



The Rooster Review!

The newsletter of Central Virginia Cursillo
September 2021

Dates for the next Cursillo weekends confirmed!

Start making a friend, being a friend, and bringing that friend to Christ! We have confirmed dates, locations, Spiritual Directors, AND we have a Rector and a Rectora! Team information will be sent out as formations begin. For now, please spend some time discerning if you're being called to be on one of the 're-launch' teams! And of course, it's never too early to recruit candidates.

(Note: Vaccination/COVID policies are still in discussion – we welcome your input!)

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
Women's	July 14 – 17 th , 2022	Sacred Heart New Bohemia
Men's	Sept 29 – Oct 2, 2022	St. John's, Dinwiddie



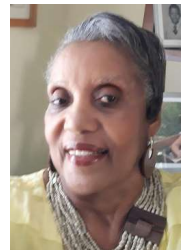
Welcome Joe Strain, New IT Coordinator



CVCC is thrilled to introduce Joe Strain as the new IT coordinator. Joe comes to us from St Mary's on Gayton road, where he has attended for the past 14 years. He made his weekend in 2009 at the Benedictine Abbey in Goochland and sat at the Table of St Thomas the Doubter. He has been on 5 teams since then, serving as a tech squire and as a TMAT. Joe will be getting married on September 18th, to Brenda Hartless (2002 Table of God's Healing). These two met 2 years ago after Brenda's small group reunion encouraged her to reach out to Joe, to escort her to some Christmas party. Joe's outside interests include anything to do with biking, culinary arts, croquet, and trying to find the end of the internet. Welcome Joe, and thank you for your service!

Welcome Joanna Haliday, New Pre-Cursillo Coordinator

CVCC is delighted to introduce Joanna Haliday as the second new pre-Cursillo coordinator. Joanna comes to us from Holy Rosary parish, where she has attended for 40 years. She made her weekend in October 2000 at the Abbey and sat at the Table of Mary Guardian of the Unborn. She has been on two teams since then, serving as a TMAT both times. Her family includes two sons, Charles E. Hughes, III and David M. Hughes; two daughters, Janice B. Hairston and Anna M. Walker; and six grand-daughters. Her outside interests include various ministries at Holy Rosary and community activities.



Ultreyas are no long Zoom! See the schedule on page 4. We had our first in-person Ultreya on 8/20 and it was a huge success with approximately 40 people attending. Hope to see you at the next one!

Want Ads!

As we continue to welcome those who have answered the call to serve, we still have a few positions available to those called to serve the community. Some committee members are still covering multiple positions in order to keep things going – those positions are available as well!. Please review the below job descriptions and contact any member of the CVCC if you are called to serve!

Newsletter Distributor

Role:

To prepare Cursillo newsletter (Rooster Review) for mailing

Responsibilities:

Prepares the Rooster Review for mailing:

Print mailing labels

Get the newsletter from the printer

Place a mailing label on each newsletter

Place two mailing seals on each newsletter

Separate newsletters into the first three numbers of their zip code groups

Count newsletters in each group

Fill out paperwork needed to hand in at the Post Office

Take prepared newsletters and paperwork to US Post Office for mailing which involves the following:

Taking newsletters to “bulk mailing” at Brook Road or Glen Allen Post Office

Arrange payment by personal check

Get a Post Office receipt for payment and submit the receipt to the treasurer for reimbursement

Provide feedback to CVCC as needed

Requirements:

Basic organizational skills as determined by the CVCC Coordinating Committee

A Cursillista active in the Cursillo movement

Appointment made by CVCC Coordinating Committee

Group Reunion Coordinator

Role:

To manage Cursillo small group database.

Responsibilities:

Gathers information on group reunions.

Updates group reunion database.

Provides database to Website Coordinator in order to have it posted on CVCC website.

Requirements:

Basic organizational skills as determined by the CVCC Coordinating Committee

A Cursillista active in the Cursillo movement.

Appointment made by CVCC Coordinating Committee.

Message from the Chairperson:

On Thursday, September 2nd the daily Gospel reading was from Luke. It told the story we are all familiar with, the initial calling of Simon Peter and his companions by Jesus. Pope Benedict XVI has written a very moving meditation on this passage. In the Gospel, Luke tells us that Jesus instructs Simon to "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon, somewhat reluctantly, obeys the teacher and puts out his nets. Immediately they catch a great number of fish and must call on their partners, James and John, to help them. When Simon realizes what has happened, he recognizes Jesus for who he is and tells him to depart because he is a sinful man.

What Pope Benedict points out in his meditation is that in the beginning Simon calls Jesus "teacher" or "rabbi", he sees him as one with authority and so he obeys. After the catch, Simon sees Jesus for who he really is and calls him "Kyrie", in other words he addresses him as God. Now here is what is new to me in Pope Benedict's meditation: he says Simon has made a journey. He has transversed the path from rabbi to Lord, from teacher to Son.

We, all of us, are on a journey. Our journey has been interrupted by this pandemic we have lived through this past year. It's time for us to return to that journey. It is our life's mission to constantly move in the direction towards God. We have re-started in-person Ultreya's. We have started the planning process and selected a Rectora and Rector for the first post-pandemic women's and men's weekends. We are also facing new variants and challenges with this virus.

The CVCC recognizes and accepts its responsibility to ensure everyone's safety as we return to our mission. We will not make decisions based on political rhetoric or media opinions. We will follow the guidance provided us from the Diocese and from the Virginia Department of Health. We will use common sense and not try to find some "one solution for all people". If anyone has any concerns or questions, please contact any member of the committee, and share those concerns. We are meeting again on September 19th and will be discussing this topic. We want to hear from you, and we want to make sure you all not only are safe but, feel safe. Our journey must continue.

Thank you and DeColores!

Russell Titone, CVCC Chair

July 2015 – St. Peter The Fisherman

Message from the Central Virginia Cursillo Center Spiritual Director:

Not much to say this time around other than to add a note of encouragement and hope in unsettled times. In the last Rooster Review both Russ and I expressed the optimism that was widespread in July of finally emerging from under the oppressive thumb of the pandemic. How quickly this change! We are back worrying about a new surge and in some ways obliged to reinstate some of the precautionary behaviors from earlier in the year. Well, it goes to show you that life is a journey not a destination and the path back to normal, whatever that will be, is tortuous and not a straight line.

Previously I likened the time under COVID restrictions to the lamentations of the Jewish Exile in Babylon. Now, I think our experience is like the Exodus from Egypt. I am sure the Israelites would have liked to go directly to the promised land but God had a different idea. They would wander for 40 years as various adventures and encounters and battles forged them into a united people, a nation faithful and united under the One God.

There is still a silver lining to our journey this time. Many of us are vaccinated. But the virus is a relentless and clever enemy and it mutates to defeat us. Nevertheless, we all have begun to resume activities that point to normalcy. With proper precautions, we are going out to be with people again at restaurants and other gatherings.

For Cursillistas, we have resumed in person Ultreyas and with hope, planning Cursillo Weekends for next year. I am glad to say, attendance at Ultreyas has been encouraging, much like attendance at Sunday Masses, it is slowly recovering. Please consider joining us when you yourselves feel comfortable and begin prayerfully considering friends in Christ that may benefit from a Weekend, it's never too later to plant the seed.

Keep safe, wear a mask to protect others, and get vaccinated.

We as Catholics and Americans too are wandering these days and hopefully with prayer and resolve we too will reach a promised land as a united people.

God bless all till we meet again. Onward!!!

Deacon Steve Haut, Spiritual Director, Central Virginia Cursillo Center

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Upcoming Events

<u>Ultreyas (7:30PM)</u>	<u>Other Events</u>
4 th Friday Ultreya September 24 th – TBD – Watch for Emails	Women's Weekend, Opening Ceremony July 14 th at 7:30 PM, Sacred Heart New Bohemia
2 nd Friday Ultreya October 8 th – St. Paul's, Richmond	Women's Weekend, Closing Ceremony July 17 th at 4:00 PM, Sacred Heart New Bohemia
4 th Friday Ultreya October 22 nd – St. John's Highland Springs	Men's Weekend, Opening Ceremony September 29 th at 7:30 PM, St. John's Dinwiddie
2 nd Friday Ultreya November 12 th – St. John Neumann, Powhatan	Men's Weekend, Closing Ceremony October 2 nd at 4:00 PM, St. John's Dinwiddie
For more details about events visit our Website: http://www.centralvacursillo.org Review "Events"	

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