



Cursillos in Christianity National Newsletter

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Normality

Source: 1st Conversations of Cala Figuera, Foundation Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló (FEBA).¹

The revised translation of this book describes *Days of reflection on the Founding Charism of the Cursillo held in "The Porciúncula" in Palma de Mallorca on the 50th Anniversary of the First Cursillo Weekend held in Cala Figuera in Santanyi, on the Island of Mallorca, Spain in August 1944.*

The following outline is on the 9th topic, *Normality*, presented by Antonio Punyed Recasens. There are 10 topics in the 1st Conversations of Cala Figuera revised translation. Cursillistas are encouraged to read this topic in its entirety at the [Cursillo Resource Center](http://www.natl-cursillo.org). This is a great resource for study in the School of Leaders.

- To specify the vicissitudes that you are finding on your journey, in the daily normality of your living. Reaffirming yourself in this normality serves to verify what really matters, that is, the conscious sense that man can give his life.
- The capacity of seeing the same old things with new eyes.
- There is a tendency of presenting the Christian view of life with a certain note of heroism, instead of with a note of normality and closeness.
- The ordinary thing is to see religion as a barrier behind which one can take refuge, or as a parking garage or as an armchair (something comfortable). What is normal is something different.
- Only the authentic person learns the difficult art of knowing how to see the wonder that contains the current, the level thing, the routine thing, and the same old thing.
- Love reveals that life is a gift that can be discovered and valued in each detail of life.
- What is relative and even what is secondary show, in a concrete circumstance, the degree of purpose and desire for transcendence in an unconscious and inexorable way.
- The lay person affects the world when exercising, from the concrete place in which he is, that which characterizes him as a person.
- Life is, neither more nor less than what we do and what happens to us. The important thing is to deepen one's understanding of our daily motives, of the normal and the ordinary things.
- When one goes towards what one wants to achieve and applies one's constant and honest effort, usually one will gradually feel serenity and joy as one goes acquiring it in the land of the natural, the normal and human thing.

¹ <http://www.feba.info>

National Cursillo Center Highlights for Fiscal Year 2018

Administration

- The 403(b) Pension Plan has been reinstated and the signed compliance statement from the IRS was received on June 5, 2018.
- The Finance Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2017 was completed on April 3, 2018.
- The National Cursillo Movement continues inviting all Cursillistas to join them in praying for Eduardo Bonnín's beatification and canonization into the Sainthood of the Church.

Resource Center (Bookstore)

- The National Cursillo Center (NCC) introduced the following new books:
 - ✓ Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló - 100 years – Biography & Mentality in English and Spanish
 - ✓ God's Plan for Salvation (GPS) – Navigating Your Way Through the 4th Day by Fr. Frank Salmani
 - ✓ Empezando El 4^o Día (Beginning the 4th Day) by Bartolomé Arrom Gual

Donation Center

- The National Cursillo Center (NCC) has received a total donation of \$194,874 to the \$3/YR Campaign from June 2013 to November 2018. The NCC has advanced \$185,500 to:
 - ✓ support 12 establishing movements in terms of book vouchers, free National Encounter registration fees, workshops etc.: \$5,500
 - ✓ provide an additional 10% book discount during Fiscal Year 2015 and 2016: \$70,000
 - ✓ reduce National Encounter registration fee in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018: \$70,000
 - ✓ provide 401 National Encounter (NE) vouchers to Lay Directors: \$40,000

Donation toward the \$3/Year Campaign have dropped by 23% compared to the same period last year.

- The NCC has received \$1,505 from Smile Amazon Foundation thanks to the participation of many Cursillistas!

Event Center

- The 2018 National Encounter was held during August 16-19, 2018 with the presence of 3 Bishops, 45 Clergy and Vowed Religious, many special guests from around the world including the OMCC President, North America Caribbean Group (NACG) Executive Committee and members, Asian Pacific Group (APG) members and 670 Cursillistas from 7 language groups in the USA. The [Slideshow](#) and all the talks in text documents, video, and MP3 audio are available on [My Resource Center](#)

Finance and Operations

The National Cursillo Center had a positive income of \$21,999 for Fiscal Year 2018 (Oct. 2017-Sept. 2018). The \$3/YR Campaign has been used as a buffer for strategic implementation of reducing book prices and National Encounter registration fees, assisting start-up Cursillo movements, etc.

2019 National Encounter

Preliminary plans are in progress to sign a contract with the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA to hold the National Encounter during July 18-21, 2019. The 2019 National Encounter registration fee will be determined based on the [\\$3/YR Campaign and Amazon Smile donations](#) received by December 31, 2018. Therefore, the more Cursillistas donate, the greater the possibility of lowering the encounter registration fee. The National Encounter registration form will be available on-line on January 15, 2019.

Remember National Cursillo in Your Will or Living Trust

Structure your will to provide for your family first. Then include a gift to the charitable organization or movement you love. Consider leaving a legendary gift to the National Cursillo Movement when you make your will or living trust. Contact the National Cursillo Center if you decide to include the National Cursillo Movement in your will or trust so a proper gift acknowledgement can be made. Make a lasting impact through your donation.

Continue promoting the \$3/YR Campaign and Amazon Smile through your Friendship Group Reunion, Ultreya, School of Leaders, Regional Encounters, workshops, personal contact, group email, etc. For more information about the \$3/YR Campaign and Amazon Smile, visit <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/donate-to-cursillo>. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

The National Secretariat, National Staff, and the National Cursillo Center personnel wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Advent Season, a Merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with God's love and friendship!

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