

# THE POSTER

September 2018

## Being a Friend

As I knelt in adoration before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament after the School of Leaders' Mass, I reflected on how our movement might aid in the healing of those effected by the abuse crisis and our Church. The word I kept hearing was friendship.

Even before these recent events we all have noticed the lower attendance at Mass, fewer baptisms and weddings. More and more people are joining the ranks of the 'far away' as Eduardo Bonnín referred to those who had not heard or understood the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Those are the ones to whom we are to address our apostolic action. In this present day when the institutional church may be tarnished by scandal, as a Lay movement within it, Cursillo is in a unique position. Our foundational charism invites us to use the essential gift of friendship to share the truth that God loves all of us. To share how this love for us was personified in the Life, Death and Resurrection of his Son, Jesus. To show the "far away" the joy of living our lives in Christ, strengthened by the Sacramental graces made available to us by the ministry of the Church He founded and entrusted to the protection of Holy Spirit.

Each of us, fortified in our 4<sup>th</sup> day by our Group reunions and Ultreya, should courageously befriend those within our environments (that moveable square meter), who are questioning their faith or the need for the churches ministry. Meet them where they are and share with them the good news that God, in Christ loves them.

Lisa and I enjoyed the 2018 National Encounter that was held back in August at Seattle University. It was a wonderful event with around 700 Cursillistas attending from all over the USA. The

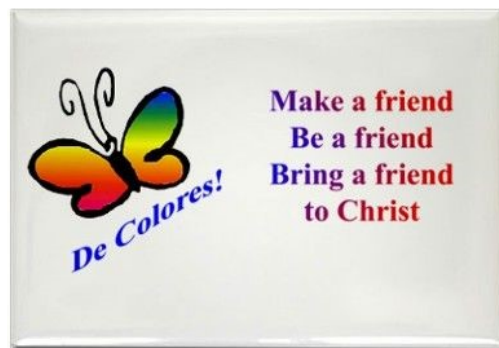
theme of the encounter was 'Unity in Diversity'. The concept that stuck with me from the keynote address was that God made us diverse, from many places and with differing life experiences but we are all to be united in the Body of Christ.

The talks and homilies from the encounter are available on the National Cursillo Centers website. <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/resource-center/2018-national-cursillo-encounter-sessions/>

It was announced that **next year's National Encounter will be held at the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA!** The date for the encounter is July 18-21, 2019. As our region will be hosting, there will be a need for many volunteers to make the 2019 encounter a success. Help will be needed for all aspects of the event, from Hospitality, Music and Liturgy to Fiesta planning! Please save the dates and prayerfully consider volunteering to serve.

Ultreya!

*Woody*



# Notes from the Spiritual Director



Dear Friends—

These last few weeks have been very difficult with all that has been made known in the Grand Jury Report. It is a painful time for victims as well as all Catholics. I offer the following reflection for all of us.

Carlo Carretto wrote the following in his book entitled:

## *The God Who Comes*

*How baffling you are, oh Church, and yet how I love you!  
How you have made me suffer,  
and yet how much I owe you!  
I should like to see you destroyed, and yet I need your presence.  
You have given me so much scandal and yet  
you have made me understand sanctity.  
I have seen nothing in the world more devoted to obscurity,  
more compromised, more false, and I have touched nothing more pure,  
more generous, more beautiful.  
How often I have wanted to shut the doors of my soul in your face,  
and how often I have prayed to die in the safety of your arms.  
No, I cannot free myself from you, because I am you,  
although not completely, and where should I go?*

With love and prayers,  
*Fr. Marty*



**G**od of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize  
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,  
soothe restless hearts with hope,  
steady shaken spirits with faith:  
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,  
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,  
so that we may act with justice  
and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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# The Cursillo Organization on the National Level



## Cursillo Region 2 Fall Encounter October 19-21, 2018

**What is a Region 2 Encounter?** This is a joyful event in which leaders from the Cursillo movements in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and Washington, DC gather together for a weekend of food, fellowship, learning, sharing, prayer, Mass, rosary, and mutual support in friendship towards our common endeavor of bringing our friends to Christ in our own dioceses. **Cef Aguillon, National English Coordinator**, will be presenting rollos at this encounter! **Won't you please join us?**

**Location:**

Pope John Paul II Retreat Center  
414 South 8th Street  
Vineland NJ 08360-4739  
856-691-2299

**Check-in:**

Friday, October 19 between 5-7 PM  
(light meal included)  
Encounter begins at 7:30 PM

**Check-out:**

Sunday, October 21 at 1:00 PM  
Encounter ends with lunch at noon

**Cost: \$150.00**

**Full payment is required with registration.**

**NEW RULES - All participants, whether they stay for two nights or just come for the day on Saturday, must pay this registration fee. The Spiritual Advisors and Deacons of Region 2 are free.**

**\*\*\* NO REFUNDS \*\*\***

**Deadline:**

**No later than Thursday,  
October 4, 2018**

There are a limited number of rooms in the retreat center, so reserve early. Bring your own towels, soap, toiletries, a snack for the sharing table, and your *Pilgrim's Guide*.



**TO PAY ONLINE**

Visit the Region 2 Website at  
<http://www.cursilloregion2.org/>  
and click on REGISTRATION!

**TO PAY BY CHECK**

Please fill in information below and return with your check for \$150.00 payable to  
*Cursillos de Cristiandad Region 2*

**AND MAIL IT TO:**

Carmen Oliva  
3308 Floral Street  
Silver Spring, MD 20902

Registration for the October 19-21, 2018  
Region 2 Spring Encounter

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you play a musical instrument? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, what instrument do you play? \_\_\_\_\_

Language Group: (Circle one)

English Spanish Portuguese Vietnamese Korean

# Many Hands Make Light Work

## Volunteer Opportunity:

**29<sup>th</sup> National Encounter**  
**July 18-21, 2019**  
**Scranton University in Scranton, PA**

A successful National Encounter is the result of the service of many talented and committed people. It is never too early to start looking for volunteers to assist us next summer. Here is the list of the committees we are forming:

- Registration
- Hospitality
- Transportation
- Liturgy
- Music
- Photography/Videography
- Equipment
- Décor
- Ultreya
- Book Store
- Support
- Fiesta

Please review the list above and shoot me an email back if you would be interested in being on any of the committees. THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP!

I look forward to seeing you at the Region 2 Fall Encounter in October!

De Colores!

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