



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC CURSILLO MOVEMENT

President's Newsletter

September 2023

Hello Cursillistas,

Annual General Meeting

It is fast approaching that time of year. The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Catholic Cursillo Movement is scheduled for the first weekend in November. Please put Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th November in your diaries. Good Shepherd Seminary in Homebush is the venue.

I would like to encourage anyone who can get there to come to the AGM. There is limited accommodation at the Seminary itself, but there are hotels within walking distance for those interested. We have not had a National Encounter for some time, thanks to COVID, so the AGM will be a good opportunity to meet Cursillistas from other parts of the country.

Treasurer's Note about Insurance (from Joe Jambor, National Treasurer)

I have been participating in online seminars held by Catholic Church Insurance (CCI) in relation to the "wind down" of its operations. CCI is at pains to stress that it is still financially solvent and is currently meeting claims against insurance policies held existing policy holders. However, that said, it is evident that the resources of CCI has decreased significantly when CCI's risk margins are considered.

CCI no longer meets Australian prudential (insurance) requirements. To effect an orderly cessation of its operations CCI is currently working with relevant authorities on a Scheme of Arrangement. The Scheme of Arrangement will identify a trigger point. When the trigger point is reached outstanding and future claims will be met on a proportional basis meaning claims will be paid out on a portion of the total.

I am monitoring development with CCI operations as well as working on a draft Request of Quote document which will be sent to reputable insurers, who provide coverage for not-for-profit organisations such as the Cursillo Movement. The Request for Quote will be sent out towards the end of this year to ensure that we have a continuation of insurance coverage beyond April 2024 when our current policy with CCI will cease. In the meantime it is important that all diocese and groups manage all Cursillo related activities carefully to avoid unnecessary exposure to risk and any potential future claims against Cursillo.

Book Promotion

The Brisbane School of Leaders is currently studying the book, *Cursillo History and Memory* by Francisco Fortes Pujol. It is very informative for those interested in the origins and history of the Movement. Anyone

wanting a copy should contact Bookshop Supervisor Dianne Garland on 0418 640 373, or email her at dianne.garland@gmail.com.

The cost of the book is \$14.00 plus postage.

Dianne will be away the week before the AGM, so if anyone wants any supplies from the Bookshop, please let her know before 24 October.

Around the Traps:

Cairns: Cairns held a Cursillo 3 Days on the Labour Day long weekend in May. It was a combined Men's and Women's Cursillo.

Brisbane: Brisbane held a Men's 3 Days in April and Women's in May. For the first time, we tried a live-out, slightly modified version of the 3 days, based in a parish. By all accounts they were a success and we will be doing the same next year.

We also sent a delegation to Lismore to assist with the formation of a School of Leaders there.

Lismore: Lismore hosted a delegation from Brisbane in June, to assist with the formation of a School of Leaders there. They continue to build on that. They also are building up Cursillo in the area after the adverse effects of COVID and the floods.

Maitland/Newcastle: Maitland/Newcastle held a Mixed 3 Days in June. Group Reunions and Ultreyas continue.

Wollongong: Wollongong is running a 3 day Women's Weekend in October. They also held a "Workshop on Hope" Reflection Day, based on a Maitland/Newcastle model, in July.

Canberra/Goulburn: Canberra/Goulburn has held a couple of Reflection Days. They also have run monthly, themed Ultreyas, which are regarded by all as inspirational. They are currently forming teams for their Combined Men's and Women's 3 Days in April next year.

Perth (Spanish): Group Reunions continue in Perth.

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