



March 2006

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Lay Director's Report — We Are So Blessed!

We have so much to thank God for with respect to Cursillo. For many of us, it illuminated our lives, and for some, it changed our lives...forever. We are a wonderful community with a brand new home in San Francisco. This is a time we are being called and challenged to help this new home grow and become the place so many have dreamed of for years.

This new home is opening doors to our bonding with other Secretariats. What could be more positive than joining forces and working together with fellow Cursillistas? There are committees that need to be filled and monetary donations and donations of time that are necessary to see this home become a reality. Some of what's needed to make St. Anne's work is: creating space for lockers for each Secretariat (no more shed in Walnut Creek!), fundraising, help with the Facilities and Improvements committee. Sub-committees to list and evaluate what needs to be done in different parts of the building need to be filled. There is a need for wastebaskets for bedrooms, towel racks, soap, hangers, and curtains. Mattress covers are

another necessity. Physical help is needed at the building on April 1, and April 15, from 9-1. Please contact Sue at suemcnaughton@yahoo.com if any of these things work for you.



This is also a time of reflection for us. As you are probably aware, we have had a difficult time filling our Cursillo weekends with candidates – now that has spilled over to a difficulty filling teams. We are troubled by these numbers, but in this real world, it also presents another problem – that of financing our weekends. Wherever we hold our weekends, we are under contract

for a certain amount of money. With these issues haunting us, it has been decided by the Secretariat, to cancel the fall '06 co-ed Cursillo. This doesn't mean we are giving up in any way. It is a time to find a way to spark our community once again. It's a time to devote our energy and spirit to rebuilding our community. Fourth Day

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CHRIST IS COUNTING ON US, AND HE HAS NO OTHER PLAN!

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groups are one of the keys. If you aren't in a fourth day group, start one. It only takes two. Attend Ultreyas, sponsor a candidate, work on a team. Cursillo doesn't work if it isn't carried on by those who benefited from it. Grant Davis (granted@chaosdog.com) is the Rector for the upcoming men's weekend. The dates for this weekend are: May 4-7. Joanna Henrichs (joannah@ispwest.com) is the Rectora for the upcoming women's, June 1-4. Both teams need team members and candidates. They would love to hear from you!!

In our Episcopal diocese, we are about to elect a new Bishop. One of the candidates is a Cursillista and has served as a Spiritual Director on Cursillo weekends. This would be a dream-come-true to have a Bishop who would support Cursillo. It can't help but put a positive

spin on recruiting future Episcopal Spiritual Directors for our teams. So, all of you Episcopalian Cursillistas, make it known to your delegates to the convention that this is important to you. If possible, attend one of the church meetings where all the candidates will be available for questions, etc. Let's hear what all of the candidates have to say and let's not shy away from letting it be known that Cursillo support is important to this diocese.

Some of this has not been easy to write, but HOPE for our future is strong and our faith in God is our strength. We ask for your prayers and your part of the spark that will ignite us to do God's work through Cursillo.

De Colores!

Halle Kistenmacher

ROCK OF MY SALVATION

The Men's 2006 Cursillo Weekend is planned for May 4-7 at the beautiful Angela Center in Santa Rosa. Our rector is Grant Davis, assisted by core team of Tim Koonze, John McCown, Steve Shaffer, Rod Whitehouse, and Craig Wilson. Dick Brown is serving as shepherd and mentor to the team. Much of the core team this year was also part of the slightly revolutionary men's team of 2005 and Grant has organized the team and weekend following many of the practices that were so successful last year. Tim, John, Steve, and Craig are serving as co-rectors, each in charge of one day of the weekend (Thursday evening being counted as the fourth in this structure). The cooks will be organized in three main sub-groups, corresponding to the three days of the weekend. Each will have one primary day in the kitchen, one support day for another team, and one "day off" to spend in the rollo room.

The theme for this year's men's weekend is "Rock of My Salvation." The theme song, of the same name, has been written just for this weekend by lead musician Rod Whitehouse and rector Grant Davis. It's a wonderful song which can be listened-to or downloaded from the team web page at <http://cursilloca.org/mens2006>. The schedule and other up-to-the-minute information can also be seen there.

We have not seen a lot of candidates in recent years for any of our weekends. **Note that the coed weekend, held in past years in the fall, has been cancelled due to the limited number of candidates we've been seeing. So the only opportunities men and women will have this year to make Cursillo are the**

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spring weekends. Please, PLEASE, prayerfully look around you and consider who could receive the Cursillo experience into their lives in a way that would both enrich their own faith walk and help them to better serve our gracious Lord for the rest of their lives. Cursillo is a blessing from God, meant to be

shared with others. Who can YOU share this gift with? Who can YOU sponsor? Do it NOW, for them and for God! Applications are available online at our community website, cursilloca.org in the "Documents" section.

God's blessings to all from the Men's Team!

WHERE THERE IS LOVE

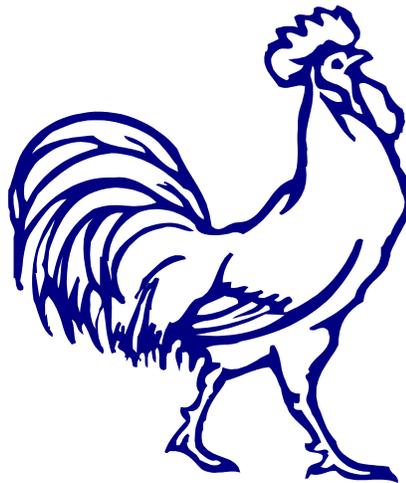
This spring's Women's Cursillo weekend will be held on June 1-4, 2006. The theme of the Women's Spring Cursillo and the theme song, are "Where There Is Love" by Rosemary Crow. Mrs. Crow is a Cursillista from North Carolina and an incredible musician, who has graciously allowed the use of her music for this weekend.

Team meetings are Fridays March 10th, March 24th, March 31st, April 7th and April 21st at 7:30 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek. The All Day meeting, with Team Commissioning, will be on Saturday April 29th from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 555 - 37th Street at Roosevelt Avenue in Richmond.

Sponsor's night will be at St. Paul's, Walnut Creek, on Friday May 12th at 6:00 PM.

At this time, 15 wonderful Cursillistas have signed on as team members and there are 8 equally wonderful Core Team members, but we are lacking a Musician. I know there is a splendid musician out there who will be free, willing, and able, but for some reason she (or he) is not on the Work List. If this talented singer/player is you,

please contact me joannah@ispwest.com. Please note, that we will gladly accept a musician whose prior experience is solely with a Men's team! This is Equal Opportunity knocking! Remember, He or She who sings, prays twice! I am also still accepting other team applications if you or someone you know, would like to be on this team, and is free for all the above dates.



SPONSORS!!! For all of our Cursillo friends, our weekends would be unnecessary if we had no candidates. When someone sponsored you, love burst forth in many hearts. I urge you to fulfill your commission - To make a friend, Be a friend, Bring that friend to Christ. And if you look at your Cursillo cross, the other part of that commission is "Christ Is Counting On You". So all you sponsors

out there, I hope to see many of you on May 12th, June 1st, June 4th at Clausura, and at Cursillo Beyond, which is planned for Saturday June 24th with the Men's weekend, location to be determined.

Blessings in His name

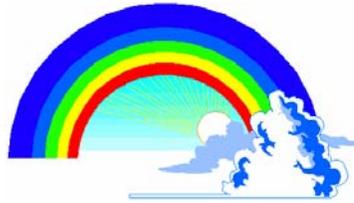
Joanna Henrichs, Rectora



Which *Servant Community* do your talents fit?

God is calling you! Can you hear Him?

Can you say, "Here I am Lord!"



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Upcoming Events!

March 2006

28 - Secretariat Meeting @ St. Stephens, Orinda
Contact: Halle Kistenmacher (925) 933-8235
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April 2006

25 - Secretariat Meeting @ St. Stephens, Orinda
Contact: Halle Kistenmacher (925) 933-8235
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May 2006

4-6 - Men's Cursillo Weekend, Angela Center, Santa Rosa
Contact: Grant Davis (510) 469-8386
E-Mail: granted@chaosdog.com

23 - Secretariat Meeting @ St. Stephens, Orinda
Individual Servant Community Meetings This Month

Jun. 2006

1-4 - Women's Cursillo Weekend, Angela Center,
Santa Rosa
Contact: Joanna Henrichs (510) 526-4127

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27 - Secretariat Meeting @ St. Stephens, Orinda
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July 2006

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Aug. 2006

22 - Secretariat Meeting @ St. Stephens, Orinda
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Sep. 2006

26 - Secretariat Meeting @ St. Stephens, Orinda
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