CURSILLO

The mission of the National Episcopal Cursillo, an organization of the Episcopal Church under the authority of the Presiding Bishop and diocesan bishops, is "Growing Christ-centered Leaders." It is for both clergy and the laity. The bishop of our diocese, the Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell, is a "Cursillista" in that he participated in a three-day introductory Cursillo program and is very supportive of the movement.

The diocesan Cursillo steering committee which formed and met with Bishop Price in March 2010 continues to meet. Our goal has been to build up the Servant Community and it is our hope eventually to become strong enough to offer the three-day introductory weekend. There are presently no dioceses near us which participate in Cursillo; the closest are the Dioceses of Philadelphia and Central New York.

Since 2010 we have offered several Ultreyas, a coming together of Cursillistas and friends of Cursillistas for sharing of plans and experiences, usually accompanied by music. All Episcopalians may attend, whether Cursillistas or not.

Since the 2012 diocesan Convention there have been three Ultreyas: December 1, 2012, at St. James, Penn Hills; March 16, 2013, at the Community of Celebration; and September 14, 2013, at St. Michael's, Ligonier. An Ultreya is planned for November 16, 2013, at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon.

We are in the process of building a secretariat.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Celinda C. Scott Member, Cursillo Steering Committee