

# OACM Rainbow



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The Newsletter of the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement

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## A Message from the Lay Director

**This is the day that the LORD has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Ps. 119:24.*

I can say this easily today, because I did lots of my favourite things and didn't mind doing some of my less favourite things. I chatted on the phone with a dear sister in Christ, had a big bowl of chocolate fudge ice cream (low fat, of course), spent some time in my local public library, read an encouraging email from a friend, printed some photographs taken on a recent visit to Vancouver and Victoria without wasting too much paper and wrote in my brand new journal, thanks to the challenge I got from my group reunion at the Central Ultreya last night. I ended my day by writing this message; praising God for all that He is doing in the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement. I hope that I will have the grace to rejoice in all of the days that God will make, regardless of whether or not I get to do my favourite things, because "It's all about God",

In this edition of the *Rainbow*, Richard Gilman and Jack Barkley share with us their experience serving on Secretariat, and Louise Mundt shares her thoughts on what Ultreya means to her.

### **Consider Being a Servant Leader by Serving on Secretariat**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in September this year, the date, location and formal notice of the election will be published in the next edition of the *Rainbow*. A few of us will be stepping down from our positions on Secretariat and we are looking to fill the positions of Assistant Lay Director, Secretary, Pre-Cursillo Coordinator, and Weekend Coordinator. I encourage you to prayerfully consider if you are called to serve on Secretariat for a two-year term period.

Joan Jackson-Balfour is the Chair of the Nominating Committee, so please contact Joan and inform her if you are interested in one of the available positions. She can be reached at [mindyl@sympatico.ca](mailto:mindyl@sympatico.ca) or 613-726-6987. I have outlined a brief description of the positions here below.

### **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

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Eucharist supplies are available for all weekend related events.

### **OACM Has a New Website!**

Yes! Thanks to Ian Kelly, our website has been redesigned. We hope that you like the new fresh look and that you will find it easy to navigate. The *Rainbow* is also available for downloading and will remain on our website for a set length of time. There's also an opportunity for you to contribute to the site and we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact us if you have a news item, at [laydirector@oacm.ca](mailto:laydirector@oacm.ca) and we will pass it on to Ian, our web developer.

### **Rainbow Option**

In an effort to cut down on postage and printing costs, we would like to give you the option of receiving your *Rainbow* electronically. We will continue to produce hard copies for those who have difficulty accessing email and the Web. We recognize that some of you may have a preference for paper copies, perhaps feeling that your inbox is inundated with too many emails. While we empathize with this, we also think that electronic distribution is the way to go. Your comments are welcome and we look forward to hearing your ideas and receiving your feedback. *Please notify the editor at [editor@oacm.ca](mailto:editor@oacm.ca) to receive future issues of the Rainbow electronically in the near future.* Your email address will be protected and not shared with anyone else. If you choose this option the *Rainbow* will be available as a printable pdf file attachment, or via a link to the Website.

### **Thank You**

On behalf of all members of Secretariat I would like to thank you for your generous donations totalling \$4,475 received from the envelopes sent with the December *Rainbow*. Through God's grace, our Lord has used you to complete the work He has planned for the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Community.

We are also very grateful for your ongoing prayers, support and encouragement, for we all know

that we would not be able to accomplish the work that God has called us to do, if it weren't for you.

**Ultreya!**

*Maggie Villeneuve*

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### **A Note on Palanca**

We would ask you to keep the Teams of the next women and men's weekends, Mar. 6-9 and Apr. 3-6 respectfully, in your prayers as they prepare for their weekends.

In the past, we have been blessed to be able to use the Maison-Notre-Dame-de-la-Providence for our Cursillo weekends and hope to continue to do so in the future.

Due to the cost of living and inflation, the Retreat House has been forced to make a substantial increase in the cost per person for a Cursillo weekend and have also implemented a non-refundable booking fee. As we have done in the past, we do not wish to restrict or discourage team members or candidates from attending or serving on weekends now or in the future due to the increased cost; therefore, we will be absorbing the additional costs and pray that "gifts of love" will allow us to continue to offer Cursillo weekends for a long time to come.

As you meet in your group reunions, regional or central Ultreyas, and prepare *Palanca* for the upcoming weekends, we would ask you to prayerfully consider making a monetary gift to offset some of the cost for the team and candidates or think about giving a gift to support the cost of your sponsored candidate's weekend. We thank you for your prayerful consideration and ask that you continue to pray for Secretariat as we deal with this matter.

**Ultreya!**

**Bev Hatt**

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## A Message from the Spiritual Director

Earlier in February, Eduardo Bonin, the founder of the Cursillo Movement died, in Spain. His death gave me pause to reflect upon the early history and original purpose of the Cursillo Movement and its place in the spiritual life of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

As I understand it, Eduardo and a small group of friends, perhaps the first group reunion had a strong desire to share their faith with others in order to change the character of their environment. They began meeting weekly in small groups (Group Reunion?). “They prayed together and began to plan ways to bring Christ into the everyday setting in which they lived. They drew strength and encouragement from each other as they carried out their plans.” Soon other friends were drawn by their excitement and commitment and weekend training sessions (Cursillo Weekend?) were developed and offered to those desiring to learn more about what was fundamental to being ‘Christian’ and how to share their faith with others.

It seems to me that based on the early history and purpose of the movement, the thrust is on equipping the saints to proclaim the Kingdom of God, through apostolic action designed to invite others into relationship with Jesus Christ. Once a ‘weekend training session’ is completed we are to work to evangelize our environment for Christ. In other words, the weekend is merely the entry into our Fourth Day.

In order to be continually supported and strengthened in our Fourth Day we are encouraged to be part of a small group of friends, much like Eduardo Bonin and his friends in the early days of the movement. We also have available for us *Ultreya* as an additional way in which we can be strengthened in our apostolic action.

“*Ultreya*s are intended primarily as opportunities for the Group Reunions to get together and share experiences... (and can be) the unifying concept and force for the movement.”

Without an intentional and strong focus on *Ultreya* as a significant part of the Fourth Day of all Cursillistas the movement runs the risk of becoming “nothing more than a fond memory of a delightful weekend.”

As part of our Fourth Day journey, if we are to be true to the original intentions of Eduardo Bonin and his friends, it is incumbent on us to identify those saints who we discern, with the help of God and the community, that are called to share in the ministry of Cursillo. Is it not better that we identify a significant number of such persons, as part of our pre-Cursillo actions, and then plan a weekend to equip them to proclaim the Kingdom of God through apostolic action than to plan a weekend and then have to almost desperately search out persons to fill a weekend?

Our challenge as a movement, I believe, is to return to the original purpose and method of Eduardo Bonin and his friends. Those of us in Group Reunion can work diligently to identify others for whom a training weekend (Cursillo Weekend) will change the way they live out the apostolic action and witness to which Jesus Christ calls each of us. Let us reclaim the notion that the weekend is to equip the saints for ministry supported by Group Reunion and *Ultreya*.

*Ultreya*.

**Richard Vroom, Spiritual Director**

*Please note that quotes above are from the National Episcopal Cursillo publication entitled “The Fourth Day First” published in 2006.*

### Did You Know?



A story from the early days of the movement in Spain tells of an occasion where a group of men were returning from a Cursillo weekend when their bus broke down. They began to sing *De Colores*, a traditional folk song. The use of the song in Cursillo took hold, and has held up as the movement has spread outside the Spanish-speaking world and to other denominations. The use of a multi-colored rooster as a symbol for the Cursillo movement is believed to have originated from one of the verses of that song.

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## OACM Weekend Update

With the coming of the new-year, comes some new challenges for our movement. For the past number of years, the Maison Notre-Dame-de-la-Providence, (Retreat House), has kept the per person cost of our weekends relatively the same, however, in December, Secretariat received notice that there would be a significant cost increase starting on January 1, 2008, which will impact the upcoming weekends in March and April of this year, as well as all future weekends.

**We wish to share with you that:**

**The Retreat House is now charging the movement a non-refundable, non-transferable booking fee of \$10.00 per person, which should be remitted at the time of booking, and Rooms and meals will now be \$200.00 instead of \$160.00**

The movement had been charging \$185.00 for a weekend and covering an additional \$25.00 fee, which included the production and mailing of the Rainbow and weekend supplies, as well as covering the costs of those who were unable to pay the full portion, thanks to the gifts of love from the community.

**In order to meet the increased costs associated with the use of the Retreat House, Secretariat approved the following motion at is January 5, 2008 Meeting:**

1. Starting in January 2008, the cost of a weekend will be \$220.00 per person.
2. 45 rooms will be booked for the upcoming women's weekend.
3. 40 rooms will be booked for the upcoming men's weekend.
4. There will be no fall Cursillo weekends in 2008. They are being postponed until the Spring of 2009 in order that we may consider further options.
5. As we have done in the past, no one, team members or candidates should feel compelled to pay for a weekend if it creates financial difficulties for them. That is the purpose of the Gift of Love!

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## Upcoming Weekends – Spring 2008

**N.B. As this edition of the *Rainbow* went to press the Women's 109<sup>th</sup> and Men's 110<sup>th</sup> weekends still had vacancies, so if you wish to sponsor someone for either weekend contact the PreCursillo Coordinator at 613 623 4755, or [registrar@oacm.ca](mailto:registrar@oacm.ca).**

### Women's 109<sup>th</sup> Weekend March 6-9, 2008

**All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit**

*Colossians 1: 6*

Rector - Audrey Byers  
 Spiritual Directors - Bill Byers & Pat Martin  
 Professor - Laura Mullin  
 1st Detail - Atha Kelly  
 2nd Detail - Kathleen Greene  
 Palanca - Marilyn Pitt and Margaret Reed  
 Music - Louise Mundt and Jennifer Bulman  
 Ideal - Betty Casselman  
 Laity - Barbara Burton-Newman  
 Piety - Eva Bodo  
 Study - Wendy Lewis  
 Action - Linda Bourdon  
 Leaders - Shirley Testerink  
 Environments - Babs Dunstan  
 CCIA - Rosanne Carr  
 Kitchen - Alice Thompson, Elizabeth Irwin,  
 Arlene Armstrong, Marilyn Markell, Liz  
 Scobie

### Men's 110<sup>th</sup> Weekend April 3-6, 2008

**The Lord is my light and my salvation**

*Psalms 27: 1*

Rector – William Passmore  
 Spiritual Directors – Stephen Silverthorne, Don  
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 Professor – Brian Richardson  
 1st Detail – Henry Troup  
 2nd Detail – Patrick Miller  
 Palanca – Ian Balfour, David Piercy  
 Music – Ian Kelly, Carl Jakubowski  
 Ideal - John Bottriell  
 Laity – Chris Harder  
 Piety – William MacMinn  
 Study – Stephen Aubrey  
 Action – David McCreery  
 Leaders – Richard Cherry  
 Environments – Dirk Testerink  
 CCIA – Ed Gadd  
 Kitchen – Rick Warren, Stephen York, John  
 Cook, Roger Stone, Craig Miller

**Please Put these Dates on Your Calendar!**

Event	Date	Time	Location
Women's 109 <sup>th</sup> Sendoff	March 2, 2008	4:00 P M	St Thomas the Apostle, Alta Vista Drive
Women's 109 <sup>th</sup> Weekend	March 6-9, 08		Retreat House, St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans
Central Ultreya	March 19, 2008	7:30 PM	St. Mark's, 1606 Fisher Ave.
Men's 110 <sup>th</sup> Sendoff	March 30, 2008	4:00 PM	St. Thomas', Stittsville
Men's 110 <sup>th</sup> Weekend	April 3-6, 2008		Retreat House, St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans
Welcoming for New Cursillistas & Central Ultreya	April 16, 2008	7:30 PM	St. Mark's, 1606 Fisher Ave.
Day of Deeper Understanding	May 3, 2008	9:00 AM	St. Columba, 24 Sandridge Road
Central Ultreya	May 21, 2008	7:30 PM	St. Mark's, 1606 Fisher Ave.

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## Day of Deeper Understanding

May 03, 2008, 9 am to 4 pm

St. Columba Anglican Church  
24 Sandridge Road, Ottawa

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### Mark this event on your calendars!

A warm invitation is extended to all new Cursillistas, their sponsors and team members and all members of the Cursillo community, to a special day of working together in community to better equip us as disciples for Christ's transforming power.

The Day of Deeper Understanding is an important Fourth Day event, especially designed to help Cursillistas better understand how the gift of the Cursillo method provides structure for a lifetime experience of Christian love and service. Our Cursillo Three Days may have been a wonderful experience but it is just the preparation for the rest of our lives – our Fourth Day.

We will address the following:

- ◆ *The role of the movement in the church*
- ◆ *The structure of the movement, locally and nationally*
- ◆ *How to use the Cursillo Method: Group Reunion, Ultreya, Spiritual Direction, Rule of Life*
- ◆ *Relationship to the Pre-Cursillo and the Fourth Day*
- ◆ *Effective and responsible Sponsorship*

We are very pleased to have Bishop John Chapman address our first session, *The Role and Structure of the Movement in the Church*.

### Registration:

Please contact Ted Dunstan at 613-523-2252 or e-mail [teddunstan@rogers.com](mailto:teddunstan@rogers.com) to register.

- *Attendance at this event is free*
- *Time: 9 am to 4 pm*
- *Coffee, juice and fruit will be provided*
- *Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch*




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## *In Memoriam*

Eduardo Bonin, the founder of the Cursillo movement passed away quietly in Majorca Spain on Ash Wednesday, February 6, 2008. We praise God for his life and the joy the worldwide community have experienced through his founding of the Cursillo Movement.

**Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord  
And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

The national secretariat of the movement in Spain, in a notice on its Web site, stated "with his death, one of the pioneers of the work of the Cursillos in Christianity, is lost. It was in this parcel of the Church where the Lord planted him and to this place, he gave his effort, his dreams, his time and all of his life." The Cursillos in Christianity began in Spain, on the island of Mallorca, between the years of 1940 and 1949. "Numerous laymen and some priests, enlightened by the Holy Spirit discovered very clearly the fact that laymen too, in virtue of the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, perform an active role in evangelization," the national secretariat site explained. The movement spread throughout all of Spain and from there to the Americas and beyond. The statement concluded by thanking Bonin for his work, "Thank you, Eduardo, for making our lives better, for making us happier and because many of our lives would not have the light of the Gospel if you had not been here."



### **Why Ultreya?**

At our last Secretariat meeting we thought it would be a good idea to express what Ultreya means to us and I'd like to share with you what Ultreya means to me.

I have been part of this movement for fourteen years now and I always get excited when I anticipate our community getting together. I love the Lord and love being around people that love the Lord; so each Cursillo gathering is a most amazing

experience to me.

I have made lots of close friends in this community and always sense a bond even with those of you I don't really know personally, because we are Brothers and Sisters in Christ and He has united us together.

When we meet at Ultreyas I feel close to our Lord and receive exactly what I need whether it is encouragement, a word of knowledge or just a big hug from people that truly care about me, and my walk with the Lord. I always come away richer for the experience.

Ultreya builds my faith and strengthens me spiritually. I also relive the memories of my original Cursillo weekend because I will see someone who was either on my original weekend or someone will talk about a weekend experience that I can relate to.

My Cursillo experience was life changing for me and that is why I continue to be active in this movement. I encourage you all to attend your local Ultreyas and attend the central Ultreya as well.

The Lord calls us into Community *1John1:7*  
He calls us to pray *Ephesians 6:18*  
He calls us to love one another *John 13:34*

**Get involved and attend an Ultreya!**

***De Colores!***  
**Louise Mundt**  
**Musica**

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### **A Reflection from the OACM Secretary**

It was nearly two years ago that I received a call asking me to consider serving as secretary to the Secretariat, the executive body of OACM. Having had the privilege to serve on several weekend teams as part of my Fourth Day, here was yet another opportunity to say, "yes" to God.

But hold on. Why was I being asked to serve in this businesslike capacity? Few Cursillistas were aware of any skills I might possess and how do they know that I would be able to contribute to the administrative and executive function of the movement. I was puzzled and

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Intrigued that my name had been put forward.

First, I wondered, what the role involved, what was the expectation and could I satisfy the requirements? These questions were easily and promptly answered for me. What remained were the deeper personal concerns involving who was really in charge of my life and why was this invitation to serve in this way directed at me? Surely there are others more visible, more involved, more in tune with God and His will, not to mention more qualified than me. It was then I found myself recalling some of the well known personalities in scripture, like Abram, Moses, Samuel, Gideon, Jeremiah, Jonah, to say nothing of Jesus' disciples and Paul the evangelist to the Gentiles. All were called and each initially contemplated doubt in themselves to be the one chosen: Why me Lord? Who am I that You should ask me? Are there not others more capable than I? It would seem that there had to be a mistake in the heavenly data bank that has mixed me up with someone else.

Like many who have gone before and even more known to me personally, no matter how simple or relatively insignificant was this call to serve on Secretariat, it was, nevertheless an invitation and challenge to grow and trust in God in my life. What is abundantly clear to me is the very personal way that God reaches me and touches me in the every day things in my life and truly desires to make me more whole in Him. Only in this way do I become a vessel to be used more fully for the glory and witness of His kingdom on earth. Having realized this, it should come as little surprise that I found myself accepting the invitation to serve as secretary fairly quickly.

The rest is history and now my term will be concluding this Fall. The prime function of the Secretary is to attend and record the business at meetings. The role as Secretary to the OACM Secretariat has been both busy and fulfilling, and it is now my time to move on to other challenges. I thank my God for the privilege of serving and honouring Him more in this humble and blessed way.

*Ulteya*  
**Richard Gilman**

## **Weekend Coordinator**

Over the past three years, I have been blessed to serve as weekend co-ordinator for the O.A.C.M. In this capacity I was in charge of: booking the Retreat House, meeting with the weekend rectors and outlining the weekend from their perspective, keeping the team supplies and binders up to date, attending Secretariat meetings, and ensuring that all supplies were available to the team on weekends (this last function was handled admirably by Dave Piercey as supplies coordinator).

Serving on Secretariat as weekend co-ordinator has been personally fulfilling. It has been a joy and privilege to serve God surrounded by committed Christians, whose foremost goal is to spread Jesus' love throughout our community and beyond. I pray that the O.A.C.M. will continue to bring the Grace of our Lord into the lives of others, as Cursillo did for me

*Ulteya*  
**Jack Barkley**



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