

# The Rooster Review

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## Introducing the Babe Chicks of the 559<sup>th</sup> Women's Cursillo Weekend!

| Name                                   | Role & Talk                      |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Bethany Petro   Sacred Heart PGNB      | Rectora                          |
| Jeannine Commander   St. James         | Liturgy / Leaders                |
| Kaitlin Cox   St. Ann Colonial Heights | Asst. Rectora / Ideal            |
| Ann Danzi   St. Gabriel                | TMAT   Laity                     |
| Lynn DiChristina   St. John Newmann    | Head of Liturgy   Grp. Reunion   |
| Carolyn England   Epiphany             | Angel   Study                    |
| Faith Grubbs   St. Gabriel             | ArchAngel                        |
| Elizabeth Howard   Sacred Heart PGNB   | TMAT   Christianity In Action    |
| Sarah Howard   Sacred Heart PGNB       | TMAT   Piety                     |
| Beth Laws   St. Mary's Richmond        | Angel   Study of the Environment |
| Berna Seabrook   Holy Rosary           | TMAT   Action                    |
| Brady Beveridge   Epiphany             | Spiritual Director               |
| Twink Fisher   St. Joseph's Petersburg | Spiritual Director               |
| Scott Fisher   St. Joseph's Petersburg | Spiritual Director               |
| Fr. Frank Wiggins   Retired            | Spiritual Director               |

Weekend Theme: Child Give Me Your Heart

*Pictured Above:*

Front row—Carol Ann Trail (Sacred Heart PGNB)

Middle row— Jackie Otieno (St. Ann CH),  
Becky Phillips (St. John HS), Erinn Peterson  
(St. Olaf), Stephanie Daniel(Sacred Heart PGNB)

Back row— Meg Higham (St. John Neumann), Roxanne  
Peters (Sacred Heart PGNB), Kathy Boehling (St. John  
Neumann), Robin Marill-Morgan (St. John Neumann), and  
Chloe Coates(Sacred Heart RIC)

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*(Covered by Kaitlin)*

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## Message from the Co-Chair . . .

I'm still overwhelmed and grateful for the outpouring of help at the last minute for our most recent women's weekend. The community really stepped up, as I never doubted that they would, to make sure that we had enough candidates for the weekend, and that those candidates and team would be well fed. Having said that, I feel there are two things worth mentioning as we move toward our upcoming women's weekend in February.

One is to answer the question, "Who's responsibility is it to get candidates for the weekend?" This can be answered by one simple question: Are you a Cursillesta? If you are, then it's your responsibility to find candidates. It does not matter in what capacity you're serving them community – team, CVCC, Babe Chick (you can co-sponsor with another seasoned Cursillesta), etc. It doesn't say, "These People Specifically Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ". We are all charged with this responsibility. Christ is counting on ALL of us! And it goes without saying the sooner you can sign that candidate on, the easier it makes it on all the community to welcome them.

The other takeaway is that we really need to have more homemade meals brought to the weekend. Again, we/I appreciate the monetary donations that carried us through the last weekend. But feeding the team and candidates is only part of that ministry. The other part, arguably more important, is to show the involvement of the community, make new friends, and demonstrate to the Babe Chicks the love of Christ to strangers by bringing food and visiting the team. The effect is lost with delivery food. I don't want to become a community that just sends the check in the envelope as a substitute for Food Palanca (some would say the best kind of Palanca!)

Questions? Comments? Criticisms? Ideas? I welcome them all – you know where to find me.

In His Service and Yours,

Rob *DeColores,*

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

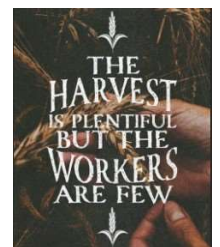
CVCC is looking for a few new team members and we need you! Currently we have openings for the following positions on our CVCC Committees

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

**Pre-Cursillo Coordinator:** This CVCC position involves keeping track of candidates for each weekend, as well as checking candidates in and collecting the balance of payments at the opening of each weekend.. **We thank Joanna Halliday for her years of help and pray for the best in her new spiritual endeavors!**

**We welcome aboard Yvonne Pfluger as our new Group Reunion Coordinator!!**

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

At the time of this writing, Advent has just begun. What can I say that you have not heard before for this season? There is the wondrous image of making straight the way of the Lord and reassessing where we are spiritually with God. I am going to reflect on a theme that only comes once every twenty-five years. This Advent begins the celebration of a jubilee year for the Church.

As the Pope has said in announcing the theme for 2025, Pilgrims of Hope, he is challenging us all to be just that, pilgrims. A pilgrim is one who moves onward from where they are. As the dictionary states, "a pilgrim is a person who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons." As the Pope explains, in this year we will set our minds to the task of restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire after years of pandemic and suffering. We begin by prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus coming into the world. But what does that really mean?

These are difficult times, more so than usual, when the message of Jesus seems to have been lost in the unfolding of national and international events. There are so many poor and suffering, the powerless, the victims of war and natural disasters.

We as Cursillistas, from movements beginnings, are still called to be unwavering pilgrims of hope and never lose the vision that Jesus revealed to us. A new Cursillo team is now forming, and they will be the new pilgrims of hope for the candidate that participate in the Weekend. But we too must be attentive and be pilgrim/disciples in our own way to those to whom the message was originally intended. We, who are so blessed, are obliged to promote hope in those who are lost and are strangers. Let us reemphasize by hope and prayer as another Cursillo approaches in this special jubilee year of hope to renew and act as Jesus taught us and in the sacred place of God's creation.

~Deacon Steve Haut, Spiritual Director for the Center

## Introducing the next Women's Team: "Love Like Jesus"

|                         |                    |                           |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Paula Flynn</b>      | Rectora            | St. John Neumann          |                          |
| <b>Robin Bandino</b>    | Asst. Rectora      | Redeemer                  |                          |
| <b>Neilann Brown</b>    | Angel              | St. John Highland Springs | Ideal                    |
| <b>Thelma Bryner</b>    | TMAT               | St. Gabriel               | Group Reunion / Ultreya  |
| <b>Cindy Callaway</b>   | Angel              | St. Gabriel               | Evangelization           |
| <b>Joan Evans</b>       | TMAT               | St. Gabriel               | Laity                    |
| <b>Donna Green</b>      | TMAT/Angel         | Epiphany                  | Study of the Environment |
| <b>Ellen Klingman</b>   | Liturgy            | St. James                 | Leaders                  |
| <b>Ann Lewis</b>        | Head of Liturgy    | St. John Neumann          | Piety                    |
| <b>Ruth Mercadante</b>  | ArchAngel          | Epiphany                  |                          |
| <b>Janet Potter</b>     | Liturgy            | Sacred Heart PGNB         | Christianity In Action   |
| <b>Carmela Tombes</b>   | TMAT               | Epiphany                  | Study                    |
| <b>Amber Parsons</b>    | Spiritual Director | Epiphany                  |                          |
| <b>Nick Vidonic</b>     | Spiritual Director | Epiphany                  |                          |
| <b>Diane Young</b>      | Spiritual Director | St. Joseph- Petersburg    |                          |
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### Newsletter

*Position Available!*

*(Covered by Rob)*

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## Weekend Details

### Women's Weekend

#### Opening

◇ Thur 2/20/25

◇ Bring Snacks & Drinks

Shalom House

15340 Robert Terrell Drive

Montpelier VA 23192

#### Closing

◇ Sun 2/23/25

◇ Bring Food & Drinks

St. Ann's Ashland

105 S Snead St

Ashland, VA 23005

## Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming CVCC Events!

| Date            | Time    | Ultreyas (U)   Weekend (WE)       |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 1/10/25         | 7:30 PM | U: St. Edwards, Richmond          |
| 1/26/25         | 2:00 PM | U: Redeemer, Mechanicsville (SUN) |
| 2/14/25         | 7:30 PM | U: TBD                            |
| 2/20/25         | 7:00 PM | WE: Opening – Shalom House        |
| 2/23/25         | 4:00 PM | WE: Closing – St. Ann's Ashland   |
| 2/28/25         | 7:30 PM | U: Sacred Heart PGNB              |
| 3/14/25         | 7:30 PM | U: Epiphany                       |
| 3/22/25         | 8:30 AM | Cursillo Training - Epiphany      |
| 6/5—6/8 2025    | 7:30 PM | WE: Men's – Sacred Heart PGNB     |
| 10/9—10/12 2025 | 7:30 PM | WE: Women's – Richmond Hill       |

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

*Don't forget to download the latest Weekend Application here:*

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

*If it says \$300 and has Kaitlin Cox listed as Pre-Cursillo contact, you have the right one!!*

*(You can always apply online too!)*



*Ever want to better understand what goes on over a weekend? We are re-starting the 'Cursillo Training' classes! Faith Grubbs will lead a training class on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, starting at 8:30am at Church of the Epiphany. Look for the sign-up list coming out next spring!*

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