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Important Notice
November 14
St. Joseph Indianapolis
Leader's School 11:30 am
and Reunion Ultreya 7 pm

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

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 and that you are 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 and contact your parish coordinator so that they can assist you in finding an active group in your parish or local community. If that route doesn't work for you, I'd suggest recruiting a friend(s) to make a Cursillo so you can start your own Group Reunion. Grouping, along with attendance at Ultreyas and the Closings, is vital to keeping your Fourth day vibrant.

On November 14th we will hold our second Leaders School at St. Joseph parish on the West side of Indianapolis. Thirty-one persons attended our previous school in April. Ten of those were members of our 2009 fall teams. *If you want to be part of a team in the future, please attend this Leaders School.*

As I've said at closings, come, hang out with us. More than anything else, Cursillistas want to grow in their relationship with our Lord. Come join us on that journey.

We also want to invite you to attend our annual planning session on January 23 at St. Monica parish

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Our
Spiritual
Advisor

We have once again been blessed with more Cursillistas this fall. Both weekends seemed to have been truly Christ-centered. Thanks to all of you for sharing your life, your faith and yourself. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is in the middle of its annual stewardship campaign for the Archdiocese and the parishes. Simply put, our response to God's gifts and how we share them.

The Central Indiana Cursillo Movement has been blessed with many good leaders over the years. How fortunate we are to have received the gifts of Cursillo and more importantly, we have been given the privilege of sharing it.

The fourth day is our response to God's blessings. Please consider the Cursillo Movement in discerning how to use your time, talent and treasure. I can't think of a better way for bringing Christ to others than through our Cursillo Movement.

Thank you all good and faithful servants.

Father Glenn

Men's 102

Our Newest Cursillistas

Women's 91

Clarence Bir, All Saints, Logansport
Jerry Jacobs, Jr., Holy Angels, Indianapolis
Dick Harold, Sacred Heart, Cicero
Paul Habecker, St. John Vianney, Fishers
Janvier Tuyishime, St. Pius X, Indianapolis
Ed West, All Saints, Logansport
Bob Anderson, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Jim O'Brien, St. Joseph, Lebanon
Mark Braun, St. Pius X, Indianapolis
Pat Mitchell, St. Susanna, Danville
Jeff Baker, All Saints, Logansport
Don Zehner, Jr., All Saints, Logansport
Ryan Funke, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Pat Benner, St. John the Baptist, Earl Park
Tony Rodinella, St. Pius X, Indianapolis
Dan Gingrich, All Saints, Logansport
Rich Champney, Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville
Jeff Poxon, St. Boniface, Lafayette
Dave Worland, St. Matthew, Indianapolis
Tim Goedde, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis
Rodger James, All Saints, Logansport
Nate Schallert, Our Lady of Greenwood
O.A. Kinkaid, St. Joseph, Lebanon
Ronnie Shepard, St. Monica, Indianapolis
Ron Greulich, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis
Shawn Kerrigan, St. Mary's, Muncie
Eric Dexter, All Saints, Logansport
Bill Martin, Holy Spirit, Fishers
Bill Perkins, St. Andrew, Richmond
Mike O'Connell, St. Louis de Montfort, Fishers
Steve Helmich, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin

Eileen Bennett, St. Ann, Lafayette
Lauren Fincher, All Saints, Logansport
Mary Freeland, St. Boniface, Lafayette
Judith Mrozinski, St. Joseph, Lebanon
Holly Repp, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis
Jean Boyd, All Saints, Logansport
Frances O'Mahony, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Paula Vogelwede, St. Ann, Lafayette
Angela Woolever, All Saints, Logansport
Kimberly Bowen, All Saints, Logansport
Cynthia Daniels, St. Monica, Indianapolis
Rose Ann Harold, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cicero
Kathryn Schallert, Our Lady of Greenwood
Loreitha Wright, Holy Angels, Indianapolis
Lexie Louise Nolan, St. Jude, Indianapolis
Donna Olberding, St. Alphonsus, Zionsville
Heidi Sims, All Saints, Logansport
Stephanie Yantis, St. Ann, Lafayette
Patricia Boyd, St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie
Elva Farrell, St. Maria Goretti, Westfield
Mary Fernung, St. John the Baptist, Tipton
Viki Moore, St. Jude the Apostle, Spencer
Mary Pickens, All Saints, Logansport
Linda Battiato, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis
Carrie Gillis, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Mary Hetz, All Saints, Logansport
Christina Neukam, St. Gabriel, Indianapolis
Jo Ellen Remenyik, St. Louis de Montfort, Fishers

PRE-CURSILLO

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ

If you were at the last men's closing you heard a candidate give reference to Pentecost -- the day God came anew to the first disciples. God sent the Holy Spirit, not only as a "Comforter" but as an "Enabler", one who enables us to do something. The Spirit makes it possible to take risks, to step out of our comfort zone to do God's will. We are given strength when it is needed. He calls us into action.

PreCursillo offers that challenge to all of us in the Cursillo community to step out of our personal comfort zone, reach out with our love of Christ to those in our environment, and lead them closer to God. We dare not sit on the sidelines of our faith, waiting for someone else to be moved to action. We show our true gratitude to God by serving Him and others.

The Samaritan woman at the well dared to share her encounter with Christ. She believed and went into town to bring others to Jesus. She led them to Him that they could see and believe with their own eyes.

Dare to share. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.

Becky Scheller

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National Encounter IV World Ultreya

The 2009 National Encounter and IV World Ultreya were held in San Bernadino California at California State University July 30 - August 2. Dale and Crystal Platteter and Mike and Charlene Witka represented the Central Indiana Cursillo Community with Anjie and me. Anjie and I celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary the week before the encounter by touring several cities in the southern part of California.

The Encounter began Thursday evening with a welcoming speech from the diocesan Lay director that was hosting the event, followed by talks by our National Spiritual Director and the local Bishop. There were approximately 800 Cursillistas from all over the world.

Each day followed the same format as a three-day Cursillo weekend. Morning prayers, breakfast, talks, discussion, Mass, lunch, continued talks and discussions, then dinner. Friday evening ended with a Fiesta party - food, music and festive dancing.

Saturday began with morning prayers. After breakfast and a talk, we boarded a bus to the Anaheim Convention Center where we celebrated Mass with Cardinal Juan Sandoval, three bishops and 5,000 Cursillistas from 31 countries. After Mass the World Ultreya began. Dale Platteter was one of six witness speakers to share about their lives as Cursillistas.

Following the witness talks we joined in an evening of festivities as different nationalities presented something from the culture of their countries, including dances and music. What a blessed weekend we spent sharing with our world-wide friends in Cursillo.

Rob Reuzenaar

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 - August, November and December) in chapel of Our Lady of Grace parish, 191st St. & SR 37 at 7:30 pm. Refreshments. Call John Ameis at (317) 773-0259.

Columbus - We meet in the basement of St. Bartholomew Church after 5 pm Mass. Pitch-in dinner followed by Ultreya. Watch the CICC web site and the local Columbus newsletter for dates and times. Call Pat and Stephanie McKinney at

(812) 342-2889 or Sandy and Tom Labarbera at (812) 378-0836 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.

Plainfield - St. Susanna - Bob and Nancy Klueg, parish coordinators (317) 839-2678

Holy Angels - Jerry and Mary Kathleen Jacobs, parish coordinators (317) 444-9537



Post-Cursillo - "The Fourth Day"

"Please ...No Thank-You's"

I have just attended two of the most spirit-filled weekend closings in recent times. They were heart-felt, thoughtful, events that extended well into the evening. The new Cursillistas drew us in with their insights of how the weekend had affected them.

As usual they had been advised that there should be "no thank-you's other than to the Holy Spirit". We all agree that the weekend is a moving experience. We also agree that people are not the difference, only Jesus can bring the great changes in our lives.

As they enter their Fourth Day, the new Cursillistas will also understand that by following the method, they will allow Jesus to help them make a difference in their environments - at home, at work, at church, literally everywhere. Unfortunately some will not get the opportunity to have this experience because their community does not support their effort. All of our local communities provide and support grouping

and Ultreyas. Hurrah for Westfield, Zionsville, Lafayette, Columbus, Logansport, Indianapolis and many others. Ultreya is an opportunity for reflection and personal interaction with the Holy Spirit. Grouping helps us keep on track in our daily pursuit of Piety, Study and Apostolic Action. Yet without the one-on-one support and interaction with our sponsors, new Cursillistas, friends from our original weekend, Cursillistas from other group reunions and Cursillo leaders, they may feel that their Fourth Day is their last day.

We often ask new Cursillistas to share their Fourth Day experiences with us at Ultreyas. They always breathe new life into our personal efforts. Yet some always seem to fall to the wayside through no fault of their own.

If you have a new Cursillista at your parish, please support them in their Fourth Day. Let's not let "no thank-you's" turn into "No, thank you!"

Bill Halsema

The Three Days ... Wisdom for our Fourth Day

What is it about a three-day Cursillo weekend that makes it so powerful? Each of us may cite one or two things in particular that were significant to us personally – healing, mercy, forgiveness, truth, peace, joy, acceptance - they all point to one thing: God’s love. And through the power of God’s love, we were transformed and inspired to become more visible and effective agents of God’s love in our environments.

Are you using the tools you were given on your Cursillo?

God’s love is for everyone – God does not hold back. It is often ourselves that keep us from the love of God, whether it be pride, shame, material things in life, the stress and busy-ness of life...these are the challenges we often face in our Fourth Day.

It’s always easier during the three-day Cursillo to fully embrace and accept the Love of God through Jesus Christ. The weekend succeeds in this for a number of reasons:

- The method of the weekend is designed to open our hearts and our minds to receive the Love of God, through the progression of talks, sacraments, music, silence and meditations.
- The invitation and presence of the Holy Spirit – how many times were you asked to “turn to page 5 and read the prayer to the Holy Spirit?” The Holy Spirit is also an integral part of team formation for Cursillistas who offer the work of their hands and voices to the movement and who continue this offering during the weekend.
- And perhaps more importantly, Palanca – the prayer and sacrifice offered by the Fourth Day community – all Cursillistas - that is offered as a lever to raise the experience of the candidates to a supernatural level of relationship and understanding. Powerful stuff!

I invite and encourage everyone to draw from these three-day experiences for strength and encouragement

in your Fourth Day so that you may fully experience God’s love for yourself and offer God’s love to others.

Are you using the tools and the methods you were given on your Cursillo? Are you living a life of Piety, Study and Action? And are you supporting this life in Grace through Group Reunion and Ultreya?

Do you call on the Holy Spirit to lead you? Don’t just recite this prayer, but pray that you will be instructed and that you will be wise and truly “ever rejoice” – whether it is before you sit down to read scripture, walk into a meeting at work, or welcome your children home from school.

And finally, are you praying and offering sacrifice for one another? Often overlooked in our Fourth Day, we need to continue to pray for all Cursillistas and for the Cursillo movement - not just for our personal needs but also for the universal need for each of us to respond to our baptismal call to bring and to be the Good News to those we encounter.

De Colores,

Paul and Jennifer Burger

Note: New weekend registration forms are available to download from the Website: www.cursillo.org/indy/weekend.htm. Mail all registration forms to:

Central Indiana Cursillo Center, 6510 Wilshire Place, Zionsville, IN 46077

2010 Spring Weekends

Men’s #103- March 4-7

Tom Labarbera - Rector

Women’s #92 March 18-21

Helen Otto - Rectora

Fall Weekends

Men’s #104- Sep. 30 - Oct. 3

Women’s 93 - Oct. 14-17

Palanca In everyday life

Palanca as defined by Webster is a Spanish term for “lever.” In Cursillo, Palanca is made up of sacrifices you have made to God on behalf of someone else. Using the Grace of God as our “lever”, we can move mountains.

With that in mind, Palanca is not limited to the three-day weekend, it is part of everyday life. Have you ever come upon a car wreck and said a brief prayer that they would be okay? You just gave them some Palanca. Every time you stop for even a moment to pray for the benefit of someone else, or when you volunteer to help others in your community, the sacrifice you have just made is a form of Palanca.

I am truly amazed at the sheer volume of Palanca that comes to our movement from all over the world. The “unconditional love” from strangers and the sacrifices they make for our new candidates reaffirms that the Cursillo movement is strong. Jesus Christ didn’t limit himself to offering up his life for only the people He knew. He offered himself on the cross to save all of us. We all can make a simple sacrifice by offering Palanca to someone we do not know. They need not be a candidate from our parish. We can show “unconditional love” to strangers. On Thursday night, we were all strangers. By Sunday evening we felt love for those same strangers. The National Cursillo movement has a link that gets updated weekly with a list and email address of where to send Palanca for the upcoming weekends:

www.natl-cursillo.org/palanca/ Send some Palanca today.

Decolores, *Mark & Mo Totleben*

Lay Director - continued from page 1 in Indianapolis. We will start with Mass at 9 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast and a day of planning for the Cursillo year. The Executive Director of the National Cursillo Movement Victor Lugo will be our special guest. He will share his insight for the Cursillo movement with us and answer any questions we may have. We have also invited all parish coordinators to attend this meeting to discuss ways the Secretariat can help the movement at the parish level. Lunch will be served, and we will adjourn by 3pm. Come join us for all day or part of the day. An agenda will be published on the website in December.

While helping my wife prepare for the women’s Cursillo 91 weekend, I had the opportunity to study the new manual and review script changes made to conform to National Secretariat guidelines. We gained a deeper appreciation for what our founder Eduardo Bonin created. We are blessed in every way we participate in Cursillo. Please join us as we grow together on this journey.

In the Love and Service of Christ,
Rob Reuzenaar
Lay Director CICC

WEEKEND LETTERS - Defining Palanca

General Palanca Letters. As Bev Myers used to say, “General Palanca did not serve in the Spanish American War.” This past weekend (serving as cha) made me aware of some misconceptions that are still prevalent about general Palanca. Basically, Palanca should not be “mass-produced” letters, holy cards, or computer word processed letters sent to each candidate and/or each team member. If you are doing general Palanca, only one letter is needed. Your general Palanca letter will be read by the rector/rectora and posted on the wall for everyone to see.

Personal Palanca Letters. One of the sponsor’s duties is to provide 15-20 personal Palanca letters for the

candidate. As Cursillo community, if we do not know a candidate personally (and would like to offer personal Palanca), writing one or two **handwritten letters** addressed to “candidate” is the proper way to do this. The team will prayerfully distribute these letters.

Authentic Palanca. This is the *action* that you mention in the letter. Palanca is the intercessory prayer, sacrifice, or works of mercy (the lever), and it can be done without writing a letter.

Weekend Reflections ...



“Nearer than Before ... I am Yours.”

***St. Bernadette’s was the place ...
October 15th through the 18th
was the special moment in time ...
the Cursillo in Christianity was the vehicle ...***

God called 53 women together in order to draw them nearer to Himself than ever before, and each one responded. The Team spent months preparing while praying,

“Lord, take the blindness from my eyes, all my arrogance and pride; fill my vision with Your light. Lord, take the deafness from my ears, when I’m dull and slow to hear, help me recognize Your voice. Lord, draw me deeper into prayer. Take the darkness from my mind. Take the hardness from my heart. Come renew me with Your Truth. Fill me with a love that’s true.”

So, even though the enemy of our souls tried to distract us by destroying our flesh and threatening the lives of our loved ones, the team remained faithful to our calling and refused to give up. God’s Grace covered every effort and He saw us fit to proclaim His kingdom to the precious women who came as candidates to the Cursillo weekend.

The 28 women, who responded to the Call of Christ through Cursillo, came prepared to listen and learn. They joined us in our prayer, and they were obviously open to what God had to say to them. (It’s no wonder, we had five women named Mary on the candidate roster.) From the moment I asked for their idealism, their spirit of self-surrender, and their spirit of charity, they cooperated. Of all the weekends in which I’ve played a part, I have never experienced a more cooperative group of women. When they were asked to

remain silent, they did. When the bell rang, they responded. When I raised my hand to ask for their attention, they gave it. Thus, the women of Cursillo 91 experienced - for three days - what is fundamental for being Christian.

We began Thursday night with Mary’s Way of the Cross, a very powerful meditation time that allowed us to kneel at the foot of the Cross and say, with Mary, “I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as You say.”

All weekend we kept our eyes on Jesus as we let Him lead us. As we yielded to the Holy Spirit, He worked to make our faith complete.

After Fr. Paul Graf administered the Sacrament of Reconciliation, each woman lit a candle next to the tabernacle to signify the light of Christ burning brighter from within.

Saturday night brought us some guest appearances from Martha Stewart, and her kitchen friends, along with the characters from the Wizard of Oz, who entertained us.

Love was present on Cursillo 91. We learned, we laughed, we cried, we basked in the Grace of Almighty God. We sat at the foot of the Cross; we reached up; Jesus took us by the hand, and we took the next step in our relationship with Him. The women learned the Cursillo method, and, on Sunday were ready to enter the Fourth Day, nearer than before, knowing that we are His.

Gratefully in Him,
Anjie Reuzenaar

Men’s 102

In the United States of America, in the year 2009, it was interesting to watch 60 men come together as strangers, and in the course of three days come to love each other deeply. Men normally don’t develop these kinds of deep friendships so quickly and easily. Watching it happen was a truly moving experience.

From our first prayer to the Holy Spirit on Friday morning, His call -- to come, fill, enkindle, create and re-create, and instruct us, so that He could renew us and we could all rejoice -- was fulfilled, and fulfilled dramatically. We lived and experienced this prayer during Men’s Cursillo 102. As a result, we were excited to present 31 candidates, who had been transformed by the Holy Spirit into full-fledged Cursillistas, to our Cursillo community. These men were ready for their Fourth Day.

During the course of the weekend the candidates were challenged to dedicate their whole lives to God and to follow the Cursillo model and method, participating in Group Reunion and Ultreya, allowing our community to support them in living up to the commitments they had just made.

That challenge also belongs to us. And as members of the Cursillo community, we need to continue our personal growth in faith, offering on-going prayer and Palanca for the success of our movement and our method.

If the world is hungering for Jesus Christ and we know that it is, then, we as a community need to support the movement by identifying potential candidates and spending the time necessary to “Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring that Friend to Christ.”

DeColores!
John Ameis

