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City-Wide Ultreya
December 6
St. Jude Church

Make a Friend ♦ Be a Friend ♦ Bring a Friend to Christ

Men's 100

Our Newest Cursillistas

Women's 89

Casey Schutte - St. Maria Goretti
Rick Schroder - All Saints, Logansport
Greg Kitchin - St. Andrew, Richmond
Joe Pesek - Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Tim Juerling - St. Andrew, Richmond
Vincent Perkins - St. Joseph
John Murphy - Holy Spirit, Geist
Michael Vittorio - Our Lady of Grace
John Kozyrski - St. Simon
Dave Shepler - All Saints
Mark Hetz - All Saints
Steve Seitz - St. Louis de Montfort
Jim Timberman - St. Simon the Apostle
Steve Hornak - Holy Family, Richmond
Joe Kalil, Sr. - St. John Vianney
Logan Patterson - St. Andrew, Richmond
John Hannagan - Holy Spirit, Geist
Brian Besong - St. Mary's Lafayette
David Hollensbe - Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Phil Hammen - St. Boniface

Amy Banter - Our Lady of Grace
Pat Brandstatter - All Saints
Sylvia Brothers - St. Simon
Cathy Bullard - All Saints
Alison Carrico - St. Maria Goretti
Ramona Cavanaugh - St. Ann
Nikki Deroif - Holy Spirit, Geist
Denise Droese - Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Kathleen Elliott - All Saints
Catherine Fischer - St. Malachy
Susan Goebel - St. Louis de Montfort
Theresa Grisham - St. Francis Xavier
Eileen Hays - St. Francis Xavier
Sue Kuphall - St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie
Amii McCord - All Saints, Logansport
Kathleen Moreillon - St. Simon
Julie Nobbe - St. Andrews, Richmond
Cindy Rose - All Saints, Logansport
Jane Rulon - Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cicero
Kathy Shepler - All Saints
Mary Timberman - St. Simon
Deanna Totton - Holy Spirit, Geist
Peggy Verdun - Holy Spirit, Geist
Roni Wyld - St. Malachy
Vicki Yamasaki - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Voice

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Fall 2008

From

The Lay Director

To our new Cursillistas from the Fall weekends, "Welcome!". What a blessing you are to us. I hope your Fourth Day is going well. I also hope that this letter finds you actively taking part in Group Reunion. I have been grouping since my weekend in October of 1990. If you are not in a Group Reunion, please visit our web page or contact your parish coordinator for help in finding a group in your community. If that route doesn't work for you, I'd suggest recruiting a friend to make a Cursillo so you can start your own Group Reunion. Grouping, along with attendance at Ultreya and the closings, is the key to keeping your Fourth Day vibrant.

Diane Kellet, our Secretariat secretary, and her husband Jim are moving to St. Louis after the first of the year. Replacing Diane is Kathy Kaler. Our thanks to Diane for her service to us. You and Jim will be missed. May God bless you and your family on this new journey.

The Secretariat is exploring ways of helping to recruit new Cursillistas for future weekends. We are also investigating ways to improve our percentage of Cursillistas that group, how to better "Make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ." To that end, we are thinking about putting together a team to share this information with you.

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*Our
Spiritual
Advisor*

We have been blessed this fall with many new Cursillistas. The fruits of the Holy Spirit, Palanca and team work were quite evident at the closings.

In many ways our new Cursillistas are like the soil where the sower planted seeds. Some soil is hard, some rocky and other is fertile. Hard soil is almost like cement. The seed never has a chance and simply cannot penetrate the soil, and it dies. That soil needs to be cultivated and opened up.

The rocky soil is open to seed but has no staying power for roots to grow. The seed grows quickly but it dies from lack of roots. Finally, the fertile soil is open and roots can grow. Properly cultivated and nourished, it grows and becomes productive and long lasting.

We all need to be nourished and cultivated to receive God's word. We too, like soil, can become hard like the rocky ground. The tripod - piety, study and action - along with grouping are all the nourishment and cultivation we need.

De Colores,
Father Glenn

Pilgrim School

When team formation begins in the spring for women's Cursillo 90 and men's Cursillo 101, members of the Secretariat will be giving talks on the Cursillo movement and method to help prepare team members for the weekend. Please keep all Cursillistas in your prayers for the continuation of God's will through Cursillo. The men's weekend will be held March 5-9, and the women's weekend will be held March 19-22.

In God's Love,
Marshall Kern

Note: New weekend registration forms are available to download from the Website: www.cursillo.org/indy/weekend. The new mailing address for registrations is: **Central Indiana Cursillo Center, 6510 Wilshire Place, Zionsville, IN 46077**

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CURSILLO The three Days

How would you describe the three-day Cursillo to a friend who has not made their Cursillo? What should you tell him or her? There are no real secrets about the weekend – a visit to the Cursillo website or reading through the “Cursillo – What is it?” booklet describes much of the format and structure of the weekend. The real “mystery” of the weekend is the Power of God's Love – the Presence of Christ – the movement of the Holy Spirit. A particular weekend may take on a special theme, but our experience of God is uniquely our own. In accepting God's Grace throughout the three days, we allow ourselves to be transformed by God's Love and at the same time experience God's Love through Christian Community. This is the *Life in Christ* that Cursillo offers.

Take a moment to recall this experience from your own weekend. What were your feelings? What contributed to those feelings? How are you living the Cursillo – a Life in Christ – today? As you open yourselves to visit these feelings and reflect on how you have lived it in your Fourth Day, you will find it easier to share this experience of God's Love – the three-day Cursillo – with others
De Colores,
Paul and Jennifer Burger



Sacraments, or a Cursillo Weekend to help as well. So, God's Grace surrounds us. We only need to accept it and nurture it.

When we think about our motto, “Make a Friend, Be a Friend, and Bring a Friend to Christ,” what we are really saying is that we want to accept God's Grace by allowing someone to be our friend, and we are helping others receive Grace by making a friend, and we are all doing God's will by helping bring a friend to Christ. Our responsibility is to be open to God's Grace, be willing to share it with others, and help others receive it.

De Colores,
Mark Scheller

COME CELEBRATE

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Come to SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian Street, and celebrate New Year's Eve with us. Songs of worship start at 11:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 11:30 p.m. Our celebrant will be Fr. Glenn O'Conner. Following Mass there will be a reception for refreshments and fellowship in the Rectory. Security will be provided at the parking lots at the cathedral and and the Catholic Center at Illinois and 14th Streets.
For more information call 317 797-2460 or (317) 927-6709.

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If you are interested in being part of this team contact me or Mark and Becky Scheller, our Pre-Cursillo directors.

The Secretariat is looking for someone to coordinate the *Leaders School*. If you are interested, please contact me for details.

An Important Financial Note

Enrollment for the weekends has been dropping, and our expenses have been increasing. Unfortunately, this is depleting the Secretariat treasury. If not corrected, this will make it necessary to increase our weekend fees. Obviously, we don't want to do this, so instead we are asking you, our Fourth Day community, to make a contribution to CICC. Your donation is tax deductible and will help your Secretariat meet rising costs without having to increase weekend fees. A letter from our treasurer is enclosed with this newsletter along with a reply envelope for your contribution.

In the Love and Service of Christ,

Rob Reuzenaar
Lay Director

Spring Weekends
Men's #101 - March 5-8
Stewart Baxter, coordinator
Women's #90 - March 19-22
Jennifer Burger, coordinator
Fall Weekends
Men's #102 - October 1-4
Women's # 91 - October 15-18
National Encounter
July 30-Aug. 2
California State University,
San Bernadino, CA

Pre-Cursillo

An Amazing Lesson About God's Grace on the Black Piano Keys

... all we need do is let God's Grace enter our lives



This story starts with an event in which I was giving a retreat on “Water” which included sin and baptism and how with baptism we receive Grace from God. A sponsor at the retreat, a Cursillista named Judy, asked me to explain Grace. I said it is a gift from God. We don't ask for it, but we need to accept it when God offers it.

Three weeks later I was scheduled to give another talk on Sin and Grace at our RCIA session. I had asked Dan, one of the sponsors and a cantor and guitarist to begin the class by playing “Amazing Grace”. He agreed, but he was going out of town with our pastor for a few days, and there was question of whether he would be back in time. In case he couldn't, I looked on the web for a good rendition of the song, and found one by Wintley Phipps a black baritone singer. Before he sang the song he talked about the piano and how all of the old Negro Spirituals only used the black keys on the piano because when the Blacks came to this country they only knew the five-note pentatonic scale. He also said the song was written by John Newton, but the composer was unknown. He then played Amazing Grace using only the black keys. I shared this video with my wife who then shared it with Judy when they grouped the following Saturday. Remember Judy, she is the one who ask me about Grace at the retreat.

The next Saturday night I went alone to Mass and sat right behind Judy. Since our pastor had not yet returned, we had a visiting

priest. When he began his homily he talked about Grace and then he mentioned the song ‘Amazing Grace’ and how the song lyrics were written by John Newton but the composer was unknown.. Next he proceeded to tell the story of how ‘Amazing Grace’ was played using only the black keys on the piano, and now I do not believe my ears. When Mass was over I whispered to Judy that I had just had my close moment for the week. She confided that it was a close moment for her too because my wife had told her that morning about the black keys and Amazing Grace, something I had not known. I decided not to tell my wife about the homily and let her hear it on Sunday. Then as I got into my car to go home after Mass, a CD of Cursillo Music was in the CD player. The first song to play was ‘Amazing Grace’.

Fast forward to Sunday morning. I am sitting next to my wife as Father starts his homily and talks about the black keys and Amazing Grace. My wife's eyes lit up like a Christmas tree.

Palm Sunday was the closing of the Women's weekend, and during the ceremonies a woman my wife had sponsored finished her talk and then remembered that she wanted to add something; she then recited the first verse of 'Amazing Grace'. She knew nothing about this story and was only saying what God had prompted her to say.

Later I asked my spiritual director what he thought God was trying to tell me with all of these coincidences about Grace. He suggested I do some true soul searching and write down what I think God is trying to tell me. Here are some of my thoughts.

Grace is a gift from God freely given, and I can accept it or reject it. I also realized that Grace is given to help me get to heaven. And I realized that the people God has put in my path are helping me get closer to God. All I need to do is accept their help. And God has given us events such as the Mass, the

Area Ultreyas

Indianapolis 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 indyxrover@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 - The Cursillo community of Lafayette holds Ultreya at St. Lawrence parish hall, 7 p.m., fourth Saturday of each month. 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.

Post-Cursillo... the fourth day

The Art of Friendship – Revisited and Appreciated

*There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend,
and no scales can measure his excellence. ~*

Sirach 6:15

On September 6 we came together to celebrate our friendship.

The day was based around the book *Friendship, The Art of Happiness*. The focus was clearly placed on our friendships, with others, one another, and Jesus.

We were blessed to have Region IV leaders Noreen Ford and Lynda Gruber from Memphis, TN, and Mike Witka from our own archdiocese to share their gifts on friendship. Anjie Reuzenaar and John Ameis gave the day not only a local feel, but also a real sense of closeness.

The day began by considering various types of friendship. Passive friendships (classmates, team mates, attending a conference together, etc.), forced friendships (relatives, employers, instructors, etc.) and incidental friendships (at a concert, political rally, sporting event, etc.) can all be pleasant or useful, but are they true friendships?

Lynda, Anjie, and Noreen addressed the realities of true friendship. They also tugged our heartstrings in relating how Jesus has influenced their choices of true friends. After all, if we are to truly trust and be spiritually at peace with another, we must ask for His grace to bless our friendships with truth and honesty.

John Ameis delivered the message of our need for a close relationship with Jesus first before friendship with others. A virtuous life is the cement of true friendship.

It is easy for us to see how God's will has brought us and bound us together through Cursillo. The very core of Cursillo: Piety, Study and Action are the groundwork of building a virtuous life and thus, true friendships.

Bill Halsema -- Post Cursillo

Weekends & Ultreya

Men's 100

God has blessed Central Indiana with 50 years of Cursillo. Think of the hundreds of parishes that have benefited from the men and women of Cursillo. Think of the hundred of thousands prayers, smiles, acts of kindness that have been generated by a group of Cursillistas living their Fourth Day. Awesome, is what I think God would say.

Being the coordinator for this team was such an honor. I will count it as one of the major highlights of my life. From our first team meeting I knew that we had something special. I coined the team the "Wow Team." After meeting the Candidates Thursday evening I knew that Christ had also put together a "Wow Weekend."

Our theme for the weekend was "Ask, Seek, Knock," with a focus on being open to all the possibilities Christ will present to us in our lives. Christ came blowing into St. Bernadette's and took us all on a wonderful journey towards our Fourth Day.

I think that when the world needs extra care and love God creates Cursillistas...and that's what He did. Peace and Love be with you always.

Steve Schilling



Women's 89

The theme for our weekend was "Friend of God." The idea came to me when I was listening to Craig and Dean's song "Friend of God." What a true definition of what Cursillo is all about: Having friendship with Jesus on a personal level and sharing that friendship on a community level. I am a Friend of God, He calls me Friend.

Let me give a shout to my wonderful team. We had quite a few women who had never served on team before and they were wonderful. All were true servants of Christ.

We had 27 new Cursillistas who were eager to deepen their relationship with Jesus. All the talks and the Cursillo tools will help these women use piety, study and action on their Fourth Day throughout their spiritual journey.

One of the most powerful illustrations came during Fr. Mike McKinney's homily when, much to the dismay of some of our

gardeners, he took an Easter Lily and showed us how sin can work in our lives. After plucking off the leaves, he took the bare plant and showed us the roots, saying that we need to dig down deep to see what is below the surface that is causing our sin and separation from God. Then, he said, we must take steps to seek forgiveness and healing from our Lord, ourselves and the community.

What an honor, joy and privilege it was to serve our Lord and all the spirit-filled women on Cursillo 89. We laughed, cried, danced and sang throughout the weekend. We were truly blessed to have such gifted musicians, singers, chefs and hard workers. Words to live by that the new Cursillistas will always remember is Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring that Friend of God to Christ ...

and, get into a group.
Stephanie McKinney



Cursillistas gathered at St. Joseph Church for Mass, dinner and Reunion Ultreya for Cursillos 89 and 100

