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**Report to the 2020 Annual General Meeting**

Two exciting events took place in the 2019-20 season. The first was a Day of Deeper Understanding; the second, our third shortened Three-Day Cursillo weekend.

**The Day of Deeper Understanding** (DoDU) is oriented to those who have attended a Cursillo weekend in the past few years, and desire to learn more about the Cursillo Movement.

Our opening Prayer and Praise Ultreya, held on Friday, September 27th, at 7 p.m. was immediately followed by a short OACM Annual General Meeting and refreshments.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, we enjoyed five talks, small group discussion, and fellowship. Our keynote speaker was the Rt Rev. Peter Coffin, a long-time Cursillista, who spoke about "Cursillo in the church and the diocese." Admitting that he was initially skeptical about Cursillo, Bishop Peter proclaimed his Cursillo weekend to have been a seminal experience is his early priesthood and one he heartily recommends. Other topics on which talks were followed by table discussion included The Fourth Day, The Flow of the Cursillo Weekend, and Candidate Sponsorship. Talks were interspersed with music arranged by Graham Jacques, OACM Musica.

All who attended proclaimed it a wonderful event. Many thanks went out to Henry Troup, former OACM Secretariat member, who organized the DoDU.

The **Women's 128<sup>th</sup> Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Weekend** took place from November 22-24, 2019 with the theme from Matthew 6, "**Do not worry about your life; consider the lilies.**"

I was privileged and humbled to be the Lay Rector of the weekend which had 22 team members from 15 parishes and 19 candidates from 9 parishes spread across the diocese. This was the third shortened weekend and the second shortened women's weekend. Thanks to the successes of the 127<sup>th</sup> women's weekend and the flexibility and experience of the back table (particularly Sharon Fleming, 1<sup>st</sup> Detail), we were able to refine the schedule for the benefit of all involved. I am confident in recommending the model for the upcoming 130<sup>th</sup> women's weekend in November 2021.

For details of the Send-off and Welcome Back, please see the report of the Fourth Day Coordinator.

Secretariat had been considering two ideas for further events when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and all Anglican church activities in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario came to a halt. Despite not being able to make concrete plans, we welcome ideas from the community. Please share them by email through the OACM website.

Finally, since I assumed the position of Assistant Lay Director of the movement, the Leaders/Servant Community Director's portfolio has been open. Please carefully consider whether this might be the next contribution to Cursillo of you or someone you think would fill the bill and contact the Chair of the Nomination Committee, Jim Wilson at [nominating.committee@oacm.ca](mailto:nominating.committee@oacm.ca).

Yours in Christ

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