

THE FOURTH DAY



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Welcome To Galilee!

Welcome To Galilee! That was what was projected on the big screen as I made my way to my seat at the 196th Diocesan Convention recently. For some reason, St. Clement's is always placed near the front. But this year we were FRONT AND CENTER. Great seats for the Bishop's keynote address and great seats to hear Bishop Kathryn Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop, speak.

I normally don't really look forward to the convention. It usually seems like four hours of work crammed into two days. There was some of that this year, but I must say that the center of the experience was listening to two bishops share their vision of our collective call to "meet Jesus in Galilee."



Just in case you've been living under a rock, Bishop Curry has been talking about this for a long time. Jesus' first direction to his disciples after his resurrection was to meet him in Galilee. Galilee was some backwater area full of unrest, religious pluralism and a diversity of people – a lot like our world today. Jesus told his disciples then, just as God calls us now, to "go to Galilee." As Bishop Schori said in her address, the way of Jesus is the "way of the road." The church must go to the congregation — not sit and wait for the congregation to come to it. **(Continued on Page 3)**

God Performs Miracles – In His Time

My name is Jeanne deWard; I made NC Cursillo #87, and sat at the table of St. Mary Magdalene. I worship at St. Paul's, Cary. Please pray with me: Come, Holy Spirit... "You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." (John 14:14)

When I was young, I gave up on prayer and on God, because he just didn't live up to that promise – or so I thought. I neglected to realize that, while he answers prayers, he does it in his time, not in ours. So this evening, I am going to tell you about Jackie and Chuck, and about how God answers prayers, in his time.

Jackie has two children, Chuck, the older, and Libby, who is my sister-in-law, married to Earl's brother Perry. Chuck was always a hard case. He was in trouble with booze, in trouble with drugs, and in trouble with the law from the time he was a teenager. As an adult, he spent much of his time in one correctional institution or another. Jackie never gave up on Chuck. She prayed for him constantly, and visited him faithfully, wherever he was – and some of those places were among the meanest you can imagine.

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Tie a String Around your Finger!

Now is the time to tie a string around your finger to remember to engage people in conversation about attending Cursillo #103. We say that a person makes his Cursillo at the time he is supposed to go. We Cursillistas need to make the effort to give people the opportunity to find out about this wonderful renewal movement. Who do you know who may welcome information about it? Be bold! Go up and talk with them! Let them know about our upcoming Cursillo #103, May 17-20, 2012.

Who do you not know who may welcome information about it? Manning and I realized that we have young couples at St. Martin's whom we do not know well enough to recruit for Cursillo. We have decided to try to bridge that gap by asking for five minutes at each adult Christian Formation class to introduce them to Cursillo. We can then follow up with those who are interested to discuss Cursillo in more detail and answer questions. We have found that a dutch-treat lunch after church on Sunday provides the perfect opportunity for such discussions. Another way of sharing our information might suit you better...meeting for coffee after work or on a Sat. afternoon.



If you have not approached someone about attending a weekend, keep in mind that it is a process, not a one-shot deal. After telling them about Cursillo, give them a brochure (your parish or Ultreya leader should have some) explaining the weekend. Send them to the North Carolina Cursillo website at www.nccursillo.org where they can find more information. Give them an application if they are at the point of deciding to attend a weekend. Offer to sponsor them if they are agreeable. Help them explore financial help if it is needed. Take them to the weekend, send written Palanca, and pray for the participants and the Team. Go to the Closing and greet your new Brothers and Sisters in Christ! They need to know that you are supporting them! Help your participant/s find a Reunion Group; and offer to take them to the next Ultreya. Offer to pick them up and take them to the Fourth Day Community gathering which follows each Cursillo.

We have only one Cursillo weekend scheduled for 2012, so please do not delay your recruiting. Please start today so we can have a wonderful weekend May 17-20. It will be followed by the Fourth Day Community gathering which will be Saturday, June 16, 2012. We look forward to seeing you and your new babe chicks there!

Fran Huske — Weekend Leader, Cursillo #103

Rewarding Work

I work in a team of therapists in a small school for youngsters who have special needs. Each child faces her own unique challenges, which could seem both unfathomable and insurmountable to most of us with normal neurology and appendages.

Staff and teachers all offer these precious children their devotion, as well as their expertise. Each child comes to school daily to a place where they are loved and appreciated for who they are, not seen for what they are not. There is no teasing, no staring, no pointing fingers. It is a place of acceptance, and sharing, where folks—professionals, parents, and paraprofessionals alike—put their heads together collaboratively to create new opportunities for kids. Each seemingly small success is applauded...the things the rest of us take for granted, that they have never had. For example, one tiny youngster whose muscles are so contracted she will never walk or talk or write just received a power wheelchair, which she can now control by only the slightest movement of her head. She was soon patrolling the hall, beaming from ear to ear. What a gift, mobility!

I think I may work in a small corner of heaven. It is a happy place, made so by God's tiny miracles of all shapes, sizes, abilities, and backgrounds. They keep you humble. They help you appreciate the small things in life each day. Lord, help me find ways to make the world a better place daily...one small face at a time.

Alice Rainey — Cursillo #100, St. Peter's Table

Welcome To Galilee! (Continued from Page 1)

That really resonated with me. I've always been an action-oriented kind of guy. And it's become more clear to me recently that so was Jesus — both action-oriented and willing to shake things up! I think the church of the establishment has forgotten how to be a "church on the road." Maybe it's time to relearn! *Meet me in Galilee on your 4th day.*

Walt Joyce — Cursillo #100, St. Clement's, Clemmons, NC

God Performs Miracles – In His Time (Continued from Page 1)

At one point, Chuck was in prison in South Carolina during a riot. Afterward, Jackie and her husband Bud found they could not get in touch with Chuck. No one in the prison system seemed to know where he was — and no one seemed to care much, either. Jackie would not leave the prison officials alone — she insisted that they had to locate her son and tell her where he was so she could come to visit him and see for herself that he was all right. Privately, Bud and Libby believed that he was probably dead — perhaps that he had been killed and buried or just thrown away somewhere during the riot. They thought they might never know what had happened to him. But Jackie refused to give up.

In church this morning the Gospel reading told about a mother who was a lot like Jackie. She had a daughter who was plagued by an evil spirit and she begged that Jesus would heal her. But Jesus refused her because she was a Gentile, and he felt that his ministry was only with the Jews. But the woman persisted, telling Jesus that even dogs are allowed to eat the children's crumbs that fall from the master's table. For her faith and her persistence, Jesus granted her wish and healed her daughter.

Jackie was just as faithful and persistent. She never stopped praying for Chuck, and she never stopped badgering the prison officials. Her search was finally rewarded — Chuck was located. He was in solitary confinement, in "the hole", unable to move or ask for help because he had been severely beaten by the rioters, thrown down a flight of stone stairs and left to die. His back was broken, and he was near death. Jackie and Bud managed to get him transferred to a hospital, and Jackie sat by his side for weeks as he gradually recovered. He had to learn to walk all over again, but he did finally recover.

When Chuck was released from prison for the last time he was getting close to fifty. He had hepatitis C, a devastating disease that is very common in IV drug users. It destroys liver function, and is the most common cause for those needing liver transplants. Treatment is effective in only 30% of those treated, and is both protracted and horribly debilitating. However, after an initial course of treatment, the doctors refused to treat Chuck further, because he had returned to drinking and to cocaine use.

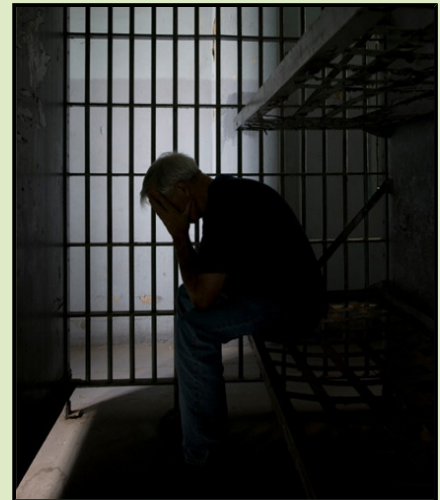
At this point, Chuck looked like a walking zombie — he was painfully thin; his skin and the whites of his eyes were yellow from jaundice, and he had that haunted look that people have who do not have any hope in their lives. When I would ask Jackie, "How's Chuck?", she would shrug and say, "He's dying." And that is what we all thought. During this period, Jackie moved in with Perry and Libby, and allowed Chuck to live in her house — the house that she had lived in for her entire life; the house she had raised her children in. Chuck one evening left a hamburger cooking on the stove while he stepped outside and drank a beer. The stove caught the curtains on fire. Jackie's house burned.

During this time, emphysema gradually crept up on my brother-in-law Perry. He became progressively sicker and weaker, and more and more dependent on Libby and Jackie. Today he is almost entirely bedridden, unable even to get out of bed to make himself a sandwich. As Perry grew worse, it was then that God stepped in. Chuck started going to Narcotics Anonymous. He stopped the cocaine use and even stopped drinking. He went to meetings every day, sometimes several in the same day. He started to look better. Jackie prayed and prayed and prayed that he would keep going to meetings and stay clean, and he did.

Chuck just celebrated his sixtieth birthday. He also celebrated his re-birthday — four years clean and sober. He now sponsors other men in the NA program. He also smiles a lot, and Jackie does, too. She is so proud of him. And Libby told me, I just don't know what we would do without Chuck to help us out these days.

And that is how God performs miracles — in His time. Ultreya!

Jeanne deWard — Cursillo #87, Table of St. Mary Magdalen, St. Paul's, Cary, NC



NCEC Secretariat Minutes

St. Clement's, Clemmons, NC — December 3, 2011

Present: Calvin Hefner, Sid Chadwick, Tom Ham, Fran Huske, Alice Rainney, Laura Felts and Deacon Bob Thomas.
Absent: Frances Cox, Jeanne deWard, Bill Fierke, Genny Hinkle, Ralph Schofield and Jan Millar.

The meeting was called to order around 10:07 am. Deacon Bob led an opening prayer before the group gathered for Group Reunion. The study of our booklet from the library was postponed until next time because of the presenter's absence.

Reports:

Executive Secretary: Calvin presented the minutes of the September 3 Secretariat meeting.

Treasurer: Bill sent in his report in advance. It was noted that all future financial information presented by the Treasurer should show a comparison with information from the prior year instead of the last 3 months in this report. Calvin will send Bill an email to correct this for next time.

Cursillo #102: A lengthy report was submitted by Laura Felts, Weekend Leader — including that she recommended that the scripts for the weekend be complete and be reviewed as part of the training.

Cursillo #103: Fran was working through the beginnings of selecting a team for #103.

Committee Reports were submitted for:

- Palanca Coordinator and Supply Coordinator
- Servant Community
- Fourth Day
- Clergy Report
- Communications

**“The good you do
will often
be forgotten...
do good anyway.”
Mother Theresa**

Respectfully submitted — Deacon Bob Thomas, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

“Biblically, there's nothing more detestable than a self-righteous disciple. He is so swollen with conceit that his mere presence is unbearable. However, a nagging question arises. Have I so insulated myself in a fortified city of rationalizations that I cannot see that I may not be as different from the self-righteous as I would like to think.

The following scenario play in my imagination. A humble woman seeks me out because of my vaunted reputation as a spiritual guide. She is simple and direct: “Please teach me how to pray.” Tersely I inquire, ‘Tell me about your prayer life.’ She lowers her eyes and says contritely, “There's not much to tell. I say grace before meals.’ Haughtily, I reply, ‘You say grace before meals! Isn't that nice, Madam. I say grace upon waking and before retiring, and grace again before reading the newspaper and turning on the television. I say grace before ambulating and meditating, before the theater and the opera, before jogging, swimming, biking, dining, lecturing, and writing. I even say grace before I say grace.’

That night, soggy with self-approval, I go before the Lord. And He whispers, ‘You ungrateful turd. Even the desire to say grace is itself My gift.’

Brennan Manning — The Ragamuffin Gospel, pages 137-138

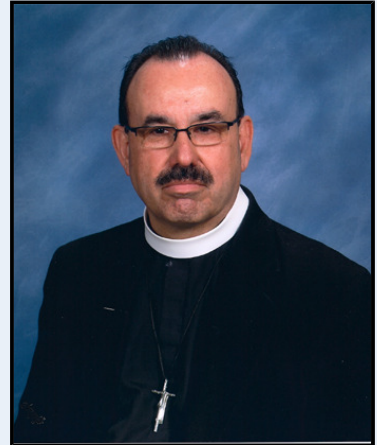
An "Experienced" Deacon

Deacon Bob Thomas comes to the Secretariat with a load of experience gleaned elsewhere. Before he went into theological education, he already had twin careers in public education and theatre, which sometimes crossed paths.

For 34 years, he taught every grade level in public schools, private schools and colleges in New Jersey and New York. His area of expertise was English, Journalism, Creative Writing and Theatre. He also coached football at several high schools.

During the same time, he was performing on stages, doing technical work, and directing throughout New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Maryland.

Bob has been a deacon for 14 years — ordained on Halloween with 13 classmates to serve Trinity Cathedral in Trenton, NJ. He has also served Trinity, Asbury Park, Christ Church, Shrewsbury, St. David's, Cranbury and Holy Communion, Fair Haven in NJ. Since coming to NC, he has been deacon at St. Paul's, Smithfield and currently serves St. Mark's, Raleigh.



In addition to ministering wherever his servant skills are needed, Bob served three years on the North Carolina Diocese's Chartered Committee for Lifelong Christian Formation and is just beginning a term on the Advisory Board for Episcopal Chaplain Ministries. He also serves as a member of the Election Committee for the Diocesan Convention.

In 2003, after the death of his father, Bob was introduced to Cursillo through the Rev. Fred Nestrock. At NJ #17, sitting at St. Stephen's table, he made his weekend and has been active in the Cursillo community ever since. Bob spent four years on the NJ Servant Council before coming to North Carolina. He also served on teams for NJ#19, 20 and 22 weekends. In 2009, he joined the NC Secretariat as the Spiritual Advisor from the Eastern part of the diocese.

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Easter Is Coming!

The past few months have been sad ones for Earl and me. In rapid succession we have lost my Aunt Helen, his Aunt Jane, and my Uncle Tyrus. Worst of all, we are facing the impending loss of Earl's brother Perry. My Aunt Helen was my role model; because of her pioneering spirit I learned that being a woman did not preclude one from having a career in science. When I was a child, and my dad was too ill to be the father figure in my life, my Uncle Tyrus filled that place for me. Aunt Jane lived with Earl's family when he was a child, and was like a generous and kind big sister to him, full of fun and laughter. Perry was not just his brother; he was his constant companion through childhood, and is still and always his best friend. All these people are among those who, as Earl says, "helped to make me, me."

How can we cope with all these losses? As my mother said of her sister Helen, "How can I go on without her?" It is hard not to allow ourselves to be engulfed by grief, and easy to lose the sense of Jesus' presence, his availability to comfort, console and strengthen us through even the most painful losses.

This prayer came to me at just the right time – just when Earl and I most needed it. As I pray it, I am reminded that we never have to go it alone – we have been sent a Shepherd. He told us, "I know my sheep and they know me." The good shepherd leads his sheep, and cares for them and guards them from any hazards along their path, and as long as the sheep stay close to their shepherd, he will protect them from the wolves of despair and despondence – all we have to do is to grab the hem of his robe and hold on for dear life. He will never allow us to be devoured.

Lent is an appropriate season for grieving, but we always have this to look forward to: Easter is coming!

Dear father, thank you for assuring us that you will never abandon us in our grief; thank you for sending us your son to be our comfort in times of sorrow. Above all, thank you for letting us know that Good Friday is always followed by Easter. Amen.

Jeanne deWard — Cursillo #87, Table of St. Mary Magdalen, St. Paul's, Cary, NC

Important Events, Announcements & Updates

Come and See — Southeast District Episcopal Cursillo Meeting & Workshop

All Cursillistas are invited to attend "Come and See," a gathering of the Southeast District on **March 30 & 31, 2012** in scenic Sautee, Georgia.

Registration begins at 6:00 pm on Friday. The event ends at 4:00pm on Saturday. Hosts will offer lodging on a first-come, first-served basis, with additional lodging available at a local motel. The donation for the gathering is \$35.00 including Friday night dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. Motel charges (in nearby Helen, GA — five miles away) are additional.

Come and enjoy great music, good food, fellowship, worship, meeting Cursillistas from across the South and learning more about the Cursillo Movement in the Episcopal Church.

Musicians, please bring your instruments! Everyone, bring your singing voice! Watch for additional emailing on this event.

Chaplain Calvin E. Hefner — TSSF, Lay Director, NC Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat

Calling All Musicians and Singers

Cursillistas who play any musical instrument or instruments, and people who love to sing are invited to participate in forming a group to provide music for Diocesan gatherings.

Please contact: Calvin E. Hefner, Lay Director, NC Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat at calvin@calvinehefner.com or 704-574-0545.

O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Psalm 95:1

Winston-Salem Area Ultreya

An Ultreya is being formed in the Winston-Salem area. Contact Genny Hinkle at 336-753-6817 or Emma Edsall at 704-305-4838.

Augustine Project-Sanford St. Thomas Update

We are gearing up for our summer training during the last two weeks of June. AP-Sanford is launching a fellow-churches campaign to raise awareness of Augustine Project's unique mission and services to bring no-cost specialized one-to-one reading instruction to low-income struggling readers whose families would not otherwise have access to these services through private-pay tutoring.

Our mission and specialized services are new to the Sanford community and we want to ensure that we reach those struggling readers most in need of our services, and our next cadre of potential tutors. By reaching out through other churches we can touch even more of our diverse community.

For more information email Barbara Yuskevich, local director yusk@windstream.net or myself askalice2004@gmail.com.

Alice Rainey — Cursillo #100, St. Peter's Table



An "Experienced" Deacon (Continued from Page 5)

He served as one of the Spiritual team for NC#101. Known for his fiery preaching style, he is seen most often at the Raleigh Ultreyas with his beloved wife, Cyn, presenting the clergy response.

They share their home in Fuquay-Varina with their 13 year old greyhound, Boomer. They have two grown children, Bill living in New Jersey and Doug living in New Orleans. Bob, a sports card collector, is an avid football and Philadelphia Eagles fan.

Deacon Bob Thomas — St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

Please Note E-Newsletter

PLEASE NOTE is the weekly e-newsletter from the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina which features a video message from the Bishop, event information, worship resources and other important announcements. Please Note is delivered via email each Wednesday and it is distributed to the clergy, lay leaders and anyone interested in receiving Diocesan news. To sign up to receive please note, send an email to Sarah Herr at sarah.herr@episidionc.org.

An Invitation...

From the address by the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry at the 196th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, on Friday, January 20th, 2011:

I would like to invite the clergy and the people of the Diocese of North Carolina to join me in an online study during the season of Easter, when we live out the resurrection of Jesus and his journey of Galilee. We will read a soon to be published book by Diana Butler Bass entitled *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening*. Dr. Butler Bass will lead the book study online over a period of six weeks, sharing her insights into this mission moment and entering into conversation with us. And because the study will be online, it won't be just with us. The online study offers one way we can move beyond the doors of the church and out into the world. There is no limit to how widespread this conversation can be. And this won't be just a virtual conversation. Dr. Butler Bass will also be present with us for three face-to-face sessions during Eastertide.

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.
— William Arthur Ward

I'll quote the publisher's description of her book. I'm aware this is an advertisement but, knowing Dr. Butler Bass' work over the years, I don't believe these words exaggerate: "Bass's clearly worded, powerful, and probing *Christianity After Religion* is required reading for anyone invested in the future of Christianity."

The International Order of St. Luke the Physician

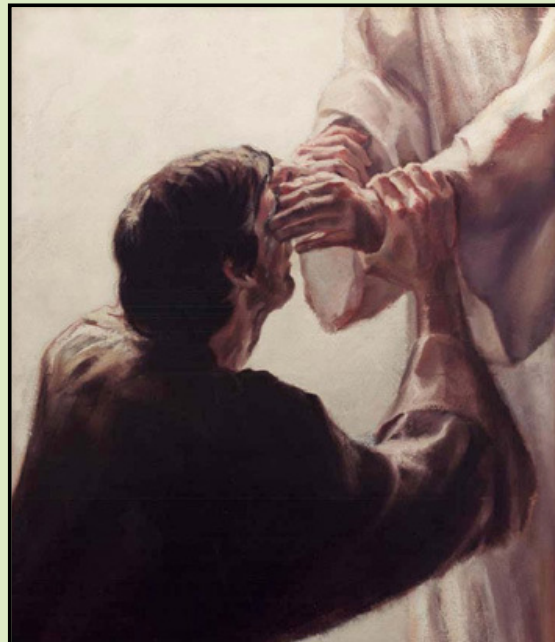
The International Order of St. Luke the Physician is an ecumenical organization dedicated to the Christian healing ministry. Members engage in healing prayer, often with the laying on of hands. The Order was founded in 1932 for the purpose of restoring the ministry of healing in the Christian Church.

It is the mission of the Order to take the healing touch of Jesus beyond the walls of the church into hospitals, nursing homes, and into the greater community — anywhere people are in need. Members call on the healing power of Jesus when praying with someone. Members believe that Jesus will send the Spirit into the person for whom prayer is being prayed.

Members who are part of the Order of St. Luke have studied books on Christian healing and have studied Scripture — especially the biblical stories of healing.

When a former church, of which I was a member, decided to start a healing ministry we chose to use the educational materials from the Order of St. Luke. This was suggested to us by one of the priests. Even though we all believed in the power of prayer and that all who wanted to could pray, we decided to do the training so we could be legitimized. We met together for several months studying books on Christian healing and Scripture. All of us who began the studies became members of the Order of St. Luke.

I have since moved on to a different church, but still feel empowered by my studies from the Order of St. Luke. I often am asked to pray for people in different situations. If anyone is interested in becoming a part of the Order of St. Luke, the website www.orderofstluke.org is very helpful in beginning that process.



Jeri Jeffries — NC Cursillo # 7

That's Entertainment!

The following skit was presented by Ray Rogister and Linda Priddy-Hundley at the 35th Celebration, and has subsequently been requested by Cursillistas — in “local talent shows” — talent as you understand — has a broad definition.

There's A Hole In My Bucket!

There's a hole in my bucket dear Liza, dear Liza.
There's a hole in my bucket dear Liza, a hole!

Well fix it dear Henry, dear Henry, dear Henry.
Well fix it dear Henry, dear Henry fix it!

With what shall I fix it dear Liza, dear Liza?
With what shall I fix it, dear Liza with what?

With a stick dear Henry, dear Henry, dear Henry.
With a stick dear Henry, dear Henry a stick!

The stick is too big dear Liza, dear Liza.
The stick is too big dear Liza, too big!

Well cut it dear Henry, dear Henry, dear Henry.
Well cut it dear Henry, dear Henry cut it!

With what shall I cut it dear Liza, dear Liza?
With what shall I cut it, dear Liza with what?

With a knife dear Henry, dear Henry, dear Henry.
With a knife dear Henry, dear Henry a knife!

But the knife is too dull dear Liza, dear Liza.
The knife is too dull dear Liza, too dull!

Well sharpen it dear Henry, dear Henry, dear Henry.
Well sharpen it dear Henry, dear Henry sharpen it!

With what shall I sharpen it dear Liza, dear Liza?
With what shall I sharpen it dear Liza, with what?

With a stone dear Henry, dear Henry, dear Henry.
With a stone dear Henry, dear Henry a stone!

But the stone is too dry dear Liza, dear Liza.
The stone is too dry dear Liza, too dry!

Well wet it dear Henry, dear Henry, dear Henry.
Well wet it dear Henry, dear Henry wet it!

With what shall I wet it dear Liza, dear Liza?
With what shall I wet it dear Liza, with what?

With water dear Henry, dear Henry, dear Henry.
With water dear Henry, dear Henry with water!

But there's a hole in my bucket (then she chases him off the stage!!)

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand.

He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the head abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk, says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son."

He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years.

Hours go by and nobody sees the old abbot . . .

So, the young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing.

**"We missed the R !
We missed the R !
We missed the R !"**

His forehead is all bloody and bruised and he is crying uncontrollably. The young monk asks the old abbot, "What's wrong, father?"

With a choking voice, the old abbot replies,

**"The word was . . .
CELEBRATE !!!"**

Cursillo Reflections

Overall Experience...

- "I loved every minute of my Cursillo. It was great. Often fun; quite educational. I have often thought I wish I could go through it again." — Elinor Caddel, Cursillo #83, Table of St. Francis of Assisi

What did Your Closing Mean to You?

- "When I walked through the doors to the dining hall at Brown's Summit on Sunday afternoon of Cursillo #59, I was absolutely "blown away" by the sheer number of folks who filled that hall. As I looked around at all the smiling faces and heard that they were there to support us in our Fourth Day, I was renewed and awed by the love that radiated from each of them. It was a truly awesome experience!" — Katie Hyer, Cursillo # 59,
- "I enjoyed seeing my friends and other people from all over the Diocese. They made me feel connected to the church at large." — Edna Otterbourg, Cursillo # 16, Table of St. Paul
- "My closing was full of Roman Catholics who cheered, clapped, sang, cried, and brought every imaginable food. ...'was given the gift of love, that precious feeling, when I walked through that door and was greeted by cheers and hugs. I knew that I was loved by everyone there." — Cameron Cooke, Roman Catholic Mens' Weekend #3, Table of St. Phillip's
- "It was a total surprise; a well kept secret; to have other Cursillistas there from around the Diocese — caused a feeling of being supported and loved by the broader Cursillo community." — Manning Huske, Cursillo #38, St. Elizabeth's Table
- "I was struck by the joy, sense of welcome, and the love shining in every face. I felt that each pair of eyes and every warm countenance was enveloping me into my new family and my even newer life in Christ. I can still feel the immediacy of that moment." Carolyn-Ashford-Works, Cursillo #82, St. Catherine's Table

May 20, 2012 is the Closing for Cursillo #103 at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, NC. Reflect on the gift of presence which was given to you by those who welcomed you into your Fourth Day. Pass their gift on to our new Cursillistas by welcoming them as you were welcomed.

Fran Huske — Cursillo #103 Leader

Cursillo #103 — Mark Your Calendar

Cursillo #103 is scheduled for May 17-20, 2012, and will be held at Camp Walter Johnson, near Denton. Contact your church office for a Sponsor, or check-out the website for more information at www.nccursillo.org.

**To view or download a SPONSOR APPLICATION,
a TEAM APPLICATION and/or a PARTICIPANT APPLICATION,
visit our website at www.nccursillo.org/forms.php.**

My Fourth Day

For my 4th day I have gone to prison, I have done 20 years and enjoyed it so much. I have met some incredible women and spent time with them in sharing and prayer. I have listened to their stories, and felt the pain that was experienced. Mourning, grandchildren's birth, birthday celebrations and missed occasions in family and friends have been shared. God has shown His love, shared this pain and I have given the hugs. I have rejoiced with them when good things occurred and help them in transition.

My 4th day has taught me that God's love is full of Grace and Mercy extending out to all, and life eternal is for everyone who accepts Him as Savior.

Gaynell Jennings — Garner, NC, Attended Woman's Cursillo #1 in PA

NECC Meeting — Newsnotes

The National Episcopal Cursillo Committee gathered in SE Florida, January 18-22. We were greeted by Ginny Foot, who escorted us to St. Paul's church in Boynton Beach. The executive committee met starting at 9am with prayer. We broke for noonday prayer and then were joined by the newest members of our committee: Carol Williams, Rev. Peter Snow, Alan Rogers, and Patty Stegal. We went over expectations, goals and time lines. We were then met by our host families who took us back to their homes and fed and entertained us.

Thursday we gathered for Morning Prayer at the Duncan Center in Delray Beach. The new members or the "newbie's" and the executive committee continued our discussion of goals and expectations. We then broke for noonday prayer and lunch, and were joined by the remainder of the committee. Thursday evening we had our book discussion. The book that we read was "Thinking, Praying, Doing" by John Piper. There was a lot of good discussion about this book. The next book that we are to read is "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Phillip Yancey.

Friday we were privileged to have the Bishop of SE Florida Celebrate Eucharist with us. What a delight it was to hear how supportive he is of Cursillo. He has been supportive of exportation of Cursillo to Honduras and to Jamaica.

The 2012 conference will be held in Orlando, FL at the Caribe Royale. We are thrilled to announce that John Michael Talbot will not only be the Keynote Speaker but also our Saturday night entertainment. We are so excited that we will have him at the conference and expect that we will have much higher registrants. Please visit his web site if you don't know who he is, and visit our web site at www.episcopalcursillo.org to registrar for the conference.

Sub Committee Reports:

Publications Subcommittee has worked on three new brochures which will be updated on our web site:

1. ECLW
2. Cursillo A Movement of the Church
3. Cursillo Information Day Clergy Day Workshop

Communications Subcommittee:

You can now go online and subscribe for the NEC Library and order booklets and cards.

Cursillo Leaders Development Subcommittee:

This committee monitors the health of the movement and reports that only 40% of the Episcopal Church Dioceses have local Cursillo movements that are active.

Executive Committee:

We finalized the workshops for the Annual Conference, the Keynote Speaker, and upcoming conference locations.

District Reports:

- Southeast District will hold a District Meeting on March 31, 2012 in Sautee GA with a theme of "Come and See."
- Southcentral District discussed the health of Cursillo in their dioceses and announced that Arkansas will be holding an ECLW this year.
- Northeast District is exploring the concept of holding a regional ECLW, likely to be held in CT or MA.
- Northcentral District worked on re-arranging diocesan representation to better reflect geographic representation throughout the territory.

Our Closing Eucharist was held prior to lunch and the Committee dispersed with their host families following lunch until the community potluck and NECC led Ultreya at St. Gregory's in Boca Raton. Several of our sub committees are meeting weekly via skype.

A great Big THANK YOU to the Diocese of SE Florida for Hosting our winter meeting! They did a tremendous job, and we thank them greatly!

Submitted by Calvin Hefner, NECC Southeast District Layman Representative

"Several years ago I was told a story about a three-year old girl. She was the firstborn and only child in her family, but now her mother was pregnant again, and the little girl was very excited about having a new brother or sister. Within a few hours of the parents bringing a new baby boy home from the hospital, the girl made a request: she wanted to be alone with her new brother in his room with the door shut. Her insistence about being alone with the baby with the door shut made her parents a bit uneasy, but then they remembered that they had installed an intercom in anticipation of the baby's arrival, so they realized they could let their daughter do this, and if they heard the slightest indication that anything was happening, they could be in the baby's room in an instant.

*So they let the little girl go into the baby's room, shut the door, and raced to the intercom listening station. They heard their daughter's footsteps moving across the baby's room, imagined her standing over the baby's crib, and then heard her saying to her three-day old brother, "Tell me about God — I've forgotten."
— Marcus J. Borg, *The Heart of Christianity, Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, page 114.*

North Carolina Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat Calendar 2012

March 3 - Secretariat Meeting, Elect Weekend Leaders, All Saints, Greensboro

May 5 - Secretariat Meeting, Elect Asst. Weekend Leaders, Location – TBD

May 17-20 - Cursillo #103, Camp Walter Johnson

June 16 - 10:00 – 3:00 pm, Fourth Day Workshop, All Saints, Greensboro

August 4 - Secretariat Meeting, Elect Spiritual Advisors, All Saints, Greensboro

December 1 - Secretariat Meeting, Location – TBD

**Secretariat meetings
are always open
and Cursillistas
are encouraged
to attend.**

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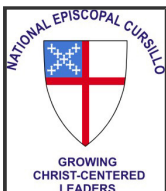
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