



# Chichester CURSILLO®

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## SUMMER/AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2006

Welcome to our new look newsletter.

I hope that you have had a relaxing and peaceful Summer. Ours was quite busy as our daughter Emily came home from university, and then went straight to Guinea with a group from the Diocese under Mark Payne's leadership. Our Son George has been to Soul Survivor and the leaders group Momentum, followed by being a co-leader in a children's activities week at his church.

Our other daughter Victoria, came with us to New Wine. The sun shone, the worship was inspiring, the talks thought provoking, and living in a Christian environment for a week was just what we needed. Meeting up with other Chichester Cursillistas was a bonus. It has also helped our 'Study' as we both picked up many new books. My current reading is 'Why Men Hate Going To Church'!

It certainly makes interesting reading, as it tries to uncover the reasons for the lack of men in our churches.

I trust that your holiday was not quite so hectic!!

I look forward to meeting you all at our forthcoming events.

With best wishes, Mark

### Words from our Spiritual Director

Brothers and Sisters:

This is my first greeting to you as Spiritual Director. We all owe so much to Fr Keith for his care and enthusiasm as Spiritual Director and I ask your prayers as I take up the mantle.

I write this as I fast approach my 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary as a Priest in the Church of God, and I can honestly say that as the years pass, my enthusiasm for the Good News increases. Our calling by God is not something that

happened once and that's it – no, he goes on calling us in so many ways, opens new doors for us and always has a few surprises on the way! It is so easy to become complacent – even Cursillistas can! – but I believe that by listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we can respond to God in a positive way.

Cursillo helps us to address this – the weekend experience can so often be a rebirth experience for many of us and really opens us up to God's generous love (and the love of our fellow Christians) in a new way. In AD 246, St Cyprian (whose feast we keep on September 16<sup>th</sup>) was writing to his friend Donatus about the experience of his baptism. Here are just a few lines:

*"If we walk firmly and steadily in the Lord's ways, trusting in him with all our heart and strength, all we have to do is to be what our baptism has made us.....he pours out his Spirit without stint, so that it flows freely on and on, never ceasing, continually abounding in endless generosity. We have only to open our hearts with longing and drink it in.....We have received the seal of the Spirit. Our task now is to preserve the integrity of what we have received by living a truly Christian life. We must give time to prayer and the study of the scripture, now speaking to God, now listening to his word to us and letting his teaching mould us."*

I pray that those of you who have just completed Chichester #13 will receive the abundance of blessings which changed Cyprian and filled him with the Holy Spirit. And may all of us listen afresh to His voice, hear His call and renew our own commitment to him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

ULTREYA!

Father Norman

### **SWEATSHIRT ORDERS**

Orders will be taken at our next Ultreya in October  
Please see Jane Lumley

### **Our Next Weekends**

#14      March 1 – 4    2007

#15      September 13 – 16    2007

### **Dates For Your Diary**

#### **2006**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October      Ultreya St Leonard's, Denton, Newhaven  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November      Day of Deeper Understanding, Venue TBA

#### **2007**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February      Ultreya TBA  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April      AGM & Ultreya,  
St Symphorian's, Durrington  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July      Picnic TBA  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October      Ultreya TBA

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