage you to enter into a dialogue with your parish leadership about this and help us to share the word. Please also consider helping as part of a weekend team. Interested persons may contact Laura Hannan at [happy@wamego.net](mailto:happy@wamego.net) or Larry Hannan at [colhap@wamego.net](mailto:colhap@wamego.net). Peace, Larry Hannan

### **SUBJECT: An Open Letter to Parishes in the Dioceses of Kansas and Western Missouri Rectors/Senior Wardens:**

Are there members of your congregations looking for a way to improve their relationship with God? Is the adult formation program in your parish catching all the needs of your parishioners? Perhaps a Cursillo weekend can help with meeting these goals.

Of course, this is a personal one-on-one decision persons enter into hand-in-hand with their pastors, so I am encouraging you to consider this as a viable method to help guide the right persons on their spiritual journeys. I encourage you to prayerfully consider who in your congregations would benefit from a Cursillo weekend, and to suggest attending one with this person. If you haven’t attended a weekend and have thought about it for yourself, I invite the same prayerful consideration.

I am attaching a few items to this open letter: applications forms for Cursillo candidates as well as for team members (team members must have attended a Cursillo already), as well as Kansas’ Bishop Wolfe’s endorsement letter of the Cursillo. Please look these over.

Our next Cursillo will be at the White Memorial Camp on Council Grove Lake, near Council Grove, Kansas on October 6-9, 2011. This is a beautiful place to pray, contemplate your place in God’s kingdom, and your relationship with God and with those in your life. The food is real good too. We also have another opportunity coming up, under the gentle hand of Harriet Duff, it will be February 16-19, 2012 at the Heartland Presbyterian Center in Parkville, MO. Both events are open to persons from both dioceses.

I am ready to answer any questions you may have – I can be reached at [colhap@wamego.net](mailto:colhap@wamego.net), or at 785- 456-6621. Please advertise liberally.

I pray that God’s peace resides in all of our hearts and communities.





## The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe  
Ninth Bishop of Kansas

October 22, 2010

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have a growing concern about the Christian education opportunities currently being made available to adults in the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas. It is my hope that we might make greater use of the Cursillo method of small group study and worship. I believe Cursillo strengthens and deepens the faith of our members and helps them to more fully live into our baptismal vows. I also believe Cursillo serves to develop effective Christian leaders. Some of the most dedicated members of our parishes began their deeper journey in Christ through participation in Cursillo. I realize many of you may be unfamiliar with Cursillo or you may have heard something that raises a concern for you. Because I am recommending it to you, I want you to understand why I am recommending it.

The purpose of the Cursillo method is to nurture Christ-centered leadership in the Church. Its foundation is found in small groups of people who meet for an hour every week to encourage each other in their faith. Also, in a loving and gentle way, such a group can support and hold each other accountable in their plans to serve God. These small groups usually have four or five members and, because these groups can include clergy as well as laity, they can be a helpful spiritual resource for clergy as well as for lay members. Any person can take part. These groups can and do welcome the unchurched, but they are primarily designed to help people who are already active in the Christian faith support each other in living a more fulfilling Christian life.

You may have heard of Cursillo three-day weekends. The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas offers one every year or so, in cooperation with the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri, acting through Heartland Episcopal Cursillo. It is my hope and prayer that all of us might attend a Cursillo three-day weekend. If you have not attended a weekend I hope you'll consider attending the next one. One is scheduled for October 6 through 9, 2011, at White Memorial Camp, near Council Grove. I intend to make time in my personal schedule to attend a Cursillo three-day weekend, in either 2011 or 2012.

Again, I want to make it clear no one needs to attend a Cursillo three-day weekend in order to participate in the small group ministry. Small groups were the core of the early Christian community and I believe great things can happen with a revival of this ancient gathering technique. My liaison to Heartland Episcopal Cursillo is the Reverend Tom Wilson, St. Andrew's, Derby. He can be reached at 316-648-5870 or [Rector@standrewsderby.org](mailto:Rector@standrewsderby.org). I urge you to contact him about how you might begin using the Cursillo method with small groups in your parish. Better yet, ask around.

I suspect that you will find people in your own parish who have attended a Cursillo weekend!

Faithfully,

The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe  
Ninth Bishop  
The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas



## **Cursillo® Application Packet**

Thank you for your interest in attending the October 6 - 9, 2011 Episcopal Cursillo Three-Day Weekend sponsored by the Heartland Episcopal Cursillo of the Dioceses of Western Missouri and Kansas (Kansas Servant Community). The goal of the weekend is to develop active Christian leadership within Episcopal parishes and in the community.

The Cursillo Application is a three-part form consisting of the Application for Cursillo, the Sponsor's Endorsement and the Clergy Endorsement. **All three parts must be filled out completely, signed and mailed, with payment, to the address below.** In the case of a couple, each person must have all three parts of the form completed.

The Cursillo 3-Day Weekend will begin at 7 PM on Thursday, October 6th and it will end at approximately 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 9th. Before you apply, it is very important that you understand that you must attend the entire Cursillo -- *arriving at the time it starts on Thursday and staying until it ends on Sunday evening.* This is important for you to get the full benefit of the weekend and so as to not interrupt the schedule for others. If for any reason you are not able to do that, perhaps this is not the best time for you to attend a Cursillo.

The Cursillo will take place at White Memorial Camp at Council Grove, Kansas (conveniently located on Council Grove Lake). We will be staying in resort style cabins with all the modern amenities. All meals, linens, and supplies will be provided for you. Dress should be comfortable and casual. We will do our best to accommodate special needs. Since it is a time to concentrate upon Christian formation, you are strongly encouraged to leave both watches and cell phones at home. Emergency phone numbers will be provided for you to give to family members. You will receive more information about the accommodations and what you will need to bring as the time gets closer.

The cost will be \$130 per person. Although it is more than we would like, it is reasonable when compared to other occasions with three overnight stays and eight meals. If the cost of the Cursillo Weekend is preventing your attendance, please discuss your concerns with your sponsor and Larry Hannan. It is possible that, although limited, some other resources may be available.

*If you have questions, please contact Larry Hannan at 785-456-6621 or  
colhap@hotmail.com.*



# Cursillo<sup>®</sup> Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Communicant at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parish/Mission) (City)

Special interests, hobbies etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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Special diet or health considerations? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to attend a Cursillo weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

*Return all completed and signed forms, to:*

The fee is \$130. Checks should be made payable to: **Heartland Episcopal Cursillo**.  
Mail the three parts of the application along with payment to: Larry Hannan, 901 Poplar  
St, Wamego, KS 66547.

Payments must be **received no later than August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.



## **Cursillo<sup>®</sup> Sponsor's Endorsement**

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you feel that this person would be a good candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

If married candidate is not attending as a couple, what is spouse's name? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you also discussed Cursillo with this spouse?  *yes*  *no*

Is this spouse already a Cursillista?  *yes*  *no* If so, when/where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, is this spouse an active Episcopalian eligible for a future Weekend?  *yes*  *no*

If this spouse is not interested in Cursillo, explain.

Is the candidate comfortable talking with others and interacting at a table setting?  *yes*  *no*

Have you explained Group Reunion and Ultreya to the candidate?  *yes*  *no*

Does the candidate seem willing to join a Group Reunion and attend Ultreya?  *yes*  *no*

Fulfilling the major role of a sponsor and bringing them if necessary:

Will you be responsible for assisting the candidate in finding a Group Reunion?  *yes*  *no*

Will you encourage them to attend Ultreya?  *yes*  *no*

Will you encourage them to attend the Day of Deeper Understanding?  *yes*  *no*

I have prayed about the applicant attending Cursillo. I have read and understand the responsibilities of a sponsor and with Christ's help, I will do my best to meet them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sponsor's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



## **Clergy Endorsement for Application**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/Mission \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you know the candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In what way is the candidate active in the church and community? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Comments concerning the candidate as a Christianizing influence upon others. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there other Cursillistas in the candidate's congregation or near area so that the post-Cursillo support of Group Reunion and Ultreya will be available?  yes  no

Will you encourage participation in both, by word and example?  yes  no

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Having received this application with the sponsor prayerfully submitting it, is it your recommendation that this applicant be accepted?  yes  no

If no, have you advised the sponsor and applicant?  yes  no

Your signature below indicates your recommendation that this candidate be accepted to attend a Cursillo Weekend.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Clergy Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

*Please include with the Application for Cursillo forms from the applicant and sponsor.*

# CURSILLO OCTOBER 6-9, 2011 WEEKEND TEAM APPLICATION

(Separate form for each person)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)      Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ (For name tag, etc.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(House or Apt. No.)      (City)      (State)      (Zip)

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

When/Where did you go through your Cursillo Weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

Where have you participated in your 4th Day? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you active in:

Group Reunion  yes  no      Ultreya  yes  no  
Servant Community  yes  no      Secretariat  yes  no

Do you meet with a Spiritual Director regularly:  yes  no

Would you like additional information regarding:

Group Reunion  yes  no      Ultreya  yes  no  
Servant Community  yes  no      Secretariat  yes  no  
Spiritual Direction  yes  no      Other  yes  no

## Previous Team Experience:

(Check all that apply)

WEEKEND:  Rector  Asst. Rector  Spiritual Advisor  Asst. SA

CONFERENCE ROOM:  Rollista  Silent Table Leader  SA  Team

MUSIC:  Music Leader  Conference  Palanca  Kitchen  4th Day

PALANCA:  Rector  SA  Team

KITCHEN:  Rector  SA  Team

4<sup>th</sup> Day:  Rector  Team

Additional Info (dates, locations, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Which Rollos have you given? \_\_\_\_\_

Team Preference  Conference  Palanca  Kitchen  4<sup>th</sup> Day  
(mark with numbers, 1 - 4, with 1 being your first choice etc.)

Do you have training in any of the following:

Altar Guild  yes  no      Lay Reader  yes  no  
Chalice Bearer  yes  no      Music  yes  no  
Musical Instruments  yes  no      Song Leadership  yes  no  
Health Care  yes  no      Computer Skills  yes  no  
Audio Visual  yes  no

Additional Skills Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Food Allergies/Preferences?** (i.e., milk allergy, vegan, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical needs to be accommodated?** (i.e., diabetes, wheelchairs, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**I have placed the following Team Training dates on my calendar:** \_\_ yes \_\_ no

**All trainings will be as depicted below at St. Luke's Church, Wamego, Kansas.**

**Saturday, May 14 - 9:30-3:30 St. Paul's Manhattan**

**Saturday, May 28, 2011 - 9:00-3:30**

**Saturday, June 25, 2011 - 9:00-3:30**

**Saturday, August 27, 2011 - 9:00-3:30**

**Saturday, September 10, 2011 - 9:00-3:30**

I understand that the purpose of the Three-Day Weekend is to introduce the Cursillo Method. The Cursillo Method is a way for me to live out my baptismal vows in a life of piety, study and action while bringing people to Christ by evangelizing my environments. Participation in Group Reunion and Ultreya are the core aspects of accountability in the Method. For my own enrichment and knowing that I will be serving as an example to those new to Cursillo through my participation on a Weekend Team, I will be active in Group Reunion and Ultreya prior to and beyond the Cursillo Weekend event. I understand and agree that I must attend all team meetings, training and worship activities unless excused by the Weekend Rector.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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**CLERGY ENDORSEMENT:**

I acknowledge that \_\_\_\_\_ is an active member in my congregation fully participating in living out his/her baptismal vows.

**Clergy's Name/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish/Mission:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Location)

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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