



# The RAINBOW

Niagara Anglican Cursillo Newsletter

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## CURSILLO CALENDAR

Oct	26	Diocesan Ultreya 3:00 PM Church of the Nativity, Hamilton
Nov	23	Moonlight for Weekend 43 Church of the Nativity
Nov	27-30	Weekend 43 Mount Mary, Ancaster

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### We welcome submissions...

from readers, as viewpoints, faith journey stories, book reviews, news and coming events from parishes, etc.

All submissions must include a name, telephone number or e-mail for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for content and length.

(See Page 2 for submission details & deadlines)

## FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

*Rev. Susan Wells*

### ANNOUNCEMENT: October 8, 2008

#### Lay Director Resigns

It is with deep regret that I (on behalf of the Niagara Anglican Cursillo) and Bishop Michael have accepted the resignation of Zandra Pennylegion as Lay Director of the Niagara Anglican Cursillo.

Zandra was part of the congregation of St. Peter's Hamilton which voted on October 5, 42 to 1 in favour of leaving the Diocese of Niagara and seeking Episcopal oversight from the Bishop of the Southern Cone.

In her resignation Zandra says, "As you all know, I feel strongly called to the ministry of Cursillo, and it has been a difficult decision. However, I do not feel that I can worship in an ANiC affiliate church and also say I am supporting the Bishop's Pastoral Plan in Cursillo. It is with a heavy heart that I must tender my resignation. Susan and I have talked on the phone and there are no hard feelings – we've been friends and worked together for well over a decade. I have offered to help with the transition in whatever way I can. I wish you all well, and God's Richest Blessings as you continue His work through the Cursillo Movement."

Zandra is a friend, a colleague and a fellow servant of Christ. I pray for Zandra and John as they enter this new phase in their walk with Christ.

Please pray for Secretariat as we seek God's guidance on whom to recommend to our bishop as the next Lay Director. Zandra's resignation has left a big hole that needs to be filled. Cursillo has been blessed by the ministry of Zandra and John.

Be assured that Cursillo is healthy and will continue to serve Christ as part of the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for the Diocese.

Please keep Zandra and John in your prayers.

Your sister-in-Christ,  
Susan

The Rev. Susan Wells,  
Spiritual Director.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE RAINBOW

During our visitation last spring, one of the areas which was identified as needing improvement was communications. In addition to the need for timely communication, there are some concerns with the method used to distribute the Rainbow. Many Cursillistas mentioned that having to access the Rainbow through an internet link is cumbersome. There are often just too many pages either to print or to read on-line. Generally the preferred method is to receive a paper copy of the Rainbow in the mail.

As a result we are changing the distribution of the Rainbow in accordance with the requests received. In the past, everyone received a blast email with notification that the Rainbow was available on-line. Paper copies were mailed only to those who did not have an email address or those who specifically identified that they wanted to receive the Rainbow via mail.

As of now, that will change and all Cursillistas will receive the Rainbow via regular mail unless we are notified otherwise. So, if you do not want to receive a paper copy of the Rainbow, please send an email to [communication@niagaracursillo.org](mailto:communication@niagaracursillo.org). Note – funds have been allocated in the budget passed at the AGM to cover these costs.

We will continue to post the Rainbow on the website and send a blast email when it is available on-line. In addition, the AGM copy of the Rainbow that contains the yearly reports (issued in August) will continue to be mailed to everyone.

## A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

Hi! I am Jan Collinson, and I have taken over the Treasurer's responsibilities from David Eccles. Thank you, David, for all your help – past, present and future.

Included in this Rainbow you will notice a J.O.G. ("Joy of Giving") envelope. This is for a one-time offering. J.O.G. envelopes are available at any time and at most Ultreyas.

A Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) form is also enclosed. Pre-authorized payments are made through the Diocese and can be monthly, bi-weekly or weekly. You set the dollar amount as well as the destination account for your donations.

We have two accounts – a general fund that covers the operating expenses of Cursillo, such as mailing the Rainbow, copyrights, etc. The other is the Sponsorship account, which is being used to cover the cost of the participants' weekend.

I hope you will prayerfully consider going on the PAP program as it is a help for us to know where we stand financially when planning the budget and events.

Ultreya, Jan

## HIGHLIGHTS OF AGM – SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

**Weekends** We have been carrying a surplus bank balance over the last several years. This is NOT the best practice for a non-profit organization.

We had planned to subsidize the cost of the weekend for participants by 50%. Given the surplus of funds, Secretariat proposed that the subsidy be increased to 75%. With the weekend cost being \$200, this would mean that a participant would pay only \$50 for the weekend. A motion was put forth and after discussion, the motion passed. New application forms are available on the web and included in this mailing.

**Canadian Anglican Cursillo (CAC)** We voted to send three people from Niagara Cursillo to the next tri-annual meeting of CAC which will be held in Halifax in June, 2009. Attendees will be Zandra Pennylegion, Anne Grose and Jan Collinson. Of these Niagara Cursillo representatives, we are entitled to two with voting privileges. These will be Zandra and Anne.

In addition, we can put forth one person to stand for election to the CAC Secretariat. This person, if elected, would be one of two representatives from the ecclesial Province of Ontario and would serve for a three-year term. Zandra Pennylegion has agreed to stand for election and was so acclaimed at the AGM.

**LCD Projector** The purchase of an LCD projector was approved as part of the 2008/2009 budget. The projector will allow us to utilize PowerPoint presentations at various events such as Synod, educational days, and clericus meetings. In addition, speakers may use the projector for visual aids associated with their talks on Cursillo weekends.

*(Note – the LCD projector has been purchased.)*

**The Rainbow** is published approximately four times per year. Deadline for submissions is the end of the month prior to publication.

Please e-mail [editor@niagaracursillo.org](mailto:editor@niagaracursillo.org)

All submissions are to be Cursillo- or Christ-oriented, not of a political or controversial nature, and are subject to editing.

Secretariat has final approval as to appropriateness of any articles submitted.

*If you know of an event, concert or activity that you feel might be of interest to Cursillistas please let us know.*

**Upcoming Weekend – Roles of Sponsors and Guidelines for Palanca**

Weekend # 43 is just around the corner, and so it seems like an appropriate time to remind everyone of the roles of a sponsor and to reiterate guidelines for Palanca.

**Sponsorship:**

Each of us needs to be praying and asking God whom we should sponsor for the upcoming weekend (notice the choice of words – not asking God *if*, but asking God *whom*).

We are all called to spread the Good News of the Gospel. In our visitation this spring we heard that the three-day weekend was formative in the spiritual journey of many people (even those who are no longer active in Cursillo). The weekend brought them closer to Christ and helped them better understand their roles as disciples of the Risen Christ.

Sponsorship of a participant does not fall on just one person. Like baptism, the whole community has a role to play in supporting the participant in his or her life in Christ. It is up to each of us, whether a sponsor, a team member or a member of the wider community, to encourage participants and each other in our walk with Christ.

**What is the role of the sponsor?**

- To talk to the participant about Cursillo – so he or she is prepared for the weekend
- To help where necessary, clearing the way for the participant to go on the weekend
- To make arrangements for the participant to get to the weekend (you don't need to do it yourself)
- To ensure either yourself or someone else is there for the participant at the closing - someone who is free to give the participant full attention
- To arrange for the participant to get home
- To meet with the participant after the weekend and allow him or her to share the experience
- To help the participant to find or form a group – either with you or someone else. Remember that you don't need to be a Cursillista to group
- To arrange either to take the participant, or to have someone else take him or her, to the regional Ultreya and the first Diocesan Ultreya so that the participant can become linked to the wider community.

**Palanca**

Palanca is an integral part of a Cursillo weekend. Palanca is a lever, a support, something that reminds participants about God's grace and God's love.

It IS the prayers of the wider community both in our Dioceses and in the world wide Cursillo community.

Palanca is NOT form letters – rather it IS personal notes. It is NOT cute sayings but rather IS an indication of your prayer and sacrifice on their behalf during the weekend.



Palanca is NOT gifts. It is important that all participants feel equally valued and equally blessed by God through Palanca. What does it say about God's love if someone gets several gifts and the person in the bed beside them gets none? *It is for this reason that we ask that gifts not be given on the weekend.* It is better to give participants gifts when they return home, possibly over a coffee.

Palanca IS the wider community, as individuals and collectively, supporting (sacrificing and praying for) the participants. Palanca IS also coming to the Mañanitas and Closing.

Palanca IS helping the support group set up for the agape and the closing, etc.

This is an exciting time in the Cursillo Movement as we begin our 26<sup>th</sup> year of making disciples.

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**Opportunity may knock only once,  
but Temptation bangs on  
your front door forever.**

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE WEEKEND COORDINATOR**

Cursillo Weekend #43 is almost here! It will take place at Mount Mary, in Ancaster on November 27 to 30, 2008. Now is the time for you, the wider community, to be doing a couple of things.

First, I ask that you pray for all team members, as listed on the website, as we have started our team trainings.

Second, it is not too late to be praying about and asking someone you know, to attend this awesome weekend. Remember, we must "Make a friend, Be a friend and Bring that friend to a deeper relationship with Christ!"

I urge you to consider prayerfully this opportunity. The cost of the weekend for a participant this time, thanks to our sponsorship fund, is a bargain at \$50. Of this amount \$25 is the deposit and then there is only a balance of \$25 to pay prior to arriving at the weekend. Some of you have already started the process but we need to hear from you and to receive the applications.

Please make every effort to get those applications in ASAP to avoid disappointment. We do have limited space so let us hear from you soon.

Yours in the service of our Lord,

Marion Binns  
Weekend Coordinator

## REPORT FROM SECRETARIAT

REV. SUSAN WELLS, SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

spiritualdirector@niagaracursillo.org/(905) 547-8851

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

As you will see from AGM report of our new Secretariat in this Rainbow, we welcomed new members Dave Tinker and Laurie MacDowell at our organizational meeting on September 13, 2008.

This is the meeting where determination is made of who will chair which committees. Following consideration of all job descriptions, and all members reflecting on where they feel called at this time, the following appointments were made:

Pre-Cursillo	Dave Tinker	(519) 846-8811	precursillo@niagaracursillo.org
4 <sup>th</sup> Day / Post Cursillo	Richard Turner	(905) 335-8286	fourth.day@niagaracursillo.org
Communications	Nancy Wood	(905) 335-5067	communication@niagaracursillo.org
Continuing Education	Jan Collinson	(905) 545-4285	continuinged@niagaracursillo.org
Weekends	Nancy Harris	(905) 465-3985	weekends@niagaracursillo.org
Music	Susan Little	(905) 528-3326	music@niagaracursillo.org
Members at large	Laura MacKenzie Laurie McDowell		
Clergy Members	Rev. Paul Tinker Rev. St. Clair Cleveland		
Huron Liaisons	Jessie Johnstone Marion Bailey		

We thank everyone for his or her willingness to serve and take on these important roles. Each of the Committee Chairs will be looking for members to join their committees. Also in this Rainbow is the Organizational Chart for Cursillo which explains the roles of each committee. If you feel called to serve on one of these, please contact the chair for that committee.

### STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COMING YEAR

Secretariat will continue to review the results of our Reconnecting Visitation and to implement changes or improvements. It was very evident from our meetings that there is a high need to promote, or market, Cursillo better throughout the Diocese. This is the role of Pre-Cursillo.

The Rev. Susan Wells and Zandra Pennylegion met with Bishop Michael Bird on September 11 to discuss the benefits of Cursillo and how we see it fitting in with the Pastoral Plan of the Diocese. Bishop Michael is very appreciative of the Cursillo Method and has experienced, first hand, the benefits of having Cursillistas in parishes. He encouraged us to continue promoting Cursillo in the Diocese and at Synod, and will support us as we move forward.

Secretariat's next meeting, on October 25, 2008, will be a Strategic Planning meeting to formulate concrete steps for moving forward with emphasis on the Pre-Cursillo Committee and its role to make Cursillo more visible in the Diocese. The strategic plan will also focus on the Fourth Day Committee and how to be more supportive of Regional and Diocesan Ultreyas.

We thank all of you for your prayerful support of Secretariat and ask that you especially keep us in your prayers on our meeting dates. They have been tentatively set as follows, and we will keep you advised if they change:

<b>2008:</b>	October 25	<b>2009:</b>	January 10
	December 6		February 21
			April 4

### **CURSILLO PRAYER CHAIN**

*Doreen Langston*

If you have a prayer request (for a Cursillista or an immediate family member) please phone or e-mail the coordinator (see below). The members of the prayer team will offer prayers daily for 14 days; if further prayers are required after this time please renew the request. All requests are strictly confidential.

1. Include the church where you are attending and the weekend you were on. This helps us to feel connected.
2. Follow up is most important. Remember to send updates on your requests, whether for continued prayer or to offer thanks.
3. Your contact information remains confidential, through 'list manager'.

(Please forgive errors ... "I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world."

*- Mother Teresa)*

Thank you for sharing your prayer requests!

*Coordinator: Doreen Langston (905) 333.1683*  
[hdlangston@sympatico.ca](mailto:hdlangston@sympatico.ca)



## Niagara Anglican Cursillo Pre-Authorized Giving Program Authorization Form

To: Jan Collinson, Treasurer  
156 Crosthwaite Avenue North  
Hamilton, ON L8H 4V5

I/We wish to take advantage of the Niagara Anglican Cursillo Pre-Authorized Giving Program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We hereby authorize you to debit my/our account on or about the 15th of each month in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to The Diocese of Niagara for Niagara Anglican Cursillo

Enclosed is a blank cheque clearly marked "VOID" showing my/our bank account, which you may use to obtain the correct account number.

Your treatment of each payment shall be the same as if I/we had personally issued a cheque authorizing you to pay as indicated and to debit my/our account accordingly.

I/We understand that this authorization may be cancelled or changed at any time upon written notice by me/us, provided that I/we provide this notice in reasonable time for the current month. *(Please allow two weeks for the change to take effect.)*

*Please note: for joint accounts both parties should sign below*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

- Note:**
1. Income tax receipts are issued in February for the previous year.
  2. The Treasurer can be reached at (905) 545-4285

[please attach VOID cheque here]

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**Members /Clergy  
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need arises (e.g.  
planning special  
events)

**Secretary &  
Treasurer**

•Secretary takes  
and prepares  
minutes of all  
meetings  
•Treasurer  
maintains all  
financial records  
and prepares  
financial statements

# Role of Committee Chairs

- To work with a committee and Secretariat, under the guidance of the Lay Director and Spiritual Director, to accomplish the roles and responsibilities as outlined in the job description
- To develop a succession plan and identify a Cursillista to be trained to assume the role of Chair upon expiry of the current Chair's term
- must function within the By-laws of the Secretariat of the Cursillo Movement in the Anglican Diocese of Niagara and agree to comply with the **Code of Conduct for Interpersonal Relationships** that exists at the time they are in office
- term of office is for two years; may seek a second consecutive term of two years only

Three primary objectives:

- Renewal Retreat
- Strategic Plan for Movement
- Review of all aspects of a weekend



# Niagara Cursillo

**Cursillo is a worldwide renewal movement, functioning under our Diocesan Bishop, the Right Rev. Michael Bird, and is part of the Pastoral Plan for our Diocese**

At the core of the Cursillo Movement is an understanding of how to live out our baptismal ministry, and how to support each other in our struggles hopes and dreams as we endeavour to share of the Good News of Christ. We do this by meeting in small groups to discuss:

**Faith:** Where we see God in our lives (the more we look for God, the more we see God at work)

**Study:** What we are studying (books, music, conferences, worship) that is helping to deepen our understanding of how God's love is made manifest in our world

**Apostolic Action:** What we are doing to share God's love and our faith with those around us (our ministry)

**A Cursillo weekend is a chance to deepen one's understanding of the Gospel, the Sacraments, and our role as disciples of the risen Christ**

**UPCOMING WEEKEND #43  
THEME: COME YE APART & REST AWHILE  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008  
MOUNT MARY, ANCASTER  
COST \$50.00\***

**Applications are being accepted NOW  
Application forms are available on the website  
or by contacting the Weekend Chair**

If you would like to know more about Cursillo, or would like to attend our next weekend, please visit our website or contact one of the people listed below

\*this is the cost to the participant *for this weekend*, the balance is paid by the Niagara Cursillo sponsorship fund

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[www.niagaracursillo.org](http://www.niagaracursillo.org)

Pre-Cursillo Chair, David Tinker (519) 846-8811 [precursillo@niagaracursillo.org](mailto:precursillo@niagaracursillo.org)  
Weekend Chair, Nancy Harris (905) 465-3985 [weekends@niagaracursillo.org](mailto:weekends@niagaracursillo.org)

**PLEASE POST ON YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD**



## Niagara Anglican Cursillo

### Application Form

***The total fee for the weekend of \$50. (incl the \$25. application fee) is due 2 weeks prior to the weekend.***

Application to attend: Weekend No. 43 – Nov. 27 – 30, 2008

If space is unavailable, place me on the waiting list for the next weekend

(You will be contacted closer to that weekend to ensure that you are able and willing to attend)

Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Rev. Dr. other \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one)

Name:

(First)

(Last)

(as you wish it to appear on your name tag)

Address:

(Street)

(City & Province)

(Postal Code)

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age:  under 25;  26-35;  36-45;  46-55;  56-65;  even older and wiser

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies (e.g. nuts, gluten or dairy products, perfume), special diets (i.e. food restrictions) or other special requirements (e.g. vegetarian only) that we should be aware of:

Sleeping accommodations are multi-bed (2 or more per room) and there are separate dorms for men and women (spouses do not share a room). Please confirm your willingness to share a room with other participant(s) OR indicate any special room needs due to any physical disability that would require special accommodation e.g. wheelchairs):

Sponsor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Has Cursillo been explained to you? yes  no

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Applicant's Signature)

The completed and signed Application Form, along with the Health Information Form and application fee of \$25.00 (make cheques payable to Cursillo Niagara), should be sent to:

Blanche Mills  
Registrar, Cursillo Niagara  
603 - 2435 Second St.  
Burlington, ON L7R 1E5



## Cursillo Niagara

### Health Information

This information will be kept confidential. It will only be used in case of emergency and destroyed after the weekend.

**Please complete this form and mail it, along with your application.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ OHIP No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Coverage: yes  no

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Physician:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any health issues (i.e. dietary restrictions; allergies; any prescription medication that you take) that may impact on emergency treatment:

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Thank you for your understanding and assistance in allowing us to be fully prepared for any eventuality.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's Signature)

**Please check to see that all information is complete**