

CURSILLO

We continue to have as a top priority the rebuilding of the “Servant Community” in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and as a part of that, introducing Cursillo to those who are not familiar with it, as discussed in the paragraph below.

We are grateful to the Rev. Canon Dr. Ted Babcock and his wife Lyn, and to Kimberly Karashin, who came as guests and advisors to the February secretariat meeting at St. Thomas Memorial Church, Oakmont. Canon Babcock is diocesan Director of Administration, and Kim is Canon for Mission. Canon Babcock related the three-day Cursillo weekend to the need for renewal in the diocese, and asked us to think about what we can do as a Cursillo community to move renewal forward. He asked, “How can we move people on the edge to a deeper relationship with Christ?” Kim mentioned the need to “form more mission-minded laity and clergy.”

Both suggested planning a one-day event to show what Cursillo is about, with the intent of reaching a whole new audience. It is on the calendar for this fall.

For people in the diocese who are familiar with Cursillo and would like to help and/or advise in any way, the questionnaire developed last year will be available again at this year’s convention.

Pittsburgh Episcopal Cursillo offered two Ultreyas since last year’s convention report was written: one at St. Paul’s, Kittanning, on September 19, 2015, and another at St. Thomas Memorial Church, Oakmont, on April 9, 2016. Veronica Hinkson, Vice President of National Cursillo Ministry, visited us and spoke at the April Ultreya.

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

Respectfully submitted,
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