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Newsletter for the Cursillo Movement for the Dioceses of Dallas & Fort Worth

HONDURAN TEAM TO ATTEND APRIL 4-6 NEW BEGINNINGS AT ALL SAINTS CAMP

The Rev. Connie Sanchez and six other people from the Diocese of Honduras will visit in early April to learn how to put on New Beginnings.

The Rev. Connie will bring two adults and four youth to attend the New Beginnings April 4-6 at All Saints Camp. The Renewal Center is raising airfare for this group, which will amount to over \$7,000.

We are asking for contributions from the many people who have been involved in the Honduras Missions. Connie Sanchez is a much beloved person to just about everyone who has been to Honduras. St. Luke's, Dallas will oversee housing for the group.

VERY IMPORTANT MISSION TRIPS TO TWO DIOCESES IN TANZANIA AND ONE IN UGANDA TAKING PLACE IN MAY 2008

Since the Renewal Center first went to Africa in 1999, Cursillo and Happening have spread beyond anything we could have imagined.

Now, we have an opportunity to embark on what is potentially our most fruitful African Mission. In May 2008, we will visit two Dioceses in Tanzania to introduce Happening to one and to do post Cursillo training in another. We will also try to make contact with the Bishop in Tibora, a Diocese we have not visited in Tanzania. In addition we have been asked by the Bishop of Namarembe

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in Uganda to do a Happening and a Cursillo there.

We need the prayers of our community for this large endeavor. We will use many of our Kenyan friends to help us. Everything in Tanzania has to be done in Swahili. Right now, we are in the planning stage. Call us if you have an interest in either portion of this mission, and do keep this important trip in your prayers.

THANKS!

CHERYL BUTLER

Cheryl, who was a long time Cursillista, died shortly before Christmas. She had ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease for eleven years. With this disease your body gradually dies bit by bit until you lose total control while your mind is not affected.

When we got the call that Cheryl was dying I rushed over to see her. Although Cheryl had only two close relatives, she had a huge Christian community. Some months back Cheryl had asked me to pray that the Lord would take her soon.

She was in a hospital bed at home with instructions over her bed that nothing is done to keep her alive. Cheryl had several good friends attending to her needs. Blessedly, I was able to spend two hours with her.

As the eldest grandchild in my family, I have sat with quite a few dying relatives. These are not my fondest memories. Cheryl was totally lucid, serene and able to talk. We talked about dying and heaven, and I rejoiced with her on being so close to heaven. Part of the time she talked about Cursillo and what it had meant to her, and part of the time we just made small talk.

Cheryl looked luminously beautiful as if she was lit from the inside out. Her breathing wasn't so good; so, I asked her if she would like to rest. I told her I would love to just sit with her. She dozed off, and I have never felt so close to Christ. I felt like I was sitting with Christ.

She woke up in about five minutes ready to talk again. I knew I was in the presence of someone who had grown very holy and was right to the end a witness with all the power of the Spirit of Christ. It wasn't at all like I was with a dying person, but rather like I was privileged to see a lovely holy person on her way to heaven. She seemed to me to be more than half way there. She lived another day or so. I now have this wonderful image of grace filled Cheryl dancing in heaven. Let light perpetual shine upon her.

Frank Bain

Back to the Mountain Retreat

The cost is \$110 for the English weekend and \$50 for the Spanish weekend. Please send with this application to: **The Episcopal Center for Renewal; 10290 MONROE DRIVE SUITE 101, Dallas, TX 75229-5718.** *If you have any questions, you may call 214/351-9330 or Metro 972/445-5095. When your application is processed, you will be acknowledged by letter and sent a map to Camp Crucis. (Please print.)*

Name _____ *Name on nametag:* _____

Address _____

Street

City/State

Zip

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Cursillo attended: _____ Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ Occupation _____

Church/Parish _____

City of Parish

E-Mail: _____

Please check one:

_____ Spanish: April 18-19 at All Saints Camp

_____ English: April 25-27 at Camp Crucis

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Applicant's Signature

Cash/Check

Date Rec'd

Acceptance Ltr.

FUTURE CURSILLOS

Cursillo #270—Camp Crucis

March 27—30

Rector: Pamela Hill

St. Martin in the Fields, Southlake

Spiritual Advisors

Deacon Lana Farley

Fr. Charlie Keen

Fr. Tom Shepherd

Cursillo #271—Camp Crucis

June 5-8

Rector: Richard Moseley

St. John's, Fort Worth

Spiritual Advisors

Fr. Jerry Morriss

TBA

Cursillo #272—All Saints Camp

September 18-21

Rector: Tee Wilson

St. Luke's, Dallas

Spiritual Advisors

Fr. Bill Cavanaugh

Deacon Jim Webb

NOTICE! A CURSILLO CHANGE!

After much prayerful consideration, the Secretariat has changed the Cursillo pricing to \$150 per person. It has been about four years since we have increased our pricing, and just as your budget has expanded, ours has also. Pricing includes meals, lodging and entertainment, for three nights this is still a bargain.

Report from the Program Director

Call Linda at 214 351-9330 for more information.

Time to Go North to All Saints Camp again for a Cursillo!

The next Cursillo will be January 31st - Feb 3rd, 2008, at All Saints Camp on Lake Texoma. The Rector of Cursillo #269 will be Ben Richards V from St. Peter & St. Paul, Arlington. This Cursillo has a Team of our younger Cursillistas, in order to encourage younger Episcopalians to attend. We are targeting ages 25-40, but **Everyone AND Anyone** who applies will be happily included. To attend a Cursillo weekend one should be a confirmed Episcopalian that is at least 21 years old.

First New Beginnings to be held at All Saints Camp in April

The dates of for *New Beginnings* #36 is April 4th-6th, 2008, so mark your calendars. We are excited, and we know the youth in 7th, 8th, and 9th grades will enjoy being at the new Dallas Diocesan camp. Plan now to get your youth there for a weekend that will change their lives. This will be a very special weekend, as we will sponsor a group of adults and youths from Honduras. They will take the program back to their country, which has sponsored many successful Happening and Cursillo weekends already. This will indeed be a very special weekend at time to encounter spring at the lake and meet the Hondurans.

Would you like for your 3rd or 4th graders to learn more about faith?

Our third **Mustard Seeds** will take place at St. John's Parish, 848 Harter Road, Dallas on February 23rd. Their day begins at 10 AM and goes until 3 PM, then ends with an ice cream party to be shared with their parents. The youth at the last Mustard Seeds had a great time. Teenagers lead the groups. Plan now to send your child. Applications can be downloaded from our Website www.episcopalrenewalcenter.org.

In April we can all go Back to The Mountain!

April 18th-19th, 2008 the Spanish Language Community will have a *Regreso A La Montaña* (Back to the Mountain) at All Saints Camp. This will be a wonderful time of the year, and a great time to improve your understanding of Cursillo. We will have applications on the website in the near future. www.episcopalrenewalcenter.org.

Then the next weekend we will have the *Back to the Mountain* for the English speaking community at Camp Crucis on April 25th-27th. We are in the process of deciding on the theme of the weekend

and more information and applications are on our website and on page 3 of this Carpe Diem.

***March Happening to be at
Holy Nativity, Plano!***

March 7th-9th are the dates for the Happening #140, which will be at Holy Nativity, Plano. The Rector will be Katie Durrett from Annunciation, Lewisville. The Spiritual Advisors will be Fr. Peter Getz from Trinity by the Lake, Rockwall, and Fr. Jon Jenkins from Christ the King, Fort Worth. Send all your high school age youths in 10th-12th grades to attend a very special and spiritual weekend. Applications are available on the website. They do not have to be Episcopalians but should be baptized Christians.

Have you ever wanted to serve on a Cursillo Team?

In order to serve on a Cursillo team after having attended Cursillo, you must come to a Team Orientation. The next Team Orientation will be April 12th at St. Peter and St. Paul's, 3900 Morris Lane, Arlington from 9 AM till 3 PM. The cost is \$5, and applications can be found below and on our website, www.episcopalrenewalcenter.org. The applications can be found under the title applications. If you thought it was an awesome experience to attend a Cursillo as a participant, we can tell you that to be on Team and watch the participants grow in the spirit is even more awesome. Anyone who attended Cursillo in another location must attend our Team Orientation to be oriented as to how we do the Cursillos. If you play guitar or keyboard and would like to be the music person on a weekend, please bring your instrument and come at 8 AM for Music Orientation.

Cursillo Team Orientation – April 12, 2008 - 9 AM - 3:00 PM

St. Peter & St. Paul, Arlington

Please mail this form & \$5 to:

The Episcopal Center for Renewal 10290 Monroe Dr. # 101, Dallas TX 75229-5718

Name: _____ Name for nametag _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____/_____ Work Phone: _____/_____

Home Parish: _____ Parish City: _____

Attended Cursillo # _____ D/FW? _____ If not, where: _____

Will you be attending the Music training (8 AM)? _____ Guitar _____ Keyboard _____

E-Mail: _____

Closing 2 PM

Team

Rector:

Ben Richards
St. Peter & Paul, Arlington

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Pamela Hill
St. Martin in the Fields, Southlake

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St. Luke in the Meadow, Fort Worth
Fr. Bill Taylor
Trinity, Fort Worth

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Molly McCall
Church of the Incarnation, Dallas

Palanca Cha Cha

Sara Bontke
Good Shepherd, Granbury

Logistics Cha Cha

Kathy Biegel
St. Peter & St. Paul, Arlington

Music

John Biegel
St. Peter & St. Paul, Arlington

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Priscilla Clark
St. Mary's, Irving
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Church of the Redeemer, Irving
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St. John's, Fort Worth
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St. Michael & All Angels, Dallas
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Cursillo #269

January 31–February 3, 2008
All Saints Camp, Lake Texoma

Participants

St. Michael & All Angels, Dallas

Wyatt & Carolyn Rousseau

St. Peter's, McKinney

Melanie Russell
John & Becky Tarver

Church of the Incarnation, Dallas

Michelle Anderson
Ana Williamson
Kent & Susan Wittman

St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas

Cecile Lumpkin

Good Shepherd, Terrell

Ginny McGinty

Church of the Apostles, Coppell

Carl Pellegrini

Good Shepherd, Cedar Hill

Paul Thomas

Logistics Assignments

Baked Goods & Veggies

St. Peter & St. Paul, Arlington

St. Peter's, McKinney

St. Michael & All Angels, Dallas

Conference Room Take-down

Kristen Kruntorad & Friends

We need volunteers to help with
Chapel Set-up & clean-up

Check our website for updates

www.episcopalrenewalcenter.org

***CLOSING MASS AT 2 PM (IT'S
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY)
ON SUNDAY, FEB 2ND AT
BECK HALL AT ALL SAINTS
CAMP, LAKE TEXOMA***

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Please let us know ahead of time if you are moving so we can send you the *Carpe Diem*. If you do not let us know, it will be returned to us with the new address, if available. If it isn't available we have to delete you from the mailing list. Please call (214-351-9330 or metro 972-445-5095) or e-mail (office@episcopalrenewalcenter.org) the Renewal Center with any changes in your address, email address and/or phone number. Please let us know if you wish to read the *Carpe Diem* on line and we will put you on the list to receive notification when it is posted on our web page at www.episcopalrenewalcenter.org.

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Mark Your Calendars



- January 31—February 3** *Cursillo #269 -
All Saints Camp, Lake Texoma*
- February 2** 9—11 AM *Community of Servants—ECR*
- February 3** - 2 PM *Closing Mass* at All Saints Camp
- February 9** 8:30 AM - 3 PM *School of Spirituality*
St. Francis, Dallas
- February 23** *Mustard Seeds* at St. John's, Dallas
- February 23** 9 AM - 1 PM *Cursillo #269 Day of Deeper
Understanding* - ECR
- February 24** 6 PM - *Grande Ultreya* at
St. Michael & All Angels, Dallas
- March 1** 9—11 AM *Community of Servants—ECR*
- March 7-9** *Happening #140* at Holy Nativity, Plano
- March 8** 8:30 AM - 3 PM *School of Spirituality*
St. Francis, Dallas
- March 21** Office Closed for Good Friday
- March 27-30** *Cursillo #270* at Camp Crucis, Granbury

ECR: Episcopal Center for Renewal