

OREGON
CURSILLO

UPCOMING
EVENTS:

- Beyond Day May 31, 2008 10am St. Paul's Salem
- Men's Weekend July 10-13, 2008—Astoria
- Co-ed Weekend October 2-5, 2008—Portland

Rooster Crows



MAY 2008

Women's Weekend 2008

A weekend of firsts—Jane Honbeck, Rectora



And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

Western Oregon's Women's Spring Cursillo was held this past April 17-20 in Corvallis at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan. The weekend that started out in beautiful 70 degree weather, amid blossoming apple trees, proved to be a weekend of firsts.

A dozen candidates gathered along with the team to honor God, and to join closer in communion with Him. The Cursillo

was interpreted for the deaf, a first for the Diocese of Oregon. Several of the candidates and team were from the deaf community, and by the end of the weekend, we all learned how to sign "Amazing Grace", which we shared with the Good Samaritan community at their Sunday service.

On Saturday and Sunday morning, we awoke to a beautiful snow fall. The church grounds were covered in an inch or two of snow, and the snow fell on and off all day. If it wasn't snowing, it was hailing, another first for a spring Cursillo.

This year's "Tree of Life" was also a first for a Women's Cursillo. The "Tree" was a living person who evolved over the weekend. The character, bet-

ter known as Sonshine, grew from a person overcome with fear and guilt to one who was ready to greet the world with the love of the Lord.

Many personal firsts were achieved throughout the weekend, but one of the most powerful firsts came at Clausura, when Karen Niemeyer, a candidate, was asked to read God's word. Karen signed the passage, as her interpreter read the scripture, a role reversal. It was quite powerful, and touched many hearts, but most of all, it touched Karen's heart. As much as Karen loves the Lord, she had never been asked to read God's word in front of a group...until Cursillo.

ULTREYA! —Jane

Men's Weekend 2008 -Astoria, Oregon

The Men's Cursillo Weekend for 2008 will be held at Grace Church, Astoria, from the evening of July 11 through July 13. The theme of this Cursillo is "See everything has been made new." 2Cor 5:17. If you are interested in sponsoring someone for this week-

end or if you have any questions, you may contact the Rector, Pete Hoffman of Grace Church at 503-861-3290 or cdrpete@charter.net, or the Vice-Rector, Martin Sherington of Good Shepherd, Vancouver, at 360-253-2213 or mdssls@yahoo.com. Also

check the website at www.oregoncursillo.org A link to the forms and some answers on how to sponsor may be found there.

Secretariat Corner—CPRs

First I would like to explain what a CPR is and does. A CPR is a "Cursillo Parish Representative". What a CPR does is keeps open the line of communication in their parish regarding the business of Cursillo. In the Diocese of Oregon, our hope is to have every parish represented within the Cursillo movement. We do have many parishes covered but we need many more Cursillistas to take on this wonderful ministry. The job duties are very simple.

The CPR chair sends you something via email to announce or print and post at your parish. This is usually announcing an upcoming weekend, an Ultreya or any other business that comes along. We are also going to ask the CPRs to let us know when a Cursillista in their parish is taking on a special role in a leadership position. Maybe write something up to put in the "Rooster". If parishes don't get these important announcements, then they don't

know when the next important event is to happen. By being a CPR, you are able to keep all the Cursillistas in your church well informed. So please, if there is not anyone representing your church, let me know, and maybe this is your opportunity to serve.

Your Sister in Christ,

Debbie Fullmer CPR Chair

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Bobs' Spot—Back to the Mountain!

Back to the Mountain (BTM) is a special time for Cursillistas. Responsibilities in our jobs, our families and our parishes may or may not give us time to reflect and contemplate our mission, which is to spread the Gospel message. Roles in each area can differ and sometimes we have to use words, as some inspired Christian wrote, to do the job. BTM gives us a no-pressure time to evaluate our multiple roles.

Our activities are relaxed! We don't rigorously adhere to schedules; we do exchange ideas and insights; we do play, praise and

give thanks to God in music, prayers, laughter, horse shoes, tie dying, hikes and campfires. This year our focus is our mission in terms of sharing the message without expectations. I've come to believe our most effect witness is by example. We don't earn stripes or accolades by bringing people to Christ; God through Jesus Christ touches hearts and opens minds to bring people to Himself. We sow seed, then focus on something else; one day the seed sprouts and we don't know how it happened. Jesus Christ is in control of the Kingdom of God.



Our talks and meditations will focus on what God promises each of us and how we express our gratitude for these benefits. God promises to provide our daily bread, our clothing, and our shelter. Is he keeping his promises to you? He also says that if we

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National Secretariat-Give Honor and Glory to God

Recently, within the Secretariat, we have mused over what seems like a "decline" in the Massachusetts Cursillo community. We observe that it is difficult for Rectors/Rectoras to find team members. They will make many phone calls to assemble the team. Clergy are increasingly difficult to find for our weekends. It sometimes feels like we have to "beat the bushes" to find Candidates.

It does seem the right time, however, for me as the Spiritual Advisor to step in with some words of encouragement. First of all, let us be reminded what the core of Cursillo is all about.

- It is about the renewal of the Christian Community.
- It is about raising up passionate and committed disciples.
- It is about calling forth leaders who will set their parish

communities on fire with a passion for the Gospel.

- CURSILLO is and always has been about Jesus.



Give Honor and Glory to God

You would think that, with such a focus, people would be beating down the doors to live a Cursillo weekend. But, to quote the words of a Congregational pastor friend: "When the Church preaches the Gospel faithfully, you will see growth. And when the Church preaches the Gospel faithfully, you will not see growth. Both are true at the

same time." In other words, we're not in a numbers game.

We have one purpose and that is to give honor and glory to God and to be a part of God's redemptive actions on earth. This can both inspire and it can turn people away. We should not become discouraged. Our task is to know who we are and to simply stand in the power and beauty of God's grace in Jesus Christ. We don't "convert" anybody. The Holy Spirit is the one who transforms our hearts and minds. Our task is to be completely available in every way for God to work in us and through us and for us. That is what it means to live the 4th Day.

From THE TRIPOD, a publication of the Massachusetts Episcopal Cursillo by the Rev. Patti Hale, MEC Secretariat Spiritual Advisor

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follow certain precepts, certain things will follow in our lives. Is such a reality in your life? Yes it is! It rains on the just and the unjust; the sun rises each morning for all of us. We have more than enough clothing, food, and shelter in the world to provide for everyone. What is in

the way of everyone benefiting? (I couldn't resist answering my own question.) Now you know what your homework is!

We have 10 sites reserved at Fort Stevens State Park. Each site will accommodate eight campers, whether in an RV, a tent or both. So pack up your cares and woes and come on to

Fort Stevens August 21–24. To make reservations and get specifics on the weekend, contact me at jracon@msn.com.

John Ross

Fourth Day Bobs

Coed Fall Weekend - Portland

The Fall Coed Cursillo will take place at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Portland on October 2-5, 2008. The team is now forming so this is an especially good time to say "Here am I Lord, send me!" The theme for the weekend is "Everything is possible for the one who be-

lieves". Mark 9:23.

We believe this will be an awesome weekend! Rectora is Anna Rose, amrose@netzero.com, 503-421-2447 and the Vice Rectora is Debbie Fullmer: curtanddeb@comcast.net.

We look forward to serving with you and await your candidate referrals!



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