



Rooster Tales

NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Please copy and share this Newsletter with all Secretariat members and Cursillistas in your Diocese.

Central Newfoundland – (www.cursilloadcn.org)

The Movement held a very successful Cursillo Weekend with seventeen new Cursillistas. They are currently working on a new look for their website and have a new web manager. The Servant Community is putting all their energies and excitement into planning for the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Triennial and General Meeting in August of 2015.

Weekend Planned: Co-ed May 2014

Prayer Request: *Pray for their whole Cursillo Community and the Servant Community in particular as they work toward a successful CAC Triennial.*

Western Newfoundland

The Movement held a well-attended Grand Ultreya last summer with talks on CACS, Sponsorship and Group Reunion/Ultreya.

Weekend Planned: Co-ed May 2014

For more information contact the Lay Director (marie.m326@gmail.com)

Eastern Newfoundland

No Ultreyas, Secretariat or Weekends being held in this Diocese but some Group Reunions are still meeting.

Prayer request: *Pray for the Cursillistas of this Diocese that there will a rebuilding of the Movement in the future.*

Nova Scotia/PEI – (www.nspeicursillo.chebucto.org)

No report received at the CACS meeting in October 2013.

Fredericton – (www.anglican.nb.ca)

The Movement is having difficulty in attracting Secretariat members. They are putting efforts into the development of a Pastoral Plan for the Diocese hoping to generate greater clergy involvement and welcoming younger people to the Movement, especially those who have already attended TEC. They are looking for someone to take on the challenge of updating and managing their website which has been inoperative for some time.

Weekends: No weekends scheduled at this time.

Prayer request: *Pray for the Secretariat, and the Diocese, that their focus on developing a Pastoral Plan for Cursillo in their Diocese will produce good results.*

Ottawa – (www.oacm.ca)

All Secretariat positions filled and they are awaiting the appointment of a second Spiritual Director; ran two successful summer Ultreyas; Servant Community produced a survey to discover what the needs are of those who have attended a Cursillo weekend and to see where they should go from there. Invited to lead Morning Prayer at Synod and have a table and slide presentation to answer questions about Cursillo.

Weekends Held: Men: November 28-December 1, 2013/Women: November 7-10, 2013

Prayer Request: *For the ongoing work of the Servant Community.*

Niagara & Huron - (www.niagaracursillo.org)

Secretariat hosted a Cursillo Leaders Workshop (CLW) and CACS meeting in October of 2013. They are experiencing enthusiasm amongst their Cursillistas and have a real feeling of a “revival” happening in their Movement, Weekends Planned: Co-ed April 24-27 and October 30-November 2, 2014
Prayer Request: *For growth and development of their Servant community.*

Algoma - Temiskaming Deanery

Two very spirit-filled weekends were held in the Fall of 2012 and Ultreyas are well attended which are being hosted at different churches in the Deanery. Some interest has been expressed in holding Co-ed Weekends.
Weekends: Men: October 2014/Women: October 2014
Prayer Request: *Pray for a heightened interest and increased participation locally and nationwide both in the lay membership and Clerical level.*

Qu’Appelle – (www.quappellecursillo.org)

Much energy has been given to planning a first ever Co-ed Weekend and their Lay Director was invited to do a presentation on Cursillo at Synod.
Co-ed Weekend held: November 14-17, 2013
Prayer Request: *To open the hearts of His faithful people in the pews to hearing the pulpit talks – to give Cursillistas the courage to step out in their environments to witness to the love of Christ in their lives.*

Edmonton – (www.edmontoncursillo.ca)

The Movement sponsored an evening with Michael Harvey in June 2013 where he talked about “Back to Church Sunday”.
Co-ed Weekend held: November 21-24, 2013
Prayer Request: *Pray for new Secretariat members and a renewal and refreshment of Cursillo in the Diocese.*

Calgary – (www.cursillo.ab.ca)

The Calgary Cursillo Movement participated, both financially and physically, with the flood recovery program in Calgary.
Weekends were held: Men: October 31-November 3/Women: November 7-10, 2013
Prayer Request: *That our candidate numbers continue to be stable at the level experienced in recent weekends.*

BC - (www.cursillobc.com)

No report received at the CACS meeting in October 2013.

For those looking to connect with member of CACS and for all CACS guideline papers, you can find us at www.anglicancursillo.com



October 2013 CACS Meeting

The October 2013 CACS meeting was held in the Diocese of Niagara from October 6-8. The meetings were held at the Church of the Nativity in Hamilton. We thank the congregation of that lovely Church for making us feel welcomed and providing us with space for the CLW which was held for the two and a half days prior to our CACS meetings.

We mentioned in our last Newsletter that a paper was being prepared to help Diocesan Secretariats navigate the issue of Liability. Our draft document is in the hands of a lawyer who is checking it to see if it is a suitable document to share with our Secretariats across the country. We are hoping that document will be available following our June meeting.

The following Helpful Hints papers have been approved for the following and will appear on the website:

- a) Men and Cursillo,
- b) Recruiting Diocesan Secretariat Members

You will also find a Helpful Hints paper there on “Continuing Education of Cursillo Secretariats” which was approved earlier.

These Helpful Hints papers are an attempt to share with Secretariats some of the experiences which have worked for others and hopefully will help sister organizations.

You will find “Revised” Guideline papers on the website for:

- a) A Planning Guide for a Cursillo Triennial Meeting
- b) Canadian Anglican Cursillo Website

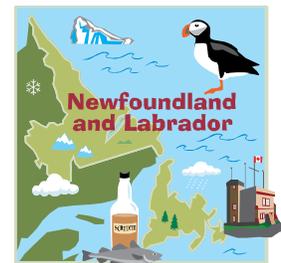
Also, two new guideline papers have been approved:

- a) Revitalizing a Cursillo Movement, and
- b) Re-starting a Closed Cursillo Movement

Several other older guideline papers are still under review and you will be informed of those changes in the future.

There was a discussion about the CACS Facebook page and how it could be more interactive and gather more followers. There were suggestions that a question such as “What excites you about Cursillo?” be posted to see if this would elicit some responses which might tell us about the evolving challenges Cursillo seem to be having across this country. This could also show us that there is still real excitement about Cursillo within the country which we could learn from.

We discussed the upcoming **CAC Triennial 2015** which is happening in **Gander, Newfoundland** from **August 28-30, 2015**. Please note these are dates for the Triennial and General Meeting as the Planning Committee in Central Newfoundland had to find an alternate date when the venue had been double booked for the June dates. We look forward to seeing many of you in Gander in 2015.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



To the members of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo family:

“Be Still and Know that I am God” Psalm 46: vs. 10

In the last issue of the Rooster Tales, I used the above quote from Psalm 46 and explained why I used it. Little did I realize then how much I would rely on this and other scriptures when my husband was diagnosed in September with Prostate Cancer. We waited for surgery until January and then waited another six weeks to find out the results of the histology report. That report was an excellent

one and gave us much to be grateful for. Although Victor is doing quite well, he is still dealing with a residual issue, which we hope will be resolved in the months ahead.

We want you to know that the many prayers which were raised to God on Victor's behalf over this period of time was amazing and at the same time, quite humbling for both of us. Our God is there and watches over us know matter what the situation. Victor was truly moved by the tumbling down of God's grace upon him, much of which he attributes to your prayers.

Now that my life is starting to return to something like normal, it is time to look at what is happening with the health of Cursillo across this great Church of ours. At our meeting in October in Hamilton, Ontario, we heard about how a couple of our Movements are really struggling to continue functioning, while others are sensing a "revival" in the Movement as the numbers of people attending Cursillo Weekends, Ultreyas and other events is increasing; and there are other Movements which are quite healthy and continuing to hold weekends, Ultreyas and other Cursillo events with much success. We need to share that joy and enthusiasm which we all remember from our Cursillo weekends with our sister Movements that are struggling.

In order to help, we need you to let us know in what ways our CAC Secretariat can help you. We have asked questions on the Spring 2014 Report form which we would encourage you to answer because what you tell us may very well help one of your sister Movements to move into a place of renewal. When we meet in Regina the first week in June, we will be looking to your Diocesan Reports for information which we can share with those Secretariats that are struggling in order to help them get back on "good grounding" and a spirit of joy and enthusiasm.

The Servant Community of the Central Newfoundland Cursillo Movement are very excited about welcoming you to Gander, Newfoundland for the CAC Triennial and General Meeting in 2015 from August 28-30. Perhaps you might plan to take a vacation while you are there and enjoy the beauty and hospitality of that beautiful, rugged Province.

We ask you to continue to pray for each other, the other Cursillo Movements across the country, particularly Fredericton and British Columbia, and for your CAC Secretariat, as we continue to pray for you.

Ultreya and Blessings, Victoria Henrikson

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 and 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: The 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 Caledonia

Sunday Pray for your own Diocesan Movement

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

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Communication and Diocesan Pastoral Plans

On the Fall 2013 Diocesan Report Form, we asked you to provide us with some responses to questions dealing with the above two items. Many of you responded to our questions and some of you did not but the following is a summary of the responses you generously offered:

Communication – We asked a number of questions related to communications in all areas of Cursillo. One suggested sending a letter to Diocesan Bishops asking that Cursillo be encouraged at the Parish level; sharing of common solutions re what works and what does not; some of you use the CACS and NEC libraries at each of your Secretariat meetings; some of you ask your Secretariat to read the particular guideline which relates to topics on the Agenda prior to the meeting; at least one of you used the guidelines to help develop a Diocesan Vision and another was brave enough to say they do not use any of these Libraries but turn to their CACS representative for assistance. Many of you said that when you use the Libraries that they are helpful and provide insights in to questions; some have used the guidelines for talks on Sponsorship, Group Reunions and Ultreya which were given at Grand Ultreyas and Welcome Back Ultreyas. One Secretariat said the Libraries are helpful in showing how the Movement should function and what it should look like but do not necessarily provide a roadmap as to how to get there. Some said they use the Libraries in planning and training for Weekends; one said every member of their Secretariat has both the CACS and NEC Libraries. One Movement said they use their best resource, their CACS representative when they need help.

Starting Group Reunions - When we asked the question about “providing a helping hand to get Group Reunions started” your responses were: We encourage this on the weekend and then offer a “join a group” or “start a group” option via the website; Following the Cursillo weekends, a servant community meeting is held where people have an opportunity to form a group reunion; We did this after our first two weekends but not since but we will put it on our Secretariat agenda for discussion as it could prove useful again; Secretariat members attend Ultreyas and are vigilant about asking if everyone is in a Group and we certainly act as connectors between our members and groups; One reminded Sponsors of the importance of ensuring new Cursillistas get into a group. A couple of responses were that they tried the “helping hand” a few years ago and it didn’t work and another that they did not do this on a regular basis due to lack of human resources and the issue of isolation of Cursillistas.

CACS Rooster Tales Newsletter & Website - On the question as to whether or not the Rooster Tales Newsletter and the Website were useful and informative, you told us they are both useful and use them all the time and that they are informative. A couple of Movements said they don’t rely on the Website as much as they should due to lack of time.

Pastoral Plan – When we asked whether or not Cursillo is a part of your Diocesan Strategic/Mission Plan, several of you responded that you were currently working on this; four Movements said “yes” they were definitely part of the Diocesan Strategic/Mission Plan; one Bishop apparently responded that he is in favour of Cursillo but that Clergy in his Diocese feel it is outdated and it would not do any good to speak with Priests in the Diocese about Cursillo; however, the Movement will have a look at it again in the future. For one Diocese, all Bishops in the past 26 years have been Cursillistas and have been involved in Secretariat, Servant Community and on Cursillo Weekends; the current Bishop has assured the Secretariat that Cursillo is definitely part of the Diocesan Plan.

We hope there is something in the above information which you will find of use as you carry out your Cursillo Ministry in your Diocese.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

These are the only planned Cursillo Weekends that we are aware of at this time:

Central Newfoundland	Co-ed	May 2014
Western Newfoundland	Co-ed	May 2014
Niagara & Huron	Co-ed	April 24-27 and Oct 30-Nov 2, 2014
Algoma/Temiskaming	Men’s & Women’s	Oct 2014



CACS Facebook Page

“Like us” on our Facebook page and spread the joy of being one in communion with our brothers and sisters across the country, joined in the sharing of our faith through “make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ”



“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13