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

**Men's 97**

- Larry Clark - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Jake Dwyer - St. Vincent, Bedford
- Keith Ingram - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
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- Joseph Mushalla - St. Alphonsus
- Greg Ottinger - St. Maria Goretti
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- John Englert - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Matt Gremelspacher - All Saints
- Kevin Hoff - Holy Spirit Geist
- Tim Perry - St. Maria Goretti
- Cliff Williams - Sacred Heart of Jesus
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- Bryan Jones - St. Maria Goretti
- Larry Snair - Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Scott Starr - All Saints
- Allen Bourff - St. Andrew, Richmond
- Jeff Brown - St. Maria Goretti
- Patrick Chimenti - St. Mary
- Joe Domina - St. Maria Goretti
- Mark Lammers - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Kevin Lennon - Holy Spirit, Geist
- John Dolan - St. Maria Goretti
- Bob Klueg - St. Susanna
- Andrew Miller - All Saints
- Mike Nulph - St. Maria Goretti
- Anthony Schafer - Holy Name
- Brian Urbanski - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**Our Newest Cursillistas**

**Women's 86**

- Janie Kovatch - Holy Spirit, Geist
- Elaine Englert - Our lady of Mt. Carmel
- Patty James - Richmond Catholic Community
- Lynda Pitts - St. Maria Goretti
- Pam Hageman - St. Jude, Spencer
- Pam Haager - Holy Family
- Anne Madden - Holy Spirit, Geist
- Gachia Hoefler - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Brenda Elmer - St. Maria Goretti
- Bonnie Klim - St. Thomas Aquinas
- Susanne Ingegno - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Bonnie Meylor - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Chrissy Searcy - St. Maria Goretti
- Kateha Wissel - St. Andrew, Richmond
- Mary Beth Vanderegraff - St. Mary
- Mindy Herman - St. Simon
- Beth Foster - Holy Family
- Margaret Weinheimer - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Marilyn Corbett - St. Maria Goretti
- Sr. Loretta Emenogu - St. Bernadette
- Andrea Lowden - St. Joseph
- Jeannie Urit - All Saints, Logansport
- Maureen Williamson - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Gina Nulph - St. Maria Goretti
- Kathy Senese - St. Andrew, Richmond
- Janie Harton - St. Pius



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Spring 2007

From  
**The Lay Director**

I hope as you receive your first copy of the Voice you are actively taking part in Group Reunion. I have been grouping weekly since my weekend in October of 1990 and I know it is key to keeping my fourth day vibrant.. If you are not in a Group Reunion, please talk with your sponsor or visit our web page ([www.cursillo.org/indy](http://www.cursillo.org/indy)) and contact your parish coordinator. He can help you find an active group in your parish or local community.

The Cursillo movement will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during the National Encounter June 29 - July 2 at the University of Texas in Arlington. Our National Secretariat is planning quite a celebration. Participants will travel to Waco on Sunday, to visit the site of the first Cursillo held in the United States. I encourage you to think about joining the celebration. Anjie and I along with several Cursillistas from our local movement will be there. Please visit the Cursillo National web site for additional information. <http://www.cursillo.org>.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Terri Schroeder for fulfilling the role of Secretary for our Secretariat over the last two years. Her term is ending in May. Her efficiency

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*Our  
Spiritual  
Advisor*

Welcome to all our new Cursillistas - what a blessing you are to our community.

We are reminded at Easter of the saving power of Jesus Christ. Our early church was so excited to tell the good news that Jesus, in fact, had risen. The road to Emmaus was difficult for the two disciples who did not recognize Jesus. We don't know if they were fearful or simply preoccupied with their own agenda. Our Cursillo community is a wonderful means of helping us recognize Jesus as we continue each day to pray and support one another. Each of us becomes a visible sign to one another of Christ's presence.

We Catholics are particularly blessed to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. We are privileged to be called to the Lord's table and to share the real presence of Jesus.

Let us all continue to reflect on Christ's presence in our own lives, and continue to pray that we might see Christ in all whom we are privileged to serve.

*Father Glenn*

# Pilgrim School

Cursillo helps us understand the great gift of God's Word by showing us how to apply it to our daily lives. The Cursillo method enables us to develop and use our piety, study and action to further Christ's work on earth.

Team formation will start in August for the fall weekends. This will be a time for us to keep the team members in our prayers, so they can prepare for the upcoming weekend. Pilgrim's school talks will be given during formation by members of the Secretariat.

*Marshall Kern*

## Fall Weekends

Men's #98 - Oct. 4-7- Marty Van Der Burgt, coordinator

Women's # 87 - Oct. 18-21 - Suzie Funke, coordinator

## Spring Weekends

Men's #99 - Feb. 28 - Mar. 2, 2008

Women's #88 - Mar. 13-16, 2008

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# Post - Cursillo

## Friendship is the key to the Fourth Day

This is a perfect time to talk about friends. New Cursillistas have begun their fourth day and started grouping and attending ultreyas. As friends and sponsors we helped them find a greater appreciation for our shared faith in God and our love of Jesus. They shared the weekend with new friends, and now are poised to meet and make even more friends by grouping regularly.

Or will they? Are we the friends that they believe we are? The Fourth-day is truly the time we "bring a friend to Christ". As it says in Sirach 6:15, "*There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend, and no scales can measure his excellence.*"

While few of us feel we can live up to such a lofty ideal, we must try. That is the purpose of our fourth day.

Thus I ask each of you to step forward now and bring your new friend to Christ. The Fourth-day can be as enlightening as the weekend for each new Cursillistas if they are mentored by their new friends.

Get them into small groups in their home environments. Get them to ultreyas, and suggest they consider being on the team of a future weekend. This way they will bring even more new friends to Christ.

*Bill Halsema*

## Witka Named to Region IV

Mike Witka has been named diocesan Regional Service representative for Region IV. He replaces Bob Kostin who served in the regional position for the past six years.

# 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 [indyrcrover@msn.com](mailto:indyrcrover@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** - Monthly Ultreya starts with pitch-in dinner in basement of St. Batholomew Church. Time and Saturday date listed on Web Site. 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

Realizing the Depth of God's love

**“You did not choose me, but I chose you,”** the words of Jesus in John's Gospel. Those were the words I heard Fr. Mike McKinney say in his talk during the Women's Cursillo weekend in March. He went on to say that if you are on this weekend, you have to know that it is true. And it was with those words that I suddenly realized on a deeper level how much God really does love me. I always knew it on the surface, but now I knew it in a more complete way.

I was trying to find words to express this when I ran across a meditation by St. Alphonsus de Liguori in his book *The Passion and the Death of Jesus Christ*. He said, "Even in this world, when God gives a soul in prayer a taste of his sweet presence, and by a ray of light discovers to it his goodness and the love which he bears it, so great is the contentment that the soul feels itself dissolve and melt away in love."

When Ann first asked me to be on the team I said "No." I had been on recent teams and thought it best to

allow others a chance. But when Ann asked again, I said, "Yes".

Toward the end of team formation we were told that due to a scheduling glitch we had to change the weekend. My heart sank. All of the candidates would have to be called. I accepted offers of help, and in a flurry of telephoning, everyone got called.

Then we waited to see who could come and who could not. It was tedious, and I was getting weary and drained. Still, I was given the grace to persevere.

So as I knelt in the chapel praying for Fr. Mike while he gave his talk, I knew God chose me to be there, to persevere in serving Him and to be there to experience His love for me and for all of us. This was the great gift of the weekend for me.

What grace we have in being called to be Cursillistas and to be Catholics. *Jane Maher*

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### The three Days

Author Matthew Kelly, in his book *Rediscovering Catholicism*, asks the question: What is Holiness?

“The great confusion that is torturing the Church and weakening our faith surrounds one question. What is Holiness? The falling attendance at Church, the marginalization of the Church by our secular culture, and our failure to reach the youth are all caused by our inability to communicate clearly the answer to this question. What is Holiness?”

“There are a lot of good people out there who want to know the truth and live the truth. They want to embrace God and live good Christian lives; they just don’t know how to practically apply the principles of the Gospels in their everyday lives. The good people of every age cry out to their spiritual leaders, teachers, prophets, and priests, asking, ‘What is holiness and how do I live it in my everyday life?’ They may not articulate the question in this exact form, but in essence all their questioning resolves if this question can be answered. If we can communicate powerfully and effectively what Holiness is, and how it is practically attained, people will walk that path.”

If what Kelly says is true, can you think of a movement that dovetails into this mission more perfectly than Cursillo?

How should we as Cursillistas respond to the author’s question, “What is Holiness?” The Cursillo method says we should pray constantly, study consistently and then...make a friend with everyone Christ brings into our lives, and be a Friend over time, don’t be satisfied with surface relationships. Finally, we should bring these real and true friends to Christ, perhaps with an invitation to experience the three-day weekend and to personally share their Fourth Day with others..

As Jesus said to Peter: “If you love me, feed my sheep!”

DeColores,

*John Ameis*

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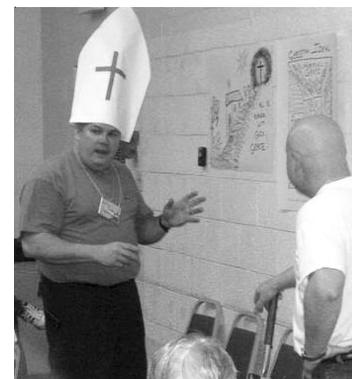
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and spiritual contributions will be missed. Thank you, Terri.Diane Kellet will be taking over the duties of the Secretary as an official member of the CICC Secretariat in June.

Finally, let me share with you from Psalm 18: “*You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop. With my God I can scale a wall. As for God, His way is perfect; the Word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him. It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.*”

DeColores

*Rob Reuzenaar*



## Weekend

Men’s weekend 97 was filled with fun, fellowship and spiritual growth. From judging posters and kitchen work to adoration before the eucharist, every minute led to Sunday and the start of a lifelong fourth day.

# WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

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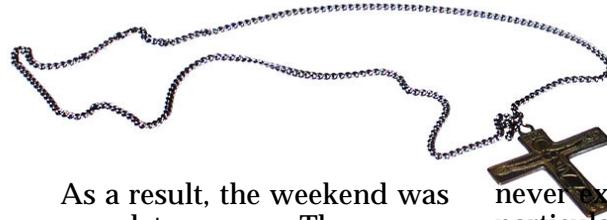
*Dan Farrell*

I knew early on that the Litany of Humility would be the team prayer for Cursillo 97. Humility has always been a struggle for me and I knew I needed to get out of God’s way so His Holy Spirit could work.

Humility found me often during team formation, and it affected every part of my life. Rather than undermine my efforts, however, the problems actually strengthened my prayer life. Even as the obstacles mounted as we grew closer to the weekend and my cross seemed to grow ever heavier, I just kept praying. Somehow,

each new challenge came with a remarkable solution through prayer. I was able to accept it and keep praying.

Through one wave of problems after another, I just kept reassuring the team that everything would work out in God’s time. All we had to do was continue to pray and get out of God’s way.



As a result, the weekend was a complete success. The candidates arrived more spiritually prepared to experience the work of the Holy Spirit than I expected. And I have received notes from some of them indicating they have taken on their fourth day calling as though it were the armor of God.

Through it all God has given me a sense of peace that I have

never experienced before. One particular close moment came several weeks after the weekend during adoration. I was again praying the Litany of Humility. When I finished, I turned the page and there was the Litany for Interior Peace. It was almost word for word identical to the Litany of Humility. I guess I had never realized that the path to interior peace was actually a prayer for humility.

“It was a marvelous Cursillo, but a bumpy ride getting there.”

*Ann Stankowicz*

Less than a month before the weekend we discovered our contract was for the weekend after the one we’d planned for. St. Bernadette’s was not available for the weekend we had planned. At that moment people started saying, “It’s going to be an awesome weekend!”

And it was. God chooses people to make any Cursillo, but it seemed to be especially true for this one. The last minute date change shuffled the deck of candidates and brought a very special group to the weekend.

The theme was “I will Choose Christ”, and it led both candidates and team to think about their choices. The candidates were energetic and filled with the Holy Spirit, and that energized the team as well.

The table discussions were lively; the visits to the Blessed Sacrament and all of the Masses were very special; the music kept us hopping; and the Saturday evening De Curia was a lot of fun.

It was everything a Cursillo should be.

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## National Cursillo® Movement of the United States Celebrates 50 Years

The 17th National Cursillo® Encounter will be held June 29 - July 2 at the University of Texas in Arlington, Texas. The theme, “God Is Love,” was taken from Pope Benedict’s first encyclical letter on Christian Love.

The Encounter will include a Sunday pilgrimage to St. Francis Church in Waco, home of first Cursillo in USA.

In May 1957, 17 Spanish-speaking men candidates and a team composed of two lay persons and a priest held the first Cursillo in

the United States at St. Francis Church. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the National Cursillo® Movement, the Encounter program will include a pilgrimage from UTA to Waco on Sunday. Celebration and fellowship activities will take place at the Waco Convention Center.

The Encounter’s check-in process begins 1 p.m. Friday, June 29. Dinner starts at 5p.m. and the opening address will be given at 7:30 p.m. The Encounter ends at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 1. Make plans now to attend. You can register on-line at [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org)



St. Francis Church, Waco