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Dear Cursillistas:

Peace be with you in the New Year. Once again, we are sending out our 2006 Cursillo Calendar. In an effort to cut down on the cost of mailings, we would appreciate it if those of you who have an email address or have changed it since submitting it to us would take the time to forward it to Al Lett at [aklett@suscom.net](mailto:aklett@suscom.net). If we have a record of your email address then we can notify you of any changes to the calendar. In addition, all details of the items on the calendar may be obtained from your Ultreya Representative.

There are two websites that you should check periodically: [www.NYCursillo.org](http://www.NYCursillo.org) and [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org). These websites will help you keep abreast of the Movement locally, nationally and worldwide.

The New York website contains applications, sponsor forms, criteria for candidates and guidelines for sponsors. If you do not have a computer, most local libraries are equipped and will help you access these websites.

I would like to draw your attention to one item in particular: July 20. This will be the opening day of the National Cursillo Encounter, which will be held this year at Villanova University in Philadelphia. Attendance at the National Encounter is a wonderful experience. We come together with Cursillistas from all states of the Union and many different cultural backgrounds to celebrate the Cursillo Movement and how it has influenced our lives.

The Encounter begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday morning after breakfast. Besides the many informative talks that are presented by fellow cursillistas there are wonderful highlights. On Friday evening there is an Ultreya attended by all the participants and on Saturday evening a Fiesta with song and dance presentations by various cultural groups. On Friday and Saturday we join together for the celebration of Mass and the procession of Bishops and Priests is an awesome spiritual experience. Last year, in Atchison, Kansas, attendance numbered in the 900-person range. The fee for attendance is usually in the \$275 to \$300 range and includes all your meals and your lodging. My friends, Philadelphia is only 4 hours away for most of us and I would like to encourage you to give yourselves the gift of the National Encounter.

I expect to have the details in the near future. Applications will also be available on the National website but I encourage you to submit them through me and perhaps we can all be housed together.

Remember that your Secretariat is here to serve you. Please contact us with any questions or suggestions. I am available at (845) 297-7466 or [PatDig@optonline.net](mailto:PatDig@optonline.net).

Yours in Christ  
Pat DiGiacomo