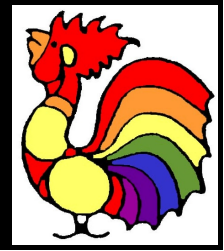


# Cursillo® Comments

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## Waking into Reality

Dreams can be detailed and evocative of reality that the ancients of many civilizations took them to be certain portents of things to come. In some of the temples of both ancient Greece and Egypt dormitories were built so that those petitioning the gods for answers to difficult issues in life could sleep in close proximity to the sanctuary and perhaps connect with the gods through the dream state.

All of us have had the experience of dreaming something so vivid and frightening that upon awakening we still were frightened and in a fight or flight syndrome. It may even have taken us some moments to realize that we were safe in our beds and that the dream was not true. However, what happens when the tables are turned? That is, when life is so damaging and hurtful that we long to wake up and discover that we have only been dreaming. We have all heard persons say, "Oh, if only this would turn out to be a dream!"

The followers of Jesus had just such an experience. They had walked with him through the heady days of his ministry, seen the sick healed, the dead raised, false authority confronted, and heard a new and life-giving message preached. Striking like a sudden storm, there arose the nightmare of arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Like all witnesses of horror beyond comprehension, the disciples had stumbled through the motions of the funeral and then gone away to continue their grief. In the midst of their sad dreaming, the risen Christ stands, speaking words of peace and hope, and encouraging the brokenhearted and fearful to no longer be afraid.

The dilemma the disciples faced was to determine which part of the story was dream and which part was reality. All of it seemed to contradict human understanding. Before we criticize them too much, let us remember that none of us has anything to base reality on except the paradigms we have learned in life. The traditional understanding of the human paradigm of life and death had always been that the dead do not walk among us again. I think that when Jesus first appeared there was much confusion, wonder, and down right fear. The main issue may well have not been the reality of this new life, but rather, having hoped in him once and been so disappointed, can anyone trust him again?

One of the reasons this priest accepts the traditional and quite literal Christian understanding of the Resurrection is that it IS so unlike the human paradigm. God dares, as God consistently does in Jesus, to break the rules and challenge the broken and the sinful and the contented and the righteous to consider a new reality. It is indeed a reality based on a paradigm not of human making or understanding. The new paradigm of Resurrection is that Christ lives again and does so forever, not as the sacrificial lamb, but as the King of Glory. This King extends to us adoption as his brothers and sisters and shows us the way into the Kingdom of God by a path of his, not our, making. To some that will forever be a dream. To others it is an awakening into the reality of the Divine One who loves us in ways beyond our wildest dreams.

Peace, joy, and realized hope to all in this Eastertide.

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### Palanca

Please separate participant palanca from team palanca and alphabetize both. If more than one day's palanca is sent, please separate by day, participant or team, and alphabetize each group. Indicate the different days with a post-it note rather than writing on the envelope. All palanca should be able to fit into a standard size business envelope or into the Palanca Bag itself. **No Large Gifts** are to be sent as Palanca. Gifts may be given to Participants at Wake-Up Sunday morning, after Clausura, or at Welcome Home Ultreyas. The Commission requests that you please be obedient to this policy. Thank you for your support of this God's Church, where the words "disciple" and "apostle" become a reality to many people.

### Your Prayers

Prayer is essential for the success of any Weekend just as it is essential for success in life. Prayer can come in many forms. It comes in the work and preparation of the Team. It comes in the intentional prayers of the people on the Prayer Vigil. It comes in the intentional prayers of the whole community for the Cursillistas and the Team Members as the Weekend unfolds. Remember this as each Weekend approaches. It is your prayers for everyone on the Weekend, both Participants and Team that God will hear and answer. The cards, letters and remembrances are just a symbol of the prayer that is the true Palanca.

### Wake-Up and Clausura

Please remember to arrive for wake-up 6:00 - 6:15 AM and go directly to Bishops' Hall. Wake-up is at 6:30 AM. We now use the "kinder, gentler" approach to wake-up. Please be aware of this.

Only one person...preferably the sponsor or representative...will go to bring the participant into Stuart Hall. Others will receive instructions as to where to wait for the participants to arrive. To avoid the embarrassment of being dragged into a room full of strangers in "near nothing" the participants are now told to be dressed and prepared to begin the day at 6:30 AM.

Please remember to keep cell phone use to a minimum on the Honey Creek campus and, by all means, **no cell phones in the Chapel**. Also, please remember to arrive at the Chapel for Clausura no later than 3:45 PM. There is no flash photography allowed in the Chapel. Please remember to keep the noise level in the Chapel down. This is a place of worship.



## ECLW: Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop Sponsored by

**The Diocese of Southeast Florida**

**Theme:** *I have plans for you...  
to give you a future and a hope*

*Jeremiah 29 : 11*

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We, the Cursillistas in the Diocese of Southeast Florida movement, invite you to be a part of our next District ECLW to be held May 1- 3, 2009. The ECLW is meant to be an experience where people from Episcopal Cursillo movements across different Dioceses come together to share and grow as leaders in our common bond of Cursillo. The ECLW begins on Friday night, May 1, at 6:00 PM with supper and runs through Sunday May 3, after lunch. The weekend includes worship, fellowship, free time, Eucharist and talks. The cost for the weekend is \$210.00.

Local Coordinator: Zoe Stout; Tel: 561-586-0296; Email: [zoestout@bellsouth.net](mailto:zoestout@bellsouth.net)

ECLW Registration forms, directions, and information are available at [www.sefcursillo.org](http://www.sefcursillo.org)

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Check out National news and events at [www.episcopalcursillo.org](http://www.episcopalcursillo.org)

### **Help empower Christ-centered leaders to grow in their journey with your financial palanca.**

Financial assistance is a part of your commitment to the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Georgia. Please consider your annual pledge to Cursillo prayerfully and make your pledge for the upcoming year as soon as possible. Funds are needed to help supply scholarships, as well as carry on the general business of the Cursillo Commission.

I hereby pledge: \$25  \$50  \$75  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Specify)

to help fund the work of the Georgia Episcopal Cursillo in the following area(s). Choose one or more.

Scholarships  Commission Needs  General Fund  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Specify)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:

Cursillos in Community  
c/o Carolyn Murdoch  
1998 Sylvan Lake Drive  
Grovetown, GA 30813

There is also an opportunity to contribute to Cursillo at Clausura.

## Upcoming Dates

Cursillo # 115 - October 15-18, 2009 — DDU - November 14, 2009

## Day of Deeper Understanding

May 16, 2009 - Church of the Annunciation, Vidalia

### Palanca Request - Participants of Cursillo # 114

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			Brandon Watson	Bill Bruce	King of Peace, Kingsland

Please note that this **IS NOT** a complete list of participants. Updates and changes may be found on the Georgia Episcopal Cursillo Website at [www.geocities.com/gacursillo](http://www.geocities.com/gacursillo). *Please check it often.* Ultreya rectors are asked to please communicate changes to members of their Ultreyas.

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