

# DeCOLORES AURORA BOREALIS

Jesus has put the colors of His love in us, His "Northern Light".  
Let your light shine on all around you.  
Spread the colors of His Love.

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2018 WEEKENDS – Men's Weekend – September 13 to 16; Women's Weekend October 11 to 14  
Both Weekends to be held at Eagles Nest Retreat Center, Dorion Bible Camp

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### NEWSLETTER MAIL OUT

If you know of a Cursillista who would like to receive our newsletter, please let us know so we can send them one.

**If you no longer want to receive our newsletter or move, please let us know.**

If we can email your newsletter it will save us about \$1.00/letter—we still have 150 names on our actual mailing list

**If you received this newsletter by email you do not have to send a reply email**

**WEBSITE TO EXPLORE** Add "w2.vatican.va" to your daily favorites. This is the worldwide church and activities of Pope Francis.

### **WEEKEND APPLICATIONS FOR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES**

Applications for the weekend can be printed from the web site and mailed to the address at top of page!



## JESUS CALMS THE STORM

Jesus continually amazed his followers with his great power over the natural elements of this world. His purpose was to invite us all to look deeper into ourselves and our relationship with our God - his father and our father – "The Creator of Heaven and Earth"!

It is through our relationship with Jesus that we deepen this invitation.

Our Cursillo weekends provide this opportunity for those persons who seek this deeper relationship. *Let us pray for those candidates! Our palanca also provides us grace on our own journey.*

## **SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR REPORT**

*By Reverend Deacon Dennis McDermott*

This month, July 25th is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pope Paul VI encyclical, *Humane Vitae*. It is a most prophetic clarification of the constant teaching of the church regarding God's plan for marriage and the human person. This document accurately predicted the consequences resulting from the acceptance and use of contraception.

We do not have to look far to see the lack of understanding of the nature of marriage in our culture. It can seem dark and it is. Examples of this darkness include divorce, adultery, pornography, and gender confusion. But no matter how dark it gets; the light of Christ will shine all the more.

The other document that Pope Paul VI gave us is, "On Evangelization in the Modern World", which is the beginning of what has become known as the "New Evangelization." In combination with these two documents, God also gave us St. John Paul II and his similarly prophetic and deeply enlightening teachings known as, "The Theology of the Body".

All these teachings of Christ's Church give us the light in the darkness not only of what it means to be created male and female in God's image and likeness, but what it means to be human and also what it means to be Christian. Every woman and man, young and older needs to take advantage of these teachings as they are fundamental for being Christian especially when encountering a culture increasingly immersed in darkness and untruths.

Also, please take note that in October of this year, Blessed Paul VI will be canonized a saint.

Finally, but most importantly, we need to pray. A great opportunity to do this occurs every first Friday. On that evening, through the night, there is a special adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer devotions. This happens at Corpus Christi Church from 9PM to 6AM. The church is locked EXCEPT for access through the handicapped, canopied entrance on the Rockwood side of the church. We are invited to come for an hour or more. The expressed purpose of this adoration time is to pray for marriage and the family and to pray for priestly vocations. These intentions affect the whole life of the Christ's Church.

Prayer at Adoration that's one leg of the stool, study those documents, that's two legs, and action, you decide!

Blessed Pope Paul VI, pray for us.

## **SECRETARY COMMENTS**

*By June Enger*

### **God Has a Good Sense of Humour**

Who ever said that God is all fire and brimstone, that He doesn't have a good sense of humour, doesn't know the God I know.

It is important to have a good relationship with God, so you actually see His sense of humour when you experience it, because you might miss it when it happens to you.

Short and sweet Judy and I decided to go play bingo on Tuesday with our brother Joe. On the way to the bingo hall, Judy and I said nice and loud to the Lord, "please Lord let us win at bingo tonight", as in good Catholic tradition of playing bingo. Yes, yes, the Lord had a funny on us. Judy and I both won \$5.00 each.

All night on many of the bingos, I was only 1 number away, and then in the end we only won 5 bucks, 5 bucks, 5 bucks. (like a Pizza Hut special).

We should not be angry at God, we should not give up on God. It is important to develop a relationship with God, trust in Him for our future, and enjoy our present with our God. When I look back in hind sight of what God has done for me. He has cried with me, He has protected me, and He laughs at me, oh no, no, I mean He laughs with me. That is what I mean.

So, thank God for all He does for you, enjoy His company and learn to laugh with God!

Your Sister in Christ

De Colores

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## **LAY DIRECTOR REPORT**

It has been an interesting time since our last newsletter. We now have an active School of Leaders in Thunder Bay and I invite anyone who wants to more deeply understand the Charism of Cursillo to join us. Why Cursillo? Why return to the Authentic Charism? Why we use the new Weekend Manual? All of these are important questions and an understanding of these points is vital to the health of the movement. We review Rollos on all aspects of Cursillo. We have started with developing an understanding of the purpose of the school, then the Mentality and the Essence and Purpose of Cursillo.

I had the gift of being invited to be part of the team for the first Men's Weekend in Kingston after a 35 year break. We used the new Weekend manual to introduce Authentic Cursillo. (Cursillo without all the trimmings added by well meaning people but that have obscured the intended outcome). Talk about the Phoenix rising from the ashes. The incredible enthusiasm of the attendees by the third day was truly a joy to behold. The Holy Spirit was fully present and Kingston now has a Women's weekend planned as well as a second Men's weekend.

The National Cursillo conference that took place was entitled "The Cursillista Beyond Cursillo" and covered the Rollos from the 3rd day of a weekend. It aimed to help focus the Canadian Cursillo movement outward to the environments that we live in. These conferences are always a real boost to everyone who attends by allowing the Holy Spirit another opportunity to reach their hearts as happens on our Weekends. Each conference also helps to refocus all local movements by rekindling the burning fire in those who attend which the participants bring back to their local communities - burning desire to share God's message of love to all our family and friends. Who among us would want anyone we know to hear Christ say to them upon their death "I do not know you"?

The National Conferences are fun. Spending a weekend with a large group of cursillistas who share the love of Christ in all they do makes for a very enjoyable weekend indeed, and that is even before discussing the Fiesta Nite, where we see some great talent in music, humor and acting as well as some really, not so great (but hilarious) talent from across Canada and even the US (sometimes Mallorca).

Please give attending a future conference some serious consideration. You will never regret having made the choice to attend. The information on the next Conference location and dates can be found on the Cursillo Canada website.

We have a local Men's weekend scheduled for September 13th to 16th and a Women's weekend scheduled for October 11th to 14th. Search your environments for those far away from Christ who are ready for the three close encounters of self, Christ and others. It is up to us to spread the message through the medium of friendship to all who we are guided to. Remember what it says on our Service Sheets and Cursillo crosses. "Christ is counting on you".

*De Colores  
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## **TREASURER REPORT**

*We thank all those who have been donating funds to the Thunder Bay Cursillo movement in the past. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. As well as maybe assisting someone on the weekend there is also cost that need to be paid during the year as fees to be a member of the National network etc.*

*The last weekends were held at the Dorion Bible camp and there were losses that were made up by your donations. This location was very great as the whole weekend was in one building, and there is room for a good number. The cost includes rooms and meals which are provided by the camp staff.*

*Please continue to send donation made out to the Diocese of Thunder Bay, stating for Cursillo*

*Treasurer, Don Blacquiere*

## **PALANCA REPORT**

*Sometimes we just need to absorb with our senses, our wonderful, magnificent Saviour, the Great I AM.*

*I AM*

*I AM thunder, and lightning, and raging storms.*

*I AM power, beyond all measure.*

*I AM the warm sun on your face, a light breeze to cool you, and the stillness of nature.*

*I AM gentleness, beyond all measure.*

*I AM all that is beautiful to look upon.*

*Look all around and see me.*

*I AM the scent of a forest in spring, the blossoms on trees, and a multitude of flowers.*

*I give you this gift, to delight your senses.*

*I AM the feel of sand beneath your feet, the softness of a baby's skin, and the thorn on a beautiful rose.*

*Come, feel my presence.*

*I AM the taste of all things good to eat.*

*Come, eat at my banquet.*

*I AM the sounds of nature.*

*Come, listen to my symphony.*

*I AM present in the poor and vulnerable.*

*To remind you to be compassionate.*

*I AM present in a newborn baby.*

*They are made in my image.*

*I AM the maker of everyday miracles.*

*Open your heart, so I may show you.*

*I AM present in all churches.*

*As a special place for you to worship.*

*I AM present in the Confessional.*

*My mercy has no boundaries.*

*I AM present in the HOLY SACRAMENT.*

*Come visit, for I AM a good listener.*

*I AM present in the HOLY EUCHARIST.*

*Take and eat, so I may live in you.*

*I AM the way to everlasting life.*

*Come to me. I AM waiting!*

*Mary Jane Safronyck*

## **WELCOME TO NEW CURSILLISTAS FROM 2017 WEEKENDS**

**Mens Weekend:** Cory Gabruluk, Don Blaquiere, Keith Martinkus, Bryan Arcon, Father Biju Matew Muiyappalli

**Womens Weekend:** Mary O'Conner, Claire Thiebaut, Brenda Rose Clapp, Teresa Cottrell

## ***INVITATION FROM YOUR SECRETARIAT***

We still have an opening for a "Pre-Cursillo Chair" on the Secretariat. If you think you might be interested or for more information, please contact any Secretariat member.