



Cursillos in Christianity National Newsletter

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Joy

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

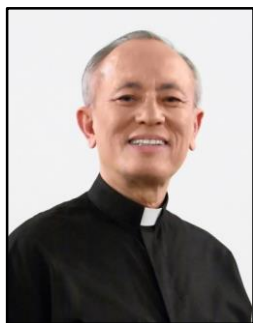
The revised translation of this book describes *Days of reflection on the Founding Charism of the Cursillo held in "The Porciúncula" in Palma de Mallorca on the 50th Anniversary of the First Cursillo Weekend held in Cala Figuera in Santanyí, on the Island of Mallorca, Spain in August 1944.*

The following outline is on the 10th and final topic, *Joy*, presented by Jesús Valls Flores. There are 10 topics in the revised translation of 1st Conversations of Cala Figuera. Cursillistas are encouraged to read the 10 topics in their entirety at the [Cursillo Resource Center](#). This is a great resource for study in the School of Leaders.

- What makes one truly happy is what is done for the disinterested interest of doing what you want, for the joy that emanates from going beyond what should be done.
- Man is designed and created by God to live the joy that emanates from the truth that makes him free.
- The fountain of joy is in oneself.
- When we discover the image of our own being and the love of God inside ourselves, we find an inexhaustible fountain of joy.
- The capacity of being astonished implies the capacity to enjoy.
- The interior conviction that God loves us makes us see it all from a true perspective, but at the same time an optimistic, joyful, affectionate and amazed perspective.
- The Kingdom of God, which is not of this world, is the one that gives joy and fullness to the kingdoms of this world.
- True friendship cannot serve only to share in sorrow; but also to rejoice with the friend in the joy of their happiness and its cause: his hopes, his desires, and his successes.
- We need to accept our circumstance with joy.
- Your generosity is to correspond joyfully to generosity. Sporadic generosity usually tends to obscure joy.
- In order to influence and convince, the morale has to be motivated by a joyful and happy conviction.

¹ <http://www.feba.info>

Fr. Joseph Dao Vu, SVD - National Spiritual Advisor



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Fr. Joseph has been serving as Assistant National Spiritual Advisor since October 2015. In November 2018, Fr. Joseph agreed to serve as National Spiritual Advisor for Cursillo. He will serve in this capacity for the interim. The National Secretariat and Staff thank Fr. Joseph for saying yes!

Fr. Joseph is currently assigned to Preaching Ministry at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis, MS. He lived his Cursillo Weekend in August 1988 in Marywood, CA. He has served on several Cursillo Weekends and Cursillo de Cursillos. Fr. Joseph has also served as Region VIII Spiritual Advisor for the Vietnamese language group since 2013.

Deacon Andrés Carrillo, Assistant National Spiritual Advisor



Deacon Andrés Carrillo

The National Secretariat and Staff extend their congratulations to Deacon Andrés (Andy) Carrillo on being selected to serve as Assistant National Spiritual Advisor for the United States Cursillo Movement. Deacon Andy is married to Melinda and lives in Santa Fe, NM. They have 7 children, 16 grandchildren and 1 great grandson on the way. Deacon Andy was ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe on July 10, 1993. He currently serves as Director of the Office of Deacons. He lived his Cursillo Weekend in June 1979 in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Deacon Andy has served as Spiritual Advisor of the Santa Fe Cursillo Movement and Region X. He has served on Cursillos and Regional and National Encounters.

Special Thanks

The National Secretariat and Staff extend their sincere thanks to Fr. Alex Waraksa for his service as National Spiritual Advisor and to Deacon Gary Terrana for his service as Assistant National Spiritual Advisor. They are to be commended for their witness of living and sharing the Foundational Charism with others through friendship. Wishing you the best in all your future endeavors. God loves you and we do too!

National Cursillo Service Administrator (NCSA) Job Opening

Hoang Tran, current NCSA, will not renew his 3-year term and has requested a succession plan to ensure a smooth transition when his term ends on September 30, 2019. For more information about the National Cursillo Service Administrator position, refer to the [Job Posting Announcement Memo](#) on the National Cursillo website.

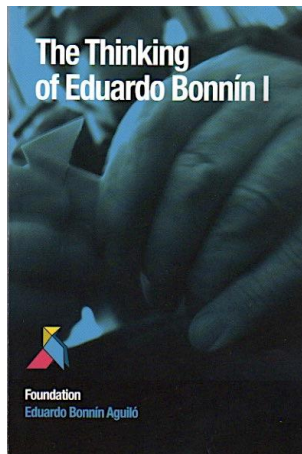
Step by Step Rector's Guide Introductory Workshop

The National Secretariat sent a Memo to all Language Lay Directors to inform them of the upcoming Step by Step Rector's Guide Introductory Workshop that will be offered during the 2019 Spring Regional Encounters. The Regional Coordinators attended a one-day workshop based on the Step by Step in November 2018. They in turn will offer the same workshop in their respective regions. The Regional Coordinators will be contacting the Diocesan Secretariats to share the details of the workshop. The Step by Step Rector's Guide will eventually replace the current Cursillo [Weekend] Manual.

These are exciting times in the United States Cursillo Movement, because of the opportunity to continue living and sharing the ‘legacy’ of our Founder and the gift of the Foundational Charism of Cursillo.

“The recognition and acceptance of this legacy is not a question of principles, but of embracing a natural apostolate. The rightful heir of this legacy is the person who expresses their enthusiastic ‘yes’ to the invitation of the unique method that Cursillo proposes. Therefore, this legacy cannot be embraced by one person, but by a group of people who journey in the company of friends.”
(My Spiritual Testament)

New Cursillo Book



The Thinking of Eduardo Bonnín, Book I, is the first book in a series that contains his writings from rollos, articles, essays, etc. that reflect his mentality – his “thinking”. Below is an excerpt from one of the articles in this book:

Christianity is not a doctrine to be known but a reality that must be lived. To embody what it means to be Christian in daily life, Christianity must be lived in connection with life itself, flowing from what life is . . . God in Christ loves us. God loves me. To be Christian, more than anything, is to feel loved by God and to live in astonishment of that love. Allowing oneself to be loved by God is what is most genuinely Christian. But to grasp it, to experience it, to find the God who is love, as He is, it is necessary to present ourselves to Him as we are. – Eduardo Bonnín

The 18 articles/rollos in this book can be used as the “technique” talk in the School of Leaders. Cursillistas can purchase a copy of The Thinking of Eduardo Bonnín, Book I, item #721 for \$10.00 by calling the National Cursillo Center at 512-746-2020 or online at <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/>.

2019 National Encounter

The 29th National Encounter will be held on July 18-21, 2019 at the University of Scranton, a beautiful Jesuit University, which is centrally located in the Northeast region of Pennsylvania. The University is located approximately 8 miles from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP). This Encounter will be special as the US Cursillo unites with Cursillistas from Mallorca in the joyful celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the First Cursillo which was held in August 1944. It is expected to be a fully packed encounter with special guests from Mallorca, hundreds of Cursillistas, clergy and laity, from the United States Cursillos’ various language groups consisting of English, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, and Vietnamese. The registration for the 29th National Encounter is now open! Register today! See you there – bring a friend!

Visit the National Cursillo website to register online or download the forms at:

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/> (English)

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/espanol/inicio/> (Spanish)

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/tieng-viet/trang-nha/> (Vietnamese)

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.

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Hoang Tran – National Cursillo Service Administrator

Ceferino Aguillón, Jr. – National English Coordinator

Juan Ruiz – National Hispanic Coordinator

Vincent Tin Pham – National Vietnamese Coordinator