

Anglican Diocese of

Qu'Appelle

Cursillo Movement

2011 Annual Report

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I am a relative newcomer to Cursillo, my first weekend was in November 2010 and what a blessing it was. Now as Spiritual Director I am aware that there is much more to learn.

What an incredible move of the Holy Spirit Cursillo continues to be. Through making a friend and being a friend; attending Ultrix's, Cursillo weekends and 4th day groupings one is encouraged to go deeper in one's Christian discipleship especially in the disciplines of piety, study and apostolic action.

A real joy for me has been working with a group of men on the renovations at St Cuthbert's house and seeing how through, fellowship, the sharing in a common task, praying for one another and in discussions, a 4th day group is emerging. What a joy it was to see one member of this group attend the men's Cursillo weekend and another be a table leader at the same weekend, both for the first time. A weekend which saw both men come away truly blessed and with faith renewed.

Increasingly, as I work with the diocesan mission action plan, the importance of Cursillo in diocesan life cannot be understated especially with regards the urgings of our bishop that every parish engage primarily in four key areas (pillars); evangelism, outreach, enriching worship and small groups.

Though, since my appointment in September, I feel as though, through illness and courses, I have not been as ever present or available as I would have liked. I have attended Secretariat meetings, Ultreyas, training days for the Cursillo weekend and I have met with one member to provide Spiritual Direction.

Thank you all most sincerely for your prayers, words of encouragement and for the opportunity to serve you in the Diocese in this role.

De Colores!

Yours in Christ,

Archdeacon Rob Hardwick

LAY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It has been a year of challenges, blessings and surprises!!!

We held a Day of Deeper Understanding in June at All Saints, Regina, which focused on deepening our understanding of the Cursillo method and skills to become a sponsor for prospective candidates. Sponsorship is an all year task and should be approached as such, not just close to the weekends. Another Day of Deeper Understanding is planned for March 2012.

Our website is up and running thanks to the efforts of Alex Marz, son of Carol Marz. Carol originally added material onto the site, and then Lloyd Begley took over inputting information as it became available.

Diocesan annual fees to CACS (Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat) have been paid up to date for 2011.

Linda Kapasky has been working on the Cursillo Music and Songbooks. They were completed in time for our November weekends, as was our first PowerPoint songbook

NEC (National Episcopal Cursillo) Library – all who are required and need them are in possession of updated binders.

As the Lay Director, Secretariat I will be representing the Diocese of Qu'Appelle at the CACS Triennial Conference in Ottawa June 22-23, 2012 at Carleton University.

We have a name for the soon to be published Qu'Appelle Cursillo Newsletter "Sparks in the Stubble". Lloyd Begley will be publishing January 31st, 2012 and it will be circulated via email to those having this communication device or mailed as required.

We have been greatly blessed by the assistance of folks from Calgary Cursillo once again this year. The men's weekend – candidates only two, but the team used this weekend as training ground for future weekends. The women's weekend candidates boosted our roster by seven new Cursillistas. Remember "slow and steady" growth is healthy.

The Dallas Valley Ranch has been booked for the November 15-18, 2012 weekend. How can the weekend process be simplified, thus eliminating the need for team members from outside Saskatchewan, and yet remain authentic? A meeting of the women's core team plus men who served on the men's weekend to discuss this matter is scheduled for January 7th.

I am rather new to this position, however I feel blessed to be surrounded by new supportive friends working together as a team. They keep me focused on Almighty God as I strive to praise Him and worship Him.

May His blessings be with you this year.

Gwenda Watson

FOURTH-DAY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

This position is responsible for the promotion and planning of all regional Ultreyas throughout the Diocese. At present, all the Ultreyas within the Diocese are diocesan in nature. It is the Secretariat's desire to eventually have local Ultreyas throughout the Diocese organized by, and more accessible to the Cursillistas in our smaller communities as well.

For the past number of years, the Ultreyas are being held monthly throughout the Diocese on a rotation basis from October to May. For 2011-2012, Ultreyas have taken place and/or are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Leader/Organizer</u>
September 10, 2011	St. Mary's, Regina	Carol Marz
October 15, 2011	St. Paul's, Regina	Lorraine Hardwick
December 11, 2011	St. Mary's, Regina	Linda Kapasky
Friday, January 6, 2011 (AGM)	St. Cuthbert's House	Gwenda Watson
January 14, 2012	Holy Trinity, Yorkton	Linda Kapasky
February 11, 2012	St. Mary's, Maple Creek	Linda Kapasky
Friday, March 9, 2012	All Saints, Regina	Linda Kapasky /
Saturday, March 10 th (Day of Deeper Understanding)		Gwenda Watson
April 21, 2012	TBD	TBD
May 26, 2011	TBD	TBD

As you can see above, the April and May Ultreyas still need to be finalized.

The Ultreyas that were held in 2011 were fairly well attended, and the recent one at St. Mary's was the largest yet. Thanks to all of the Cursillistas who attended right after the Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekend. The fellowship was great and everyone enjoyed themselves.

I would like to thank all those who have helped with the music, especially Marian and Art Persson. As well, I thank all of the Cursillistas who gave witness talks, witness responses and/or clergy responses. I would request that every one of us consider and

pray about sharing our experiences of changing our environments through Christ at an upcoming Ultreya.

I am looking forward to seeing a growing interest for the Cursillo Movement and Ultreyas in the various local communities throughout the Diocese. If anyone requires any help, or has any questions, please contact me.

Linda D. Kapasky, Fourth-Day Committee Chair

PRE- CURSILLO REPORT

As registrar, I had to contact all previous Cursillistas in June, including those that had attended the 2010 November weekends in June. This letter was to encourage them to think of some people who would be possible candidates for the next weekend. In the fall I started receiving applications. I then sent out acceptance letters. Once I got the glitches figured out of my computer this was quite easy to do. This job worked for me as I am far away from Regina. I was also required to attend or listen to the monthly secretariat meetings. I would just like to thank Gwenda and Carol for all the help and time they gave me.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Nisbet-Wall

THREE-DAY COMMITTEE

As Three Day Committee Chair, I regret to advise that I overlooked/ignored a major component of this role: The Committee. In hindsight, the formation of and regular meetings with a committee would have made my job much easier. It was a busy year for me with many lessons learned. In light of the experiences of my first year, I am committed to the recruitment of committee members and regularly scheduled meetings for 2012.

Other components of the Three Day Committee relate to overseeing all aspects in preparation of the 3-day weekends. In this regard, the following duties were accomplished: a venue was secured; supplies maintained/replenished; the Commissioning Service for Team Members was arranged; Manuals and guides were updated and copied; the list of active Cursillistas has been updated. There is a detailed de-brief of the 2011 weekends scheduled for January 7, 2012. This will provide opportunity for our Diocesan team members to review and discuss the weekend format and determine how we can remain faithful to the Cursillo Method while being sensitive to our level of manpower.

The Three Day Committee is required to provide a list, to the Secretariat, of potential Lay Directors for upcoming weekends. Our list of active Cursillistas is growing, but the level of experience in working Cursillo weekends varies greatly.

With possible changes coming to our weekends for 2012, potential Lay Directors will be listed following the results of the debriefing meeting on January 7, 2012.

The 2011 Weekends

Supplies for the Men's and Women's weekends were sufficient for the most part. Each supply box notes the designated area and includes a detailed list of items contained within. A master list of all supplies was updated with needs for next year noted. The Men's team discovered some minor items were missing but they managed well. There was some confusion for the Women's team who found that the men neglected to return some items to the appropriate boxes, but they managed to track everything down. Supply boxes have been sorted and returned to St Cuthbert's House for the next weekends.

The Year Ahead

For the coming year, my plan is to recruit 2-3 people to join in the formation of a Three Day Committee to share the responsibilities. It is my hope that we'll be able to meet 5 to 6 times a year with a focus on having committee members act as liaisons with Weekend Team members.

The recommendations that come from the January 7 debriefing meeting will provide direction for our course of action for the coming year. Any changes/adaptations/revisions will be made available to the Qu'Appelle Cursillo community as soon as details are finalized.

There has been some discussion about the Dallas Valley location with the main concern being the unavailability of an alternate weekend. We will be making some inquiries and visiting alternate venues for 2013. Cost, driving distance, quality of accommodations and other factors will be part of the discernment process.

Three-Day Committee Chair
Shelley Baron

REPORT FROM TREASURER ON 2011 ACCOUNTS

General Account (maintained by the diocese on our behalf)

Opening Balance	\$ 3,239.71
Income	\$ 9,010.00
Expense	<u>\$10,009.12</u>
Difference	<u>\$ 999.12</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$ 2,240.59</u>

Though this account went down this year it is not a reflection on the weekend costs. The weekend actually made a slight profit of \$158.31 (this will be properly reflected when the last cheque for \$160 is deposited, and will actually change our closing balance to \$2,400.00).

The expenses include the cost of updating our resources and the creation of music books to be used at Ultreyas.

Petty Cash Account

Opening Balance	\$136.72
Income	\$566.56
Expenses	<u>\$141.17</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$562.11</u>

This account has been bolstered by the income from Ultreyas and the women's team training weekends. The only expenses paid out of this account this year were for setting up our web site and a small payment for Ultreya supplies.

Respectfully submitted by

Lorraine Hardwick
Treasurer

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

At the outset I would like to thank and extend my blessings to the members of the Qu'Appelle Cursillo Secretariat for allowing me to participate in such a valuable and growing ministry. I have been fortunate to have served as the Website person over the course of the last year and as the Assistant Director of the second Men's Cursillo Weekend.

Men's Weekend

It was indeed refreshing to serve on the same Men's weekend team with Andy Read and the crew he put together this past November. Their experience and perhaps most noticeably their dedication to Cursillo and its methods was most evident from the beginning.

Although we had small number of new candidates this past November it is important to point out the valuable experience the weekend allowed. Not only did we have the opportunity to welcome two newcomers into Cursillo, we also shared a valuable learning experience for the future. The education we received by participating and doing could be acquired nowhere else. Overall therefore the weekend was a success.

Since the core team, in order to gel effectively, needed to exist in a long distance relationship, there were at first some stumbling blocks. Nonetheless, we were able to work through the communication gaps and find methods of communication that would help us to achieve our goals.

Communications and website:

The year was challenging but rewarding nonetheless in an attempt to contribute to the Cursillo team. I have struggled at times with the website maintenance from time perspective, but have been able to dedicate some more regular time to its needs now that we are more settled in swift Current. Stay tuned for some pictures of the Men's weekend. Your suggestions are most welcome.

Blessings to you all in your important and exciting work

Respectfully submitted

YBIC

Lloyd Begley+