

**Cursillo is ALIVE and WELL in
The Diocese of Southern Va!**

Cursillo 2021 Fall Weekend
October 7-10, 2021
Travis Kennedy, Rector
Accepting Candidate &
Team Applications,
mail yours today!



*Make a friend, be a friend
and bring a friend to Christ*



Christ can count on me!

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Thoughts from The Lay Director, Bill Anspach January 21, 2021

I would like to wish our entire Cursillo Community a Happy New Year. Somehow, I have been handed the mantle of Lay Director. It is a huge responsibility and especially during this pandemic. We will all need to keep our faith strong and our friendships close to our hearts. For my first article, I thought I would share my Cursillo background with everyone. My name is Bill Anspach, I made Cursillo #59 in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, and I attend St. Christopher Episcopal Church in Portsmouth Virginia. I have served on the Secretariat twice. The first time was in approximately 2005 and then now starting in 2018. Both times my duty was treasurer. This year I have a double duty as treasurer and now Lay Director. I have lost count of the total number of weekends that I have served on but let us just say it is over 25. I was one of the musicians for most of the weekends that I have served, however I have been a coordinator twice and assistant rector once and I was the rector of Cursillo Weekend #146.

With such a long history of Cursillo under my belt, I wish I could say that I had a great sponsor and that I started grouping right away. Shortly after I made my weekend, my sponsor left our church and the Cursillo movement. Lucky for me, a new sponsor adopted me, and I have been going steady ever since. So, if you become a sponsor of a candidate, please take your duties seriously. You never know who might get dropped into a crack.

I would like to close this article with one of my special moments that occurs on every weekend that I serve. During the Stations of the Cross, the metallic sound of nails being pounded into the hands of Christ always sends a chill up my back to think of the sacrifice that was made for me. Maybe this will help remind all of us of the special moment we experienced with Cursillo.

DeColores!

Bill Anspach

***We Welcome Bill Anspach our new Lay Director &
Courtney Wheeler our Palanca Coordinator >>>***

What's After the Weekend?

Grouping and Living the 4th Day

Grouping

Your sponsor helps you find a group to meet with as you begin your 4th Day. A group meets together at times convenient for the members.

Committing to a weekly group to grow in Relationship, Evangelism and Reconciliation through Piety, Action and Study.

REMEMBER "CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU"

Piety – "Without Me you can do nothing."
John 15:5 "What was your moment closest to Christ?"

Study – "Thy word is a lamp to my feet."
Ps 119:105 "What have you studied that has increased your understanding of your relationship with God and His Creation?"

Action – "I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19 "What was your plan to serve the Lord or an unexpected opportunity to witness?"

Most times the Prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit and Our Father are recited together.

Your sponsor will also encourage you to attend and provide information for the area Ultreya.



The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Website Offers great documents & information!

Go to www.EpiscopalCursilloMinistry.org

(Formerly known as National Episcopal Cursillo)
Some of The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Leader's Functions include:

- Vision for future and continuity with and the past.
- Leadership & Fiscal accountability
- Promote the ministry
- Relationship

Core Basics of a Cursillo Weekend:

- 15 Talks
- 5 Meditations
- Worship everyday

"Live your 4th day to sustain your growth in Christ"

"Your Cursillo weekend becomes a distant memory without "Living into the 4th Day."



The website has many documents to download and read. Make these your winter best reads this year!

- Reunion & Rule of Life Cards
- Brochures
- Booklets:
 - The Cursillo Path
 - Living the 4th Day Leading the Way
 - Secretariat & Servant Community
 - Grouping & Ultreya
 - Spiritual Direction
 - Lay Talks
 - And many more!

PALANCA

Remember the fall weekend will be here before we know it. During the pandemic would be a great time to get started on your Palanca!

Palanca is the Spanish word for lever or influence. Prayer is the lever we use to lift up the weekend and all who are attending or serving on team. True Palanca is prayer. It's easy to confuse it with the notes and small tokens we send. The notes are written as a visible reminder of the prayers offered on the recipients behalf; To lift them up, to support them, and send encouragement from a friend or family member...or even from a perfect stranger. With out prayer behind it, it's just a note.

Palanca notes are written for the Team and Candidates. In our Dioceses physical Palanca is often included; small pins or hand made tokens that can be put on our name tags serve as yet another reminder of the prayer they represent. Receiving a note that tells of the prayer offered on their behalf means so much, especially when the recipient realizes someone took the time to pray and to write this note and they didn't even know me!

Never underestimate the power of prayer.



2021 Secretariat >>>

Bill Anspach - Lay Director & Treasurer

Rev Susan Grimm Spiritual Director

Rev Les Ferguson Asst. Spiritual Director

Nancy Comfort - Secretary

Mike Gaydos -

Communications/Website

Carol Gibbs - Servant Community

Tammy Rogers - 4th Day Coordinator

Susan Summerlin - Weekend Coordinator

Courtney Wheeler - Palanca Coordinator

Please welcome our newest member...

Courtney Wheeler!

God's Footprints

From Our Daily Bread January 20, 2021



Psalm 104:24-35

How many are your works, Lord! Psalm:24

"I know where God lives," our four told my wife, Cari. "Where is that?" she asked, her curiosity piqued. "He lives in the woods beside your house," he answered.

When Cari told me about their conversation, she wondered what prompted his thinking. "I know," I responded. When we went for a walk in the woods during his last visit, I told him that even though we cannot see God, we can see the things He has done. "Do you see the footprints I'm making?" "I had asked my grandson as we stepped through a sandy place by the river. "The animals and the trees and the river are like God's footprints. We know that He's been here because we can see the things He's made."

The writer of Psalm 104 also pointed to the evidence for God in creation, exclaiming "How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creations" (V.24).

The Hebrew word for wisdom found here is often used in the Bible to describe skillful craftsmanship. God's handiwork in nature proclaims His presence and makes us want to praise Him.

Psalm 104 begins and ends with the words: "Praise the Lord" (vv. 1, 35). From a baby's hand to an eagle's eye, our Creator's artistry all around us speaks of His consummate skill. May we take it all in with wonder today-and praise Him for it!
James Banks

*Where do you see God's handiwork in creation?
How might you point someone to it-and to Him -today?*



Come and see...Make it your 2021 plan and pray about serving on the Secretariat – We serve the Cursillo community and those who will make a weekend. We strive to support, encourage, and assist Cursillo in the Diocese of Southern Va!