

Crawford County Newsletter Q3 2021



Loss of our Spiritual Advisor - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Spiritual Advisor for Crawford County, Fr. Dan Prez. Father Dan was a very gentle man who approached all obstacles with perseverance, gentleness, and a little bit of stubbornness. He was a thoughtful and generous man who was devoted to his family, travelling many miles and hours to be with them for holidays and celebrations. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a quick wit which tended to produce both belly laughs and deep groans. His parishioners and the Cursillo Movement were very important to him, and he worked tirelessly until his illness weakened his body too much to continue to serve them. Through it all, though, his spirit never weakened. You will be greatly missed by all Father Dan. Well done good and faithful servant.

Next Ultreya - In July we had another face-to-face Ultreya attended by 13 people. It was supposed to be at St. Agatha's in Meadville, but due to some miscommunication, we ended up meeting at Pizza Villa instead. Bill (Clem) gave a talk about "Study". We ate a ton of delicious pizza, and spent the evening discussing questions about the upcoming changes in Cursillo. We decided not to have an Ultreya in August, so **our next Ultreya will be held at St. Hippolyte Church on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm.** Dan and Maryann Lukowich will give a talk about "Action", followed by a game night. BYOG - Bring Your Own Games! We will also be discussing and voting on making a donation to the Cursillo Movement in Fr. Dan's name.

A message from Deacon Ken Reisenweber...

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

For years I was very pleased to be involved in many ways with Crawford County Cursillo. I was always more than willing to respond as I could, including as County Spiritual Director.

Two years ago I was diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis, a form of muscular dystrophy. It has impeded in many ways my ministry as deacon. I have a difficult time doing much, and that becomes more difficult at the end of each day. I have had to forego teaching in the evening, funeral scripture services, evening (late afternoon) mass, prison ministry. I even can serve only half way through mass. I need to add to that list serving as CCC spiritual director. It has not been easy for me to accept all of this, but it is the cross I must bear.

PRAYER DEPARTMENT

Please pray for all those in need of prayer, especially for:

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- an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life
- for those serving in the military and emergency personnel
- an end to the pandemic

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Regardless, please consider making a donation for our mailing costs (postal mail & email subscription).

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PALANCA

Deliver your Palanca to The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, Saint Agatha Church Office (353 Pine Street, Meadville) by **Noon on Thursday** of any Cursillo weekend. If the office is closed, just leave it on the door and be sure it's marked "Palanca".

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