



The Rooster Review!

The newsletter of Central Virginia Cursillo
February 2020

Introducing the Upcoming 531st Women's Cursillo Team! Shalom House, Montpelier, VA – February 20th – 23rd, 2020 “Faith Filled Servants”



| Name | Role & Talk | Church |
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| Valery Bates | TMAT - Leaders | Cathedral of the Sacred Heart |
| Joanne Biddulph | TMAT – Lay Person in the Church | St. Mary's, Ladysmith |
| Carolyn Flowers | Angel – Study of the Environment | St. Mary's, Ladysmith |
| Kaitlin Cox | Liturgy - Piety | St. James, Hopewell |
| Gigi Curtain | Rectora | Cathedral of the Sacred Heart |
| Kim Curtis | Liturgy – Ideal | St. James, Hopewell |
| Ellen Herod | Archangel | St. Ann's, Colonial Heights |
| Kate McCaffrey | TMAT - Study | St. Ann's, Ashland |
| Becky Scalone | Assistant Rectora – Ultreya and Group Reunion | St. Paul's |
| Tina Sebak | Angel – Christianity In Action | St. Mary's, Ladysmith |
| Jane Walsh | Head of Liturgy | St. Mary's, Ladysmith |
| Deborah Wilmoth | TMAT - Action | St. Augustine |
| Deacon Chris Coville | Spiritual Director | Church of the Redeemer |
| Scott Fisher | Spiritual Director | St. Joseph, Petersburg |
| Twink Fisher | Spiritual Director | St. Joseph, Petersburg |
| Paula Flynn | Spiritual Director | St. John Neumann |

And our every present Guest: THE HOLY SPIRIT!!

Opening: Thursday, February 20th, 2019, 7:30PM – *BRING SNACKS, DRINKS AND PALANCA!*

Shalom House – 15340 Robert Terrell Road, Montpelier, VA 23192

Closing: Sunday, February 23rd, 2019, 4:00pm (gather at 3:30) – *BRING FOOD AND DRINKS!*

St. Ann's Church – 105 S. Snead St., Ashland, VA 23005

Set-Up / Clean-Up contact: Russ Wisler, rwisler@embarqmail.com; arrive at 3:00pm please!

Palanca: St. Ann's Ashland, Epiphany, St. James, Hopewell

Emergencies-Only Contact: Becky Scalone 804-240-9774

Welcome the Babe Chicks of the 527th Men's Cursillo

"Be The One"



Starting back row nearest the altar left to right:
 John Ortiz, Desi Wynter, Joey Langford, Jim Hayes
 Ramon Fiol, Steve Turner, Jeanette Ortiz, Danny Belcher, Jim Morrow
 Steve Haut, Chris Carey, Joel Nuckols, Jim Long, Steve Brophy, Steve Czevczek
 Kathy Haut, Dave Schweiger, Mike Hadank, Hank Duarte, Bill Prescott, Tom Pakurar, Joe Strain
 front row: Tom McElwee, Osayimwense Osa

| Team | | Babe Chicks | |
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| <u>Name</u> | <u>Role & Talk</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Church</u> |
| Steve Brophy | Rector | Danny Belcher | St. Augustine |
| Hank Duarte | TMAT – Study of the Environment | Chris Carey | St. Gabriel |
| Ramon Fiol | Liturgy – Layperson In The Church | Steve Czenczak | Epiphany |
| Jim Hayes | Head Squire - Ideal | Andrew Fortune | St. Benedict |
| Joey Langford | Liturgy – Christianity In Action | Mike Hadank | St. Gabriel |
| Tom McElwee | TMAT – Group Reunion | Jim Long | St. Paul's |
| Joel Nuckols | Assistant Rector | Jim Morrow | St. Gabriel |
| Thom Pakurar | Squire - Leaders | Osayimwense Osa | St. Joseph |
| Patrick Stockton | TMAT - Ultreya | Bill Prescott | Sacred Heart N.B. |
| Steve Turner | Liturgy - Action | Dave Schweiger | St. Ann's Ashland |
| Joe Strain | Tech Squire - Piety | | |
| Desi Wynter | TMAT - Study | | |
| Deacon Steve Haut | Spiritual Director | | |
| Kathy Haut | Spiritual Director | | |
| Johnie Ortiz | Spiritual Director | | |
| Jeanette Ortiz | Spiritual Director | | |

And our ever present Guest: THE HOLY SPIRIT!!!

The St John's site was a big success! Special thanks to the St John community and extra-special thanks to Dan Duhan for stepping up to organize the meal palanca!!
 We are planning on utilizing St. John's for at least the next two October weekends!!

Message from the Co-Chairpersons:

Hello 2020!!! Let us SEE the New Year in with better than 20/20 vision! Yes, we may refer to 20/20 vision as "perfect vision" but it's not really. People have even better vision acuity. Let's not only SEE the New Year in, more importantly, let's "DO" the New Year right!

Our focus in Cursillo is sharing God's love. A Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christianity that brings people closer to God and re-energizes their relationship with Him and with all His people. As Cursillistas, the more active each of us is in Cursillo, the more likely we will successfully help with growing this spiritual movement. Cursillo is an awesome Evangelization tool which helps us reach out to others. (Always have a Cursillo application close at hand, extend an invitation to Ultreyas, carpool to Ultreyas when possible.) Please challenge yourself this year to begin actively pursuing sponsorship. We have people in Cursillo who have sponsored many candidates over the years, but we all need to be more active in this area. Our motto, Make a friend. Be a friend, Bring a friend to Christ, outlines Sponsorship steps. You may think that you don't know anyone to sponsor but we all know people who we speak to but we don't actually know them because we haven't spent any time with them. Get to know some of them. Spend more time socializing at church by coming early or by staying after Mass or by joining in a new-to-you activity or by inviting someone to share a meal. Be your authentic self; Wear your Cursillo cross (conversation starter); Share your friendly smile often (It's very healthy for you & for the person who smiles back at you.);

Start conversations with a smile, a greeting and a question. It's not hard to DO this but requires that we put ourselves in another frame of mind and to DO what we are thinking we should. We need to develop that "Do It Anyway" attitude when we feel excuses rising to not take that next right step. We are all Ambassadors of Love & Goodwill for God. We are the hands and feet of Jesus. We need to generously share our gift of love whenever possible.

"First do what is necessary, then do what is possible, before long you will find yourself doing the impossible."

St. Francis of Assisi

Let's re-energize our own faith, eliminate 20/20 hindsight, and step forward into 2020 with a new and improved vision to help others on their faith journeys. **DeColores!**

Galen W. Potter and Janet Potter, CVCC Co-Chairs
(Feb. 2002 – Table of John) (Nov. 2005 – Table of Courage)

Message from the Spiritual Director:

Recently, in the Diocese of Richmond, we began a yearlong celebration of the bicentennial of our founding. The history of Catholicism in Virginia has been one of struggle, triumphs, failings, and persistence. Like Catholicism elsewhere in the South, Catholics have been and still are a minority. As such we have followed a different developmental path and a different mentality from that in the great dioceses of the Northeast and upper Midwest. One of the factors that has helped Catholicism thrive in Virginia is the role of Cursillo which first came here in the early 70's.

The theme for this bicentennial is a message of evangelization, "Shine like stars in the world" taken from Philippians (2: 15-16). The second reading for the first Mass of the celebration was from the Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47) and speaks of these early communities and how they grew in their practice of the message of Jesus and how they were like stars shining for Christ in the world. We can see the roots of Cursillo in the way these communities followed Jesus.

St. Luke tells us that they came together in communities and shared their possessions and their talents in common. Daily they prayed and celebrated the Eucharist. They had sincerity, awe, joy, and exultation in their hearts and enjoyed favor with all the people. That latter idea means that their witness to others was a positive influence. Such a favorable witness allows people to see your spiritual life and hopefully want what you have. That is true evangelization. The passage ends; "the Lord added to their number." So, this worldly witness must have worked very well. Christians still live in a culture with very different values than our own and have always been challenged and sometimes persecuted for what and how we believe. Cursillo helps Christians witness to Christ in these environments.

As Cursillistas in the 21st century, we are called to continue to shine like stars in the world and redouble our efforts to Christianize our environments. We must witness our faith at home and in the workplace and throughout Virginia. By an authentic witness, all people we meet will be drawn to the joy and enthusiasm we have for our Christian faith.

And we must never miss the opportunity to bring our friends into closer relationship with Christ when the time is right by inviting them on the life changing experience of a Cursillo Weekend.

May this year bring special blessings to our diocese and by our efforts our Cursillo Movement and Catholic faith

Deacon Steve Haut, Spiritual Director, Central Virginia Cursillo Center

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ!

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Upcoming Events

| <u>Ultreyas (7:30PM)</u> | <u>Other Events</u> |
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| Valentine's Day Party February 14th – Holy Rosary, Richmond | Women's Weekend, Opening Ceremony February 20 th at 7:30 PM, Shalom House |
| 4 th Friday Ultreya February 28 th – Sacred Heart, Prince George | Women's Weekend, Closing Ceremony February 23 rd at 4:00 PM, St. Ann's Ashland |
| 2 nd Friday Ultreya March 13 th – St. Bridget's, Richmond | Men's Weekend, Opening Ceremony April 23 rd at 7:30 PM, Shalom House |
| 4 th Friday Ultreya March 27 th – St. Mary's, Ladysmith | Men's Weekend, Closing Ceremony April 26 th at 4:00 PM, St. Ann's Ashland |

For more details about events visit our Website: <http://www.centralvacursillo.org>
 Review "Events"

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