

The Rooster Review

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Introducing the Babe Chicks of the 573rd Women's Cursillo Weekend!

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Weekend Theme: Transfigure Us O Lord

Pictured Above, left to right:

Front Row: Barbara Smith, Terri Esposito,
Bernadette Boyce, Katie Fraker

Back Row: Linnea Wollridge, Linda Mingos,
Stephanie Christmas, Liz Fiol, Kathy Dowdy

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Message from the Chair . . .

I went to a reconciliation service at the downtown Cathedral of the Sacred Heart a couple of weeks before Easter. As I sat there immersed in the beauty of the building itself, I reflected on it as a metaphor of God's love for us. When it comes to our own houses, most of them were built modestly, functionally, and enough to meet our needs. But, when it comes to building a house for the Lord, we go all out – huge, beautiful, highly detailed, every corner an ornate work of art. Everything designed to uplift the soul. Certainly, this is what we should do to honor our Lord.

The more I reflected, the metaphor changed or at least took on a second meaning. Our houses reflect our love of the Lord, but his house – the Cathedral – reflects his love for us: far exceeding our humble concepts and attempts to show love. His love is enormous, perfect, overwhelming, and beautiful in every way.

As we've just celebrated the Easter season, we remember the words of St. Augustine: "God had one son on Earth without sin, but never one without suffering". God's son took on every aspect of humanity during his time on Earth, including suffering. We've never suffered alone. God's endless love was manifested in the sacrifice of his son – overwhelming indeed! May we never cease to try to keep building our houses to glorify and beautify his creation.

The Happiest and Holiest of Easters to you and yours! He is Risen!

In His Service and Yours,

Rob

DeColores,



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

4th Day Coordinator: We Welcome Antonia Thompson as our new **4th Day Coordinator!!** Thanks to Deb Beaudet for her service, and for staying on for a while until we find a successor.

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.

I read recently that 'A Christian shoemaker glorifies God not by putting little crosses on his shoes, but by making very good shoes'. It's all about putting your heart into your service to the Lord, whatever it is!



Message of Spiritual Direction

He is truly risen!

I hope everyone had a blessed and uplifting Easter. Even more than any other celebration or holiday during the Church year - even Christmas, Easter is the Central event and mystery of our Christian faith.

"United with Christ by Baptism, believers already truly participate in the heavenly life of the risen Christ, but this life remains "hidden with Christ in God." The Father has already "raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Nourished with his body in the Eucharist, we already belong to the Body of Christ. When we rise on the last day we "also will appear with him in glory." (CCC 1003)

We all entered a relationship with Christ in Baptism. But for many Christians, the lived experience or foretaste of what heaven and the love to God is like in life never really becomes the motivation driving our actions in this life.

In Cursillo, we enter into a unique and supportive community which is called to Christianize our environments and to preach the Gospel by our fearless and joyful lived example within the world. It is the primary goal of Cursillo and the end result of metanoia.

Our personal transformation is sustained by the Cursillo Method of Ultreya and Group Reunion which provides a loving community that supports us as some others and events constantly try to wear us down. But God's love does not stop with the inward community. It must lead outward.

As the Body of Christ, Cursillistas are called to love, not just fellow Cursillistas, but also friends, neighbors, coworkers and even strangers who may not yet really know that God loves them. "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ." The most significant reaction of this authentic friendship for others is to think: "I want what they have." That thought may spark their curiosity and inner thirsting for God and might then lead to their own metanoia in various ways like participation in a continuing education at their church - or even (praise God!) a Cursillo Weekend.

Speaking of Cursillo Weekends, a Men's Weekend is coming soon. Please, make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ. Candidates are increasingly reluctant to commit to the time away from their routines, especially men. Make a real difference in someone's life. Now is the moment. Christ is counting on YOU.

God bless us all. De Colores

~Deacon Steve Haut, Spiritual Director for the Center

Introducing the next Men's Team: Chosen and Sent

David Biddulph	St. Mary Annunciation	Rector	
Rick Bonini	Epiphany	Squire & Liturgy	Group Reunion & Ultreya
Mike Bryner	St. Gabriel	Squire	Christianity in Action
Chris DiChristina	St. John Neumann	Asst Rector	Study of the Environment
Dale Fater	Sacred Heart PGNB	TMAT	Study
Rick Fleming	Epiphany	Squire & Liturgy	Action
Jim Hammes	Sacred Heart PGNB	TMAT	Layperson in the Church
Bobby Henderson	Sacred Heart PGNB	TMAT	Leaders
Scott Kittle	St. Mary Annunciation	Tech Squire	Cursillista Beyond Cursillo
Joe Moore	Epiphany	TMAT	Piety
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Galen W Potter	Sacred Heart PGNB	Head of Liturgy	Ideal
Deacon Bob Straub	Catholic Cluster*	Spiritual Director	
Bethany Petro	Holy Rosary	Spiritual Director	
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Newsletter

Position Available!

Weekend Details

Men's Weekend

Opening

- ◇ Thur 6/11/26
- ◇ Bring Snacks & Drinks

Sacred Heart PGNB
9300 Community Lane
Petersburg, VA 23805

Closing

- ◇ Sun 6/14/26
- ◇ Bring Food & Drinks

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Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming CVCC Events!

Date	Time	Ultreyas (U) Weekend (WE)
4/24/26	7:30 PM	U: St. James, Hopewell
5/8/26	7:30 PM	U: St. Ann, Colonial Heights
5/22/26	7:30 PM	No Ultreya – Memorial Day
6/11/26	7:00 PM	WE: Opening - Sacred Heart PGNB
6/12/26	7:30 PM	U: TBD
6/14/26	4:00 PM	WE: Closing - Sacred Heart PGNB
6/26/26	7:30 PM	U: TBD
6/11—14/2026		WE: Men's – Sacred Heart PGNB
10/1—4/2026		WE: Women's – Richmond Hill

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)



The next Emmaus Weekend is a women's weekend, April 23-26, 2026.

Contact our Liaison Bev VanDevender at the phone number and email above!

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