

RAINBOW CONNECTION

Anglican Cursillo Tasmania

February 2020

De colores, everyone, and welcome to another exciting year on the Cursillo calendar. At our February Secretariat meeting (how can it be February already?!), Peter Johnson had the great pleasure of commissioning **Grahame Foster** as our **new Treasurer**. Margaret Brodie's 3 year term seems to have passed amazingly quickly – to the rest of us, at least, if not to her. Thank you, Margaret, for the efficient, good-humoured and unflustered job you did as Cursillo Treasurer - we will miss you at our meetings. If this past one is any indication, Grahame has settled in quickly to the combination of hilarity and hard work that typifies them.

One item of business was the 'Very very Northern **ultreya**' next month on **Flinders Island** (March 21st). If you would like to join us on this adventure, but have not let anyone on Secretariat know, please contact me as soon as possible, as flights are filling fast. We have been given some generous donations to help subsidize travel costs, so if you would really like to attend, but finances are a problem, don't let that deter you.

As you journey through 2020, may you grow in your relationship with Jesus, increase your understanding of his will for your life and for his church, and rejoice in your service of him.

Ultreya!

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Reflection from Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Peter Johnson
(full transcript at cursillotasmania.org.au)

As Peter began his reflection on 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, he quoted American poet Minnie Louise Hawkins: *'And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown'. And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way.'*



Peter went on to say that it does not make any difference what sort of darkness we face, it is perfect advice no matter what problems we see threatening us. It is a complete solution in any circumstances. But we have to go out into the darkness and we have to grasp the hand of God.

When you start wondering about the future and your part in it, listen to Paul in verse 7, 'Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good'. Paul mentions the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, prophesy, understanding other people's giftedness and the gift of tongues.

Paul was writing to the people of Corinth but he was also writing to the Church today, all who meet in the name of Jesus including Cursillo Tasmania. The Spiritual Gifts are for the common good. When God stretches out his hand we have to grasp hold of it remembering in whose name we receive these Spiritual Gifts, never losing sight of for whose service we use the very gifts he has bestowed on us. Everything that's come from his outstretched hand must be for the good of all people.

But even more than that, we ought always to know that, as we walk through our own lives with his Spiritual Gifts we become ambassadors for Christ.



Regenerate

Mens / Womens 34 Oct 8th -11th

If you are attending Mananita or Clausura on Sunday 11th, we are planning a wonderful day of reflection, meditation, fellowship, worship and FOOD! to fit between the two gatherings.

Draft Programme:

- 6.30am Mananita
- 7.30am Celtic Body Prayer Tai Chi
- 8.00am Breakfast
- 9.30am Holy Communion & fellowship joining the congregation at local Church
- 11.45am Regenerate Activities
- 12.30pm Barbeque Lunch
- 1.15pm Regenerate Activities
- 2.45pm Clausura & afternoon tea

This enables those coming from afar to really enjoy a full day of Cursillo fun and fellowship Renew, rejuvenate, revive, restore REGENERATE the passion, the joy and the excitement of being a Cursillista and a dearly beloved Child of God.

Resources Needed!!

Cursillo Tasmania is in need of the following resources:

2 copies of Volume 4 of Songs of Fellowship (music edition) and 1 Communion set

Can you or your parish help?

Please contact Shirley Tongue on 0427 631596 or at shirley.tongue@gmail.com

“What have I done for another in my role as servant?”

Would you like a ready answer to that question at your next Group Reunion?

Is your special gift

cooking a barbecue?

serving food and /or drinks?

acting as an usher?

packing up after events?

None of the above, but you're willing to give it a go!?

All of the above are needed to share the load at the **Diocesan Ordination and Celebration Service** on **February 29th** at St David's Cathedral, Hobart.

This is an ideal opportunity to show the wider Anglican community the servant heart of Cursillo. We also know our assistance will be hugely appreciated by our Diocesan staff.

If you can help on the day, please contact Jane Lamont on donjane141@bigpond.com



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 14-Men's and Women's Commissioning

March 21- Flinders Island Ultreya

April 4- Secretariat meeting

May 9- Diocesan Ultreya, Campbell Town, 10 am for 10:30 start. Bring and share lunch.

June 5-7 National Secretariat, Newcastle

July 17 Northern Ultreya, Deloraine

July 31 Cut-off date for 'Early Bird' registrations for MW34

October 8-11 MW 43 Camp Clayton

October 11-Regenerate Day