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Like Eagles

'Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar like eagles.' Isaiah 40.31

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A CHILD
HAS BEEN
BORN FOR US,
A SON IS GIVEN
TO US;
AUTHORITY RESTS
UPON HIM
HE IS NAMED
JESUS

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Christmas – God's never-ending gift to us

By Rev Pauline Harley

This time of year, is deeply laden with multi-layered significances; family traditions; economic success for businesses; and then we pause to think about the year that's almost gone and how quickly it seemed to pass us by. What have we done and with whom have we been connected?

The shops are now filling with Christmas cheer and those endless renditions of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman. We begin to think of Christmas shopping, Christmas lunches, decorating our Christmas Trees and for many, all the office parties, plus all the other expectations we place on ourselves.

None of this is bad. Traditions direct us, thrill us, and remind us of our values. But Christmas trees and Rudolph don't have anything to do with the birth of a Saviour. What is this story meant to tell us? If we really want to look at Christmas past, imagine the morning after Jesus is born: The stable full of animals, the cow needing to be milked, the straw smells like animal muck and there's smell of childbirth. Shocked and tired parents wake up to a completely different reality from yesterday: there's a baby in their lives now. The new life lying in the straw between them is somehow the cause of all the stir. True, every baby is a miracle, but *this* baby – Mary and Joseph can't stop gazing at him, touching him, holding him, like any new parents – they know that God has plans for this baby, and they're a little frightened. This nativity picture, the morning after the intense holy night, isn't just the end of Mary's pregnancy and the start of a new family. The baby in the manger is none other than Emmanuel, God with us. The people who walked in darkness have, indeed, seen a great light – and we're not just talking about the shepherds and the star. The light radiating from this sleepy domestic scene is the light of God, come to be with us, come to dwell in us, come to transform us. The reply of faithful people to this new truth is to learn from Jesus, to follow Jesus, to become providers of God's light ourselves. We celebrate the gift that God has given to us in Jesus when we help the least, the last and the lost, especially in the life-affirming ways that Jesus employed – by teaching, healing, giving voice and vision to those who have been in darkness. The work of Christmas begins but does not end.

Christmas doesn't end on Boxing Day. Christmas doesn't end with Epiphany, or Lent, or Easter; Christmas is God's continuing gift of God's presence with us, and Christmas is our challenge to prepare room in our hearts, and in our lives. Amen.



ONwards and UPwards into the Future of Cursillo SQ.



Secretariat and Servant Community are finalising the new 'Action Plan 2024+' using feedback information received from many Cursillistas, reviewing past practices and considering new initiatives to grow and promote Cursillo in our Diocese.

From October 25 – 27, Ann Martin-Victor and I attended the National Secretariat meeting in Newcastle on behalf of Cursillo Southern Queensland. We connected with the Diocesan representatives from Perth, Tasmania, Bathurst, Newcastle, Grafton and Canberra-Goulburn (soon to become active again in 2025). Within the Anglican dioceses in Australia, Cursillo now has 7 active Secretariats while 14 dioceses are in recess. Group reunions still occur in many parishes, even in dioceses that are in recess, however there are no formal Cursillo weekends. The latest diocese to go into recess is our far northern neighbour, North Queensland, and in their case, the Secretariat team was in its 7th year of their 3-year term. I thank God for our current Secretariat members in CuSQ for their dedication and drive. Our Action Plan aligns well with the development of Cursillo in other Dioceses.

During the weekend, we listened with interest about how dioceses are modifying weekends to meet our modern society. Change after 40 years is on the way and in a good way! We all loved our own Cursillo weekend, didn't we? The new candidates will equally love theirs because they know nothing other than that. We are the ones who need to adapt, and adapt we must, or Cursillo will not survive. Ann, as our 2025 Lay Director, had the opportunity to hear about 2-day weekends from those holding them.

Delegates shared their positive experiences from the past 12 months and made us aware of some of the pitfalls. The venue for the weekend was the Wallsend Digger's Club, with restaurant 'on tap' and our accommodation was a short walk over a flyover bridge to the motel over the road. During the Saturday afternoon, an Ultreya was held in the conference room next door and a catered dinner followed.

Sharing time with others passionate about Cursillo around this vast country is invaluable as is the moral support. I encourage you to look up the Cursillo National webpage to read about what is happening Australia wide <https://www.cursillo-australia.org/>. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will be very happy to chat with you.

May you all have a blessed and holy Christmas and New Year.

ONwards and UPwards into 2025!

Marg Carr – Diocesan Lay Director, Cursillo Southern Queensland.





Message from The Editor



Yes, the Christmas season is fast approaching! In this issue, I have tried to get articles to help reinforce the 3 principles of piety, study and apostolic action, to help equip as for Advent.

Piety – Knowing Christ and experiencing His power. I think that Marg’s DLD report, Kay’s National Secretariat Report, Bundaberg happenings, the Peninsula and Diocesan Ultreya reports all showed how Christians gathering together enrich our relationship with Christ and each other through sharing, witnessing and praising through song.

Study – HOPE25 which has been endorsed by the National Episcopal Adviser, would be a great plan for every parish to adopt. EPray App, podcasts and various free studies are freely available for personal study as well. Rev Pauline and Fr Gary also give us food for thought this advent.

Apostolic Action – While I had room for only 2 of Marilyn Wright’s experiences in Ghana, they tell of action and the need for more. I encourage you to read all about of her trip, and the work Anglican Aid Abroad has been doing throughout Africa. You can find all her newsletters on the website www.anglicanaidabroad.com.au. The monthly garage sale from Toowoomba West is another illustration of Action. How well Geoff and the team there have developed and refined the concept of garage sale! Contributing to the parish and the community financially, Christians are gathering together, praying and offering fellowship and outreach to their community. Well done!

Despite this being a fallow year, 2025 will be an abundant year! As you can see, the 40th celebrations are well under way. Ann Martin-Victor, the Lay Director for #83 has chosen her theme, song, and many of her team. Di Catto, pre-Cursillo registrar is getting excited with the enquiries already. Get in early and sponsor your candidates so they don’t miss out!

My husband Rob, and I wish all our Cursillista brothers and sisters in Christ a happy and blessed Christmas.

De Colores,

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Cursillo 40th Anniversary in 2025

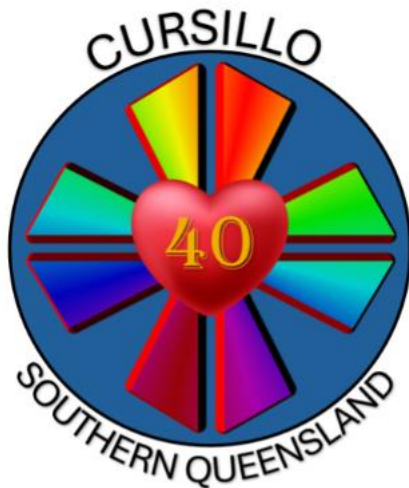
The Diocesan Ultreya will be held on **8th November** at St John's Cathedral. Following the Ultreya we have planned a sit-down dinner within walking distance of the Cathedral. The dinner will be catered for by an outstanding catering company and all dietary needs can be accommodated. We have found a venue that can seat approximately 150 people, and this is currently being finalised. Let's fill it to capacity!

The 40th Anniversary Theme as announced by Bishop Cam at the recent Diocesan Ultreya at Sherwood is, "**Faith like a mustard Seed**".

You are invited to enter a **competition** to design the **Altar Frontal** to be used in the Cathedral at the Ultreya and then for parishes to borrow and use extensively. The winning design will be printed on fabric by a commercial printer. Check **Facebook** and our **website** for details.

I know that 8th November 2025 seems a long way off but there is a lot to organise and I am sure you have heard, "Prior preparation prevents poor performance". Have a think about your plans for November 2025 and if you live outside Brisbane and would like to stay with another Cursillista, or if you live in Brisbane and would be able to provide accommodation this will be coordinated so that there is a real connection of people across dioceses.

To my mind, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us about how God uses little things to accomplish big things. Let's all get together and make this a grand event of celebration! Next year, more information will be provided about what is happening but please mark it in your 2025 diary and plan to come and connect. If you have already decided and would like to reserve a place, send an email of acceptance to irenemoy@gmail.com. I would love to hear from you.



Greetings from Dianne Catto, Pre-Cursillo Registrar



Wishing all our Cursillistas a very happy and blessed Christmas; hope you can enjoy time with family and loved ones.

I am looking forward to 2025 and our #83 weekend. There have been some enquiries, and I am sure #83 will be a wonderful Cursillo Weekend.



Advent Reflections by Fr Gary Tognola

As I approach my second Advent/Christmas since being ordained, I have had more time this year to think, prepare, and wonder how we can embark on the journey together as a community. I was appointed Priest-In-Charge at St Peter's Bribie Island last year and moved with my wife, Janelle during the first week of Advent. My first service was Sunday, week two of Advent. I can now reflect on being absorbed by the busyness of making changes and adjustments for us and focusing on building relationships in the community at a rapid pace.

Reflecting on this in the lead-up to Advent this year, I realised that the mindset is to encourage community members to engage and reflect during this waiting period. This is difficult to do in and amongst the hustle and bustle of consumerism, the demand of families' availability to be with each other, and Christmas breakups/parties. Invites seem to have no end. People are trying to please everyone with what can seem limited time. It appears that there are no empty spaces in the diary.

Many of our community members are choosing one of two Advent Studies (Songs of Advent and The Promise of Messiah by John Birch). These studies focus on reflecting on how to be with God and each other as we spend some of the wait time together. The Sunday homilies will also emphasise patience, waiting, and not wanting Christmas Day sooner or quicker, taking the time to walk day by day.

In her book, 'The Meaning is in the Waiting', Paula Gooder uses the following analogy: "Imagine entering a room and finding a beautifully wrapped present on a table; attached to the present is a label that reads: 'This present is for you but don't open it now ... **wait.**'"

In my journey with Christ, I have had to embrace periods of waiting. I have become used to being prepared not to expect things to be done in my time, but in God's time. My Cursillo Journey is no different. Initially, I was in a period of non-committal denial, which stopped me from listening to God's calling; I resisted and tried to avoid accepting the invitation to attend a weekend on several occasions.

I began my Cursillo Journey in June 2009 (M66). The waiting period ended two days before the weekend started. In a great deal of scrambling, I was added to the list. I never regretted going on the weekend, and it wouldn't be until years later that I would realise how much impact it had on my life and what it would lead to. I was asked to be on the team for Men's 77, and not long after this, I surrendered to the calling I had been ignoring, which led me to where I find myself as a priest in God's church.



Can you help with these jobs?

Music Copyright



Post Cursillo



PR & Pilgrimage



We need a **parish** to post and print the OWLE.

Comings and Goings in Secretariat 2024.

At the Diocesan Ultreya, held at St Matthew’s Sherwood, on November 2, **Ian Russell** was commissioned as the new Database Coordinator. He has been phasing in during the past few months and ably mentored by **Alan Gray**, who will be retiring from that role at the end of 2025. A huge thank you to Alan who has given countless hours to developing the database. Alan is also the Webmaster/email sender who does all the Vales and regular communications to every Cursillista in parishes throughout the diocese. OWLE is also on Alan’s plate and thanks to Toowoomba West, it has been printed and sent out to those who do not have access to email, etc. Both **Sally Turnbull** and **Leigh Leighton** have had to step back from their roles as Post Cursillo, PR and Pilgrimage and Music Copyright, due to ill health. We need to fill these shoes with new people and not all are required to be at Secretariat meetings but communicate with Secretariat when necessary.



Diocesan Ultreya

The Diocesan Ultreya was held on the 2nd November at St Matthew’s Sherwood. Gerald Shannon capably hosted a tour of their stained glass windows before all were offered a sausage sizzle and he was also our emcee for the Ultreya. The theme was “**The peace the world can’t give**” and was well supported with the fabulous music provided by Howard Greaver and Tony Shellshear.



Ann Martin-Victor and Peter Victor gave the witness talk about their recent mission trip to Fiji. It was uplifting and inspiring. In Bishop Cam’s spiritual reflection, he highlighted how Peter and Ann were instruments of peace.

Ann was also commissioned as Lay Director for Cursillo #83. As she humbly received the Lay Director’s cross, she announced the theme for the **2 day weekend** would be “**Grace**”, and the song – “**Because He Lives**”.



Bishop Cam commissioned Ian Russell for the role of Data Base Coordinator

As always, it was a blessing to have group reunions with people you have not previously met, get new perspectives and share the love of God. Fellowship, sharing food, worshipping and singing all combined to make it a great Ultreya!



Cursillistas travelled from near and further afield for the Peninsula Ultreya on Saturday 12/10/24. BYO lunch and catch up, followed by the Ultreya, and ending with a lovely afternoon tea provided by the Peninsula team – all made for a great Cursillo afternoon of food, fellowship, singing and a witness talk by Shelley Coulsen. Shelley attended her Cursillo weekend last year, MW82 in Toowoomba.



Shelley shared her Christian journey, from childhood to adulthood, and how she came to know that God loves all sorts – even her. An inspiring Witness Talk! Thank you, Shelley, for reminding us that God loves all sorts! Rev Marilyn Cullen gave the Spiritual response for Shelley’s Witness Talk.



The musicians from Freshwater accompanied the songs and Fr Clay played his guitar and sang a song for peace in this time of war.

Alan Gray from Toowoomba West Parish, and on team for MW82 weekend, passed on the MW82 weekend banner to fellow MW82 team member, Ann Martin-Victor from Waterloo Bay Parish. The banner is currently hanging in St George’s Church at Birkdale until it is passed on to another Parish that had a team member on MW82 weekend. When the banner has done its rounds, it will be stored securely in the Cursillo Trailer by the Cursillo Resources Coordinator.



Ultreya!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH - MAKING MONEY - HAVING FUN

By Geoff Lingard

Background

Two years ago as economic times became harder and homelessness more prevalent, the Parish Council decided to implement a fund raising strategy that, with God's help, has gone from strength to strength. The Monthly Garage Sale, which is held on the first Friday and Saturday of each month (except January), has been a great way for our parish to make money and outreach to the community at the same time. We work in partnership with folk from different denominations who see this as their ministry and outreach, and then on Sunday worship in their own churches.

Nuts and Bolts

The money raised from each Garage Sale is distributed as follows:

- * 30% Donated funds to local Charities
- * 30% Wish list of bigger cost project items for parish (painting roofs, electronic signs, etc)
- * 15% Parish Running Costs (rates, insurances etc)
- * 15% Building Fund (current project - disability friendly toilets)
- * 10% Garage Sale upgrades and running expenses

Two local charities are selected every three months by the Parish Council, from a list of organisations put forward by the Parishioners. The recipients then receive donated funds for the next 3 garage sales. The Garage Sale consists of 2 areas - inside and outside the hall. The outside area consists of traditional garage sale wares, plant stall and BBQ whilst inside the hall there are displays of clothing, jewellery, bric-a-brac, vintage items, toys, artwork and small furniture, to name a few. A section with tables and chairs for Devonshire Teas lends itself to having a chat with the friendly staff waiting on the tables or Rev. Pauline who is on hand if needed.



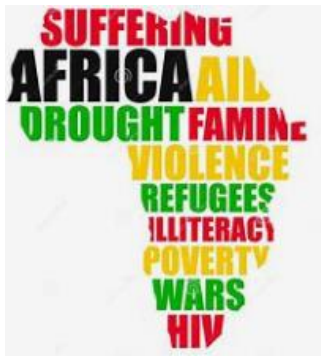
There are no paid staff, and we thank God for a great team of volunteers who organise the sorting, displaying stock and the many other parishioners who volunteer to fulfil roles such as welcoming, front counter/till, kitchen, security, BBQ Cooks etc. Community Connection is the main focus of the Garage Sale Ministry.

We have built the business with a loyal clientele from the community who come every month along with new clients every month. Many of these people then donate items to sell at the next garage sale as they want to contribute and be a part of the event. Donations also come from churches and people as far afield as Roma to the west and Brisbane to the east for which we are truly thankful. Donations excess to our needs are shared with other like-minded charity organisations providing outreach services

Prayer

Each Garage Sale starts with prayer before we open the gates. Included in prayer-time is thanking God for the many blessings of donations and focusing volunteers on the privilege He provides for us to serve our community on his behalf. Anyone wanting information regarding starting a Garage Sale is welcome to contact the Rev. Pauline Harley or Geoff Lingard





Just a glimpse

By Marilyn Wright



Eye clinic, Ghana

As the secretary for Anglican Aid Abroad, I recently travelled to 8 countries in Africa where AAA provides support. In the early part of the journey through Ghana, Cameroon and Kenya where I suffered extreme fatigue and sometimes hunger, it was the knowledge of prayerful support of fellow Cursillistas and AAA supporters, that sustained me. AAA funds in three general areas- self-sufficiency and sustainability, health and education. The first of these is of crucial importance in societies where the failure of a staple crop such as maize can mean the difference between eating or starving. Wherever I went, people had stories of how the weather patterns have changed and reaping a harvest is not certain. In Ghana, my guide openly said that climate change has been caused by developed countries who should therefore be assisting his country to adapt.



I visited the Mampong babies' home in Ghana late one afternoon at bathing and feeding time. Started by the Order of Holy Paraclete Sisters, the home now houses babies and young children who are unable to be cared for by families. The aim is to keep in touch with extended family members and return the children before they are eight. However, this is not always possible, and a few older students attend the local school. As an Australian, used to all the colourful toys and books which we provide for our children, seeing the stark room with the 12 cots for babies and toddlers with one

harassed worker trying to feed and quiet them all, brought me to tears. The matron however, assured me that their biggest need is for the completion of the building to house nine workers so that they can have adequate staff for three shifts. This building has been under construction for many years in the African way of building a little more each time some money is available.

The following day, I visited a poor village to see a school with about 100 students and three teachers. Two classes were doing exams, the third housed the young children and in the fourth room, the children sat quietly with no equipment and no teacher. There were four teachers, but because the only accommodation was one shared room in the 'Chief's House', one had left. They urgently need to convert the 'staff room' into 2 rooms for accommodation. There is no water and no equipment except a chalk board, even for the little ones. Many of these children had not been to school, others had some intermittent instruction, but to see them with such hope, and so little, was again heart-rending as I thought of the equipment lavished on my four grandchildren in their State Schools in Brisbane.



The people I met were hard-working, kind, generous and thoughtful. Their resilience in the face of difficulties from climate change, wars, poverty and family disasters was an inspiration. I pray that as we approach Advent, we will remember that Christ came to be with us all- not just a chosen few- and show our thanks by responding in love.



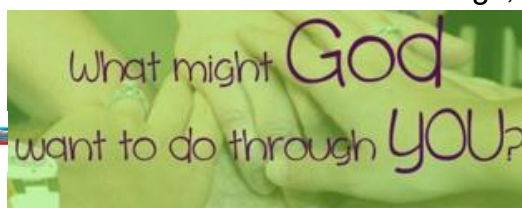
Parish Contacts

Do you realise just how **important** you are? Are you staying in touch with what is happening in the Diocese as well within your parish? Have you logged in to our Cursillo website lately? Do you prepare a Cursillo report for the Parish AGM?

Some of the websites of parishes in our Diocese have no mention of Cursillo. For people moving to a new parish, the website is the window to what is available. Keep your eyes open for the recent **letter** and **poster** from Marg Carr, our Diocesan Lay Director, that has been sent to all parish contacts. Make sure the poster is displayed well. The letter has information that could be shared on the website or in notices when trying to encourage people to do Cursillo. If you haven't seen them, email Marg for a copy.

If you don't know who your parish contact is, first ask your priest. Maybe, there isn't one. Perhaps you could offer to be the contact using the information on the website and then join in with a neighbouring parish for group reunions. Nobody wants to be "the only one". It only takes a spark, and that spark could be you!

Don't be discouraged if there is only a small group who seem too busy, too tired, too old, too..... Maintain contact, give them prayer points, encourage them to pray about being sponsors, suggest grouping in person in someone's home. From little things, hopefully big things may grow.



Hope25 (an initiative of the Mission and Ministry Commission of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia), seeks to empower Australian Anglican parishes and communities in an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025.

The Cursillo Mission Statement "Make a friend; be a friend; bring that friend to Jesus" aligns with the vision of HOPE25. Cursillo has often been described as "a ginger group" within the Church. It does not take away from, it adds to, the fellowship of a local church.

For HOPE25, Cursillo encourages Christians to meet in small groups.

A strength of Cursillo has been in the "Fourth Day" where through prayerful fellowship in small groups, we grow as companions of Jesus.

Why not adopt HOPE25 in your parish? There is plenty of information on their website.



From Kay Self
ACMA National Secretary

The **Anglican Cursillo Movement of Australia's National Meeting** was held in Newcastle over the weekend of 25th – 27th October, 2024. The diocese of Southern Queensland was represented at this gathering by our DLD Margaret Carr and Ann Martin-Victor, our Treasurer. Delegates from Bathurst, Canberra/Goulburn, Grafton, Newcastle, Perth, Southern Queensland and Tasmania Dioceses attended along with the National Secretariat team:

- Lew Hitchick – Bathurst (outgoing National Lay Director)
- Paul Doyle – Perth (incoming National Lay Director)
- Bishop Ian Palmer – Bathurst (outgoing Episcopal Advisor)
- Rev Lee Weissel – Tasmania (National Spiritual Advisor)
- Margaret Brodie - Tasmania (National Treasurer)
- Shirley Tongue – Tasmania (National Website Coordinator)
- Kay Self – Southern Qld (National Secretary)

The theme of the meeting, ***Adapting the package without changing the message: Hope in times of transition*** was guided by **1 Corinthians 9:19-23 and Romans 15:13.**

Each of the Dioceses reported on the challenges and successes of their diocese and how they are listening, reviewing and trialing different ways of meeting the needs of current and future Cursillistas while retaining the integrity of the message. There was much discussion and sharing of ideas, experiences and resources as well as worship and fellowship. The role of National Secretariat is to provide a forum for Diocesan Secretariats to share, make suggestions and discuss alternatives so that the Cursillo experience is more accessible to more people. It meets by ZOOM a few times a year and hosts a National Meeting of Diocesan delegates annually.

The 2025 meeting will be held in Launceston, Tasmania and in 2026, our diocese of Southern Queensland will be the venue. Check out the national website. I found it interesting to reflect on the ACMA report to the 18th Session of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia in 2022 which stated:

The Anglican Cursillo Movement in Australia is part of a world-wide lay-led movement of the Christian Church which aims to evangelise environments through small Christian communities committed to living and spreading the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.....

We understand that it –

- a. Is a movement of the Church – NOT a sect or organization*
- b. Has a method for achieving its ends*
- c. Reinforces what is fundamental for being a Christian*
- d. Creates groups of Christians who meet and who witness in community in their 'environments'*

Cursillo Three Day (or sometimes two day) Programs are held to prepare people for meeting in Christian groups to love, share with, support and challenge each other as they witness Christian living in their environments.




at Bundaberg

by Bill Lawrence

Our group has a total of 25 Cursillistas and we have 5 reunion groups consisting of 3 to 5 people, meeting fortnightly or monthly. The group I'm in, meet fortnightly and use our 4th day card to discuss the topics on the card and finish with prayer. The session takes around 40 to 60 minutes and includes afternoon tea.

Some 18 months ago, our Cursillo group made a community outreach; canvassing our local community in West Bundaberg by **post card drop** into letter boxes inviting them to a regular informal get together twice a month in the church hall. This was also backed up by listing the details on the community notice board, the local newspaper, the regional council's website and "What's on in Bundy" and advertising continues. Although at first the response was well received with some dozen people attending in early days, it has fallen away to some 3 or 4 attending. We have tried to encourage those who attend our Op Shop (called Solomon's Treasures) to join us for a cuppa and a bite to eat, but the response has been lukewarm. Perhaps we need to make some changes.

Jesus wasn't always accepted; so, we dust off our sandals and persevere in prayer and thanksgiving.

Cursillo has been revitalized in our church! Gaining new members (with varying God given skills), our people have been inspired to spread the Gospel through roles they have taken on. One such member is Bundy Bob Burrows. Bundy (as he is affectionately known) is a stalwart for men's breakfast, doing the cooking (full hot one), for a regular 15 or so men but quite often exceeding 20. He also has a gift for poetry.  I believe it's the first ever written about Cursillo and would be a wonderful addition perhaps to the 4th day envelope.



We have begun planning our Ultreya in March 2025.

We would value your prayers as we work on having the Diocesan Ultreya in November 2026.

Bundaberg Cursillistas take this opportunity to send love and greetings to our sisters and brothers in Christ for a happy and holy Christmas.

CURSILLO (by R J Burrows) (Bundy Bob)

The world is in a mess
Puts us Christians to the test.
Then comes Cursillo, in parts
God's love into our hearts.

What a wonderful way
To meet other Christians today
With the Spirit shining through
Brightens up life for you.

With study and group reunion
And prayers to help our confusion,
Apostolic Action for specific needs,
Piety to Christ and the power He weaves.

The fun of all is Ultreya
Tripping around meeting other players
With the power of the Holy Spirit
All loving the Lord's power and love.

De Colores!



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