APOSTOLIC PLAN FOR THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTEREY

Mission Statement

To make a friend, be a friend, and to bring that friend to Christ

Vision Statement

To enable the person to be fully Christian, who in turn, transforms their environments to be more Christian as a living tripod of piety, study, and action.

Precursillo

Purpose

Precursillo is the study of environments and the searching of influential persons within those environments. Precursillo is also responsible for the preparation of the persons who will attend the 3-day Cursillo, with a view toward a perennial living of the Cursillo in the Postcursillo.

Precursillo Objectives

1. To target the Cursillista's environments

- A. To study environments in accordance with our current Leader's Manual.
- B. To encourage cursillistas in their environments to constantly identify potential cursillistas.
- C. Contact the cursillistas identified in 1B and encourage them to utilize the Cursillo method in their square meter. .

2. To select candidates:

- A. To insure that all candidates satisfy the basic requirements to participate in the Cursillo weekend.
- B. Review requirements on the candidate application.

3. To sponsor:

- A. To support each candidate following the process described in the National Cursillo Movement's *Sponsors' Booklet*.
- B. To insure that all sponsors have read the National Cursillo Movement's *Sponsors' Booklet* before submitting a candidate's application.
 - The Secretariat will maintain a stock of *Sponsors' Booklet* to give to the Precursillo Committee to give to sponsors that need them.
- C. To insure all sponsors receive training to gain a firm foundation in the purpose of sponsoring, what the Cursillo movement is/is not, and the goal of the movement. To attend a Sponsor's Workshop.
 - (1) The Secretariat will establish a deadline for candidate applications sufficiently in advance to ensure adequate preparation of sponsors and candidates.
 - (2) The Precursillo committee will make personal contact with sponsors prior to the Cursillo weekend.

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(3) Sponsors will be an active member of a Friendship (4th day) Group Reunion and will actively participate in Ultreyas. The sponsor will introduce his/her candidate to the Movement through participation in Group Reunions and Ultreyas.

4. To prepare candidates:

- A. To provide personal contact to each candidate from:
 - (1) Sponsors
 - (2) Parish Representatives
 - (3) Cursillo leaders

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- B. To insure that all candidates have and read *The Cursillo Movement What Is It?* The Secretariat will maintain a stock of these booklets for the Precursillo Committee to distribute to candidates and sponsors that need them.
- C. To insure all candidates have a firm understanding of the purpose and goal of the movement, what the weekend involves, and, most important, what is involved in the Postcursillo.
- 5. To conduct periodic training on Precursillo that covers selection and preparation of candidates and sponsor training.

Cursillo Weekend

Purpose

The purpose is to provide a foundation so that a person may live what is fundamental for being Christian; love of God and love of neighbor, experienced through the three essential encounters: self, Christ, and others. To provide a transition from the Precursillo to the Postcursillo: teaching the method of the tripod: Piety, Study, and Action.

Cursillo Weekend Objectives

- 1. To provide an atmosphere that is conducive to the "metanoia" experience necessary to develop Christian evangelizers, utilizing the "Cursillo Manual" and other current cursillo literature.
- 2. To provide each individual with the tools and the method to fulfill and to share an awareness of a personal relationship with self, Christ, and others.
- 3. To further enhance the candidates understanding and application of Post-Cursillo of Group Reunion and Ultreya. This will assist them in the Christian transformation of their environments.
- 4. To conduct Cursillo Weekends in accordance with the "National Policy for Cursillo Movements in the United States of America." Specifically:
 - a. Short-range goal: Bring the weekend schedule into compliance with the "Cursillo Manual."
 - b. Long-range goals:
- (1) Bring the team of leaders for the Cursillo Weekend into compliance with the Cursillo literature, e.g., "The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement," paragraph 295, "...every leader should be given adequate *long-term formation* in the School of Leaders."

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Postcursillo Purpose

The purpose of the Postcursillo is to renew, accelerate and continue the conversion of each individual, and as a consequence provide a continuous transformation of their square meter and at the same time a continuous transformation of the Cursillista through Group Reunion and Ultreva.

Postcursillo Objectives

- 1. To bring about the Christian transformation of each cursillista's environments using the method of the Tripod (Piety, Study and Action).
- 2. To provide each cursillists with a means of ongoing support and perseverance.
- 3. To host a Cursillo de Cursillo weekend.
- 4. To present a half-day or one-day workshop annually.
- 5. To maintain communications with cursillistas through a variety of media, including periodic newsletters, e-mail, and an Internet website.
- 6. To motivate and assist new cursillistas in joining a friendship group.
- 7. To hold a retreat for all cursillists as a means of renewal in the movement.
- 8. To conduct frequent Ultreyas in all regions of the Diocese of Monterey.
 - a. Long-range goals:
 - (1) Set up permanent locations, times, and days for monthly Ultreyas.
 - (2) Once the permanent locations have been established, utilize parish representatives to help with the Ultreya in their respective parish.

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School of Leaders Purpose

- 1. To maintain the effectiveness of the Cursillo Movement (Fundamental Ideas # 527).
- 2. To provide ongoing education, training and spiritual growth for the leaders of the Cursillo Movement.
- 3. To intensify the living of what is fundamental to being a Christian in each one of its members, in the Movement as a whole, and in the environments where the members live and work and have leadership influence (*Fundamental Ideas* #563).

School of Leaders Objectives

- 1. To provide a gathering of Christians who have set out in search of holiness and who are finding their way by following and imitating their one and only Teacher: Christ (*Fundamental Ideas* #534).
- 2. To provide a community of Christians who, united in the atmosphere of a Group Reunion, seek every day to become more centered, more committed, and more united (*Fundamental Ideas* #540).
- 3. To provide a response to "the call to growth and a continual process of maturation, of always bearing much fruit" (Christifideles Laici #57).
- 4. To increase the participation in the School of Leaders through personal contact and inviting new cursillistas from recent Cursillo Weekends to participate.

Having reviewed the final draft of this Apostolic Plan, the below signed members of the Monterey Diocesan Secretariat do hereby agree to adopt this Apostolic Plan. Adopted February 8, 2014..

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