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Fall 2007

From
The Lay Director

To our new Cursillistas from the fall weekends, Happy Fourth Day! I hope you are actively taking part in Group Reunion. I have been grouping weekly since my weekend in October of 1990, and have learned that grouping is the key to keeping our Fourth Day vibrant. So, if you are not in a Group Reunion, please visit our web page or contact your parish coordinator for help in finding an active group in your parish or local community.

The last weekend of October, Anjie, Mike and Charlene Witka and I attended the Region IV Encounter at Our Lady of Snows in Bellevue, IL. Mike is our new member of the Region IV service team. Regional encounters are open to all Cursillistas and this year's was attended by more than 100 Cursillistas.

The theme was, "Our Lady Summons You," and was built around the theme song, "The Summons." Each member of the Region IV service team picked a verse from the song prior to the weekend and wrote a talk about it.

The first verse struck a deep chord in me: "Will you come and follow me if I but call your

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*Our
Spiritual
Advisor*

Many Parishes have their Annual Stewardship program in place. Our church is always encouraging all of us to be stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

We have wonderful treasures in our Cursillo community. So many of you volunteer for teams and make the commitment to be there and to give of yourself.

We all commit to our Parish family and work environment. Cursillistas give so generously of their time and talent to literally be Christ to others.

All of us should not only take the time to share our gifts and talents - but also thank God for the privilege of being called to do so.

God Bless all of you for your generosity.

De Colores

Father Glenn

Men's 98	Our Newest Cursillistas	Women's 87
Joseph Durlle - St. John Vianney, Fishers		Donna Carol - Holy Spirit, Geist
Timothy Lacey - St. Francis Asissi, Muncie		Kellie Goebel - Holy Name
Robert McCleary - Sacred Heart, Fowler		Kathy Kaeler - St. Jude
Mark Scheller - St. Joseph, Lebanon		Suzanne Olinger - St. Maria Goretti
Joseph Santillo - St. Andrew Richmond		Mandi Peters - All Saints, Logansport
John (Zig) Leach - Holy Spirit at Geist		Carol Urbanski - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Fr. Paul Graf - St. Elizabeth, Lafayette		Linda Poxon - St. Boniface, Lafayette
James Finney - St. Philip Neri		Teresa Keay - All Saints, Logansport
James McNeany - All Saints, Logansport		Molly Mirande - St. Maria Goretti
Thomas Loepker - St. Lawrence, Lafayette		Carrie Schafer - Holy Name
Greg Dominick - All Saints, Logansport		Becky Scheller - St. Joseph
David Elmer - St. Maria Goretti		Cathy Thoman - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Tim Thoman - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel		Karen Foster - St. Boniface, Lafayette
Mark Hosbein - St. Lawrence, Indianapolis		Jennifer Joyce - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Mark Schipper - Holy Spirit at Geist		Rhonda McClure - Holy Family, Richmond
Fr. Jeff Martin - All Saints, Logansport		Andrea Perkins - St. Matthew
John Herman - St. Simon		Shirley Young - St. Jude
Fred Koch - St. Simon		Lorie Ingram - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
David Edwards - St. Roch		Karen Berger - St. Michael, New Palestine
Jim Crain - All Saints, Logansport		Anna Holland - Holy Family, Richmond
Greg Bielefeld - St. Simon		Windi Krok - St. Maria Goretti
		Stephanie Scagnoli - All Saints, Logansport
		Nicole Zuk - St. Pius
		Carolyn Brickey - St. Boniface, Lafayette
		Kay Clodfelter - Holy Spirit at Geist
		Angela Kaufam - All Saints, Logansport
		Linda Rodda - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
		Cindy Rueschhoff - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
		Mende Timmerman - St. Maria Goretti

Post - Cursillo

"Come After Me ... Luke 9:59

As Cursillistas, we realize that Jesus' call to follow is central to our faith. As Cursillistas we also know that in order to do this we must know His word, worship often, and be present to others.

We may feel that our Fourth day offers more challenges than opportunities "What will people say if I speak up?" We may even question our own authority to do so "I am not a priest, what if I'm not right?" But, this is not what Jesus has asked us to do.

We have all been asked to share His words and His love. By being present to one another, family, friends, and even enemies, we are following Jesus. We have all shared news that

Spring Weekends

Men's #99

Feb. 28 - Mar. 2, 2008 Tom Derksen, Coordinator

Women's # 88

March 13-16, 2008 Margaret Ruffing, Coordinator

Fall Weekends

Men's #100- Oct. 2-5, 2008

Women's #89 - Oct. 16-19, 2008

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was happy, sad, unfortunate, uncontrollable, and some that is simply unbelievable. By sharing we have offered praise for Jesus and asked for His help and forgiveness.

Jesus asked His apostles to roam the earth and spread news of His word. World populations have grown, and so have our opportunities.

This is why it is so important that we join small groups, attend ultreyas, and speak up when called upon in our environments. I will be offering a survey soon asking you to discern how you might be further involved in Cursillo. I hope you will consider it prayerfully and respond.

Please know that nothing that you share can be a "bad decision" as long as it brings that person closer to Christ and His word.

Bill Halsema

Can You Help?

We have approval to build cabinets for weekend supplies at St. Bernadette's. Estimated cost for materials is \$800-900. Labor will be donated. Contributions are needed. If you can help, contact the CICC Treasurer, Frank Roberts: frob5959@aol.com.

Area Ultreyas

Indianapolis City-Wide Ultreya - January 19 at Our Lady of Grace in Noblesville. See www.cursillo.org/indy for details. City-wide Ultreya visits a different parish each month. If you would like to host this event at your parish for one month, call Bill Halsema at (317) 255-5325 or e-mail at indyrxrover@msn.com to get on the list. Bill will help with music, support, witnesses and other necessities.

Noblesville - Third Saturday each month after 5 pm Mass (except June, July and August) in chapel of Our Lady of Grace parish, 191st St. & SR 37. at 7:30 pm. Refreshments. Call Ron and Veronica Anderson (317) 773-1107.

Columbus - December 8 at St. Bartholomew after 5 pm Mass. Pitch-in dinner 6:30 pm; Ultreya 7:30 pm. Call Jerry and Paula Stahl at (812) 372-9152 for more information.

Lafayette - Fourth Friday each month, 7 pm at St. Lawrence parish. Call Jeff Jarboe at (765) 567-2216 for more information.

Richmond Catholic Community - Last Saturday each month, 7:30 am at Richmond Catholic Education Center, 233 S. 5th St., Richmond. Call Tom and Cheryl Kitchin at (765) 966-5164.

PRE - CURSILLO

THOUGHTS BEFORE THE WEEKEND

Can Christ Really Count on You?

There is a message that needs to get out to all Cursillistas: "Christ is Counting on You." And the thing He is counting on you for is to carry the message that God's work gets done through the Cursillo movement.

Once upon a time somebody told you about Cursillo in a way that compelled you to sign up. Maybe they told you how Cursillo is not just another retreat, but rather a life-long commitment to walk with Christ every hour of every day in everything you do. Maybe they told you that living their Fourth Day has changed their lives immeasurably. In any case, somebody brought you the message, and now it is your job to do the same for others. There are a few cautionary thoughts, however.

Not everyone should make a Cursillo. The movement is not a source of mental or emotional therapy. It is not a social club or a fraternal order. It is not a forum for building business. And it is not a closed or secret society.

Cursillo is, first and foremost, a path of discipleship, a workable means to be Christ to others by living a life of Piety, Study and Action. Today, just as in the days of the first

disciples, we look for leaders in our community. We seek out those who are already determined to live by Catholic principles, who are committed to forging strong Christian families, of building the Body of Christ, and of living lives of purity.

One more thing: When you tell others about Cursillo, and they say, "yes," you need to remember that your responsibility goes beyond just helping them fill out the application. As a sponsor, it is also your job to guide them into their Fourth Day, and walk with them on their path of Piety, Study and Action.

So, go out and evangelize. Tell others. Drop your net into deep waters. Christ is counting on you. And, of course you are counting on Him.

CURSILLO

The three Days

The purpose of the Cursillo Movement - a Reminder

Sometimes I feel the need to go back to the Leaders Manual to rediscover the history, purpose and essence of the Cursillo movement.

Following is an excerpt from the book: "*The Purpose* is the reason why we do what we do. Cursillo, therefore, pursues a two- fold purpose: an immediate one and an ultimate one.

The *Immediate Purpose* is to provide a foundation so Cursillistas may live what is fundamental for being a Christian – love of God and love of neighbor, experienced through three essential encounters, the encounter with oneself, the encounter with Christ and the encounter with others.

The *Ultimate Purpose* is to vertebrae Christianity in society, with those who live what is fundamental for being Christian, the love of God and neighbor, to live their daily lives while strengthening the three encounters.

Therefore, the goal of the movement is not about 'preaching the Good News' and becoming Evangelicals, but to become the Good News, and in a natural way, our actions will become evangelical in our daily lives (family, neighborhood, workplace, social life and any place where people spend a great deal of their lives), living in groups (Group Reunion and Ultreya) which will provide a more authentic, continuous and progressive Christianity.

Looking at the mentality as it was simplified above by Eduardo Bonin, founder of the Cursillo Movement, the person living a life of Grace that is conscious, growing and shared, fully reflects and lives that love (essence); sharing it through a sincere and genuine friendship (method); with all people and in all circumstances in which they come in contact in their daily life (environment)."

Let's challenge ourselves to become more knowledgeable about our movement, and perhaps allow the Holy Spirit to accomplish His goals more effectively through us.

John Ameis

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name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

As I reflected on this verse I realized what perfect timing this verse was because of our need on the Secretariat. The terms of several people on the Secretariat will end next year. They are John Ameis (3-day Cursillo) , Jane Maher (Pre-Cursillo) and Sue Campbell (Palanca for other Cursillos). I ask you to prayerfully consider submitting your name to the Secretariat to be considered for one of these positions. Please see the job descriptions for these positions in this issue of the Voice.

Will you come and follow me If I but call your name?

Rob Reuzenaar



Secretariat members welcome the Aguillons, seated on the right

National Coordinator Visits

Cef Aguillon, National English Coordinator, and his wife Gloria had lunch with Secretariat members Oct. 31. The visit was part of an extended trip to meet with Cursillo leaders around the country to discuss local concerns, plans and the future of the Cursillo movement.

Secretariat Positions Opening Soon

Several positions on the Central Indiana Cursillo Secretariat will be opening in the spring of next year. Job descriptions are printed below. Contact: rreuzenaar@purdue.edu

Incoming Electronic Email Palanca

1. Print all Palanca received at CICC website from other movements and deliver to the Head Cha on Thursday of the weekend
2 indycursillo@gmail.com is the e-mail link for sending electronic palanca. The "job" consists of printing the palanca on a color printer and delivering it on Thursday of the weekend. Usually about 100 pages taking 4-5 hours. CICC will re-imburse for ink.

Three-Day Cursillo

1. Purchase weekend supplies
2. Manage and control inventory
3. Provide materials for Team Formation and the weekend.
4. Work with the Lay Director, Head Cha and Kitchen Cha to address specific needs for each team.
5. Attend closings to provide supplies, cleanup and restore weekend items and materials.
6. Present a talk to each team on the "3-Day Weekend", during Team Formation.

PreCursillo

1. Review applications and check with sponsor, candidate and parish priest as needed. Keep track of deposits. List men and women separately and give to treasurer.
2. For each weekend, keep a list of applications, moving cancellations to future weekends.
3. Send postcards, then letters to candidates, sponsors and priests. Use e-mail where possible.
4. Answer questions from all concerned
5. Send a list of candidates to parish coordinators one month before the weekend.
6. Contact next sponsor/candidate on waiting list when an opening occurs.
7. Provide weekend coordinators copies of applications and keep them updated on cancellations..
8. Lead a brief prayer service for sponsors on Thursday night of the weekend..
9. Write Pre-Cursillo articles for the Voice.
10. Assist in workshops involving pre-Cursillo activities.



WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

“...without your prayers and sacrifices, these weekends would not be possible.”

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Marty Van Der Burgt

I encourage all of you to communicate your Palanca in written notes to team and candidates – it makes a huge difference to receive those messages of hope and encouragement throughout the weekend.

There were many firsts for me on this weekend: Six men were first time team members; All the men were first-time speakers on their assigned topics; A new Deacon from Richmond presented one of the talks; I got to see and hold a Super Bowl ring - thanks to Fr. Peter for his insight on the Sacraments. Because of the unseasonable

heat, we held talks in the church and discussions in the cafeteria – both air-conditioned. We only sang the last verse of De Colores before several meals because we were already in the cafeteria. And the experience was like my first Cursillo all over again – what a blessing. I can truly say that the Holy Spirit was



– from the first formation meeting on the Feast of the Transfiguration, to the opening day of the weekend on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, to the final Sunday Gospel from Luke 17 which told us that with a faith the size of a mustard seed we can do

amazing things. Yes, the Lord was certainly with us. As the weekend progressed, step by step, we all became nearer to the Lord then we were on Thursday, nearer than before.

Our team and new Cursillistas will continue to pray for one another over the coming weeks.

Suzie Funke

“... the women and Father never faltered from their belief in the mighty power of God to prevail”

My goal for the weekend was to reflect “Joyful Reverence.” I wanted people to know the joy of being “in Christ.” I believe that was exactly what happened. We felt the Joy of Christ throughout the whole weekend, and we experienced many reverent moments during times of quiet union with Him.

I recall how the team bonded from the first meeting. We experienced many obstacles on the way: the death of a parent, accidents involving our children, and many health issues. But even in the midst of this, a flower bloomed with the announcement of new life, from one of our team members.

The humility of Father Patrick and Sister Maureen was felt by all. Many women received blessings through their counsel.

Throughout the weekend, we were touched by the presence of the Holy Spirit. We were comforted and opened to receive the message of Cursillo through the many prayers and sacrifices offered by the community.

By the witnesses of the candidates, at closing, we were made aware of their understanding of what the grace of God can accomplish in their lives, and their desire to go out and touch others.

Finally, I saw the blessings that each one of us receive by saying “yes” when we are called; when we are willing to serve Christ.

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New Year's Eve Mass

When: December 31

Where: Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis

Times: 11 p.m. Music 11:30 Mass


Celebrant: Fr. Glenn O'Connor

Refreshments after Mass -

bring a snack to share

Parking security provided behind the cathedral and at the Catholic Center.

For information, call: 317-797-2460



Calling All Head Kitchen Chas

The Secretariat would like to put together a notebook that can be passed from Head Kitchen Cha to Head Kitchen Cha to help the kitchen leadership with their role. Why reinvent the wheel? Do you know how much coffee to make for a weekend? Do you know how many eggs go in a breakfast casserole? How many fruits and vegetables do you buy for the weekend? If you have recipes and other information that would be helpful, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Marshall Kern at marshallandsue@earthlink.net or (765) 962-4985.