



Cursillo

NEW DAY

A message from Bishop Ian Coutts



An essential part of Cursillo is the 4th Day, how we live our everyday lives as Christians. In the diocese we have just taken the long anticipated step to have a Vision and a Strategic Plan. The Vision, from the Lambeth Conversations going on at present, is to be “God’s Church for God’s World” by fulfilling the two great commandments: to love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and our neighbour as ourselves.

The Strategy is in four parts:



Please look out for more information in *To the People* and soon on our diocesan website, in the next New Day and a likely forthcoming Newsletter

There is very little in this Vision and Strategic Plan, or possibly anything, that will be foreign to you as Cursillistas. My hope and prayer is that this Vision and Strategic Plan will also be an encouragement to you in your 4th Day observance and potentially lead to more people wishing to undertake Cursillo in our diocese, and being blessed by God in so doing.

Blessings,
+Ian

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What a Friend We Have In Jesus: C2 Condensed Weekend, 9 – 11 July 2021

A comment from one of our participants:

"Thank you so much for an incredible weekend, to have experienced that much love and encouragement from so many people who have never met me was quite amazing, to you and a wonderful team who gave so much of themselves for us was very moving."

From the Editor

Greetings,

At its most recent meeting Secretariat determined that the New Day will be published every two months, with a 'Cursillo Newsflash' being issued in-between times if there is something that needs to be shared which cannot wait for the next edition. Therefore, God willing, editions will be published during the first week of November, January, March, May, July, and September in the coming twelve months.

While we send the New Day to parish contacts to distribute, if you would like to receive a copy directly into your email inbox, please email me at newdayeditor@gmail.com

I hope to see many of you in Albany on Saturday 11th for their Ultreya. Full details are on the back page of this edition.

De Colores
Wendy



Our National Prayer

Gracious God,
we thank you for all the colours of
your love.

We hold before you our Cursillo
community and ask for your
continuing love and guidance.

As you keep your promises to us, may
we be true to the promises we have
made to you.

Through piety may we feel your
presence and identify the vision you
have for each one of us.

Through study may we gain new
insights and explore the vision we
seek.

Through apostolic action may we
share your love with others as we live
the vision before us.

This we pray in the name of your Son
and through the power of the Holy
Spirit within us.

Amen

From our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Fr. Ian Mabey



How easy it is to get caught up in the day to day business of life and making sure that everything in the life of the church is happening the way it should that we never get around to listening to God. In my ministry life I have the wonderful privilege to once a month traveling out to Hyden to conduct a service and spend some time with the people of the eastern wheatbelt. It is a complete change in my style of ministry and how I go about things. From my busy go - go ministry with always lots of people and lots of things all happening at the same time to one of things happening when the right time comes along and we see people when it is right to do so. It is such a contrast in my life style that it makes me very aware of just how important it is to stop and listen. This is also the way with our prayer life. So many of us have a busy and active prayer life, morning prayer, evening prayer, compline, prayers for those in need, arrow prayers, intercessions, and so on. Sometimes we just don't give God the time and space to get a word in edgeways. To hear the still small voice of God can for some of us be the hardest thing, yet the thing we need the most.

For me the four hour drive from Mandurah to Hyden once a month is the opportunity to slow the pace of my life down to get ready to listen. The trip is the process for me that I need to take to get ready, then I need to spend time listening. Listening is not just something I can turn on and off. It takes time and effort. It is however worth the effort. So often it is when I listen that I find the way forward in things that have been troubling me or occupying my mind.

In our Cursillo journey this time in prayer when we listen rather than petition God is so important if we wish to journey with God. This traveling or pilgrimage is the basis of the Cursillo movement. It is based on the idea of moving from where we are to a place where we can listen, hear and become one with God's call to us.

So in your apostolic action how about setting yourself the task, over the coming months, of doing nothing for some time every day, just spend time listening to God and what God has in mind for you, your life, and the things we are called to.

You may find that Bishop Ian has more to say in coming months about listening in prayer as a part of our Diocese. The Cursillo Movement has much to offer in this regard so lets all open our hearts and minds to what God has to say to us as we journey - to get ready to hear God speak.

De Colores



This is an extract from the bits left out of the King James version.....

And it came to pass that on the sixth day God grew weary of so much creating. So he decided to take a break. He drew a God sized mug of cappuccino from the heavenly espresso machine and sliced off a big hunk of madeira cake from the heavenly pantry. Just as he was going to consume the heavenly manna he realized that he was yet to create a creature for the Cursillistas to use as an object of song and prose. Two thoughts immediately came to mind – the first was a butterfly with gossamer wings of bright colours, and the second was a chicken with plumage to match a rainbow. Unable to decide which was best God created both creatures and saw that it was good. God then had reason to question the wisdom of his choice for he found that the butterfly had skipped gaily across the froth atop his cappuccino and the chicken had picked a hole in his cake. God sighed “de colores” which in ancient God-speak translates to “such is life!”.

Anon.





A message from Rev Jane Lamont National Spiritual Advisor

An Attitude of Gratitude

"I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Ps. 9:1

Gracious God, who delights in giving me good things, I thank and praise you for your loving bounty.

Thank you for what I have and I let go of the desire for what I do not have.

Thank you for your gift of life, for health and comfort.

Thank you for family, friends and community.

Thank you for safety and tolerance in our society.

Thank you for generosity of spirit and opportunities to share your bounty.

Thank you for always being there for me

Thank you for yesterday, today and tomorrow

Thank you for creating a heart so filled with gratitude that it leaves no room for complaining.

Thank You for being my strength when I am weak.

Thank You for showing me my worthiness and for pursuing me

And above all I thank you for Jesus

Amen



Secretariat Notes

Replacements

We are happy to provide replacement name disks, crosses and group reunion cards to Cursillistas who need them. To assist in covering the costs of these special items the following donations are asked for:

Name disk	\$5
Cross	\$2
Card	\$2

If you would like any replacements, please send a message to newdayeditor@gmail.com



Can You Help?



Do you remember a Palanca and a Clausura Banner being used at a Cursillo Three Day Weekend? Do you know where they might be?

In the corporate knowledge of our current Secretariat there is an understanding that these two banners have existed in the past. If so, they were Palanca gifts to Cursillo in our Diocese and we would very much like to find and

continue to use them.

Cursillo Rainbow Bag

Donations toward the furthering of Cursillo in our diocese are always welcome:

Bank: Anglican Community Fund
ACC: Anglican Cursillo Movement, Diocese of Bunbury
BSB: 706-001
ACC: 30004155
Reference: Donation



Do you have a Facebook presence? Are you a friend of the Cursillo Bunbury page? You can find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/bunburycursillo>

The Anglican Cursillo Movement in Australia has a webpage, as do many diocesan secretariats. Here is the link to the National site: <https://www.cursillo-australia.org/>

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There is a Cursillo page on our own Diocese of Bunbury webpage. Have you ever checked it out?

Here is the link: <https://www.bunburyanglican.org/cursillo.html>

From the ACMA Manual - Part 1 - An Overview

THE DIOCESAN SECRETARIAT

The diocesan secretariat is an essential part of the Cursillo Movement. Its membership is comprised of lay and clergy who are entrusted with the responsibility of promoting, developing and directing the Cursillo Movement in a diocese, with oversight by a bishop.

The Secretariat is an instrument of service and guidance for the Cursillo movement.

The Spirit of the Secretariat

The spirit of the Secretariat is the spirit of the Group Reunion. The structure is simple, flexible and focussed. The atmosphere is one of team work where honesty and mutual respect are integral to decision making. Prayer and the sharing of the Fourth Day is the core of Secretariat meetings.

The Function of the Secretariat

- *To serve and promote the Movement* There is a strong emphasis upon maintaining and fostering authentic Cursillo as established by the founders of the movement and set down in the official literature.
- *To link with ACMA* The Secretariat maintains a relationship with the ACMA National Secretariat through its appointed representatives on the national body.
- *Oversight of the Leaders' Schools/ Servant Communities* The Secretariat has the responsibility for oversight of the Leaders' Schools/Servant Communities and their functioning.
- *To establish and oversee such policies and practices as will provide an effective Fourth Day program* The purpose of Cursillo is realised in the Fourth Day and is central to the whole Cursillo Movement. This is a strong focus of the work of Secretariat.
- *The Pastoral Plan* It is the responsibility of the secretariat to consult with the Diocesan Bishop regarding areas of pastoral concern and to discern such areas in which the Cursillo Movement will be of service in the mission and ministry of the diocese.
- *Palanca* The effectiveness and fruit of Cursillo depends upon its being undergirded and enveloped with prayer. Secretariat is responsible for encouraging and promoting Palanca in whatever forms are found to be helpful.
- *The Three Day Program* The Secretariat plans Cursillo Three Day Programs so that they are effective in bringing participants from Precursillo to the Fourth Day. The planning of Three Day Programs as a component of diocesan ministry in a diocese where Cursillo is firmly established needs careful attention.
- *General organisation* While the Cursillo movement is not an organisation, the implementation of its method requires coordination by a small group of clergy and laity known as the Diocesan Secretariat.

A typical Secretariat, under episcopal oversight, consists of:

a Diocesan Lay Co-ordinator or Director a Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, members responsible for: Pre-cursillo, Servant Community/Leaders' School, The Fourth Day/Post Cursillo, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and other persons as deemed necessary.

'A PILGRIMAGE IN PRAYER'



ULTREYA SATURDAY 11th September 2021 St John's, ALBANY

11.00 am EUCHARIST at ST. JOHN'S

12 noon BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH
in the Church Hall

1.00 pm THE ULTREYA

2.30 pm Afternoon Tea

Please bring name tags, Group Reunion cards and remember the Rainbow Basket!

Please RSVP to Parish Administrator at

admin@anglicanchurchalbany.org.au by Sunday 5 September 2021

Ultreya!

Christ's Church, Mandurah

Further details to come

27th Nov, 2021