

Counting On You

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Jamaican Women's Weekend Nestled in God's Love

The Anglican Women's Weekend #2 in Jamaica was held on April 7 to 10. The blessings were abundant! See information on the upcoming men's weekend on our website.



Brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Ephesians 6:10

Men's Anglican Cursillo No. 2 in Jamaica

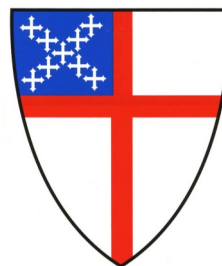


The Anglican Men's Weekend #2 in Jamaica will be held July 14-17, 2011.

Mission Statement



The Episcopal Cursillo® of Southeast Florida, holds weekends that support the diocese in realizing its mission, by raising up leaders for the parishes, missions, diocese and the Wider Church.



The great participation of women . . .



As we approach Women's Cursillo number 105, I am excited to know that our Lord will be there ready to bless each one of the candidates and the team. Jesus will indeed be there for the women, as women were loyal to him to the end.

The Gospels inform us that the women were there at the foot of the cross, and it was also the women who were not afraid to go to the cemetery to anoint his body. It was the women who were the first messengers of the good news of his resurrection. As we read through the book of Acts and the epistles we see the great participation of women in the work of the early church.

In this diocese the contribution of women, lay and ordained, is one of the reasons for our success in making known to all people the transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, including all, excluding none.

Yes, Jesus will be there in the next Cursillo, and his Holy Spirit will touch the heart and souls of all who participate. It is our task now to pray and help the team as they prepare themselves for this wonderful task.

+ Leo Frade

*Bishop of Southeast Florida
Men's Cursillo #7*

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The women of Jamaica recently experienced the joy of posters!

“Lord, What Would You Have Me Do?”



Because Christ is counting on us, we pilgrims on The Way wonder from time to time, “Lord, what would you have me to do?” Episcopal Women’s Cursillo #105 will be focusing on this question in their

three-day Weekend this June.

As they share in the team’s ministry, those serving are answering God’s call with their variety of gifts, as well as their love for Jesus and his beloved ones. As the invitation of a Cursillo friend partners with the divine fingers, plucking the heart-strings of potential participants, the candidates are answering God’s call.

The wider Cursillo community is also answering the Lord’s call as they pray and gather Palanca and sharpen their singing in joyful anticipation of the weekend’s miracles!

Opportunities to partner with God to help transform the world for Christ are endless. How do we choose our holy venture? I suggest that we begin by looking inward and taking notes – real paper and pen notes – to answer these questions:

- What do you do well?
- What do you care about deeply?
- What energizes you?

Write down all the ideas that occur to you. Do not be modest. This is just for you. When you think your lists are complete, then pray over them. Look for God’s nudging, but do not agonize over whether you have heard the Lord’s

answer. It is easy to get stuck waiting for just the right sign! Instead dive into the project that seems most meaningful to you. Be sure to consider options both inside and outside the Church.

As you engage in this work, pay attention to how it affects you. Look for joy and satisfaction. If the work is drudgery, it is probably not God’s idea. God wants us to enjoy life to the full!

It may take some experimenting before you discover the right fit. We will find ourselves living the abundant life the more we focus on the needs of others and offer our shoulder to share their burdens. And remember that Jesus, who counts on us, is in our midst, offering divine leverage in the burden-bearing business.

God bless you!

Mother Jennie Lou D. Reid

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From the Desk of our Lay Director



As I write this letter, it is Holy Week with the varied services during which we continue our spiritual journey and preparation for the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Morning!

In our parish, we have been able to participate in a small group study and also have had Wednesday night in Lent as part of our study. I was also blessed to participate in a Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic.

This was my first opportunity to be a member of a Mission Team. I was part of the “scouting team” that went to the Dominican Republic in December to look at the different potential projects in which we could participate and to select those which we felt we could accomplish while at the same time meeting the needs of those whom we were called to serve.

One of the projects was to help in a new nursing facility where there was a small group of 12 residents. With my background of working in that area for many years, it was a natural for me. Before going there, we had communicated via email about what their needs were and what programs they would like us to help with. About eight of us (out of a team of 18) were the team going to the nursing facility. There was one other nurse and a group of enthusiastic and loving team members.

We arrived on the Monday morning not sure quite what we were going to be do-

ing and really hoping that we would be able to help the staff. We wanted to be sure that we were meeting their needs.

Communication was a challenge as most of us did not speak Spanish. God had sent a team member from Holy Redeemer and a student from Broward to help us. But that wasn't all He did. Just two weeks earlier, San Jose had installed a new chapter of the Daughters of the King. One of their members arrived who had lived in New York for many years and was fluent in English. Most of our team were also members of the Daughters of the King in our parish. There was immediate bonding of the two groups.

The staff had requested that we help them with exercise and activities and a clinical program, and they were so open and enthusiastic to work with us. We met the residents who were nine women and three men.

Initially, the men had their meals with the

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whole group and then went upstairs to wait until the next meal. It was amazing to watch as two members of our group began singing well known hymns – mostly Cursillo songs. The residents began singing the same songs in Spanish. Before long they were clapping and we were able to include exercise and movement into the activity.

We also did some crafts and kept them busy and active during the time we were there. I worked with the nurses on the clinical program which they later announced had helped them with their problem.

But that isn't the real story. One of the residents was initially curled up in fetal position with her head covered. As I stretched out her limbs, one of my sister-in-Christ was at her head praying with her and laying on hands. The next day she was out with the group. As we worked with the staff, the residents and the DOK, we could see the love of Jesus in each person.

Each day was a gift to us as we became closer to each person. The DOK has committed to working with the residents and becoming prayer partners with the residents. The DOK in our parish has coordinated making clothing and clothing protectors for the residents and raising money for them to purchase over-the-counter pain medication for the residents.

I didn't mention that the doctor at the facility is also a member of the DOK. What a mountaintop experience!!!

As we continued on our week's journey in the Dominican Republic, we were all overwhelmed with the needs we were able to see. As we celebrate this Easter and the resurrection of Christ, I know I will continue to ask, "How do You want me to serve?" I have seen some of the path you showed me.

Your Sister in Christ

Barbara MacKenzie

Grand Ultreya

Save the date!
October 22,
2011

Holy Sacrament
Episcopal Church
2801 University Drive
Pembroke Pines,

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12 noon to 1 pm - Registration
1 to 2 pm - Lunch
2 to 3:30 pm - Ultreya



In Memoriam

Our brother in Christ Theodore L. (Zach) Miller, the brother of Richard Miller, died on Saturday, April 16 at Jackson North Hospital while Richard was critiquing the EMC #88 Rollistas. Zach was a retired clamp driver (forklift) for Brandsmart. Zach was born on December 25, 1948 and attended North Dade High School in Miami Gardens. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.



Diocese of SE Florida

Cursillo Calendar 2011

June 16 - 19	EWC #105	Duncan Center – Babs McKenzie, Rector
June 19	Secretariat Meeting	2 pm – Stahl Bldg. Duncan Center
July 14 - 17	EMC #88	Duncan Center – Vasco Coombs, Rector
Sept. 15 - 18	EWC #106 Spanish	Duncan Center – Noelis Rodriguez, Rector
Sept. 18	Secretariat Meeting	2 pm – Stahl Bldg, Duncan Center
Oct. 29	Diocesan Ultreya	South Sector
Oct. 27 - 30	NECC Conference	Phoenix, Arizona
Nov. 5	Secretariat Meeting	10 am

2012 Dates

January 18-20	National Episcopal Cursillo Conference	
May 3 - 6	EWC #107	
May 17 - 20	EMC #89	
Sept. 28 - 30	Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop	Duncan Center

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends!



**Barbara McKenzie,
Rectora
EWC #105
June 16 to
19, 2011**



**Vasco Coombs,
Rector
EMC #88
July 14 to
17, 2011**

EPISCOPAL WOMEN'S CURSILLO #105

A stylized illustration of a woman in a white dress, her arms raised in prayer, set against a purple background with a glowing sun or light source.

LORD,
WHAT
DO
YOU
WANT
ME TO
DO?
ACTS 9:6

Episcopal Men's Cursillo #88

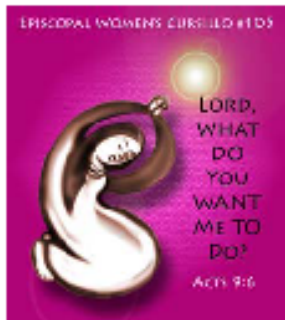
An illustration of a white dove flying in a blue sky, with two hands reaching up from the bottom of the frame.

**Come unto me
ye who are weary
and overburdened,
and I will give you rest.**
Matt: 11:28

**See the Cursillo website for information updates and contact persons . . .
www.sef-cursillo.org**



**Noelis Rodriguez
Rectora, EWC #106
Spanish Women's weekend
September 15-18, 2011**
For more information, contact Sherry Fleming at slfccf@aol.com



Palanca Opportunities

June 16 – 19, 2011

Rectora: Babs McKenzie	954.495.7036	bogamv@bellsouth.net
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Food Palanca: Karen Antonucci	561.369.0336	k.antonucci@comcast.net

Please keep the candidates and team in your prayers as part of your Palanca. We encourage you to start thinking of the Palanca that your Cursillo community would like to provide and listed below are a few of the items we always appreciate receiving. We also hope your imaginations and creativity will take over to provide something beautiful for your sisters.

GENERAL PALANCA:

	<i>Number of Items:</i>
Prayer Chain	
42 or 60 Pilgrim Guide covers	90 Dining room
90 Placemats	90 Candidate / Team Pillow
90 Book markers	60 Rollo Room
60 (5 dozen) flowers	42 Candidates Pillow Palanca

Please remember to include a 3"x 5" index card with a description of the Palanca at the top; quantity; whether for pillows, dining room, or rollo room. name of the Church/Reunion Group/person giving the Palanca and any message to be read.

FOOD PALANCA Snacks to serve outside during breaks and for the rollo room

There are a total of 16 breaks with drinks, 11 with snacks

Fruit – Apples, Grapes, Bananas, Pears, etc.
 Cheese cubes/sticks & Crackers
 Baby carrots
 Dried fruit, Trail Mix
 Granola Bars
 Mini cupcakes/muffins
 Home made cookies/brownies
 100 Calorie Snack Packs
 Pretzels
 Nuts
 Mints & Hard candy (individually wrapped)
 Mini- candy bars
 Chewing gum

Desserts:

Lunch – Friday, Saturday, Sunday
 Dinner – Friday, Saturday (we would love to have rainbow jello!)

Drinks:

Lots of WATER (large containers, gallon jugs)
 2 liter bottles of soda: Diet, Diet caffeine free, Regular
 Lemonade, Iced Tea
 Red & White Wine
 Sparkling water/cider – nonalcoholic beverage

THANK YOU so much for your help!

Please email or call us when you know what palanca you/your group will be offering for the weekend.

The logo for the weekend is available on the website at www.sef-cursillo.org and can be downloaded

PRAYER FOR OUR CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Dear heavenly Father, we come before you seeking guidance and wisdom as we strive to strengthen our Cursillo Movement. We ask you to bless our diversity, to bind us together by your love in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to guide our hearts in our Fourth Day and to empower us to be faithful to this ministry of servanthood.

Guide our thoughts, inhabit our hearts, give us discernment, and open our eyes to your presence Lord. We pray that in a rainbow of unity, we can use our gifts to your honor and glory. We give you thanks for all our blessings and the opportunity given to us to share in your name with love and joy. Amen.

ADDRESS CORRECTION NOTIFICATION

Let us know if someone you know has an address or name change.
This database is kept current for mailing.

Send corrections to: vascovac@bellsouth.net

Last Name _____ Old Last Name _____

First Name _____ Spouse _____

Old Address _____

New Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____



