



CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

LISMORE DIOCESE

SEPTEMBER 2024



Dear Cursillistas

***“Draw near to God,
and He will draw near to you.”***

James 4:8

‘What a beautiful promise!

This one sentence from Scripture encapsulates one of the most important principles of the spiritual life. It tells us that God isn’t (*just*) up in heaven waiting for us to make it all the way to His throne. No, He is always reaching out to us. He is always inviting us to draw near to Him so that He can pour out His grace and love upon us.’

From ‘the simplicity of the divine exchange:
Encountering the Lord in prayer’
The Word Among Us, November 2017

Our Next Ultreya will be held in **BALLINA**

SATURDAY 19th October 10:30 am

Ballina Parish Admin Centre

Cherry Street, Ballina

Beside the Ballina Catholic Church



Come at 10:30 for greeting & morning tea

11:00 am Ultreya

BYO Lunch to share

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OUR CHRISTMAS ULTREYA WILL BE IN MACLEAN

**SATURDAY
23rd November
Maclean Catholic Hall**

McIntyre Lane
Behind the Maclean
Catholic Church



Come at 9:30

For greeting
& morning tea

10:00 am Ultreya

BYO Lunch to share



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From Carryl Tory

(National Representative)

Excerpt from the report on the National Secretariat Meeting at The Good Shepherd at Abbotsford NSW on the 7th & 8th September 2024:

Fr John Armstrong reflected on the Bible Passage of James 1:17-18, 21b-22, & 27.

He asked us - How do we listen to God?

We need to meditate:
we need to Sit – Wait – Listen
in order to hear God.

We need to have:
an Encounter with God first,
then an Encounter with Self,
before we can have an Encounter with
Others.

The message from our Spiritual Director Fr John Armstrong is:

Follow our PIETY – STUDY – ACTION in
our everyday lives.

PIETY

How are we called to grow closer to Christ?
Listen to each other.

STUDY

What are we called to proclaim to the
community in which we live?
Learn from each other.

ACTION

Where are we called to plant the seed?
Lead with each other



*May the souls of the
faithful departed,
through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.*

- ✦ Marie Smith
- ✦ Dianne Fletcher

who were active Cursillistas
for many, many years.



September 29th - Feast of the Archangels
St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael are
the only three angels named in scripture.

“The battle against the devil, which is the
principal task of Saint Michael the
Archangel, is still being fought today,
because the devil is still alive and active in
the world.” - Pope St. John Paul II

‘Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) had a vision of
the evil that would come into the world in
the coming century. In response, he wrote
the St. Michael’s Prayer and instructed it to
be prayed at the end of Mass.’

*St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in the day of battle.
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares
of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl through the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/holy-archangels-14635>



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From our Lismore Secretariat:

Thank you to Bishop Greg Homeming for inviting us to meet with him to encourage the Cursillo Movement to keep persevering.

The next secretariat meeting will be to prepare a Pastoral Plan for 2024 and 2025 with the following aim:

To build a community of Catholic pilgrims, ignited with a passion for Jesus, who encourage one another to deepen our relationship with Jesus, to bring Jesus into every aspect of our daily lives and, through friendship, to introduce others to Jesus.

This plan will include setting a date and location for a Cursillo weekend to bring new pilgrims into our movement, and also organizing Pre-Cursillo events for inviting candidates to the Cursillo weekend.

We ask all Cursillistas to persevere in coming to our Ultreyas and to be on the look-out for candidates for our next Cursillo.



- *Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the secretariat.*
- *Please pray for the Holy Spirit to lead every one of us to the people we can invite to Cursillo.*

From Eduardo, Bonnin Aguilo, the founder of the Cursillo Movement:

‘He concluded that many people seemed to be living shallow aimless lives and they were looking at a world largely devoid of Christian values and influence...

WHY don’t these people get it?...

They’d never heard the Good News, or never seen it being lived, or never experienced it for themselves...

WHAT precisely was this Good News?

The key to allowing people to live life to the full, lies in helping them come to the realization that they are God’s beloved and therefore lovable and capable of loving. So many people were missing out, and not reaching their potential as human beings, because they didn’t have a dynamic and personal relationship with Jesus.

To bring the Good News of God’s Love to all ... the only method ... to cause a “hunger for God” in people, was through friendship.

It is up to us now to *pay it forward!* We can change the colour of the world around us. By being the Good News ourselves, we can soak our environments with this Good News, just like dye, letting our Christian values seep through naturally.’

CURSILLO KEEPING IT SIMPLE, National Secretariat of the Australian Cursillo Movement, 2011



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From Lynda Chisholm
(Palanca Secretary)



- *Please remember to pray for the Cursillo Movement in Australia, especially each First Friday.*
- *Please pray for the overseas Cursillos being held – all 42 of them!*

**From ‘the simplicity of the divine exchange:
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‘Prayer is *a divine exchange* between God and us. On our part, we come to the Lord offering him our worship, our love, and our needs. On his part, God offers us his mercy, his grace, his wisdom, and his joy. He takes our offerings, fills them with his own divine life, and gives them back to us in ways that change our hearts and our minds...

... countless saints have told us that the Our Father is the most perfect prayer we could ever say.

The first part of the Lord’s Prayer focuses on worshipping God and following him with our whole heart. We pray “Hallowed be your name!” It’s our way of saying, “Father, you are holy, I love you, I worship you, and I want my life to give you glory.” With this prayer we are offering God our worship...

When we pray, “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” it’s our opportunity to say that we want to make this world become more and more like God’s kingdom. It’s how we tell our Father that we want to treat everyone around us with the same love, mercy, and compassion that he has for us. We can’t change the whole world, but we can change our little corner of it.’

‘If the first part of the Lord’s prayer is our chance to offer ourselves to God, the second part is our chance to ask God to give us what we need to make his kingdom come and his will be done. It’s our chance to ask for his part in the divine exchange.’

From Rex Tory
(Treasurer):

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