

The Rooster Review

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Introducing the Babe Chicks of the 557th Men's Cursillo Weekend!

Name

Role & Talk

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Russell Titone Epiphany	Squire Study
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Kathy Haut Epiphany	Spiritual Director
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Weekend Theme: [Calm In The Squall](#)

*Pictured Above: Left to Right:
Richard Twitchell (St. Michael)
Chris Alburger (St. Mary RIC)
Michael Wilson (St. Michael), Richard McDevitt
(Epiphany), Ernie Salvo (St. James),
Richard Brackley (Sacred Heart PGNB),
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Position available!

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Position available!

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Message from the Co-Chair . . .

One of my favorite humor apps is doing a series called, "What Unites Us?" The site is proclaimed to be 'socially and politically neutral', yet given the constant angst we face, was compelled to request pictures of 'what unites us' to post. Their intent was simply to demonstrate that more unites us than separates us.

Some were expected – family, pets, friends. Some were lighthearted – food, sports, hobbies. But none were wrong. As much as we are led to believe otherwise, there is far more that unites us than separates us.

It made me think of what unites us. Not just as Cursillestas, or Catholics, but Christians as a whole. We are united and brought under one idea: The Love of Christ. Wanting to share his love with everyone. Wanting to serve in His Name in our various ministries.

When we Make a Friend, Be a Friend, and Bring a Friend to Christ, it's not caveated with 'Cursillo friend', or 'Catholic friend' or 'Christian friend'. It's friend – period. We are tasked to bring all to Christ. Bringing new members into our community of friendship and love will help to build that unity we all so desperately need.

When you look around at an Ultreya, or an Opening or Closing, there's a great deal of variety in the people around us – different ages, different backgrounds, different life experiences. But none of that keeps us from being united in our mission for Christ. Our differences make our weekend teams stronger and make our growing community better. I have to think this is what Christ would have wanted.

We have a women's team in formation now that needs candidates. It's up to us to bring those candidates into our community, and let their differences and hesitations melt away as they become a new creation: A Babe Chick! Go get those candidates today!

In His Service And Yours,

Rob DeColores,

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

CVCC is looking for a few new team members and we need you! Currently we have openings for the following positions on our CVCC Committees

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

Group Reunion Coordinator: This position entails maintaining a list of all the current group reunions in the CVCC area, in order to provide the list in the 4th day packets

Pre-Cursillo Coordinator: This position entails helping Joanna at check in with candidate registration and payments.

These positions only require help and effort primarily two or three times a year, especially 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

In a past issue of the Rooster Review, I have described the role of the Spiritual Director from the aspect of what they do during team formation and the Cursillo Weekend itself. In this installment, I will discuss briefly why there are spiritual directors, usually two to four, who participate during the weeks when the team is in formation and during the three days while the Weekend unfolds.

A spiritual director (SD) put simply, is a companion on the journey. A SD will have participated in specialized training to recognize the needs and style of prayer and guidance of those who seek their assistance. Most major faith traditions have some form of this training. Most well-known by Catholics in the Richmond Diocese, is the two-year program of the Spiritual Directors Institute (SDI) started by the late Fr. Chester Michael and currently continued locally and in other areas of Virginia by some of his past graduates. Another training program is held at Richmond Hill.

Why all this explanation? Spiritual direction is serious business since the call to discipleship, evangelization and a deepening relationship to God are real challenges for many people. On a Cursillo, we are given temporary care of the body and soul of candidates and team, which is an awesome responsibility, specifically:

- To attend to the spiritual needs of the team during training and formation, and the candidates on the Weekend. This includes assuring the absolute freedom of candidates to experience the Cursillo as God intends without interference from sponsor, team members or family.
- To be attentive that authenticity is maintained in the teaching of Catholic theology and the goals and methods of the Cursillo Movement. Of course, a SD must know their faith on a deeper level so theological training in what the Church teaches and how one establishes and nourishes a personal relationship with God and Jesus is essential. Some spiritual directors have attended seminary. An understanding of the specific way a Cursillo unfolds is also critical. This is why a spiritual director must have three team experiences before they are called to be a spiritual director.

The spiritual director coordinator discerns, after prayer, who will be asked as a spiritual director for a weekend. Traditionally, the SD has been a priest but as we all know, priestly vocations are down and the priest that are willing are not often able to help. Even deacons are busy. Fortunately, thanks to SDI we are blessed with trained lay SDs.

~Deacon Steve Haut, Spiritual Director for the Center

Introducing the next Women's Team: "Child, Give Me Your Heart"

Bethany Petro	Rectora	Sacred Heart PGNB	
Kaitlin Cox	Asst. Rectora	St. Ann's Colonial Heights	Ideal
Lynn Dichristina	Head Liturgy	St. John Neuman	
Faith Grubbs	ArchAngel	St. Gabriel	Group Reunion
Ann Danzi	TMAT	St. Gabriel	Laity
Carolyn England	Angel	Epiphany	Study
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Beth Laws	Angel	St. Mary's Richmond	Study of the Environment
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Newsletter

Position Available!



Weekend Details

Women's Weekend

Opening

- ◊ Thur 10/17/23
- ◊ Bring Snacks & Drinks

St. John Nepomucene
7320 Squirrel Level Road
Petersburg, VA 23805

Closing

- ◊ Sun 10/20/23
- ◊ Bring Food & Drinks

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7320 Squirrel Level Rd
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Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming CVCC Events!

Date	Time	Ultreyas (U) Weekend (WE)
9/13/24	7:30 PM	U: St. Mary's Richmond
9/27/24	7:30 PM	U: St. Joseph's Petersburg
10/11/24	7:30 PM	U: TBD
10/17/24	7:00 PM	WE: Opening – St. John Nepomucene
10/20/24	4:00 PM	WE: Closing - St. John Nepomucene
10/25/24	4:00 PM	U: St. Bridget's
11/8/24	7:30 PM	U: TBD
11/22/24	7:30 PM	U: TBD
2/20—2/23 2025	7:30 PM	WE: Women's – Shalom House
6/5—6/8 2025	7:30 PM	WE: Men's – Sacred Heart PGNB

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

Coming in 2025!

Central Virginia Cursillo as a 501c3

Treasurer Cris Pond and the CVCC are working very diligently to make CVC a legal 501c3, which would allow donations to be deducted from your taxes. As mentioned, we are no longer covered by the Diocese or National Cursillo, so we've been exploring all alternatives. Please pray we will have a resolution on that soon.

Weekend at Richmond Hill

Many of us have had an Overnight or other retreat at Richmond Hill and thought, "This would be a great place to hold a weekend!" Well, we have a subcommittee in negotiations now to hopefully have the October 2025 Women's Weekend there. Stay tuned for more details!

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