

# The Voice

**Make a friend  
Be a friend  
Bring a friend to Christ**

spring 2003

## From The Lay Director

Jesus was prepared by the Father to become human. He gave us salvation and left us the Holy Spirit for support. Another Cursillo weekend has come and gone, the cycle of preparing, giving and supporting each other to grow in the image of Christ continues.

For three years Jesus prepared the apostles to carry on His work. He prayed before gathering them from all walks of life. He showed them how to live by word and action. On the second Sunday of Lent we heard the story of the Transfiguration, a mountain top experience for Peter, James, and John. God gave these three a glimpse of His glory in order for them to support the others when life got hard. After He rose, He commissioned the Apostles to go and make disciples of all nations.

Going on a weekend can be a mountain top experience for us also. Sponsors pray and prepare friends to make a weekend, teams pray, give support to each other and the candidates, Jesus touches and reveals to us a glimpse of His glory. We, like the Apostles, would like to build a tent and stay at the top of the mountain. But, like them, we also have to work and live in the valley. We all have dreams about the perfect life: a life without pain, sadness, conflict, or war. The spiritual challenge is to experience glimpses of this perfect life right in the middle of our many struggles, to see the face of God in the ordinary everyday things of our life, to listen to the Holy Spirit

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## Our Spiritual Advisor

**Dear Cursillistas,**

**Greetings in the risen Lord! The celebration of Easter should be particularly special for our new cursillistas as they journey into their fourth day. The Church constantly reminds us through the Acts of the Apostles of the excitement and enthusiasm of the early church. It seemed to energize these first Christians, and - amazingly - that energy and excitement continue at Easter today.**

**Our Cursillo movement excites and energizes our Church in many ways. New cursillistas bring a newfound appreciation for our Lord Jesus Christ and the community of believers that carries on His work.**

**It is a privilege and honor to serve in this movement and to be energized by the work of Jesus in Cursillo. Thank God, and thanks to all of you for what you do.**

**De Colores**

**Rev. Glenn O'Connor**

# **CURSILLO** *the three days*

**C**elebration is in order. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. When Jesus came back from the dead and appeared to his disciples, He showed them that He was, in fact, the Son of God.

Regardless of all the disciples had seen and heard before that moment, they were unwilling to risk their lives to evangelize the world. But between the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit, they could no longer contain themselves. They were now ready to risk everything to tell the world about Jesus Christ.

Through Cursillo, we are similarly influenced to evangelize the world for Jesus. Are we ready to experience our Savior and take that risk? It is unlikely we will be asked to give up our lives for His sake, but let us be examples of Christ to the world. What have we got to lose?

The new cursillistas coming off their weekends need our support to find group reunions and ultreyas to stay active. Make yourselves available to them now, especially if you are their sponsor.

De Colores,  
*Mike Kuhlme*



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# **PRE-CURSILLO** *getting ready*

**Announcing a change:** Since the team needs time to contact candidates before the weekend, plus time to notify clergy, the deadline for accepting applications will change to two weeks before the weekend.

This fall, the deadline for the men's weekend will be September 18, and for the women's weekend, October 2. This means applications must be received by those dates. However, since it also can take up to 10 days for mail to get to us, we will accept applications postmarked on the due date provided the sponsor calls us and lets us know the application is in the mail and gives us the candidate's name and parish.

**Exception:** The only exception to the new deadline will be in the case of a cancellation and someone on the waiting list can be notified to make the weekend. This exception is at the discretion of the coordinator.

We hope this will take some of the confusion out of the process and give potential sponsors ample notification.

May God bless you in all you do.  
*Dave and Rita Roesinger*

### **Dates to Remember**

Men's weekend ... October 3-6  
Women's weekend ... October 17-20

### **Labor Day Campout**

The annual Labor Day campout will be held on Cagles Mill Lake about 45 minutes west of Indianapolis in Putnam County. Bring tent or camper, or reserve a bunk in the Tree House or in the cabins. Festivities will run from noon Friday, Aug. 29 to noon Monday, Sep. 1 and will include Mass, ultreya, group reunion and pitch-in meals.

# Everyone's Invited to a **PICNIC**



The Lafayette Cursillo community is planning a summer picnic for June 22 at the farm residence of Jeff and Marlene Jarboe, 7030 N. 300 East., in Battle Ground.

Festivities will begin at 12:30 p.m. Mass is scheduled for 1 p.m. and the picnic will follow. The picnic usually breaks up about 6 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, drinks and a covered dish to share, and the Lafayette Cursillo community will furnish the rest. Out-of-town guests are asked to RSVP at least a couple days ahead of time. Contact Jeff or Marlene at [jmjarbo@netzero.net](mailto:jmjarbo@netzero.net) or call (765) 567-2216.

**The Indianapolis Cusillo Community** will hold their summer picnic on Sunday, June 29 at St. Joseph s Church at 1375 South Mickley in Indianapolis. Picnic begins at 4 pm.

**Xavier University to Host**

## National Encounter

The 13th annual National Encounter will be held July 17-19 on the campus of Xavier University in Cincinnati. The founders of Cursillo held the first-ever Cursillo de Cristiandad Weekend on the Island of Mallorca off the coast of Spain during the late 1940s. It was a community action that had grown out of the staggering bloodshed of World War II and the desperate preceding years of the Spanish Civil War during which thousands of priests and religious were murdered.

This year's National Encounter will follow the format used in Mallorca in 1994 during the 50th anniversary celebration of the first Cursillo weekend held in 1944 at Cala Figuera. Cursillo leaders from around the world attending this celebration heard the Conversations of Cala Figuera. There were 10 topics discussed during these conversations, and they reflected the various subjects considered by the founders.. Anyone interested in attending this three-day session can download the registration form from the Cursillo website <http://members.aol.com/indyvoice>



**Almost  
40  
years**

# **of Evangelization**

*by Dale Platteter*

**D**o you realize that we have hosted 167 Cursillo weekends in Indianapolis? At 30 candidates per weekend, that represents more than 5,000 new cursillistas in Central Indiana. Next year we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Cursillo movement in the

Indianapolis diocese. In 2008, we will celebrate 50 years of Cursillo in the USA. God's grace has placed us into a multitude of environments.

Indianapolis was one of the first USA dioceses to adopt Cursillo. Our first Indianapolis men's weekend was held in August 1964 at Alvema Retreat House. The first women's weekend was held one year later. For several years, we held four men's and four women's weekends per year — a lot activity. We settled into the current “two weekends-per-year” mode after 1968.

Most of the original team came from the South Bend area. Looking at the weekend roster from Men's Cursillo #1, I recognized two team members from Notre Dame University who went on to do good things. Ralph Martin, a cha, became active in Charismatic renewal, is author of numerous Christian books, and hosts a weekly show on Christian TV.

The second was Steve Clark, who went to work for the National Cursillo Center in Dallas after graduation and wrote several books about the Cursillo method, including “The Purpose of the Movement”, “Building Christian Communities”, and “Desarollo - Evolution of the Cursillo Literature.” These books are still in print, and can be purchased from the National Cursillo Center. Steve gave a talk on the first weekend and his position on the team was pronounced “professor” in Spanish, a word that can be

translated today as “witness” speaker.

Candidates from Indianapolis Men's Cursillo #1 who were long active in the movement included Bob Dickey from Anderson, Robert Hoffman from Indianapolis, and Charlie Morrow from Carmel. Many of you know Bev Mishler who was a candidate on the first women's weekend.

Our goals have not changed since the first weekend. As we begin our 4th day, God's Holy Spirit challenges us to our study environments and “profess” Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters. And as we hear witnessed by new cursillistas at each closing, we thank God for the apostolic action of those 5000.

**The illustration on the opposite page is from Robert Hoffman's original Pilgrim's Guide “Guia del Peregrino” (Guide of the Traveling One), published in 1963. The dedication page has a wonderful quote that says, “To be on a Pilgrimage is to go through Christ to the Father under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, with the help of Mary and all of the saints, as you bring your brother along with you.”**

# ◆ Pilgrim School

## *First team formation combo is a success*

**J**ust after New Years, the 24 men and 27 women of the spring Cursillo teams as well as several other cursillistas participated in the first Pilgrim's School held as part of team formation. This new concept was instituted because in recent years a significant number of team members had never before served on a Cursillo team and had not attended the School of leaders or Pilgrim's School.

Even though these schools have been offered numerous times over the years, attendance was sparse, interest apparently minimal and resources spent conducting the schools largely wasted. Since it is vital to have well-trained and motivated cursillistas serving on teams, and important to maximize Cursillo resources - especially the priests who give their time to speak to these groups, it was decided to integrate Pilgrim School with team formation.

This was a new and novel approach, and change can definitely be difficult for some to accept. Critiques of the first Pilgrim School/Team formation program showed this was especially vexing for cursillistas who had previously served on teams and those who had attended earlier schools. Discontent was short-lived, however when Fr. Glenn O'Connor pointed out in the first session that making Cursillo is a life-changing experience for the candidates. And what team members do is very important to that spiritual change.

In another session, Fr. Clarence Waldon made it clear that without the laity, pastors cannot be fully effective. We are, he said, "within the heart

of the world, and it is our job as Christians to help lead others to Christ." He added that each person we lead to Him will, in turn, lead others.

In another talk, Fr. Todd Riebe told the group that Cursillo provides the tools for ourselves as well as the candidates to attain personal holiness.

"A saint is someone who lets the Son shine through," he added.

Alice Hanagan discussed the three days of the Cursillo weekend, and stressed the varying importance of each one. Paul Lunsford pointed out that "we are not the salesmen, God is. We are the service reps who provide the climate and opportunity for God to make the sale." Ken Corbett, Rob Mountcastle and Jerry Stahl rounded out the roster of speakers.

Numerous suggestions for improving the integration of Pilgrim School and team formation came out of this first effort and they will be implemented for the next sessions. Anyone who attended the men's closing would know from the enthusiasm that combining these two activities has gotten off to a good start. As always, when it is God's work, everything works out for good.

# Our Newest Cursillistas

# POST CURSILLO

## Cursillo #89

|                    |                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bob Boehnlein      | OLMC, Carmel                   |
| Mike Braun         | St. Simon, Indianapolis        |
| Paul Burger        | St. Simon, Indianapolis        |
| Mike Carpenter     | St. Boniface, Lafayette        |
| Percy Consigliieri | St. Monica, Indianapolis       |
| David Ertmer       | Sr. Thomas Aquinas, Lafayette  |
| Eric Fray          | St. Bartholomew, Columbus      |
| Randy Harkins      | St. Luke, Indianapolis         |
| Ilya Klekovkin     | St. Maria Goretti, Westfield   |
| Joe Lamirand       | St. Francis Assisi, Muncie     |
| Mike LeCuyer       | St. Louis de Montfort, Fishers |
| Frank Loyd         | St. Peter & Paul, Indianapolis |
| Pat Maher          | St. Peter & Paul, Indianapolis |
| David Miller       | St. Maria Goretti, Westfield   |
| Neal Mulligan      | Holy Cross, Indianapolis       |
| Bryan Poynter      | St. Maria Goretti, Westfield   |
| David Rangel       | Holy Cross, Indianapolis       |
| Kurt Saltzmann     | St. Boniface, Lafayette        |
| Sam Sannon         | St. Phillip Neri, Indianapolis |
| Patrick Shirmeyer  | St. Luke, Indianapolis         |
| Tony Simpson       | St. Monica, Indianapolis       |
| Mitch Stauffer     | St. Simon, McCordsville        |
| Jim Vawter         | St. Boniface, Lafayette        |
| Tom Wechsler       | St. Roch, Indianapolis         |
| Mark Wojda         | St. Maria Goretti, Westfield   |

## Cursillo #78

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ofelia Avila         | St. Boniface, Lafayette          |
| Cathy Bain           | St. Maria Goretti, Carmel        |
| Val Beaver           | Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville   |
| Jennifer Burger      | St. Simon, Indianapolis          |
| Cleo Mary Bwatwa     | Holy Angels, Indianapolis        |
| Susie Day            | St. Simon, Indianapolis          |
| Nancy Denton         | St. Charles, Bloomington         |
| Luanne Emersn-Smith  | St. Andrew, Richmond             |
| Phuong Nguyen-Fay    | St. Bartholomew, Columbus        |
| Brenda Herman        | St. Elizabeth Seton, Noblesville |
| Chris Ifrato         | St. Maria Goretti, Westfield     |
| Jackie Kolic         | St. Alphonsus, Zionsville        |
| Laura Marlin         | St. Boniface, Lafayette          |
| Jo Ann Messing       | St. Mary, Lafayette              |
| Terri Mann Paul      | St. Mary, Richmond               |
| Jasmin Pettiford     | Holy Angels, Indianapolis        |
| Cathy M. Pollitt     | Holy Family, Centerville         |
| Joan Rangel          | Holy Cross, Indianapolis         |
| Susan Roth           | St. Pius X, Indianapolis         |
| Kristin Saltzmann    | St. Boniface, Lafayette          |
| Nancy Sauer          | St. Lawrence, Lafayette          |
| Christina Smith      | St. Ambrose, Seymour             |
| Marilyn Sultan       | St. Maria Goretti, Westfield     |
| Chris Van Vlasselaer | St. Pius X, Indianapolis         |
| Mary Ann Vawter      | St. Boniface, Lafayette          |
| Lynn Vittetau        | OLMC, Carmel                     |
| Bonnie Wood          | St. Simon, Indianapolis          |

Post cursillo is all about living our fourth day and evangelizing our environments. For most of us, these environments are close to where we live. Two years ago I had the opportunity to evangelize in an environment far away in Haiti.

My parish, St. Bartholemew in Columbus is twinned with St. Ann's in Limonade, Haiti. I was asked to organize a dental mission to the area. It took nine months and thousands of dollars to organize. But it was very successful.

I had the chance to take care of people wracked with pain and disease. I didn't have to preach to them, only take care of their health needs. It reminded me of St. Francis' admonition, "Spread the Gospel, and if you have to, use words." Words were not necessary. They knew my care was sincere. We treated almost 400 patients, and many of them I saw at Mass every day. They would smile and that was my reward.

I tell you this story because there is another parish, Our Lady of Grace, in Cap-Haiti that is in desperate need of a twin parish here in the United States. The pastor, Fr. Duken Anqustin, said 705 of the town's residents are Catholic. They have no support for basic needs such as electricity, running water, food and medicine. The church is little more than a shanty, threatening to collapse.

If you know of friends or family members from parishes that might be interested in promoting a twin-parish relationship similar to St. Batholemew's, please call either me at (812) 372-9152, or Judy Harpenu at (812) 379-2642.

Remember, as cursillistas, we evangelize by making a friend, being a friend, and bringing a friend to Christ.

De Colores,

*Jerry Stahl*

## Area Ultreyas

**Lafayette** - The fourth Friday each month at 7:00 p.m. in the John Bosco Room at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Call Jeff Jarboe at (765) 567-2216 for more information.

**Richmond Catholic Community** - The last Saturday each month at 7:30 a.m. at Richmond Catholic Education Center, 233 S. 5th Street, in Richmond. Call Tom and Cheryl Kitchin at 765-966-5164.

**Holy Spirit at Geist** - Quarterly Ultreyas. Call Rob Mountcastle at (765) 534-3135.

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when He speaks to our heart which gives us the strength to support each other.

We were given the tools on our weekend to remain close to God through prayer, Eucharistic adoration, reading scripture and other spiritual books, friendship groups, and Ultreyas. We share those times when we have been aware of Christ, those big and small moments that tell of God's unconditional love. Thus we then prepare others to receive this gift of transformation. Our lives will never be the same and the lives of those we encounter will be changed, our environments will become more Christian.

Now we like the Apostles before us have been given the commissions to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ. To prepare, give, and support.

De Colores,

*Helen Otto*

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