

OACM Assistant Lay Directors Report 2021-2022

About a year ago I received a phone call from Jim Wilson, the chair of the OACM Nominating Committee, asking if I would consider becoming the assistant Lay Director for OACM with the longer term plan for me to succeed Colleen Mayo-Pankhurst as Lay Director. I thought and prayed about this and then phoned Jim and agreed. I recalled many years ago when I made my Cursillo in 1981 one of the Rollistas, a non ordained man, saying if one senses a genuine call from God you should say yes. I have generally tried to follow that advice and it has led me to many volunteer leadership positions both inside the church and in the Community, always stressing that leadership is in the model of Christ as servant leader. I feel that way about Cursillo and my response to Jims invitation. I have the required administrative skills. I have a knowledge of Cursillo that come from 8 weekends, admittedly the last one was in 2003 when I served as Professor. I have been a member of a Group reunion for many years. I have attended Ultreyas of many forms over many years . I have been a fourth day speaker, both at parish ultreyas at St Thomas Alta Vista and at Diocesan Ultreyas.

The bottom line is I love Cursillo and honour it as a movement of spiritual renewal in our church. It has affected me personally and I believe it has been a positive force for growth and renewal in our Diocesan church. One example that comes to mind is from a number of years ago when I was acting as a table facilitator at a Diocesan conference. I looked around the room and saw that every table facilitator was also a Cursillista.

The job description of the ALD focuses on a year of learning. This past year of the Secretariat has been one for me of learning about the machinery of Cursillo and its functions. Over the year I have much appreciated Coleen Mayo Pankhurst and her skills as Lay Director and her gentle mentorship of all of us including myself. I have appreciated the skills of the individual members of Secretariat and how we have worked as a team to keep Cursillo functioning in this

time of Covid which has challenged all of our church organizations. Coleen and I placed an article in Crosstalk in the winter to further explain Cursillo and increase our transparency, a direction which our Bishop has asked us to follow and one to work on over the coming year. I have worked with Andrew Gibb on the Cursillo data base this past year and see this also as an area to work on over the coming year, particularly as to how the Shape of Parish Ministry initiative will affect our parishes and churches and our system of parish representatives. Our whole system of Group Reunions needs attention as well.

We have had a positive statement on Cursillo by our Bishop who sees it as a teaching and renewal Ministry of the Diocese. His statement was given at a parish Q and A session back in February at St Thomas Alta Vista. It is posted on our website. He has also written an article of support in our June Rainbow. As Cursillo Secretariat we appreciate his support and will work as closely as possible with him and all parish clergy to promote Cursillo objectives over the coming year. This year will also see the welcome return of Cursillo weekends for women (planned for November 4-6) and men (in the planning stage for next Spring).

I see a good future for Cursillo as an instrument of spiritual teaching and renewal in our Anglican Church of Ottawa and look forward working with the Ottawa Cursillo Community over the coming year.

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