

Lay Directors Report 2021

It would be very easy to start this year's report with a list of what we have not been able to achieve. Instead, I can report that we have found new and effective ways of being Cursillo.

On line Ultreyas, using the medium of zoom have enabled participation by those who might have found it difficult to attend in person. Our new website and regular newsletters have kept us in touch with what has been happening, and we have inaugurated the concept of a 4th Day Community Day Retreat.

So, let us encourage one another as we look forward. As I write this the lifting of lockdown has just been deferred by a month and instead of the 2 Cursillo weekends which had been planned for 2021 in April and October, we will only be hosting the one weekend in October, with Lac #49 now taking place in May 2022.

Lac #48 is now going ahead, and some places are still available, so now is time to have those conversations with people you wish to sponsor. The National Ultreya, which in 2020 was abandoned, is going ahead on 4th September 2021 at Norwich Cathedral, and we have been invited to hold our first "Face to Face" Ultreya for 20 months in Leicester Cathedral on Saturday October 2nd at 3-30pm.

The secretariat have started conversations about making Cursillo more widely accessible, and how to enable it to reach parts of our Diocesan community who have yet to hear of Cursillo, whilst ensuring that cost is not a barrier to any individual attending a weekend.

So as we pray for Cursillo, giving thanks with gratitude for those in the fourth day community who have died this year, may we as a servant community step out with confidence in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Ultreya!

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