



Central Indiana Cursillo Community January 2024

From the Diocesan Cursillo Coordinator's Desk...

As we kick off 2024, it is hard to believe I've already been in the role as Diocesan Cursillo Coordinator, formerly known as the Lay Director, for six months. I am incredibly grateful for the work and support of Tom Scimeca and all the lay directors who have come before me. I am also grateful to the sixteen members of the Secretariat and their unwavering commitment to their faith and the Cursillo movement.

It is on the topic of "Secretariat" that I write today. For our new Cursillistas, they may not be aware of the Secretariat and what it does. Even our existing Cursillistas may have heard the term before but haven't had an opportunity to learn more.

What is the Secretariat?

The Secretariat is comprised of a group of Cursillistas whose purpose is to serve the servants. Comprised of clergy and laity, men and women, the role of the Secretariat is to be of simple servants to the Movement. The Secretariat takes on the necessary work to keep the vision and essence of the Cursillo Founder, Eduardo Bonnin, alive in the Indianapolis Archdiocese and Lafayette Diocese.



Michael Anderson
CICC Diocesan Cursillo
Coordinator

In the United States, there are three types of Secretariats:

- Diocesan Secretariat
- Regional Secretariat
- National Secretariat

The Secretariats exist in order to simplify, facilitate and make possible the living of everything that is fundamentally Christian and to be the guardians of the purity of the method.

– Eduardo Bonnín

Diocesan Secretariat

The Diocesan Secretariat, or in our case the Central Indiana Cursillo Center (CICC), is entrusted by our Bishops with the responsibility of developing and directing the Cursillo movement across both dioceses. The authority entrusted to the Secretariat is to embrace, study and promote the Charism of the movement.

We currently have two Parish Coordinator vacancies on the Secretariat and if you are interested in helping support Coordinators in our Parishes throughout both dioceses, please let me know. [Visit the CICC website to view the CICC Secretariat].

Regional Secretariat

The Regional Secretariat is comprised of 12 Regions in the United States and the CICC is in Region IV. This group is charged with understanding the needs of various Diocesan Cursillo Movements throughout the region. Jennifer Burger serves as one of the three Regional Service Team members in Region IV. In addition to the three Regional Service Team members, the Regional Secretariat also includes a Regional Coordinator and a Regional Service Team Spiritual Advisor.

National Secretariat

The National Secretariat is comprised of 28 Regional Coordinators from the 12 Regions in the United States. The National Secretariat is responsible for providing a National Policy and Articles of Operation that promotes unity in the creative expression of the mentality of the founder of the Cursillo Movement. The purpose of this Secretariat structure – National, Regional, Diocesan – is to serve the needs of all Cursillistas – Servants of the Servants.



What's New in 2024?

This year promises to be a busy year for the CICC as we continue focusing on our priorities:

2024 Central Indiana Cursillo Center Priorities:

1. Increase candidate participation on weekends.
2. Increase participation of the broader Cursillo community.
3. Support the development of the School of Leaders.

With those priorities in mind, we have important opportunities and decisions that we'll need to make as a group:

Opportunities:

- Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House: Due to the lack of space available at the Saint Joseph Retreat & Conference Center in Tipton, our Men's Fall Weekend will be held at Our Lady-Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis on September 5-8, 2024.
- Leading up to the weekend, Tom Scimeca will lead a small team of Cursillistas to help us learn how to lead a successful weekend in a new location for the CICC.
- Regional Encounter: On November 15-17, 2024, the CICC will be hosting the Region IV Encounter at the Saint Joseph Retreat & Conference Center in Tipton. More details to come.

Decision: The CICC Secretariat will soon begin the planning process to determine the 2025 weekend dates and locations. Our first two priorities will be top in mind as we consider factors such as dates, locations, frequency of weekends, along with many others factors.

In closing, I'd ask that you continue to keep the CICC Secretariat in your prayers along with the entire Cursillo Movement. The spring weekends will be here before we know it so please look for opportunities to bring a friend to Christ through sponsorship.

For additional reading about the Secretariat, please refer to the National Cursillo Movement website > My Resource Center or click the following link: <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/pdf/articles/english/secretariat.pdf>

If you would like to get more involved in the Secretariat, please don't hesitate to give me a call at (317) 417-2920 or send an email at 2005mgoblue@gmail.com.

De Colores,
Michael Anderson

National Cursillo Center, Secretariat, October 2007. <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/pdf/articles/english/secretariat.pdf>

Upcoming Weekends



James McNeany
Men's Cursillo # 127
February 22 – 25, 2024



Becky Rice
Women's Cursillo # 117
March 14 – 17, 2024



Men's Cursillo # 127

February 22 - 25, 2024

De Colores! I feel blessed to have been asked to serve as the rector for the spring men's weekend - #127. My day job is serving as the principal at St. Theodore Guerin High School in Noblesville, where I have been for eleven years. Prior to this role, I served as principal of All Saints Catholic School in Logansport. I mention these because I attribute Cursillo to giving me the clarity and strength to say "yes" to working for the Catholic Church.

I made my Cursillo weekend for the men in the fall of 2007 - #98. It was on my weekend that I felt the call to work in Catholic education. The Cursillo movement has given me the tools and support through the Cursillo community to continue my ministry successfully for this, my 17th year in Catholic education, and for that, I am truly grateful.

This spirit of gratitude keeps me saying "yes" to serving on teams and being the rector of #127. Cursillo changes lives! It is a rewarding ministry because you can see God working right in front of your eyes in the transformation that occurs on the weekend. I see the weekend as having two parts. The first is to give each candidate an opportunity to experience our Lord and develop a deeper relationship with Him. The second part of the weekend is to give men and women the tools and support they need to bring others to Christ. Focusing on Piety, Study, and Action gives each Cursillista the solid foundation necessary to live a life of Grace and purpose in order to serve and grow God's kingdom. Our world needs Cursillo now more than ever!

The process of assembling a team is quite humbling. Asking busy people to sacrifice their time is not something I take lightly. I was overwhelmed at the response of the men who said "yes" to serving on Team 127. It is a Christ-centered group who are excited to serve the Lord by advancing the Cursillo movement.

The spring men's weekend is February 22-25. If there is someone you have been considering asking to make a Cursillo, I encourage you to make that ask. It is going to be a great weekend!

James McNeany
Men's Cursillo Rector # 127
February 22 – 25, 2024



Women's Cursillo # 117

March 14 - 17, 2024

DeColores!

Women's Cursillo #97 at St. Bernadette's in the fall of 2012 was the beginning of a new step in my faith journey. I had converted to the Catholic faith in 2003. Joe and I were married in 2005 and my faith continued to grow within our marriage. As I began living the Cursillo, I found a network of Catholic women who feel as I do about our faith.

Finding a friendship group was not easy, but as other women from our parish made their weekend, we continued to nourish what we have received from our weekends. Sponsoring new Cursillistas is great, and walking with them in their fourth day is wonderful. Developing trust and faith in these friendships is a big part of my faith journey. I try to live my life serving God by spreading the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with living the Cursillo method.

The formation of Women's Team #117 at times has been and is a challenge. Praying to God, through the Holy Spirit has led me to talk with former team members, Rectoras, and women recommended by other team members. These conversations are a good reminder of how dedicated our women are to the movement. Their dedication is shown by serving the new Cursillistas. I truly appreciate the fourth day community who are willing to serve, to pray for us and the movement.

Women's team #117 has several members from parishes around the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Diocese of Lafayette. I am looking forward to getting to know these women as we serve with each other. As our formation continues into the Cursillo weekend, I pray we will become lifelong friends.

The CICC is blessed to have Fr. Dan Duff as a Spiritual Advisor, from the Diocese of Lafayette. He has graciously agreed to serve as the Spiritual Advisor for Women's Cursillo #117. We appreciate all that he is doing in serving the Cursillo movement.

With God's plan and your prayers, ask your friends and invite them and others from your parishes to make a Cursillo weekend. We all know how much Cursillo has helped us grow in our faith and deepen our relationship with self, Christ and others.

I am blessed, humbled and ready to serve Women's Cursillo #117. With your prayers and support may many more women be welcomed into the fourth day community.

Becky Rice
Women's Cursillo Rectora # 117
March 14 - 17, 2024





Dear Cursillistas,

As I write these lines, the Christmas Season has come to its close (all too quickly) and a door has opened to a New Year. The first month of the year is named after the Roman god Janus who was the god of new beginnings. Janus is often depicted as having two faces: one looking backward and one looking forward.

The end of a year and the beginning of a new one is a time for looking back with nostalgia and gratitude and of looking forward with hope and expectation.

The Christmas story tells us that as Mary took in the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, she pondered all these things in her heart. In this, as in so many ways, she models discipleship.

Our Cursillo weekends wisely begin with a silent retreat. The retreat offers us time to be quiet, to reflect on our lives, to listen to that inner voice. And that 'pondering' should continue in our prayer life each day as we follow the example of Mary.

As we enter a New Year of grace, we look back with gratitude on the past year and the blessings we have been given, especially the blessing of our new Cursillistas from Men's Weekend 127 and Women's Weekend 117. We look forward with hope to the blessings that await us in this New Year, especially the blessings that will come from the upcoming Spring Weekends which are quickly approaching.

As we ponder the events of our lives, may we echo Mary's song of praise as we make her words our own: "The Almighty has done great things for us, holy is his Name!"

Happy New Year!

Fr. Todd Riebe
Spiritual Director of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis



Upcoming Weekends

SAVE THE DATE

The following **2024 Spring Cursillo** weekends are
being held at
**St. Joseph Retreat and Conference Center in Tipton,
IN....**

Upcoming English Weekends

Men's Spring Cursillo #127
February 22 - 25, 2024

Women's Spring Cursillo #117
March 14 - 17, 2024

For more information <http://www.cursillo-cicc.org>

Upcoming Spanish Weekends

Men's Spring Cursillo
May 9-12, 2024

Women's Spring Cursillo
May 23-26, 2024

For More Information *in Spanish*:
Call: Alberto Montero at 574-398-0994,
Or Miguel Berumen at 765-430-7807



UPCOMING ULTREYAS

Saturday - February 17, 2024

at

St. Joseph Parish, Lebanon IN

Mass Begins at 4:30pm - Pitch-in dinner 6:00pm - Ultreya 7:00pm



Living Cursillo by Your Example

An Ultreya is made up of many parts and each one is a little different, but at its core is as we find in our Leaders' Manual that; *"We can say that the Friendship Group Reunion oversees the good of the individual, and the Ultreya oversees the good of the community. Both are essential in terms of the referred method. Both are important for the attainment of the direction of our whole life in light of the Gospel, and the opportunity to share that life with other Christians. An isolated Christian is a paralyzed Christian. So too is a group, if it is not linked to other groups."*

This Ultreya will feature a video about the life of Fr. Emil Kapaun and in it you will see how one person can make such an enormous difference in the world and especially those in need of a group and a leader who is willing to give his life to help others. We as individuals need to be a part of a much larger group all with the same goal of attaining heaven. All our actions need to be geared toward sharing our talents and love with those that are in our six feet of interaction. Just as Fr. Kapaun in the prison camp cared for and prayed for the other prisoners. He was willing to die for his fellow prisoners because he felt that God was calling him to give all that he had for his fellow man, even to care for his enemies to the very end just as Jesus did.

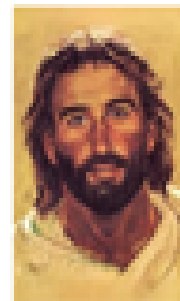
Fr. Kapaun's example of caring for others to the very end should be an example to all of us to live our daily life with a willingness to work, pray, and play with the knowledge that when we interact together we are not paralyzed Christians, and as a group we can be linked to all Christians and make a difference in the world.

God Bless each of you and hope to see you on February 17th.

Mark Scheller

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The following 2024 Lafayette Cursillo Community
ULTREYAS are being held at
St. Lawrence Parish Hall
1916 Meharry St., Lafayette, IN



Winter Dates

January 20, 2024

February 24, 2024

Spring Dates



March 23, 2024 – Begins at 6:00 p.m.

April 27, 2024

May 18, 2024 – Location & time to be determined

For more information, contact: Tim or Eileen Hays at
tehays@comcast.net

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Cursillo Grand Reunion Ultreya!



Saturday, April 13, 2024

Celebrating the Men's Cursillo # 127 and Women's
Cursillo # 117

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church

17102 Spring Mill Rd.

Westfield, IN 46074

More Information to follow!!

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**We have Weekends so we can –
Have Groupings & Ultreyas
Build Relationships
Learn & Grow Together
Pray & Sing Together**



<https://www.cursillo-cicc.org/group-reunion-survey>



Dear Cursillistas,

Are you so happy in your **friendship group reunion** that you forgot to share your group's details on the Group Reunion Survey? Yes? No?

Take the SURVEY!

By taking the survey, you are updating our data base which the Secretariat uses to help connect new Cursillistas to the movement (or to Central Indiana) with actively-grouping Cursillistas who are living their best ever 4th day.

OR...

Are you *still* looking for a **friendship group reunion**?

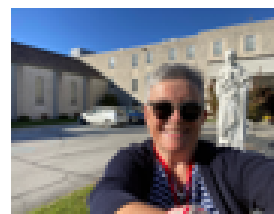
If the answer is YES, please review your opportunities to connect with other Cursillistas in your area.

1. Have you communicated with your sponsor since you made your Cursillo Weekend?
2. Have you recently reviewed the names of friends listed in your 4th Day Folder given to you at the end of your Weekend?
3. Have you recently visited the Central Indiana Cursillo Center (CICC) website? [<https://www.cursillo-cicc.org>]
4. There is a **Group Reunion Survey** on CICC's website. By completing the survey in less than 3 minutes, you will provide your name, parish-or location preference for grouping, and times & days that you are available to meet. So, *take the SURVEY!*
[<https://www.cursillo-cicc.org/group-reunion-survey>]
5. Other Cursillistas have completed the same survey and have provided their group reunion details and have indicated whether they are open (or not) for new members. Even if some group reunions are at capacity, they still serve as an excellent resource for other groups who can still accept another friend to join them.
6. Having as many Cursillistas complete the survey provides the Secretariat with a greater opportunity for connections to happen so that more group reunions can flourish in Christ's name.
7. Finally, when you indicate on the survey that you are seeking a new group reunion, *please*, do not forget to provide your name and contact information! Without it we/I can't get back with you. 😊

¡De colores!

Louisa LaGrotto

Post Cursillo Coordinator, CICC Secretariat





I grew up in a traditional Catholic family. Faith was very important in our family. We never missed Mass on Sundays or Holy days, but that was about it. I don't remember our family ever being involved in any church activities. Of course, we all attended religious education, but I don't remember learning much in those classes.

When I finally left home and was out on my own, I did what I am sure that many Catholics have done, I went to Mass most weeks, but if there was something else going on, it was OK to miss that week. I also never got involved, or volunteered for any Church activities. Sunday morning was all the time that I had available for 'Church stuff'.

I don't remember thinking much about the Eucharist, I don't really remember ever thinking about what I believed, I was told that the host was the body of Christ, and like a good Catholic, I believed it. I didn't feel it; I didn't think about it, it was just what I did.

In 2001 I was invited to a Cursillo weekend. I had no idea what I was getting into, and tried to back out several times. But God knew what I needed, even when I didn't. What that weekend did was to give me a relationship with Jesus that I never had before. I prayed to Him, but I didn't know Him.

That weekend helped me to realize the sacrifice that He had made for me, and to appreciate the gifts that He had left us when He went home. The Church and the Eucharist!

When I got home I slowly started to get involved in my parish. I became a Eucharistic minister. As I share the body of Christ with each person, I often wonder if they really understand the wonderful gift that they are receiving? The most miraculous gift on earth, that is available to us daily.

Do we know how much He loves us? Do we know the plans that He has for our lives?

I pray that the next time that you are in that line to receive this precious gift that He has left us, you thank Him, and ask Him to help you get to know Him better.

And, if you're interested in a life changing weekend with Jesus, Cursillo weekends are held in the Spring and the Fall in our Diocese.

He is waiting, will you accept His invitation?

Yvonne Keech
Cursillo # 73
Table of St. Bernadette
St. Ann Parish, Lafayette

School of Leaders



Be Cool – Go To School (of Leaders)

- 1) The School of Leaders is planning the first 2024 Program for February. We'll post the date when it is set.
- 2) Please check the CICC Website when you get a chance, We're posting the School of Leaders recordings over the past several months for you to watch, learn and get excited about.
- 3) Keep your eyes out for a short survey which will be posted soon. It will help us identify the BEST day and timeslot for the School of Leaders to be broadcasted.

Peter Santerre
School of Leaders Chairman

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