



“AS THE ROOSTER CROWS”
(Gaylord Secretariat and Ultreya Tidbits)

Many blessings and good wishes for the New Year from your Gaylord Cursillo Secretariat! Does it seem possible we are in a new decade, and that it's the year 2020? **“AS THE ROOSTER CROWS”** was originally begun in 2017 to give Cursillistas a synopsis of what Secretariat was working on as well as updates and reminders. After a hiatus during 2019...it's back. We hope it is helpful in keeping you up to date on Secretariat happenings.

The Men's Weekend is March 5-8 and the Women's Weekend is March 19-22 for 2020. Please plan to be at the Augustine Center by 4:00 p.m. on those Sundays, if you are attending the closings. **Sponsors...PLEASE read your “Sponsors Book” and attend CFW 2/4.** It is especially important due to the various changes that have taken place.

Remember to sign up and pray for the 72 Hour Vigil during the Weekends. If your Ultreya is unable to fill all the slots, please contact your Secretariat Rep so that we may get another Ultreya to pick up that time slot. Our prayers during the Weekends must be an offer of continuous prayerful support!

Candidate applications are available and may be found online by going to the Gaylord Cursillo Website. The directions are easy to follow and there are options for downloading as well as online completion. Both the Sponsor as well as Candidate portions must be filled out completely.

New updates have been made to the weekends. Please be patient as we work through this process. Over the years there have been local additions or changes to our program that were not in line with the original intent of the movement. The Cursillo Secretariat has been working on realigning our Diocesan Cursillo program with guidelines of the National Movement. Again, we ask for your patience.

The **Purpose** of the movement is to create small groups of Christians that will evangelize their environment with the Gospel spirit. (*) That is the focus. We are all working towards bringing others closer to Christ!

2020 Secretariat Goals & Objectives are:

- 1. Pray always.**
- 2. Support and nurture Ultreya communities.** This may be done by - encouraging visiting other communities and/or witness exchanges.
- 3. Increase awareness of Cursillo throughout Gaylord Diocese.** Secretariat would continue with programs such as “Planting Seeds,” and assist with parish Mass presentations and/or meet & greets. Expanding and promoting the website including diocesan site and other social media are some ideas.
- 4. Strengthen Gaylord Cursillo Secretariat as a Servant minded team.** To do this will perhaps transform the School of Leaders to encourage a study of official Cursillo literature/methodology

Opportunities are being explored for additional training to be provided for those who wish to serve on Team or Secretariat. We **ARE** the School of Leaders, and as such, need to be able to provide others with proper information and guidance.

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NEW DIRECTIVES FOR PALANCA!!

Individual Palanca letters are being *discouraged*. It is advised that general Palanca letters be written that will be placed at table and on the hall walls. Letters may be from individual Cursillistas, Ultreyas and 4th Day Groups. As always, we are reminded that it is not “special treats”, but rather our efforts and our personal or group sacrifices that we are offering for their conversion. Additionally, there are to be **NO** Palanca sent for Team, neither to individuals or the Team as a whole.

Secretariat is also working on a new Prayer Chain format. Until that is complete, please continue to keep those in need in your prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Diocesan Ultreya/CFW 6 - St. Michael's - Roscommon, April 25, 2020
2020 Summer Picnic - to be hosted by Harbor Springs – details being worked out
Diocesan Day of Renewal - Gaylord Diocesan Center, September 26, 2020

Our next Secretariat Meeting is April 23, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. - Gaylord Diocesan Center, lower level

* (1996 Pilgrims Guide Appendix – K, pg 131)