

The Best News by the Best Means: The Heart of the Charism was this year's theme for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Cursillos (CCCC) conference held June 22 to 25, 2006, at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre, at Cornwallis Park, near Digby, Nova Scotia. The four-day event was housed in a marvelous venue overlooking the historic Annapolis Basin. This national conference was one more step in a process that began over fourteen years ago with the First Conversations of Cala Figuera. The First Conversations were in 1994, our journey with Eduardo began 14 years ago at the 1992 National Encounter in Kitchener, ON. As a result of those conversations with the founder, Eduardo Bonnin, and the leadership of the Mallorcan cursillo movement, the CCCC has been on a journey to bring to the leadership of the Canadian movement what is the authentic or genuine cursillo.

This year's conference advanced this process by focusing the participants' attention on the charism that underlies the movement and method. Participants heard from a number of presenters who explored the topic from a variety of vantage points. It was a wonderful mix of styles and approaches that produced abundant discussion among the participants. Although there were several speakers, there was but one message: the cursillo is the Gospel lived out authentically in our daily lives. Its principal focus is the person and its primary purpose is to provide for each person the chance to make the three essential encounters: with self, with God, and with others.

In addition to these presentations an Ultreya, Mallorcan style, was held which allowed conference participants the opportunity to experience this essential element of the Cursillo as it was originally intended to be. On Saturday evening a fiesta engaged not only the participants but also guests from the local cursillo community.

The conference was from the Officers Group's perspective a great success. Seeds were sown and contacts were made and in the fullness of time God's spirit will cause these seeds to grow to produce what is needed to keep this marvelous method and movement true to its foundational charism and to the vision of the man to whom it was given. Until then....ULTREYA!....ONWARD!

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