

CURSILLO

National Episcopal Cursillo voted this spring to change its name to “Episcopal Cursillo Ministry.” Veronica Hinkson, our area representative, has been in touch with us to explain the change. The governing committee is called “The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Committee.”

We continue to have as a top priority the rebuilding of the “Servant Community” in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. We need to have more Cursillistas involved in Pittsburgh to be able to offer the three-day introductory weekend in the fall of 2016. To that end, Secretariat member Gerry Dalton sent questionnaires to all known Cursillistas in Pittsburgh asking them about their interest in Cursillo. Those who have not yet filled out the questionnaire are encouraged to do so at their earliest opportunity. Copies will be available at Diocesan Convention.

Pittsburgh Episcopal Cursillo offered three Ultreyas since last year’s diocesan Convention: November 23, 2014, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Oakmont; May 2, 2015, at St. Stephen’s, Wilkesburg; and September 19, 2015, at St. Paul’s.

The Secretariat has met several times this year in outreach to various parishes. Its membership is comprised of Holly Craighead, St. Thomas, Oakmont; Gerry Dalton, St. Stephen’s, Wilkesburg; Lionel Deimel, St. Paul’s, Mt. Lebanon; the Rev. Dr. Bruce Robison, St. Andrew’s, Highland Park; Annis and John Rogers, St. Mark’s, Johnstown; the Revs. Gwen and Vicente Santiago, St. John’s, Donora, and Advent, Jeannette, respectively; Celinda and Barry Scott, Christ Church, Indiana; and Steve Stagnitta, St. Andrew’s, Highland Park.

Representatives of Pittsburgh Episcopal Cursillo’s Secretariat met with Bishop McConnell on May 12 to discuss and to get his approval of the Pastoral Plan for Cursillo in our diocese; it was developed by Holly Craighead, with input from others on the Secretariat. The Plan was signed and is a part of our official documents.

Respectfully submitted,
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