



Cursillo of the Bismarck Diocese

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The 4th Day

Greetings my brother and sister Cursillistas! I hope your summer was filled with enjoyable downtime and that we were all able to recharge our batteries for everything the Fall brings us!

I could use this article to talk about how my preparations are going for the 2020 Cursillo Weekend, but it would be a very boring article as I have not done all that much yet! So what I decided to do instead was to talk about the 4th Day. I would like to encourage all of us (myself included) to actively live out and participate in our 4th Days. Now that Fall is upon us, we are all settling in to our regular routines. Include Small Group Reunions, Ultreya, and School of Leaders in those schedules. As a refresher:

Small Group Reunions are groups you form with fellow Catholics where you can comfortably talk about your faith journey. A good group size is 4 to 6 people. While these are typically fellow Cursillistas, they don't necessarily have to be. Form a group with some current friends, or maybe some fellow parishioners from your church. I think there is a great desire for Christians to be with fellow Christians they are comfortable sharing their faith with - the joys and sorrows, the successes and the failures, the challenges and the victories. The ideal schedule for Small Groups would be to meet once a week. If you are just starting a group, that could seem a bit daunting. Don't let that prevent you! Start with meeting once a month and grow from there.

Ultreya is held once a month (see schedule on this newsletter). It starts with group reunion, then is followed by a witness talk. I can only speak for the Dickinson Ultreya, but our speakers have been wonderful. It is always so inspiring to hear the faith journey of others!

School of Leaders is also held once a month. This too starts with group reunion, but is then followed by a technique talk, which is learning more about an aspect of the Cursillo movement. After that, we have a spiritual development talk given by Father with discussion to follow. The topics that Fr Bill has brought to School of Leaders in Dickinson have been extremely interesting, thought provoking, and great areas for growth in my life. As a note: School of Leaders is open to ALL Cursillistas. The name "Leaders" seems to have gotten the wrong connotation that it is just for the Rector(a)s - past, present, and future. But in fact, it is for all of us. We are all Leaders in our faith. School of Leaders gives us the tools we need to lead ourselves and others into a deeper relationship with Jesus and to live a deeper faith filled life.

These are the 4th Day activities that the Cursillo Movement promotes. All of them have their own benefits, but they all work best when done together. I encourage you, if you have not had the opportunity to take part in any of these, strive this year to incorporate at least one into your regular schedule. If you do take part in one, I challenge you to make two of them part of your life. If your area does not have an Ultreya or School of Leaders, instead of waiting for someone else to do something, be a Leader and work to get one started!

Kim Kostelecky
2020 Rectora

Pray for a successful weekend

I pray that this letter finds you in good spirits as we move towards the 2020 Cursillo weekends. I want to encourage everyone to start to think and pray for the upcoming candidates. I would also challenge everyone to come back to the weekend this year.

Everyone involved with the weekend impacts the candidates in some way, either by prayer or involvement in their faith journey. You just never know how important your involvement is in the lives of the people you interact with and how that can change their lives forever.

Sincerely,
Jeremy LaQua
2020 Rector

School of Leaders

School of Leaders meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of every month in Dickinson at St. Patrick's Church Parish Center at 6:30 PM MDT CST. EVERYONE WELCOME.

Please consider giving a monetary donation to Cursillo of the Bismarck Diocese. If you are able to make a donation, please make the checks out to

**Cursillo of the Bismarck Diocese PO Box 263,
Dickinson, ND 58601 Thank You**

Future Cursillo Newsletters

Due to the high cost of mailing 4 – 5 newsletters per year, the Secretariat decided to instead post the newsletter on its new website: **bismarckcursillo.com/**. The plan is to send out an email to give notice of future newsletters. This issue will be the last newsletter by US Mail. Please send your e-mail to bismarckcursillo@gmail.com so that the newsletter can be sent to you. Please check out the new website for weekend dates, registration form, newsletter, etc.

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Daryl Kostelecky, Lay Director

Cursillo Website

The Cursillo of the Bismarck Diocese has a website for everyone to go to for more information on the Cursillo Movement. The website is <http://bismarckcursillo.com/>

Cursillo Weekend Dates

March 5 – 8, 2020 Men's Weekend
March 19 – 22, 2020 Women's Weekend

Dickinson Ultreya will be on First Thursday at Queen of Peace Catholic Church starting at 7:00 PM
Bismarck Ultreya the 1st Tuesday of the month at Marillac Manor @ 7 PM