

Lay Director Report

It has been a pleasure to be the Lay Director of OACM this past year as we continued on the path of Re-imagining Cursillo for the 21st Century. Five small groups met to discuss Promoting Cursillo, Sponsorship, Cursillo Weekend, Group Reunions and Education. Each of these groups met and identified a number of recommendations that were presented to and accepted by Secretariat. From there Kathy Gibb (Assistant Lay Director), Elizabeth December-Lovell (Leaders School/Servant Community Coordinator) and I met to discuss how we could implement some of these recommendations in the next year. We developed an implementation plan and identified what could be done and when. This implementation plan will be presented to the Cursillo community at the AGM.

I want to give thanks to all those who volunteered to be part of the small groups. The time you spent as a group identifying recommendations for improvements is appreciated.

I want to thank all those who are on Secretariat and give of their time and talents to ensure that we continue to have a strong Cursillo community.

I want to thank John Chapman, our weekend coordinator as he steps down from that position. John has been the weekend coordinator for the past 4 years and has seen us through the pandemic and having to look for a new place to hold weekends as the Convent in Orleans closed. Thanks to his hard work we have held 2 weekends at Galilee House and we have 2 weekends booked in 2025.

As I mentioned in the March Rainbow, I am hopeful. Hopeful as I believe our Diocese continues to have a strong Cursillo community. Hopeful because we are not stagnant, we are looking to the future and looking at ways we can continue to grow and improve, be more transparent and be more inclusive. Hopeful because there is a willingness in our community to be involved.

As I step down, I want to thank all of you for your support this past year. As Kathy takes on the Lay Director position, I know you will all support her in the coming year.

Ultreya,
Sharron Hamilton, OACM Lay Director

