



Cursillos in Christianity National Newsletter

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In Loving Memory



Thomas Eugene Sarg, 64, of Mount Carmel, IL passed away peacefully on Monday, May 22, 2017 in his home with his loving family by his side. He was born on September 26, 1952 in Compton, CA. Tom is survived by his wife of 45 years, Victoria (Vicky) Sarg, 4 children and 9 grandchildren. Tom was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mount Carmel. He was a United States Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War.

In 1992, Tom was named the Executive Director of the National Cursillo Movement. He served in this position until 2003, during which time he traveled throughout the United States and in several countries in furtherance of the Movement.

Tom is considered one of the key persons in transitioning the United States Cursillo Movement towards its true Foundational Charism. This courageous journey began after the National Staff of Cursillo visited the Founder, Eduardo Bonnín in Mallorca, Spain during March 2003. Tom and the rest of the Staff members were enlightened during that meeting. Below are some quotes by Tom Sarg from the August 2003 National Newsletter. This is an indication of Tom's courage and conviction to put the Cursillo Movement on the right path to the Foundational Charism.

"I can assure you that there is no doubt in the minds of any of the four National Staff members, that Eduardo is the one and only true founder of the Cursillos de Cristiandad". "In addition to coming to the realization that Eduardo is the true founder of the Cursillo Movement we also gained a great deal of insight into the authentic understanding of the Cursillo Movement as it was originally established by the Holy Spirit, through the person of Eduardo Bonnín".

"We spent 10 days with Eduardo and other local Cursillistas. We went to the Ultreya. We went to Cala Figuera and to San Honorato. We experienced Mallorca".

"Upon our return to the United States all of us met with the National Secretariat's Executive Committee and we shared what we had learned. The Executive Committee was overjoyed with the information that we presented and they wanted us to pass this onto the National Secretariat right away. Following our presentation to the National Secretariat one member made a motion to allow the National Staff to take whatever actions are necessary to ensure true authenticity of the Cursillo Movement. Immediately, the remaining members seconded the motion in unison. I informed the National Secretariat that my first order of business would be to get the information to all the dioceses as quickly as possible".

“As I have often shared, my daily prayer is that I will be able to understand God’s Will and that I will have the courage and ability to fulfill His Will”.

The National Secretariat and Staff are grateful for Tom’s leadership and service to Christ and His church through the gift of Cursillo.

To view Tom’s tribute wall, leave condolences or send flowers to the Sarg family, please visit www.keeperfuneralhome.com. Eternal rest grant unto Tom, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

The Person

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

The revised translation of the 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 first topic, The Person. There are 10 topics covered in the 1st Conversations of Cala Figuera. All Cursillistas are encouraged to read this topic in its entirety at the [Cursillo Resource Center](#). This is a great resource for study in the School of Leaders.

The Person

- Take the leap:
 - from mimicking to creativity,
 - from compulsion to spontaneity
 - from obedience to determined eagerness
 - from anonymity to protagonist.
- God has placed the most beautiful and marvelous elements of His creation in the interior world of the person.
- The life of each person consists of fleeing from their fears and walking towards their aspirations. Going towards and fleeing from.
- The source of your freedom and happiness lies deep within yourself.
- No one has the right to butt into the “territorial waters” of other people, their circle of light, their most intimate and private space.
- Each person is anxious to discover the brightest part of their inner self: to identify the most personal aspect of their reality, the structure of their identity.
- We can only say that something is good or bad if it is good or bad for the person.
- We are all on our way to becoming a person.
- We are on the way to becoming a person or a Christian. We cannot say “I am a Christian”, it’s a lifetime process.
- Today the task of the Church is to focus attention on the person. (John Paul II)

¹ <http://www.feba.info>

2017 National Encounter – 60th Anniversary of Cursillo

The National Encounter will be held on July 27-30, 2017 at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. Bishop Francisco Senra Coelho, OMCC Spiritual Advisor, will deliver the keynote address.

It will also be an opportunity for Cursillistas to meet with their respective Regions and the clergy and religious to have a meeting. The registration form, agenda and Frequently Ask Questions (FAQ) are available to download 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)

The registration fee is \$340 per person if the Encounter Registration Form is received at the National Cursillo Center **by June 15, 2017**. Registration after **June 15th, 2017**, increases to \$400. We are unable to guarantee attendance after **June 30, 2017**.

It is expected to be a fully packed National Encounter as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Cursillo in the United States. Come meet Cursillistas from the First 3-Day Cursillo held in the United States in 1957! See you there – bring a friend!

\$3/YR Campaign Update

As of May 31, 2017, the National Cursillo Center (NCC) has received a total donation of \$147,122. This amount is up 3% from March 2017. The \$3/YR Campaign was introduced in June 2013. The NCC has advanced approximately \$150,000 to support establishing movements, book discounts, National Encounter registration fee reduction and vouchers to Diocesan Lay Directors. The negative balance of the \$3/YR fund has decreased from \$7K to \$3K. Continue promoting the Campaign through your Friendship Group Reunion, Ultreya, School of Leaders, Regional Encounters, workshops, personal contact, group e-mail, etc. For more information about the \$3/YR Campaign, visit <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/donate-to-cursillo>. Thank you so much for your continuous support and generosity.

Amazon Smile Foundation and Cursillo

The National Cursillo Movement has been successfully registered with the Amazon Smile Program as a non-profit organization eligible to receive donations through the Foundation. Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon that allows you to enjoy the same wide selection of products and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.com), the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the eligible non-profit organization of your choice. Therefore, you can start supporting National Cursillo Movement by visiting <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0563788>

If we can make 100,000 Cursillistas aware of this program, National Cursillo Center will receive an annual donation of \$200K to \$400K from Amazon Smile.

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