

De Colores!

Last Summer I was appointed Spiritual Advisor to the Cursillo Movement in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (both Spanish & English) and this first year has been taken up with learning the lay of the land and getting to know the leadership of the Movement. In addition to the local Secretariat I have had the blessing of personal contact with Mr. Victor Lugo from the National Cursillo Center and that has certainly been most helpful to me in getting my bearings as to how to best serve the Cursillo Movement here in our Archdiocese.

For the benefit of those I have not yet had the chance to meet yet, I'd like to tell you a bit about my personal background. Born and raised in Lower Bucks County I entered St. Charles Seminary in the Fall of 1972 right after graduation from Bishop Egan High School in Fairless Hills. Most of my way through the Seminary program I began to have some doubts about my vocation and took some time away. During that time I had the chance to become an English teacher in a private school in Puerto Rico. It was while there in the Summer of 1980 that I was invited to make a weekend in Juncos. Despite the flaws in my command of the Spanish language the weekend did it's work and renewed my sense of personal discipleship and eventually led me to return to finish my preparation for the priesthood and was ordained a priest in 1983.

My ministry was primarily in various parishes until 1991 when I was asked to help out in the Spanish-language Cursillo Movement. I have continued my involvement off and on ever since and it has become one of my favorite activities so I look forward to being with all of you in your 4<sup>th</sup> day and doing great things for the Kingdom of God.

Please feel free to contact me at any time and as my other responsibilities allow (I currently serve as pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Bensalem.).

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. John