



To: Bishops, Spiritual Directors, Lay Directors, Treasurers, Newsletter Editors and other leaders of the Cursillo Movements in the Dioceses of Canada, Colorado, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

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RE: 3rd Quarter NECC Update

Date: Aug 11, 2008

The National Episcopal Cursillo Committee (NECC) held its third quarterly meeting of the year in the Diocese of Atlanta. We were hosted by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Snellville, GA.

We kicked off the weekend with sharing and discussion of the book for this quarter, *Premeditated Mercy*, by Joshep Nassal. Everyone found that there was definitely some food for thought in how we interact with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Friday and Saturday were filled with general business meetings, as well as the subcommittee meetings and district meetings. Finances were a major topic of discussion both Friday and Saturday. Thanks to everyone who has submitted their diocesan contributions. Unfortunately, we still have several dioceses that have not submitted their contributions so we are in a critical financial situation. We are also looking for ways to raise more funds through individual contributions. In an effort to do some cost cutting, the NECC elected to reduce the number of meetings in 2009 from 4 to 3. Also during the weekend we elected officers for 2009, you can find those results in the Newsnotes attached with this letter. And finally we approved the location for the 2009 Seminar to be held in San Antonio, Texas.

On a related topic, if you have not done so recently, please consider having an ECLW in your area. This year, we finished a three year survey of Dioceses to look at the health of the movement. Although there was a general downward trend nationwide in Cursillo, we found that the healthiest movements are those that host ECLW's and encourage their leadership to attend ECLW's. You can either do a workshop alone, or you can partner with another Diocese. Hosting an ECLW is a "no lose" proposition. If you host one, and have a financial loss, NECC will reimburse you up to \$500.00. The North Central district

ECLW coordinator is Dee Settlemeyer. Contact her today! Her email address is pakadee@msn.com.

Please remember that the NECC is here to serve you! If there is anything we can do to assist your local community, please let us know. I hope to be able to visit each of you during my term on the committee. If you have not already done so, please feel free to add me to your Secretariat email lists to keep me apprised of what's going on in your dioceses.

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Reminders:

- 1. Send updated lists of leadership, including names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses to me and the National office (necoffice@episcopalcurso.org)**
- 2. Post this letter on your local website. Also include it in your local newsletter and email it to your local community. I'm also attaching a copy of the quarterly edition of "Newsnote" to be distributed to your community.**
- 3. Please remember to send your Diocesan contributions to the National Office. They have fallen behind from last year.**
- 4. Seminar 2008 will be in Daytona Beach. It's a Cursillo family reunion!! It's not too early to register.**
- 5. As individuals, we can all support Cursillo through Friends of Cursillo. Even a \$5 contribution is appreciated.**
- 6. Host an ECLW and watch your movement grow.**
- 7. Let me know if you are interested in hosting an NECC meeting in your diocese. We are making arrangements now for 2010.**