

OACM Rainbow



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The Newsletter of the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement (www.oacm.ca)

A Message from the Lay Director

*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred
live together in unity! Ps 33:1*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month we enjoyed the fellowship of some 50 Cursillistas who came from several parishes in the Diocese for the Day of Deeper Understanding. Our thanks go to the numerous volunteers who came together behind the scenes to provide room set up, refreshments, and so many other tasks, too many to mention. Also, we wish to extend our thanks to Bishop John and to all of our guest speakers who shared their personal journey with us in light of the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement.

I hope that you plan on joining us again this year at our annual summer Ultreyas at Andrew Haydon Park. Please consider bringing friends and family with you. The dates are Tuesday, July 15 and Tuesday August 19, 2008 beginning at 7 PM at the Bandshell.

I cannot believe that this is my last message as Lay Director of OACM. As most of you know, my term will end on September 13, 2008 at the Annual General Meeting. The incoming Lay Director, Michael Perkin will be leading Secretariat in a new direction. As mentioned in the last *Rainbow*, we have decided to postpone the fall weekends, therefore, while reflecting over the past years, Secretariat will be actively seeking God's will to strengthen the Cursillo community and to set new goals and objectives to better serve you. Much prayer and contemplation will be sought in ways to promote Cursillo by building communities through encounters with Christ. Look forward to joy-filled surprises by the many initiatives that Secretariat has planned for greater unity in the movement.

Highlights for me in my term as Lay

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Annual General Meeting & BBQ

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at St. Marks, 1606 Fisher Ave on Saturday, September 13, 2008. **We are counting on you to attend!** ([See page 2 for more details!](#))



All Cursillistas NOMINATIONS

At the Annual General Meeting in September, the Nominating Committee will be putting names forward for election to fill vacancies coming up on Secretariat. The elected positions to be filled are Assistant Lay Director (female – *alternates yearly between male and female*), Secretary, Pre-Cursillo Co-ordinator and Weekend Co-ordinator (*one-year term*). Brief descriptions of the positions may be found on page 3.

Expressions of interest for these positions must be forwarded to the Chair or other Nominating Committee member on or before July 15, 2008 in order that the mandatory screening procedures may be carried out. The Nominating Committee consists of Joan Jackson-Balfour, Chair, Rosemary Campbell-Ford, and Brian Richardson. Their email addresses are as follows:

Joan: mindy1@sympatico.ca

Rosemary: Rosemary.Ford-Campbell@ocdsb.ca

Brian: bwrichardson_9@sympatico.ca

Secretariat has indicated that the position of Communications/Newsletter Editor, which is an appointed position by Secretariat, is also open. Bob Campbell took over this role some time ago and is prepared to continue, however if anyone is interested in this position, please contact Secretariat or the Nominating Committee.

Please note that due to the Diocesan

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Lay Director's Message (page 1).

Director have been to meet and chat with several Cursillistas in the Diocese. I have also thoroughly enjoyed participating at Send-offs, Manyanitas, not to mention visiting Lay-rectors and members at their team meetings and welcoming new Cursillistas on behalf of the community, just to name a few. The work of my colleagues on Secretariat has been phenomenal. They are truly carrying the *Fourth Day* message, by engaging in this vital ministry, sharing the grace of God with each other and carrying out God's plan for the movement. I praise and thank God for their support and hard work over the past years and consider myself blessed to have worked with them. I would also like to thank Rick Vroom for his support during the past year and particularly for making it possible for us to hold our meetings at St. Columba's.

Please join me in praying for Michael as Lay Director, and the "yet to be elected" members of Secretariat as well as those continuing as they begin a new journey in the life of the Ottawa Anglican Movement in September.

"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Cor. 13:14.

Ultreya!

Maggie Villeneuve



Another Way to Help

Writers and editors: Secretariat needs your help to update weekend binders!

David Brewer, a long-standing member of our Cursillo Community has kindly volunteered to review and update all of the weekend binders in the months to come, given that the next scheduled weekends are not until 2009. We would like to form a peer review committee consisting of members who have previously served on weekends to assist David. If you are interested

in improving and updating the contents of the binders used on weekends, please contact the editor (editor@oacm.ca). The project will commence in September 2008.

Nominations (page 1)

Screening in Faith Program, the OACM Screening procedure and the need for prior screening of people to hold various positions, **NO nominations will be accepted** from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

Elected members are expected to attend monthly meetings and carry out the duties of the position, and all nominees should be in attendance at the AGM for election.

Ultreya!

Joan



Annual General Meeting & BBQ

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at St. Marks, 1606 Fisher Ave on Saturday, September 13, 2008.

Registration: 9:30 AM

Eucharist: 10:00 AM followed by the Meeting

Important Agenda Items include the 2008-2009 Budget, Election of Officers, and Annual Reports

There will be a question and answer period, this is your chance to air any concerns and provide suggestions.

Plan to attend!

BBQ: 12:30 PM

All you need to bring is yourself, your spouse or significant other; bring a friend if you wish. You may also wish to bring a lawn chair for the BBQ.

The AGM is important to us all, as it is at this meeting that Secretariat elections and/or appointments are held/made from the Servant Community. Secretariat is your voice in the activities of the Movement in the Diocese. It is at the AGM that the budget is approved and direction for the upcoming year received. We urge everyone to plan to attend this important event!

As mentioned in the last edition of the Rainbow, with God's help, we will be seeking to fill the positions of Assistant Lay Director, Secretary, Pre-Cursillo Coordinator and Weekend Coordinator. Thank you to those who have contacted the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Joan Jackson-Balfour expressing interest in some of the positions. It's not too late to contact her if you sense that God is calling you to serve on Secretariat. She can be reached at mindy1@sympatico.ca or 613-726-6987.

Assistant Lay Director

The position of Assistant Lay Director is a one-year learning position. Its intent is to enable the incumbent to become familiar with all the aspects of the Lay Director's position. This facilitates continuity and consistency, when he or she becomes the Lay Director the following year.

Secretary

The function of the Secretary is to record accurately decisions and actions made in the form of minutes at Secretariat meetings of the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement and at its Annual General meetings.

Pre-Cursillo Coordinator

The function of the Pre-Cursillo Coordinator is to coordinate the activities of the pre-Cursillo phase of the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement, by acting as the official Registrar for all Cursillo weekends.

Weekend Coordinator

The Weekend Coordinator coordinates all of the activities related to the Cursillo weekends. This role includes obtaining the physical facilities and all related amenities; selecting future lay rectors along with members of Secretariat's Discernment

Committee; providing useful information to assist with team formation and ensuring that the team Eucharist supplies are available for all weekend related events.

Message From the Outgoing Pre-Cursillo Coordinator

My term is up in just a few weeks and I wanted to let you know that it has been a privilege to serve as Registrar for the past three years.

At times it was very hectic but at the same time exciting, especially as the weekends drew closer and last minute decisions were being made to attend or not to participate as a Candidate. So yes, at times it had been tense but very rewarding. I met so many wonderful Cursillistas I otherwise would not have met.

So as I sign out I would like to give God all the thanks, particularly for His direction in this role.

God bless!

Jim McDonald

Outgoing Pre Cursillo Co-ordinator

Day of Deeper Understanding

We were pleased to see about 50 people attending the Day of Deeper Understanding May 3rd at St. Columba's Anglican Church. For many it was their first opportunity to hear our guest speaker, Bishop John Chapman. He spoke on the role that Cursillo has played within the Anglican Church over the last twenty years. He stated that Cursillo is not something "outside the church to inform the church," but it is "of the church" and that it is an inclusive body that remains true to its original philosophy. In the 80's when it entered the life of the Anglican Church, it helped answer the need of people feeling that they had to be and do everything now. The Mantra was, "You are loved by God." Cursillo has helped people say "You're okay." That is still what gives us strength. "He loves us."

We were pleased that several new Cursillistas attended and shared ([cont'd on page 6](#))

A Message from the Assistant Lay Director

Encounter in the Desert

I am writing this not from a desert but from my room in a heavily guarded compound in Kabul. This is my second time in Afghanistan and in all likelihood will not be my last. Unlike the last time I am not so overwhelmed by the strangeness of the environment. I was going to write about my first trip but the heat and the desolation, the rhythm of military life and the ever-present threat of violence have a tendency to focus your mind on a variety of other subjects and so I never got around to it.

My first trip had me leaving Ottawa in the midst of getting ready for Advent. I was looking forward to that time of gathering, of preparation, the waiting for and the ultimate encounter with God. I thought what better place to wait and encounter God than in a desert. Khandahar is a desert both literally and philosophically yet the encounter I was looking for did not occur the first time. I was encouraged by the camaraderie, the shared experiences both good and bad and was inspired by the brief glimpses I did get into the spirituality of the camp. My first worship was with an Australian Episcopalian priest, in a small group of 4 but the music was Cursillo favourites and it brought to mind that the ladies weekend would be just beginning their third day. When it came time for the prayers I added them. As soon I mentioned them the priest leading the prayers added a prayer for a group in Australia. It was instant connectivity and no matter where we saw each other on camp it was like meeting an old friend. The other thing that impressed me was the fact that there are two churches on camp. One is the Rose Chapel which was built with extra plywood and is used by all denominations starting at 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning right through to 9 PM at night. The other is the Ukrainian Orthodox Church that was built from spare lumber that was considered scrap and volunteer labour; it includes traditional iconography and carvings and is open for all to visit.

I received no startling revelations or profound spiritual enlightenment but rather I came back questioning. While in the camp I had suffered the depredations of the great poo (read fecal) pond which is open water treatment, had gone through a rocket attack and my helicopter had been targeted,

but what impacted me most was the lack of happiness in the locals, and loss of life. There were a number of losses both civilian and military while I was there and more greeted me when I got home. So instead of finding answers in the desert I found myself questioning why we do what we do, why lives are taken while still in their youth, and why, when we worship the same God, we seem to be receiving different messages.

Upon returning I reintegrated to life in Canada and the questions fell by the wayside as I got involved in Christmas and then Lent and of course the regular rhythm of life in North America. Now that I am back in this situation I found myself pondering the same questions and I realize that this second journey has been part of the answers and the encounter that I was looking for in the first journey.

It all came together just now in this room, sitting quietly, with no television or radio. The book I was reading is finished and I now have a time alone to listen. I hear the call to prayer; a haunting yet compelling song and I find myself drawn to prayer and able to listen to the answers. It was as if my mind was opened to everything spiritual that I had experienced in the first trip and then again in my journey to this place and time. I was able to now see and feel the presence of God. In London standing amongst the throngs of tourists in Westminster Abbey I was called to prayer when a priest mounted the pulpit and bid the people quiet as we prayed for the world and the hurt therein, an all complied, later in the Abbey gardens I was transported in time and could see the scholars and the monks each inspired by God. In Dubai in the Gold Souk I was walking in back alleys and came upon a clearing filled with people talking and eating. There were hundreds of them, all in what appeared to be, abject poverty. Yet at that moment when the call to prayer could be heard they all turned and prepared for prayer. In Kabul in the middle of the road, a beggar hunched over with age and care, was pleading to those in the vehicles and a young Afghan man who did not look much better off than the beggar came from the side of the road, reached into his own poverty and gave to the old man. And in my mornings, to the sound of jets,

helicopters and transports I open my bible and God talks to me through the scriptures.

That call to prayer was the opening of my inner heart and spirit to God's message for me. It allowed me to recognize my encounters with God in all His incarnations allowing the flow of peace and love to enter into me. It opened my eyes to God's presence in everything and everyone regardless of religion, colour, creed or preference. The answer to my questions are answered in my heart and cannot be put on paper, but the words of Jesus come to me, that he is the way. The way He lived his life is the perfect example of how God wants us to live our lives, judging not, being tolerant of other's ideas and practices, to love God and to love others as He loved us.

What this journey into the desert has taught me is that my life is the encounter I was looking for. In living each day with God, I must take the time to listen to my own call to prayer so that I can recognize God's whisper in the midst my busy life.

Listen to your Call to Prayer.

Michael Perkin
Assistant Lay Director
Kabul 19 May 2008

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Rainbow Option

In the last issue we indicated that the *Rainbow* is now available online in pdf format on our Web Site (www.oacm.ca), and you will be able to receive it in the near future electronically as well. We would like to thank all of you who have responded to this option and remind those who would like to receive it Electronically to contact the editor at

(editor@oacm.ca).

Your email address will be protected and not shared with anyone else. This option will assist in decreasing postage and printing costs, and allow you to receive the *Rainbow* in colour. We will of course continue to produce hard copies for those who have difficulty accessing email and the Web.

Thank You

Ultreya!
Bob Campbell, Editor



Thank You

Please join all of us in thanking the outgoing Secretariat members who have faithfully served the OACM Community:

Rev. Richard Vroom, Spiritual Director
Maggie Villeneuve, Lay Director
Richard Gilman, Secretary
Jack Barkley, Weekend Coordinator
Jim McDonald, Pre-Cursillo Coordinator

Their dedication to the movement is much appreciated.

Spiritual Director

The Reverend Richard Vroom tendered his resignation as Spiritual Director to the movement in April, and we are awaiting the Bishop's pleasure on the appointment of a new Spiritual Director, and Assistant Spiritual Director. In the meantime the Bishop has asked the Reverend Peter Lackey to work with the Secretariat as an Advisor to the movement, and in that regard, Peter has contributed the following:

Greetings in the Name of the Risen Lord

I have been honoured to be asked to return to working with Cursillo Secretariat, although in a slightly different capacity this time around.

Bishop John requested that I spend some time in consultation, reflection and prayer with members of the Diocesan Movement over the next while, to ascertain where our strengths and weaknesses lie, and how we might encourage one another to strengthen this tool of Cursillo in our Diocese. We had the pleasure of hearing our Bishop when he began our Day of Deeper Understanding at St. Columba's Church on May 3. We heard his personal reflection on our common history as church over the last few decades, and how we are challenged to keep the gospel message accessible in our context, and to be faithful and effective disciples for Jesus.

You have experienced the presence and grace of the Lord in your own life, whether through Cursillo activities, a personal encounter with God, or simply through the ministry of someone working as part of His Body, the Church. Part of what it means to respond to God's love, is to figure out how best you love back (and to love neighbours *well*)! Cursillo was designed as a tool to help people encounter Christ! Our Weekend Events are precisely crafted to allow that to happen, our Ultreyas try to keep the pot bubbling, and Group Reunions are where our day to day living the Good News is tested, held accountable and grown in love. Some bits work better than others for us, and now is a great time to see where we might put energy into God's Kingdom to become even more demonstrative. (To paraphrase an old 20th century American President "Ask not what Cursillo can do for you, rather what you can do for Cursillo")

I look forward to engaging you in conversation and prayer over the coming months.

Ultreya!

Peter Lackey (The Rev.)

Bishop's Advisor - Cursillo Movement



Reflections on Serving on Secretariat

In our March issue we initiated a series of articles by various members of the Secretariat *vis à vis* their roles on Secretariat and what it has meant to them. The initial articles focused on the positions

up for election at the forthcoming AGM, and in this issue we have the reflection of Louise Mundt, who currently holds the position of Musica.

Musica

I attend monthly Secretariat meetings and share in the discussions pertaining to our movement. It is a time of praise, devotion, prayer and a bonding of people that truly care about each and every one of you. It is a time where new ideas are expressed and plans for the future unfold. There is a huge amount of work that goes on at these meetings. The meetings are very focussed and disciplined.

My other tasks involve providing music at our Secretariat meetings, managing licensing for music played at sponsored events like Days of Deeper Understanding, Send-offs and Closings. I also communicate with musicians to ensure that the reporting procedures are followed. I'm also responsible for purchasing the licenses for our Movement.

It continues to be a privilege serving on Secretariat; I appreciate the movement even more now that I have seen all the hours of work that go on behind the scenes to keep the organization alive.

Sincerely,

Louise Mundt

Day of Deeper Understanding (*cont'd from page 3*)

how both the Cursillo weekend and these talks gave them more insight into the importance of the Fourth Day.

What a message. "Be a friend, make a friend, and bring a friend to Christ!" We don't even have to preach, we just have to do.

I would ask everyone to keep Ted Dunstan and his family in your prayers as he recovers from a severe illness.


Ultreya!

Bev Hatt

Palanca

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OACM Weekend Update

Welcome New Cursillistas

We welcome these new Cursillistas from the Women' 109th, and Men's 110th held in March, and April 2008.

Women's 109th Weekend March 6-9, 2008

All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit

Colossians 1: 6

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| Nanci Askwith | Jacklyn Rusell-Lewis |
| Laurie Brown | Brenda Loucks |
| Dale Bursey | |
| Ruth Christine Clark | Jean O'Brien |
| Marilyn Doucet | Jancis Stead |
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| Aileen Lamont | |
| Judith Lapensee | |

Men's 110th Weekend April 3-6, 2008

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Psalms 27: 1

Don Adéa
Wayne Bichard
Demetrios Drakos
Real Dupuis
John Hollyer
Richard Hoshino
Neil Kennedy
Peter Labelle
Leon Lapensee
Andrew Louis
Norman MacCrimmon
Craig McPhee
Dan Opon
Michael Schimpf

Future Manyanitas

With a change in administration at Maison Notre-Dame de la Providence Retreat Centre, come new rules and regulations. A restriction has been placed on using candles during the weekend.

Sister Marcelle Hurtubise has graciously allowed us to use candles during the past two weekends; however, at our last meeting, Secretariat made the decision to abide by this new regulation. As a result, in future, we are asking everyone who attends a Manyanita to bring his or her own small reading light or flashlight to use instead of a candle.

Please share this information with other Cursillistas in your community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request from the Retreat Centre, please contact us at Secretariat

Please Put these Dates on Your Calendar!

| Event | Date | Time | Location |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------|--|
| Central Ultreya* | June 18, 2008 | 7:30 PM | St. Mark's, 1606 Fisher Ave. |
| Outdoor Grand Ultreya† | July 15, 2008 | 7:00 PM | Andrew Haydon Park, Ottawa |
| Outdoor Grand Ultreya† | Aug. 19, 2008 | 7:00 PM | Andrew Haydon Park, Ottawa |
| AGM | Sept. 13, 2008 | | St. Mark's, 1606 Fisher Ave. |
| Central Ultreya | Sept. 17, 2008 | 7:30 PM | St. Mark's, 1606 Fisher Ave. |
| Men's 111 th Weekend | March 5-8, 09 | | Retreat House, St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans |
| Women's 112 th Weekend | Nov. 12-15, 09 | | Retreat House, St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans |

* The **Central Ultreya** is held at St. Mark's Anglican Church on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

† In case of inclement weather the Ultreya will be held at St. Stephen's, Ottawa, 930 Watson St.

Regional Ultreyas:

| Date | Time | Church/Location |
|--|----------------------------------|--|
| 3 rd Sunday of the month | 7:30 PM | St. James, Morrisburg |
| 3 rd Sunday of the month | 7:00 PM | Rotating between Emmanuel, Arnprior and St. Thomas, Woodlawn |
| 2 nd Sunday of the month | 7:00 PM | Rotating between St. James, Carleton Place; St. Paul's, Almonte; and the Parish of Clayton |
| 3 rd Wednesday of the month | 8:00 PM (after the 7:00 service) | St. James, Perth |
| 2 nd Sunday of the month | 7:00 PM | Trinity, Cornwall |
| 2 nd Wednesday of the month | 7:30 PM | St. John's, Smiths Falls |
| 2 nd Friday of the month | 7:30 | St. Thomas the Apostle |



Lost Sheep

Over the course of the last year we have lost contact with several Cursillistas. If you aware of the current location of any of the following (listed by name and last known parish) please contact the editor at

(editor@oacm.ca) so that we may update the mailing list.

Darryl Adams - Good Shepherd Cornwall

Sheila Anderson and Ron Moyneur – Unknown
 Carol and Don Baker – St. Paul's Almonte
 Vaughn and Joanne Barnum – St. Mark's Ottawa
 Carol Benson – Unknown
 Rev. Joyce Blackburn – St. Patrick's Stafford
 Dawn Blakely – Unknown
 Michelle Boutillier – St. George's Ottawa
 Sheila Boyle – St. Michael's and All Angels, Maxville
 Nicole Chevallier & Donald Robataille – The Potter's
 Wheel Christian Fellowship

Phillip Colclough – St. Paul’s Osgoode
 Larry Collison – Hamilton, Ontario
 Mark & Beverly Comfort – St. John the Baptist Iroquois
 Joan Currie – Christ Church Huntley
 Phil Dawes – Community Bible Church Stittsville
 Michael Doherty – St Monica’s Nepean
 Dorothy Draper – St. John Lancaster
 Susan Feurtado – St. Paul’s Osgoode
 Karen Fisher – St. James’s Kemptville
 Doug Forde – Unknown
 Margaret Gibson – St Helen’s Ottawa
 Barbara Gilligan – Epiphany Gloucester
 Barbar Goodier – Ontario Diocese
 Dorothy Griffith – St. James Perth
 Rita Guay – Unknown
 Lorraine Hall – Unknown
 Elva Hollinsworth – St. James Carp
 Joy Holt – St. Stephen’s Ottawa
 Lloyd Jack – Holy Trinity North Gower
 Dan Jenkins – St. Richard’s Nepean
 Jennifer Kirkpatrick – St. Richard’s Nepean
 Linda Ladoucer – St George’s Clayton
 Rev. James Leland – St. Andrew’s Vars
 Krista Lewis - CCBC
 Brenda Lobb – Unknown
 Judy)’Leary – St. Paul’s Osgoode
 Janice & Ray Oswald – St. Barnabas Deep River
 Dave & Frncys Salmon – Good Shepherd Cornwall
 Janice Shelvok – St. Thomas Woodlawn
 Rick Sproule – Chalmers United Finch
 Colleen Tracy – St. Paul’s Hazeldean
 Patricia Waales – Unknown
 Jill Wilson – St Alban the Martyr Ottawa
 Dean Zeeman – St. Paul’s Almonte

across Canada.

For Parishes, this means:

- Accelerating the process of conversion for lay persons
- Enabling new ministries
- Building leadership in individuals and teams to further the Kingdom
- Inspiring people to share their gifts of time, treasure and talent
- Helping the clergy build communities which seek to live out the Great Commission

For Dioceses, this means:

- Growing Christ-centred leaders to help fulfill the diocesan pastoral plan
- Building servants who participate at every level of diocesan planning and ministry
- Encouraging generosity to the diocese as a response to God’s generosity to us
- Encouraging partnerships between clergy and laity
- Training evangelists to share the Good News
- Fostering inter-parish relationships and communications.

For the Church, this means:

- Providing what has been called by at least one bishop “*The most important tool for evangelism in the (Canadian) Anglican Church*”
- Focusing attention of laity and clergy on the mission and purpose of the Church
- Helping export this valuable tool called Cursillo to all Anglican dioceses in Canada.

The National Secretariat meets twice yearly in locations across the country at the invitation of local Secretariats who host the meeting. Where possible, the meetings coincide with a CLW (Cursillo Leader’s Workshop) or SENT workshop as the development of Cursillo leaders is one of the central roles of CACS (Ottawa hosted meetings in the fall of 2005 along with a CLW and in the spring of 2007). Another key role is the collection and coordination of Weekend information on a National and international basis for the purposes of Palanca.

AGMs are held triennially, again at the invitation of a local Secretariat, and in conjunction with an event led by CACS, such as a CLW

Your Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS)



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DECOLORES!! We on CACS are often asked why CACS exists, what it accomplishes, and how it operates. I would like to take this time to try and respond to these questions.

We often forget that local Servant Communities do not exist in isolation, in fact they are created through the National body, which holds the licence from the founding body, The Roman Catholic Cursillo Movement, under which each local body and Secretariat is formed.

In additional to this foundational land infrastructure requirement the *goal of CACS is to goal is to help grow Christ-centred leaders through providing and supporting Cursillo movement*

(Ottawa hosted the 1997 AGM). Currently there are 17 active Secretariats in 24 dioceses across the country, with another 3 or 4 dormant communities in the process of investigating the possibility of re-introduction. CACS also publishes a biennial Newsletter that is distributed to local movements (copy may be viewed on the OACM website).

CACS holds the licensing agreement to operate Anglican Cursillo in Canada. CACS also is a registered charitable association, and is totally dependent on the generosity and support of Cursillistas and Cursillo movements.

We are thankful to God for the gift of Cursillo and strive to not only keep the purpose of Cursillo as its founders and leaders envisioned, but also work to support and encourage the work of all the Cursillo movements in Canada.

Your Sister in Christ,



Valerie Wilbur
Chairperson, CACS



CACS Needs Your Help

As can be seen from the foregoing article, CACS is a vital and important part of Cursillo in Canada and in the Diocese. As for all organizations, adequate financial support is required to ensure continuing operation. The only source of funding is from donations by the local movements and individuals across the country. Over the course of the last three years donations have decreased by over 33% despite increases by generous Dioceses, such as Ottawa. At least \$15,000 is required yearly to meet minimum requirements, and projected donations for 2008-2009 fall some \$6000 short of the need. CACS is in need of your support. Financial donations may be made directly to the National Treasurer, all gifts over \$10 are tax receiptable. Cheques should be made out to Canadian National Anglican Cursillo Secretariat and mailed to the Treasurer, Terry Gushuliak, 18 Woodlake Road, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 4B5

NATIONAL CURSILLO PRAYER CYCLE

Monday - Pray for the Cursillo Movement Worldwide.

Tuesday - Pray for Cursillo in Canada & your National Secretariat

Wednesday - Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Dioceses of Western Newfoundland, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Central Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Montreal and Quebec.

Thursday - Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: The Dioceses of Ottawa, Toronto, Huron, Algoma, Moosonee and Niagara.

Friday - Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Diocese of Rupert's land, Qu'Appelle, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Keewatin, The Arctic, Edmonton, Athabasca and Calgary.

Saturday - Pray for the Cursillo Movements and all Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon: The Diocese of the Yukon, New Westminster, British Columbia, Kootenay, APCI and Caledonia

Sunday - Pray for your own Diocesan Movement.

Please pray for all Diocesan Bishops, Clergy, Diocesan Cursillo Movements, their leaders and communities, that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit and be a source of strength, encouragement and support to each other. Pray for guidance, discernment and wisdom that all will be done for the Glory of God as we strive to change our environments for Christ through Piety, Study and Action.

Ultreya!