

The Rooster Review

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Introducing the Babe Chicks of the 570th Women's Cursillo Weekend!

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Deacon Steve Haut Epiphany	Spiritual Director
Cena Smith St. Edward	Spiritual Director

Weekend Theme: Seek, Knock, Open

Pictured Above, left to right:

Front Row: Lisa Robichaud, Robin Bertch, Mary Harrison,
Celina Thompson, Dorcas Bgwanya
Back Row: Kathy Johnson, Marie Costello, Ruth Niemaseck,
Anna Smith, Carolina Marun

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Message from the Chair . . .

A very wise women I rely on for advice and counsel suggested I go the 'New Years Resolution' route with the Chair message for this issue of the Rooster. As cliché as it may seem, it's a great time to assess where we are spiritually, where we may be succeeding, where we are failing, and what we can do to moving forward in our journeys with Christ. God offers us a fresh start not just with the beginning of the year, but with the beginning of each day.

The Cursillo community offers many opportunities for service that can help us grow closer to Jesus and his community on Earth. Are you called to serve on team? Say yes! Don't think about how it won't work, think about making it work! Can't serve on team? Help serve on a meal team! Write Palanca – remember how that Palanca touched you on your weekend? Help with the set up and clean up after a weekend! Many hands make light work, and it's the least we can do for our gracious host parishes Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart PGNB. Remember setup and cleanup are the community's gift to the Team and Candidates.

Outside of weekends, maybe double-up on your Ultreya attendance? CVCC is working very hard to make Sunday Ultreya's happen. As you might imagine, Churches tend to be busy on Sundays. But when the opportunity is there, please take advantage of it! And of course, our Friday Ultreya's as well – excellent way to end a week and kickoff a weekend. Also, you could attend the upcoming workshop to learn or re-learn the Cursillo method from all aspects. Lastly, CVCC is always grateful for monetary donations to offset weekend costs.

One of my favorite quotes about starting anew is from Mary Anne Radmacher who said, "Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says, "I'll try again tomorrow". Here's to having the courage to start anew!

I pray for a happy, healthy, and holy 2026 for all of you.

In His Service and Yours,

Rob

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Rob Grubbs, Table of St. Padre Pio | February 2006 | The Abbey

Secretary: Thank you to Faith Grubbs for answering the call to help with Pre-Cursillo! She's already off and running with it. Also, thanks to Sarah Howard for her service.

Newsletter editor: This position entails preparing the contents of Cursillo newsletter (Rooster Review) for publishing on a quarterly basis.

Newsletter only requires help and effort primarily three times a year around Team Weekends.

It may seem like five loaves and two fish, but bring it to the community and watch Jesus multiply it! Find the way that you can support Cursillo and run with it!



Message of Spiritual Direction

~~Very often the Sunday readings speak to Cursillo themes that are presented on a three-day Weekend. At this writing, the Gospel from the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time was Luke (12:49-53). Jesus begins the message to His apostles, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already burning."~~

~~At first glance, it is a difficult subject to hear coming from Jesus Himself. But it is a familiar theme to Cursillistas calling us to set our ideal on Christ and a challenge to Christian Action and to Evangelize the world by our words and deeds.~~

~~Jesus is not being divisive. He is speaking of the Kingdom and being realistic. In His time (and ours) His desire has not been realized, and he is simply yearning for that time. The divisions come from the human heart which either accepts or rejects His teaching. The sum of His teaching is to not accept the way of the world - even when manifested among family members.~~

~~As St. Paul says in Romans (13:13-14), we are to "put on Christ" as we would put on clothing and to authentically act as Jesus would act even if we personally are reviled. As we hear at the end of the Beatitudes; "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." (Mt 5:11).~~

~~Jesus' wish is still unfulfilled. The daily news shows that most of the earth is still not ready to accept Jesus' message, but Cursillo calls us to be Saints and Apostles; to "set the world on fire" and, if necessary, to face vilification for the sake of authentic holiness. Yes, it is a challenge but using the Cursillo Method, in union with other like-minded Christians and with the aid of the Holy Spirit, we can strike a spark in our environments.~~

~Deacon Steve Haut, Spiritual Director for the Center

Introducing the next Women's Team: "Transfigure Us Oh Lord"

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Newsletter

Position Available!

Weekend Details

Women's Weekend

Opening

- ◇ Thur 2/26/26
- ◇ Bring Snacks & Drinks

Richmond Hill
2209 E Grace Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Closing

- ◇ Sun 3/1/26
- ◇ Bring Food & Drinks

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
3300 R Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming CVCC Events!

Date	Time	Ultreyas (U) Weekend (WE)
1/9/26	7:30 PM	U:
1/23/26	7:30 PM	U:
2/13/26	7:00 PM	U:
2/26/26	7:00 PM	WE: Opening – Richmond Hill
2/27/26	4:00 PM	U:
3/1/26	4:00 PM	WE: Closing – Holy Rosary
3/13/26	7:30 PM	U: TBD
2/26—3/1/2026		WE: Women's – Richmond Hill
6/11—6/14/2026		WE: Men's – Sacred Heart PGNB

Make a Friend ~ Be a Friend ~ Bring a Friend to Christ!

Apply Online! It's so easy, and it helps the Pre-Cursillo Team!

<https://www.centralvacursillo.org/cursillo-application>

(Yes, you can still download an application)



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