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## Our Spiritual Advisor



Fr. Glenn O'Connor

Once again we have been blessed with two wonderful weekends, and many thanks to all of you for your prayers, time and support.

As many of you know, the women's weekend was Rob Reuzenaar's last closing as our

Lay Director. Let's all give him a great big "thank you." If any family deserves the title of Mr. and Mrs. Cursillo, it is the Reuzenaars. This is truly a family that lives breathes, and most importantly, prays Cursillo. What a powerful witness to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I have truly been blessed to serve with Rob on the Secretariat. He truly served God and all of us in this capacity and truly did a wonderful job. He is a blessing. I am so thankful that he said yes to Jesus.

As we all continue our fourth day journey, please continue to pray for one another and also for our new Lay Director, John Ameis – another truly gifted Cursillista who has said yes to Jesus.

God Bless all of you.



What it Means ...

## To Be a Sponsor

by Monty Mountcastle

In the light of the Cursillo movement, to be a sponsor is first of all, a "call" from the Holy Spirit. Secondly we are called by Jesus "to love God, to love our neighbor, and to love ourselves".

To sponsor someone for merely the sake of "sponsoring" is not nearly as effective as compared to the Holy Spirit laying upon one's heart to "make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ". When your heart is drawn to the heart of another, the Holy Spirit is calling you to interact with that person. This interaction, in the Light of Christ, is the

*"This is a Win, Win, Win, Win Situation."*

beginning of a friendship that will ultimately lead your friend to Christ and to lead yourself to a deeper intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

This is a win, win, win, win, situation. Your friend wins, you win, Jesus wins and the Kingdom of God wins. For all of this to come about, one most important thing has to happen. A spirit of prayer is vital. Without prayer, the motions of sponsoring will only be a façade. Praying before Jesus Christ humbles ourselves to acknowledge that "true sponsoring" is in the Hands of the Holy Spirit. We are merely an instrument, the middle person, between Jesus and the friend.

To introduce your friend to the Cursillo ways, we are encouraged to bring the friend into your small group reunion. This "fourth day" experience will be in place long before the weekend begins. Also encourage the friend to pray about his/her special weekend, to be open to what the Holy Spirit has for him/her.

To solidify the friend's commitment to making the Cursillo weekend, have your friend sign their name on the required application. Share with your friend the support that awaits him/her before, during, and after the weekend. All of us are in need of the sense of "belonging". The Cursillo has it all. Explain to your friend the value of spiritually growing within through the power of prayer, attending group reunion, closings, and Ultreyas.

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Rob: Six years of blessings

Our Lay Director

## Rob Bids Farewell

To our new Cursillistas, "Welcome." What a blessing you are to us. I hope your Fourth Day is going well.

This is my last article as your Lay Director, and it dawned on me that I sound a bit like St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians. I guess that is appropriate, however, since St. Paul is the patron saint of Cursillo.

As I write this article I feel true Joy when I think of my role as Lay Director these past six years. Not to say there weren't challenges and sadness but overall it was a Joy filled period. We have a bumper sticker on our hallway mirror in our home that says "Joy isn't the absence of sorrow, it's the presence of God". I have felt the presence of God in our Secretariat meetings, our Days of Reflection, our Weekends, closings, planning sessions, Ultreya's and the Region IV Encounter last fall at the Benedict Inn. God has been truly present in all of our activities. What a blessing He has given us. This movement has a special place in our God's heart.

I would like to thank all of you that have played a role in the joyous moments I've encountered these past six years. The Secretariat members have served us well: Terri Schroeder, Jane Maher, Rick Neidigh, Sandy Neidigh, Fr. Glenn, Fr. Mike, Deacon Bill Reid, Sue Campbell, Bill and Nancy Halsema, Mark and Becky Scheller, Mark and Maureen Totleben, Frank and Joyce Roberts, John Ameis, Ward Degler, Tom Kitchin, Stew Baxter, Erv

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Gulley, Bill Demaree, Steve Freucht, Kathy Kaler, Paul and Jennifer Burger, Tony Avellana, Tom Labarbera and Dale Platteter. Without each of you I couldn't have completed my job. Thank you.

I also want to thank a very special person that has been my backbone during these six years. She planted a seed many years ago when Dick Shriver was the Lay Director. She said I could see you in that role someday. My wife and confidant has been my encourager and wise co-director for years. She loves this movement more than I (and that is hard to top). I want to thank her for allowing me to serve all of you (sometimes neglecting home responsibilities). I do love you Anj, my special partner. Thank you.

You have all blessed us with your prayers. I hope and pray that you continue praying daily for this movement. The Holy Spirit will guide us forever as long as we continue to ask.

In the Love and Service of Christ,  
Rob Reuzenaar

## An Introduction and a Commitment...

by John Ameis

Greetings to my Cursillo friends from the Indianapolis and Lafayette dioceses. I have been asked to write a few details about this new guy who will be representing you and the Central Indiana Cursillo movement beginning in June.

I grew up in St. Louis, a huge Catholic community, and attended Catholic schools from kindergarten through college, graduating from St. Louis University in 1966. Sandy and I have been married for 45 years, have three children and eight grandchildren, and have lived in Noblesville for 35 years. We really love it here, especially since all of our children have decided to stay here and raise their families. Our home parish is Our Lady of Grace in Noblesville.

I made Cursillo #53 in 1985 at the Benedict Inn. Frankly, it changed my life in a dramatic way. I love this movement and have enjoyed watching it impact many of you over the past twenty-five years. Attending weekend closings, Ultreyas, School of Leaders, grouping, working teams, and serving as parish coordinator at Our Lady of Grace have kept me in touch with this community and provided a deeper and richer understanding of Cursillo, its method and purpose.

Most of my ministerial life had been spent working in youth ministry, about 25 years. This commitment was fueled by a deeply rooted belief that our children are the future of our Catholic Faith and Traditions.

About four years ago, it became apparent that the Holy Spirit wanted me to make a change in my life and focus on adult formation. It seemed to me that many of the parents I met and other Catholic adults were struggling to pass on the Catholic faith. Today I see adults as the real future of our Catholic Faith and Traditions because their job of "passing it on" is very critical to our Church's future.

Some time ago, Rob Reuzenaar asked me to consider taking over when he steps down from the Lay Director position in June. After prayerful consideration, I accepted his offer. I feel blessed, humbled and thankful to have been chosen to serve each of you and this community.

Please continue to offer prayers and palanca for the Cursillo movement that it may serve those God chooses to send to us. Remember to identify potential candidates and pray for them as well. Make a Friend, Be a Friend, and bring your Friends to Christ.



A new focus

### Sponsor - continued from Page 1

When you bring your friend to the weekend, stick around a while to socialize with him or her to ease the apprehension they may be experiencing about being "left behind". (You've been there). More importantly, stick around to join other sponsors to go before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle to pray for your candidate, the candidates of others and the team to have a Holy and Spirit filled weekend.

All these factors will have a profound affect on the candidate's desire to continue their fourth day.

Loving your neighbor begins and never ends when you are called to be a "sponsor". It is not by accident or mere chance that the Cursillo movement has been growing for over 67 years. It is through sincere sponsoring that the Gift of the Cursillo to the Church, the Bride of Christ, will continue to thrive and have a profound and Holy effect on us, the world, and most importantly the "Kingdom of God".

As fellow Cursillistas, may we have a sincere and holy desire to be Disciples of Jesus Christ by following the call of the Holy Spirit, to live the life we are meant to live and to share that life with others. And it all began when someone befriended me and sponsored me to "make" a Cursillo weekend. Come Holy Spirit.

# THE WEEKENDS

## 105

by Paul Burger

The theme for Cursillo 105 was "Jesus, I Trust in You". I truly believe all the candidates and the team walked away from St Bernadette's Sunday evening not only having forged a better relationship with Jesus, but knowing they could Trust in Him.

We all talked about how easy "Jesus, I Trust in You" is to say, but how difficult it is to do. We used the weekend as a way to strengthen our relationship with Jesus, because one of the fastest ways to build trust in anyone is to get to know them. We saw multiple conversions all weekend, even though we didn't have these events written into our script. We saw men walking around in their armor for Christ instead of men in tee shirts and blue jeans. We even learned how to put on our "Jesus shoes" so we are ready to deal with every situation that comes our way. All these experiences were "Christ moments" for all of us. The biggest challenge we faced was to "Let go and Let God" so we could see God working before our very eyes.

We all know our God is an awesome God, but on this weekend, we lived the experience. I know the candidates and the team of Cursillo 105 will do great things, because they all took one step closer to trusting our Lord for everything.



"Jesus, I Trust in You"

## 94

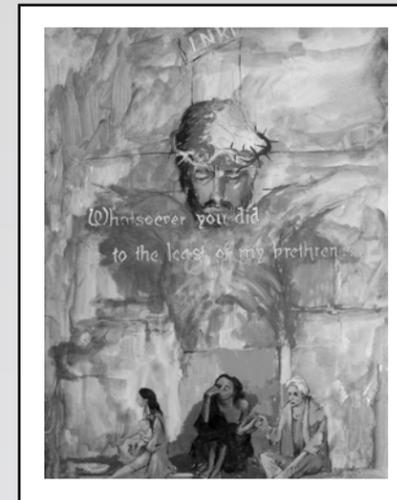
by Linda Williams

God called a truly amazing group of team members and candidates to Women's Cursillo 94.

Team members persevered through illness, family conflicts, and weather-related driving challenges to make team meetings a sheer joy. And our candidates, who are now our newest Cursillistas, are women of great faith and trust who received God's message with open hearts and made the weekend a celebration of God's love. Their love for God and each other was an uplifting witness to all of us throughout the weekend.

Throughout team formation and the 3 day Cursillo weekend, God's Amazing Love was showered upon all of us. God's wisdom, strength and guidance was both consoling and empowering. In other words, it was another typically awesome Cursillo weekend – praise God!

I want to reinforce how essential the prayer and palanca of the Cursillo Community is to the success of a Cursillo weekend. Personally, as one



"Amazing Love"

of Cursillo's least confident Rectoras, your love and support enabled me to complete the mission God had called me for. And for the women of Cursillo 94, your prayers, sacrifice, help, and support gave an earthly face to God's Amazing love throughout the weekend.

The Cursillo Community is one marvelously powerful "lever."

I'm so excited to welcome our new Cursillistas to our Group Reunions and Ultreyas. These are prayerful, faith-filled women who are going to make a positive, Christian impact on their environments on their 4th day journeys. They will continue to need the support and love of the Cursillo Community. Parish coordinators and sponsors, you are an important resource to our new Cursillistas. Please continue your efforts to help them find a Group Reunion and accompany them to Ultreyas. We can all do our part to continue the work God has begun on the three-day Cursillo weekend.

God wrapped his loving arms around each woman throughout Cursillo 94 team formation and the Cursillo weekend short course in Christ. His love is indeed totally amazing.

# Our Newest Cursillistas

Men's 105

Women's 94

Victor Farias  
Michael Gust  
Mark Sullivan  
John Tarbox  
Chris Bock  
Mike Coffeen  
Luke Mason  
Joe Meyer  
Michael Shrall  
Brandon Duke  
Nick Hummel  
Thomas Newett  
Fr. Tom Schellssmann  
Wildwest Western  
Larry Barnes  
Steve Kavanaugh  
Mike Patterson  
Joe Rice  
R.J. Salewicz  
Henry Jensen  
John Kane  
Fr. Gerald Okeke  
Brian Uhl  
Donovan Yaarnall

Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville  
All Saints, Logansport  
St. Monica, Indianapolis  
St. Lawrence, Indianapolis  
St. Maria Goretti, Westfield  
Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville  
St. Ann, Indianapolis  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Indianapolis  
Holy Spirit Geist  
St. Joseph, Lebanon  
Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville  
St. Thomas Aquinas, West Lafayette  
St. Lawrence, Indianapolis  
St. Charles, Peru  
St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie  
St. Ann, Indianapolis  
Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville  
St. John the Baptist, Tipton  
St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis  
St. Maria Goretti  
St. Matthew, Indianapolis  
St. Andrew, Richmond  
St. Monica, Indianapolis  
St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis

Diana Snider  
Marcia Holliday  
Deanna Blayney  
Kelly Champney  
Lou Farias  
Gwen O'Donnell  
Suzanne Myers  
Sr. Crisilda Mary  
Sr. Elsa Mary  
Sr. Rosaland Mary  
Sandy McGill  
Jacinta Kite  
Catherine Fussner  
Rebecca Kirsch  
Deb Roeser  
Maria Western  
Ann Lacey  
Jill Metz  
Anna Scarlaval  
Elaine Andrews  
Ann Enderle  
Linda Force  
Toots Marino  
Deanna Lustig  
Maureen Fischer  
Kelli Totelben  
Amy Sullivan  
Carolyn White  
Harla Lyle  
Tina Lauffer  
Julia Lowe

All Saints, Logansport  
Holy Family, Richmond  
Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Our Lady of Greenwood  
Our Lady of Greenwood  
Our Lady of Greenwood  
Our Lady of Greenwood  
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Zionsville  
St. Andrew, Richmond  
St. Bartholomew, Columbus  
St. Bartholomew, Columbus  
St. Charles, Peru  
St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie  
St. John Vianney, Fishers  
St. John Vianney, Fishers  
St. Joseph, Lebanon  
St. Maria Goretti  
St. Mary's, Richmond  
St. Mary's, Richmond  
St. Matthew, Indianapolis  
St. Monica, Indianapolis  
St. Monica, Indianapolis  
St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis  
St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis  
St. Suzanna, Plainfield  
St. Maria Goretti  
St. John Vianney, Fishers

## PRE-CURSILLO

By Mark and Becky Scheller

At each closing of the Cursillo weekend, I am struck by the love expressed by the candidates and the team members. Not only the love for each other, but for the love of God. The team members share their love of God and allow God's love to flow through them to the candidates and also to each other. The whole Cursillo community comes together to show our own love of God and of the new Cursillistas. We surround them physically and spiritually with love and support and the hope that they will continue on their 4<sup>th</sup> day and draw closer to God.

PreCursillo is the reaching out into our environment, our own "meter square" as Victor Lugo has said, to share that love of God and neighbor. First make a friend, then be a friend, and finally, bring that friend to Christ. Love must be a component of that friendship. If we love God, we will naturally share that love with those around us. As we finish Lent and draw close to Easter and God's love for each of us and His gift of that love in Jesus Christ may we reflect on that love and share our love.

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

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Cursillo - Three Days ... Paul & Jennifer Burger	317-823-3743
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### Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's 106 - September 29-October 2

Women's 95 - October 13-16

Men's 107 - March 1-4

Women's 96 - March 15-18

## Post Cursillo

By Bill Halsema

### "Let All Things be Done for Edification"

*How is it then brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.*

1 Corinthians 14:26

"Cursillo isn't about the weekend; it's about our fourth-day journey." How many times have we heard or said that? We all know it is true, yet often our focus and efforts are quite different. Most of us leave the weekend with the desire to come back next week, and the week after, and . . .

The truth of the matter is quite different. We all want the weekend feeling to continue forever, but continuous weekends are not the answer. The desire to work on a weekend is very laudable. Working with our Parish Coordinators to build our numbers in our home parishes is a great goal too. But our one-on-one efforts in our parishes and other environments in our fourth-day are truly Christ working through us.

This can be a lonely task. In order to reach out to friends and acquaintances we need help. Jesus is always there for us. So too are our Cursillo brothers and sisters.

Grouping in our environments not only validates us as a movement, but also allows us to reap validation for our actions. Self-doubt (Should I have spoken-up? – Did I do enough?) can keep us from reaching out or even speaking to those in need. Our study and acts of piety can also languish without reason for reflection.

Our leader's manual says that small groups "vertebrae" our environments. This is to say they give us "backbone" from which to flex our spiritual muscles. This strength is developed through the interaction of the members. Groups are not about the individual members but rather their interactions.

We gather to share our efforts, attempts, failures, and successes. New members may be surprised to find the non-judgmental nature of groups. Support is uniform. We do not count numbers or critique efforts. We may volunteer our own talents where desired, share scripture, or just lend an open ear.

Grouping is central to being a good Cursillista and thus a good Christian. Humans need to be validated by other humans. Cursillistas desire to be validated by Jesus through other humans. Whether you treasure piety, study, or give of yourself through action, grouping provides road markers on your fourth-day journey.

Call your sponsor, your parish coordinator, friend, or me, but find a group. Your fourth-day depends on it.

Remember, "Let all things be done for edification."

## Cursillo THE THREE DAYS

by Paul Burger

What do you remember most from your three-day Cursillo experience? Most of us would respond with emotion – from Palanca, visits to the Blessed Sacraments, the presence of God's Love... the three-day Cursillo no doubt stirs our emotions and our spirit. As emotional and transforming as the Cursillo is, we often forget that the three-day Cursillo is actually a short course in Christianity. What does that mean?

In these three days the candidates are presented a method which enables them to live a true Christian life in the light of their baptismal commitment. The Cursillo offers a way to facilitate an encounter with what is fundamental to being a Christian or living a life of Grace. This, in the light of God's Love, occurs in the presentation and progression of the rollos, or talks.

Although each rollo has its own particular message, it is really best to view all of them as pieces of one single message or instruction, if you will, for living what is fundamental to a life in Grace.

There are five spiritual rollos on the weekend that are given by a priest, deacon or vowed religious. These rollos present the theology of living a life in Grace: we are introduced to the possibility of divine life through Habitual Grace, which is possible through Actual Grace, its promoter and its achievement. In the Sacraments, we find the source of God's Love which nourishes our on-going relationship with God. We must always be on guard for obstacles to a life in Grace on our path to holiness. Finally, we are invited to make some concrete commitments to live a balanced life in Grace.

There are ten lay rollos that are given by lay people on the weekend. These rollos present the witness to the actual living of a life in Grace. We come to learn that we can be more and better through our ideals and we can do so from where we are as a layperson in the Church. Through Piety, we discover our heart spontaneously, and through Study we use our intelligence with conviction which puts our will in motion through Action. The final outcome of this is that we throw our whole being into becoming a leader.

As a leader we conduct a Study of the Environment. We accept that our reality is comprised of different persons who we can help through Christianity in Action. However as a Cursillista beyond the Cursillo, we understand that this must be done in a personal way, which is fostered and supported by the on-going friendship found in Group Reunion and Ultreya.

If you haven't pulled out your spiral notebook from your own weekend lately, we encourage you to do so. Review your notes, thoughts and reflections from each talk and let it all sink in again. You won't be asked to take a written test on all of this but you never know when *you* may be tested on your pilgrim walk – best to be prepared.