



Happenings

- October 1 – 4 Concurrent
Rector: Charlie Schindler
- November 7 DDU location TBA
- February 18-21 Men's Weekend
Rector: Al Bunyard
- March 18-21 Women's Weekend
Rector: Nancy Aschiero

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The Rooster Crows

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New Website

Our fabulous new website should be on-line on September 1. Please take a moment to check it out <http://cursillodsv.org/>

If you see Laurie Brown from Hickory Neck, give her a big thank you for all her hard work and creativity!

Palanca

Everyone loves receiving palanca and making it is fun also. Please keep this information in mind when organizing for future weekends.

The most effective palanca is hand written notes. If you want simple notes, use a bookmark and write on the back, but write—this is what is kept, remembered, cried over. The doo dads are fun, but who even remembers where they came from (and the knitted cross gets so heavy).

To send palanca to a weekend where you don't have or know anyone on team, contact the weekend coordinator, Lisa Adams.
weekendcoordinator@cursillodsv.org

Cursillo Finances

Your Secretariat wants to let everyone know the status of the Secretariat treasury. As of August the balance in the account was \$8177.33

NOTE: The Secretariat picks up additional costs for weekends of between \$2,000 and \$2500.

Secretariat Members

Your **Secretariat** wants to be responsive to any suggestions or needs. Please feel free to contact any member listed below.

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Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

The next **Concurrent Weekend** will be October 1 – 4 with Charlie Schindler as rector. This is the chance for men AND women to attend a weekend at the same time while maintaining gender specific talks.

February 18-21 is the next **Men's weekend**. Be praying about joining the team headed by Al Bunyard and stir up the men in your church to sponsor some great guys! Nancy Aschiero will be the rector March 18-21 for the **women's weekend**.

Applications are now being accepted for team (men's and women's) and candidates. The applications maybe found and downloaded at:

Team:

http://www.cursillodsv.org/cursillo_team_application_rev2007.pdf

Candidate

http://www.cursillodsv.org/candidate_application_rev2007.pdf

Note: there will be a new candidate application available Sept. 1 and that should be used for all weekends after the concurrent. Due to increased costs at Chanco team cost will be \$275 and candidate cost will be \$250 (double occupancy) starting in 2010. The completed application needs to be mailed to:

Cursillo in Southern Virginia, P.O. Box 11027, Norfolk, VA 23517

Once Upon a Time

People submitted team applications before being asked just because they were interested in being on a team. What a treat that was for the incoming rectors who then received the applications and were able to just call and invite.

Please consider completing an application for the weekend coordinator to keep on file. This does not require you to be on a specific team, however you can indicate which one you might be interested in.

Applications can be found for both team and candidate on the cursillo website:

<http://cursillodsv.org/> Please complete an application and send it in this week!

Remember the fun of being on team and renew your excitement!

The Dilemma of Waiting or Sponsor NOW



Overall, Southern Virginia Episcopal Cursillo remains healthy, strong, and vibrant. However, timely sponsorship of candidates remains a bit concerning. Often there continue to be rumors of candidates “in the works”. Things like: *Our parish has several people going on the next weekend!* or *So and so told me they have 2 candidates they are working on.* If all these rumors were true, there would be a waiting list to go on every weekend. Yet the reality is that recent weekends have had very low numbers or many last minute applications.



Although Cursillo weekend is not about the numbers, as once the sponsors and community leave on Thursday night, it’s not the team and candidates; it’s just “us”. God has something in store for each person present on the weekend. Even so, there is a minimum threshold that needs to be met. Economically a weekend cannot be held with only one or two tables.

The overall trend in sponsorship seems to be one of waiting, waiting, waiting, and then submitting applications at the last minute — or in some cases, past the last minute. Occasionally hear anecdotal reports are told of someone being asked, “It’s a great weekend! Would you like to go?” and then being handed an application to fill out. True sponsorship takes time and effort. Beating the bushes at the last minute for candidates serves no one well, especially the candidates.



Many of us know people who are appropriate candidates. We’ve built a relationship with them, and perhaps even talked to them about Cursillo and taken them to an Ultreya. Yet somehow, time slips away. We get the email that says the deadline is three months away. “Ok there’s lots of time.” Life goes on. Then the deadline is two months away. “Still got time.” Another month goes by, and “need to do this soon.” But other things crowd their way in, and oops the deadline is in a few days, which leads to scrambling to get the application filled out and signed and mailed in. Not a good situation.

Don’t let time slip away! Don’t wait until the last couple of weeks, let alone the last day. Everyone needs time to prepare. **The team needs time to pray for candidates by name, and to prepare weekend materials for each candidate. The community needs time to pray for candidates by name, and to write palanca.** Candidates need time to prepare. Many employers won’t let employees take time off with less than a pre-determined amount of notice. If you wait until the last minute, your candidate may not be able to take time off from work. Now is the time to submit applications. I encourage you to do just that. — *Ultreya*



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