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Summer 2003

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## Pilgrim School

The fall Pilgrim's School will be held on Wednesday August 20th and 27th, and September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's parish, 1375 Mickley Street in Indianapolis. Father Glenn O'Connor will give the opening talk to the members of the men's and women's fall Cursillo teams during their team formation meeting. The other speakers have all been selected from the two teams and their Spiritual Directors. Any Cursillista is welcome to attend the Pilgrim's School, which will begin promptly at 8 P.M. on the four successive Wednesday nights.

*Peggy Philhower*  
Leaders School

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### From *The Lay Director*

The Cursillo method is to prepare, give and support. Here again is the threefold strength of the tripod.

In the parable of the sower, Matthew 13:3-9, we are told that some seed fell on rocky ground where they had little soil and withered for lack of roots, some fell among the thorns and were choked of life, but some fell on rich soil and produced 30, 60 and even 100 fold.

It is our desire that the seeds of a Cursillo weekend be sowed in rich soil in order to produce the changes in our environments to become more Christian.

The first step is to PREPARE, yourself with the tripod of Holiness, Formation, and Evangelization, then study the soil, *environment*; analyze what it needs, *meet a friend*; then work with the soil, *be a friend*. This is not an overnight job, but may take weeks, months or even years.

Next GIVE, when the soil, *your friend*, is fully prepared to receive the seed of the weekend message, invite them to go on a weekend, *bring your friend to Christ*.

Your job doesn't end there; in fact, this might be the hardest part, SUPPORT. We are called to serve where God has planted us. Inviting a friend to the weekend is just the beginning. You need to be vigilant about weeding, *praying, staying in touch*; watering, *get your friend in a group*; and fertilizing, *bring them to Ultreyas*.

By living the Cursillo method, we will reap what we have sown, and the harvest master may say, "Well done good and faithful servants" *Matthew 25:21*

*De Colores - Helen Otto*

## Our Spiritual Advisor

*Dear Cursillistas,*

**H**opefully you have all had a wonderful summer. As usual, the summers are way too short, but as fall approaches, great things happen.

*The Teams, the secretariat and hopefully, many new candidates will join our ranks. What a blessing and privilege to share Christ with new Cursillistas.*

*Many thanks to all of you who give your time and effort in making this Central Indiana Cursillo so vibrant. The witnesses, groups, Ultreyes, newsletter, our special events all are truly blessed with a wonderful group.*

*We don't usually take the time to thank and to appreciate everyone for their efforts, but God has truly blessed us. Thanks to all of you for being the hands and feet and voice of Jesus Christ to so many.*

*God Bless all of you,  
Rev. Glenn O'Connor*



# CURSHILLO

## The Three Days

Once all candidates and sponsors are notified of their status for the upcoming weekend, we provide information for the Cursillo website giving the number of candidates and the number of persons on the waiting list. This same information goes to the Secretariat. It is then available to others on a need-to-know basis as we have time to provide it.

Since we must sandwich our Cursillo planning work in between our jobs, worship, social and family activities, we are not always able to meet demands for information as quickly as you might wish. It sometimes takes up to two weeks to receive applications due to vacations and other out-of-town activities. So, when requesting information about candidates, please be patient.

Also, if you are on the waiting list, do not give up. We often have double-digit cancelations for the weekend - sometimes at the last minute. At the very worst, if you don't make this weekend, you can make the next one. The best idea is to get applications in early.

The deadline for accepting applications for the fall men's weekend is September 18 and for the women's weekend, October 2.

Pre-Cursillo Committee  
*Dave & Rita Roesinger*

As we approach the end of the summer season, let us turn our attention not to fall but to the recruiting season. Our world is becoming a challenging place to live. Society is trying to bury religion and especially Catholics, as our Holy Father has taken bold stances against wrongs of this world. We need more warriors to stand up and say, "I have had enough."

We as Cursillistas have a method of training people for the task at hand. Are all your friends and church leaders strong enough for the challenges ahead? Have they attended a Cursillo weekend? Talk to them and tell them what we have for them, especially the men. We are short of our goal for the fall session on men and time is ticking away.

For those of you who have finished the three days, are you living out the fourth day? If you are not, why not attend an Ultreya or group reunion. It is never too late to re-energize your life by way of the Cursillo life. Always remember, Christ is counting on you!

*Mike Kuhnle*  
Cursillo Section Leader

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## Area Ultreyas

**Bloomington/Bedford** - The first Friday of each month at 7 pm at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bloomington. E-mail Vince and Kim Holly or call (812) 824-7329 for more information.

**Cicero** - First Saturday of each month after 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart parish in Cicero. Refreshments. Call Bob Boe at (317) 984-3801.

**Indianapolis City-Wide ultreya** - Second Saturday each month 10 - 11:30 am at Holy Angels parish, 28th and Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Call Jim Pfenning at (317) 243-3648

**Noblesville** - Third Friday each month in chapel of Our Lady of Grace parish, 191st St. & SR 37. 7:30 pm. Refreshments. Call Ron and Veronica Anderson (317) 773-1107.

**Columbus** - Third Saturday each month at 6:30 pm at St. Batholomew Catholic School campus. Call Rick and Sandy Neidigh at (812) 379-4568 for more information.

**Lafayette** - Fourth Friday each month, 7 pm in the John Bosco room at Blessed Sacrament 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.

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

# Post-Cursillo - the fourth day

The second annual Grand Ultreya will be held Friday, September 12 at St. Joseph's parish on the west side of Indianapolis (1375 S. Mickley St. - see map and separate article). There will be no local ultreyas in September, so plan now to attend this one. This is your chance to renew friendships with Cursillistas who made the weekend with you, and those you've worked with on teams. Festivities begin at 7 pm.

Last year's Grand Ultreya brought out more than 100 Cursillistas. There were powerful witness talks, grouping and fellowship. Plan now to be there. Bring a snack or a two-liter drink to share.

I admit to being disappointed with the light turnout for recent Indianapolis ultreyas, especially since ultreyas are a vital part of our fourth day. Got an idea for improving the situation? Call me at (317) 933-2048, or e-mail me at [gstahl@aol.com](mailto:gstahl@aol.com). Or bring your thoughts to the Grand Ultreya and we can discuss them with others and hopefully find a solution.

*Jerry Stahl* - Post-Cursillo Section Leader

### Dates to Remember

**August 30 - Sept 1 ... Cursillo Labor Day Campout**  
**September 12 ... Grand Ultreya at St. Joseph's**  
**October 5 ... Men's Cursillo #90 Closing**  
**October 19 ... Women's Cursillo #79 Closing**

# The Second Annual Ultreya el Grande

It was such a good idea you have to wonder why no one ever thought of it before - putting on a Grand Ultreya where all the Cursillistas you ever knew would come together for an evening of sharing.

Ultreya has always been an important part of our fourth day, of course, and area ultreyas are held just about every week. But this was different, something very special. It would be a chance to see Cursillistas that we hadn't seen for some time - men and women who had been important in our lives. Maybe that's the way it was for the disciples when they met again after being apart.

It was certainly that way for us last year when we got together for the first Ultreya el Grande. More than 100 men and women - Cursillistas from across the years - came together that night and shared their walk with Christ.

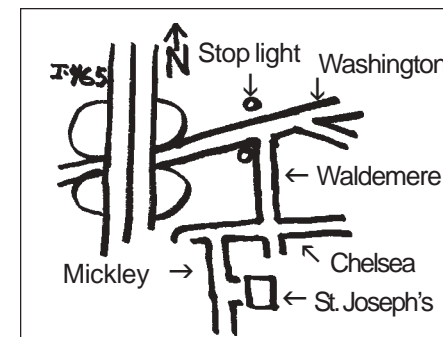
And now we are going to do it again. The second Ultreya el Grande will be held September 12th at St. Joseph's parish on the southwest side of Indianapolis. So, come and join us for an evening of joyful celebration.

**When:** September 12 at 7 p.m.

**Where:** St. Joseph' Parish in Indianapolis

**What to bring:** Snacks & soft drinks

**How to get there:** See map below



## 13TH NATIONAL ENCOUNTER

# Conversations from the Past Bring Winds of Change

By Ward Degler

WHEN THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1994 in the little fishing village of Cala Figuera on the island of Mallorca where it was born, something unexpected happened. The planners of the event borrowed from the first Cursillo which was held in 1944, and gave a series of talks, or rollos (pronounced roy-ohs) based on the original fundamentals of the movement. There was a total of 10 talks and they became known as the Conversations of Cala Figuera.

The talks brought into focus a number of areas where the movement had strayed from those early fundamentals. It was quickly decided to present the same rollos – perhaps with updates – to a broader audience, one representing the entire movement. This presentation happened last month at the 13<sup>th</sup> National Encounter held on the campus of Xavier University in Cincinnati.

From the very first talk – a hard-hitting introduction by Bishop James A. Tamayo, national Episcopal

Advisor to the Cursillo - it was obvious that this encounter was going to be different, that it was going to cover new territory and would bring the winds of change. There would be no break-out sessions or other convention style trappings common to previous encounters. Just a series of talks based on the 1994 Conversations of Cala Figuera. Some were given in English, others in Spanish with simultaneous translation.

- 1. PERSON:** We must first deal with our inner issues and learn to know and love ourselves before we can accept God's love. We cannot love others unless we first let Jesus love us. If we fail to understand and accept ourselves as we are, we shut the door on loving others or God. We cannot give what we do not have; we cannot change what we do not understand. *Many local movements fail in this.*
- 2. FREEDOM:** The courage to embrace an unforeseeable future. Too often we are ready to avoid the burden of risk. Yet risk is necessary because Jesus wants us to be co-creators of redemption, not just implementers. We receive holiness, formation and evangelization from piety, study and action. *Many have confused freedom with power and have erroneously considered Cursillo a pick-and-choose movement.*
- 3. LOVE:** God loved us before we ever loved Him. We must let Jesus love us before we can love others. Looking for truth is more than finding an answer.
- 4. FRIENDSHIP:** We need to get to know others from the skin in – described as a distance greater than from the earth to the moon. Patience is vital and each friendly act is but a drop in the ocean. But if each of us brought just one drop, we would create a new ocean. Sometimes it is easier to do something just so we can say we did it...sometimes we abandon our Christianity because we just went to Mass and thereby already did what was expected of us. *Often this spills over into Cursillo when we decide to follow our own agenda.*
- 5. CONVICTION:** Conviction is born in our hearts out of our past and it is essential we remember it. Moses insisted the Israelites remember their bondage in Egypt. We must remember the Eucharist. Our past contains a rebirth from our Cursillo experience. We have a mission to share it with others. The movement belongs to the Holy Spirit and the charisms of the movement are gifts to us from the Holy Spirit. When conviction becomes a product of reason, it fails. *We have too many ideas about God in the Cursillo movement, making it easy prey of the old enemy, intellectualism.*
- 6. SINCERITY:** A sincere person recognizes his imperfections yet seeks with all his heart to do God's will. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the perfect human model of sincerity. She shows us we can rise above human fears and attain God's plan which is to love one another unconditionally. An individual is defined by community. Individuals in community transcend community and become the Body of Christ. *Worldly comforts tend to intrude upon our relationship with God and those He calls us to love and serve.*
- 7. CRITERION:** To choose conviction over fulfillment. God is constantly seeking us, not the other way around. We are often attracted to the norm because that is where security rests. Yet conformity to the norm is the enemy of criterion. If we follow the norm in life, we may wind up with a garden of plastic flowers where nothing dies but nothing blooms. *Too often we ponder and plan but never act. Cursillo is a living encounter with ourselves, with Christ and with others.*
- 8. LIFE:** The life of an authentic cursillista is a life filled with grace which is opposed to a world filled with hedonism, a society which is superficial and pluralistic without

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**8. LIFE:** The life of an authentic cursillista is a life filled with grace which is opposed to a world filled with hedonism, a society which is superficial and pluralistic without

spiritual substance, and people who are well educated but who lack common sense. *In the U.S. we have a tradition of having hundreds of choices. With Christ we have but two: We are either with Him or against Him.*

**9. NORMALITY:** For all Christians, Christ is the norm. All other norms of Man must be tested against the norm of Christ to be valid. A normal Christian walks with Christ, living what is fundamental for being Christian. *We are workers, not master builders, and for that work God's grace is sufficient.*

**10. JOY:** Joy is the product of the process of living what is fundamental for being Christian. Joy is given to us by God from the inside. We must not confuse joy with pleasure or contentment. Our society is killing joy with pleasure; capitalism leads us on an endless quest for material things, while communism robs us of ourselves. *With money, I can buy a bed but not rest; I can buy art but not beauty. Joy is more than the opposite of feeling bad. It comes to us when we plant the values God has given us.*

*The summation of all of these talks poses a premise: If we first get to know and love ourselves, we can accept the love God has for us. This love will then grow within us and become too big to contain. We will be obliged to share it with everyone we meet. Others will be attracted to us because of the visible joy of God's love within us. We will become like Christ and thus will God evangelize the world.*

*This is the mission of Cursillo and it brings with it the winds of change.*