

2013-2014 PASTORAL PLAN
For the
Cursillo Movement
in the
DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PREAMBLE

The North Carolina Episcopal Cursillo Movement exists to change the world for Christ, and to develop Christ-centered leaders. Where we keep this uppermost in our lives, we are effective in meeting our goal. The plan is to accomplish the transformation of individuals and their environments through Christian Leaders dedicated to the apostolic ideal.

We are aware of the need to return to our roots, as laid out in the Literature of the Movement, as we rebuild and expand the leadership of the Cursillo Community.

We operate under the authority of the Bishop of North Carolina. With the Bishop's guidance, we join in the Bishop's vision, dream, and prayer that all members of the Episcopal Church recognize the importance of carrying our ministry out into the Galilee that surrounds us. This Plan sets fourth how we hope to work to implement our common vision for the Cursillo Ministry over the next year. This Pastoral Plan incorporates the Bishop's strategic outline for the mission of the diocese, and how and where Cursillo fits into that plan.

The Three-Day Weekend exists to prepare Christian Leaders for the Fourth Day. Central to the Fourth Day are Piety, Study, and Action.

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Piety

1. Pray regularly for our Bishops Michael, Chip, and Anne, the clergy, for the people in our parishes, and for the presence of Christ --- and the movement of the Spirit of God in the Diocese.
2. Pray for the leadership of Cursillo.
3. Pray that we may be Christ's Servants in all that we do.

4. Encourage all Cursillistas to actively and regularly practice the 4th Day through involvement in Prayer and Share (Group Reunion) Groups, Fourth Day Gatherings (Ultreyas), and parish ministry.
5. Encourage the practice of parish ministry, Prayer and Share (Group Reunion) and Fourth Day Gatherings (Ultreyas) among those who are planning to attend a Three-Day Weekend.

Study

1. The Secretariat will study Cursillo literature before, and discuss the material at each meeting.
2. Assess the possibility of future Three-Day Weekends for the Spanish-speaking community, those that are physically disabled, for men only, women only, and young adult weekends.
3. Assess the feasibility of, requirements for, and implement and evaluate the value of parish-based weekends.
4. Annually study the geographical and social environments to be influenced. With the Bishop's guidance, particular environments should be targeted and lifted-up, including in prayer.
5. With the Bishop's guidance, study ways to make Cursillo in the Diocese of North Carolina a more diverse environment, embracing the heritage and cultures of Episcopalians.
6. With the Bishop's influence, educate the clergy in our Diocese about the purpose of Cursillo.

Action

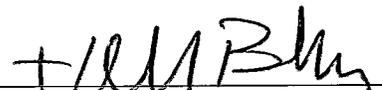
1. Invite the Holy Spirit to be a part of and to direct all our endeavors.
2. Continue working to establish and nurture Servant Communities, and in particular --- Reunion Groups and Ultreyas, that are active in each of the three Regions of the Diocese.
3. Develop and implement a plan for Cursillistas to meet with their parish priest, and discuss the Cursillo Movement, and the benefits to the parish ministry.
4. Have representation at the Diocesan Convention in 2013 and 2014.

5. Plan, prepare, and implement at least one Three-Day Weekend in both 2013 and 2014.
6. Review the Pastoral Plan at least twice a year, and amend or change as needed.
7. Work with Reunion Groups to establish and support regular Fourth Day Gatherings (Ultreyas) within the Diocese.
8. Strive within all activities and meetings to devote time and opportunity to be fed spiritually.
9. Publish a newsletter quarterly, and grow its distribution, especially among the clergy of the Diocese.
10. Encourage, promote, and assist all members of the Cursillo Movement to be involved in parish ministry, and particularly Prayer and Share (Group Reunion) Groups, for mutual support and development of each person's apostolic life of piety, study, and action.
11. Encourage clergy to make a Cursillo, to serve on at least one Weekend Team, and to be active in enabling Cursillistas in their parish to remain faithful to the Method (piety, study, and action), as Cursillistas work to support their local priest, deacon, and parish.
12. Select one Spiritual Advisor to the Secretariat, with the approval of the Bishop, from each of the three Regions of the Diocese.
13. Submit articles about Cursillo to *The Disciple* for publication.
14. Publish the Pastoral Plan in the Cursillo 4th Day Newsletter.

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