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Don't Miss the "Big One"
Ultreya el Grande
September 9th 7:00 pm
St. Monica

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

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traveled to a foreign country to attend Mass in another language. Everyone knew what was going on even though they couldn't understand the words. God was communicating His love by His Spirit, through the Paschal mystery regardless of the words being spoken. The joy of Jesus was truly evident in all the people on the weekend, even though we couldn't speak their language.

We were blessed to have Bishop Eusebio Elizondo of Seattle present for the entire weekend. Anjie and I not only participated in the Mass that he concelebrated on Saturday evening, but we also shared with him while walking around the Villanova campus.

As the theme of the Encounter stated, "Speak Lord, Your servant is listening," we were able to learn how the Holy Spirit is leading other regions in our movement. We have all had similar experiences and by coming together and sharing our strengths and weaknesses, we become stronger.

Anjie and I also celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary over the weekend, which gave me a deep sense of God's blessings in my marriage, my family, and in you - our Cursillo friends.

Rob Reuzenaar,

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Summer 2006

From
The Lay Director

My wife and I attended the National Encounter along with Bob and Kathleen Kostin (Bob is our Region IV Lay Director). Anjie and I enjoyed talking with people from different regions about what they are doing in Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo and Post Cursillo. We were blessed to share with folks from all over the United States. After each talk, we were given time to share our ideas and concerns with those around us while applying it to our own local Cursillo movement experiences.

It was a great opportunity to listen and share with people from different regions. Even though all of the Cursillistas in attendance were from the United States, there were large contingents representing the Vietnamese, the Korean, and the Spanish speaking weekends. Anjie and I had the opportunity to Group with a couple of Korean and Hispanic Cursillistas. It was a close moment for us to be aware that so many people were experiencing the Presence of Jesus through different languages. It was as though we had

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Our
Spiritual
Advisor

I sincerely hope all of you have had a great summer. The season is a wonderful time to relax; enjoy families and friends, and, of course, nature.

Jesus often took his disciples to out-of-the-way places for rest and relaxation. So it should be with us. We have a chance to rejuvenate ourselves with rest, grace and prayer.

As we "refill our cups", we do so in a spirit of thanksgiving for the privilege of ministry. What a gift to be called by God to serve. May we never lose sight of the grace and gift that God has bestowed on each of us.

Father Glenn

Pilgrim School

Cursillo helps us understand the great gift of God's Word. Team formation will start in August for Woman's team #84 and Men's team #96. During this time we need to keep the team members in our prayers, so they can prepare for the upcoming weekend. Pilgrim School talks will be given during formation by members of the Secretariat.

In God's love

Marshall Kern

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Pre-Cursillo

Thoughts before the weekend

In these last lazy, hazy days of summer where our routines are different than normal, maybe we have a little more time for reflection. Perhaps on the question, What are we seeking?

The Leaders' Manual addresses that question this way: "In order carry out an effective and well-oriented Precursillo, it is important to know exactly the purpose of the Cursillo Movement. Only in the light of such knowledge can we expect to have a Precursillo directed towards the purpose of the Movement.

"The leavening of environments with the Gospel: This is the purpose of the Cursillo Movement. It is sought not by means of a direct and global action on all Christians but by choosing from among them those who have the required characteristics, those who seem to have the potential to become the living vertebrae that animate human communities and bring them to Christ."

So, let us ponder this, pray about it, and then listen and act. Remember, we stand in grace, and His grace is sufficient for us as we seek to leaven our homes, our places of work and our hearts.

DeColores,

Jane Maher



Fall Weekends

Men's #96 - Oct. 5-8 - Harry Owens, coordinator
Women's # 85 - Oct. 19-22 - Sharon Bahler, coordinator

2007 Spring Weekends

Men's #97 - March 1 - 4

Women's #86 March 15 - 18

Grand Ultreya

Sep. 9 at St. Monica, 7:30 p.m.

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 to get on the list. Bill will help with music, support, witnesses and other necessities.

Noblesville - Third Friday each month (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.

POST CURSILLO THE FOURTH DAY

A New Focus on Ultreya

While I am still new to the Post-Cursillo position, I would like to share some thoughts on some changes and reminders with you. First, I would like to introduce a new format for Ultreyas in Indianapolis. This will be old news to Cursillistas in Westfield, Lafayette, Noblesville, and other locations where they have used this format for quite awhile. There will be some minor changes and one that I feel has to be a major change of attitude if nothing else.

The first change for Indianapolis will be to change the time of our Ultreyas from Friday night or Saturday morning to Saturday evening. This will allow attendance at 5:30 or 6:00 PM Mass with the Ultreya immediately following. I believe this gives added value to both Mass and Ultreya. The priest's homily can inspire thoughts to discuss and the Ultreya grouping will allow us to discuss it.

Next, I would like to suggest that you consider giving non-Cursillistas a small taste of Cursillo by bringing them to an Ultreya. Only once though, after all, you have obviously made a friend, now it will be time to be a friend and bring the friend to Christ by helping them to make the decision to make a weekend. While this sounds like pre-Cursillo talk from a post-Cursillo guy, keep in mind that this is a process and we all need to work together.

Finally, I would like to suggest that (this is the biggie!) in the Indianapolis area we need to work as a group. We all would like to show-off our parishes by hosting an Ultrea. I thank you in advance for volunteering to

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CURSILLO The three Days

Ask anyone about their Cursillo experience and chances are they will launch into a misty-eyed account of their weekend. They will tell you they came to the weekend thinking they were pretty good Catholics, only to discover during the course of the three days just how distant from Christ they actually were. They will recount with a shudder how terribly alone they felt during the quiet time Thursday night, how they struggled with doubts, fears and remorse. And they will wind up with an introspective account of their personal healing and face-to-face encounter with Christ. They will conclude that it was the greatest experience of their life, and tell you that “everyone should make a Cursillo.”

They are right, of course, and they are wrong. In describing the weekend they are precisely on target. But they totally miss the point of Cursillo.

Admittedly, Cursillo has tended to be all about the weekend for far too long. It is a mistake we are working hard to correct. The Cursillo weekend, as the name implies, is a short course in Christianity. The three-day weekend, through its intense teaching, talks, prayer time and alternating imposed solitude and community is designed to equip us with those things that are fundamental to being Christian in our daily walks. In short, Cursillo is really all about the Fourth Day.

The weekend is training in Piety, Study and Apostolic Action. It is reinforced thereafter by small group reunions and Ultreyas where we share our successes and failures, console and strengthen one another.

The three days give us the tools we need to spend the rest of our lives in the trenches as working Christians.

Mark Your Calendars

Parish Coordinators Workshop/Leaders School

A half-day workshop for parish coordinators and combined Leaders School will be held Saturday, September 16th at St. Joseph's Parish in Indianapolis. The session will begin at 9 a.m. with Mass and finish around 2:30p.m. All Cursillistas are welcome to attend, and we especially encourage all parish coordinators to be there. The agenda includes a review of parish coordinators' responsibilities in the movement. The Leaders School will give us a walk-through of the new format which will be used at all future team formations. God bless you all.

Marshall Kern & Tom Kitchin

Changes to the Weekends

I was reading through the new Three-Day Manual to see what changes we need to make on our weekends. There are some changes in talk titles, and the content of each talk is slightly different, so it is important for those giving talks on the weekend to be sure they cover what is intended for each talk. The two priest talks on Friday have been renamed, from “Grace” and “Faith” to “Habitual Grace” and “Actual Grace.” “Laity” has been renamed (again) to “The Layperson in the Church”. “Holiness” is back to “Piety”, “Formation” is back to “Study”, and “Evangelization” is back to “Action”. The new names are more accurate since acts of “Piety” lead to

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do this. Since the Catholic Center is unavailable on Saturday evenings due to operating costs, the Indianapolis City-wide Ultreya needs to rotate locations. Admittedly, some parishes have too few Cursillistas to host an Ultreya on their own. Taking a lesson from the Richmond Catholic Community, we need to have the many support the few (isn't this a really Christ-like thing to do?).

Thus I am asking that you e-mail or call me with questions and suggestions at: cell (317) 418-0995, home (317) 255-5325, and e-mail indyrxrover@msn.com. Please contact me if you can host a monthly Ultreya, or to suggest speakers, musicians, and other resources that we can share. Let's work together to allow all Indianapolis parishes to show their hospitality.

Enthusiasm builds Ultreyas and Ultreyas build enthusiasm for Cursillo. Reinvigorate Indianapolis now. Please help me in this effort.

DeColores,
Bill Halsema

holiness, “Study” leads to one's formation, and our “Action” serves as evangelization.

Most changes to the weekend involve Sunday's schedule. The first talk of the day is “Study of the Environments”, followed by “Life in Grace” which is a religious or priest talk. The third talk is “Christianity in Action”, followed by “The Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo”, a talk which has been given at the closing in recent years. This change means that a team member will give the talk instead of someone from the outside community. The fifth and final talk is titled “Total Security”, which explains Group Reunion and Ultreya. Because of these changes, the format for closings will also be a little different. Those changes are yet to be determined. Praise the Lord for His continual guidance.

Copies of the new manual will be available for those giving talks on the fall weekends. You may also buy copies from John Ameis. Cost is \$20 per copy.

Rob Reuzenaar,

“Speak, Lord, for Your Servant is Listening”

A Review of the Message from
The National Cursillo Encounter 2006
at Villanova University

The first talk of the National Cursillo Encounter, titled “Faithful Stewards of the Cursillo Movement” was given by The Rev. Modesto Perry, and reminded us that we must be accountable for what we do with the gift of Cursillo. It not ours to manipulate or tinker with to suit our whims or even to meet our individual needs. We must not risk God’s Plan by altering what He designed the Cursillo to do and to be: *To revitalize existing structures in the Church by reaching the individual person, and putting the fundamentals of Christianity within reach.*


Cursillo is not a filling station to re-charge batteries. It is not to create elite, ‘Special Ones’, nor is Cursillo a mere doctrine to be learned, but instead is a life to be lived...a life living what is fundamental to being Christian.

What is fundamental to being Christian? A Christian feels God’s love, lives in the wonder of this Truth, and surrenders himself to God through friendship with Him and fellow travelers.

We must let the Cursillo live as it is meant to, fulfilling the purpose for which it was created, with its message to live as a “Disciple of the Master” -- the second talk of the encounter given by The Rev. Joseph DeLeon.

How does one become a better disciple of Jesus? By dying to self. We become holy by getting to know the source of holiness and by following Jesus Christ. In order to follow Jesus we must forget about our self. The best friend of the devil is our ego. As Cursillistas, we are not imitating Jesus, we are representing Him to others. We must identify with Jesus as we strive to obey the Father. Obedience is the key to holiness.

We can learn to be a better disciple of the Master by devotion to Mary. She teaches us how to “drink from the cup.” When we endure for Christ’s sake, we’re content, regardless of situations and circumstances. Rev. DeLeon shared a story about a young creative girl who entered the convent. When

By Anjie Reuzenaar
Women’s Cursillo #50, Table of Hope 

she received her assignment, it was in the area of accounting, even though she was gifted in creative ways. She was obedient to her assignment for 10 years before Rev. DeLeon ran into her again. When he said she looked “worn out”, she replied with sincerity and joy, “Thank you for seeing the marks of my Master.” Saints find their center in the sufferings of Christ. If we are representing Christ to others, we must go to the Cross. If we want to follow Jesus, that’s where He went. Take part in redemptive suffering. Mary (as the Church) was right there where Jesus was ... at the Cross.

How does the Cursillo live this message? The answer is through Palanca: Prayer and sacrifice in the Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo and Post-Cursillo. We must be a prayerful community in order to stay true to our purpose, as Jeff Case pointed out in the talk on Pre-Cursillo. The Cursillo Movement is a part of the Church, not separate from it. To further the movement, we must never take away the individual’s freedom of choice. We must put aside excuses not to evangelize and start to make a friend, be a friend, and bring you a friend to Jesus by being a Christian and always praying for the ability to love unconditionally.

“We are evangelical because we are living in union with God,” as Ceferino Aguillon Jr. pointed out in his talk on the 3-Day Cursillo. We must keep it simple, he said, read the Gospel and use “glorified common sense.” When we complicate the method, we create boundaries and choke off the Gospel. There is always danger in deviation. It stems from vanity and originality...someone thinks they have a better idea.

The Essence of the Cursillo: Through God’s grace, a person can be Christian by using the unique method of the Cursillo, along with the individual’s will,

intelligence and freedom. As Cursillistas, we represent knowing vs. believing: “I know Jesus loves me, instead of “I believe Jesus loves me.” Being vs. doing: Cursillo actualizes the truth that God loves me, and results in me being who God created “me” to be. Everything suggested by God is clear and concrete. It is the devil who distorts and confuses. Action vs. Reaction: God allows adversity to show who we really are on the inside by our reactions to what happens to us. Let’s stand on the Truth, dignify the person, and allow the individual to see the same things in a different light. Jesus Christ is the solution to every problem.

“Come and see”, Jesus said in John 1:39 when the first disciples asked Him “where are you staying?” Speaker Elizabeth Gallegos pointed out that the Post-Cursillo method is not an additional responsibility, but a tool to live the Christian life, to live where Jesus is. Group Reunion is simply defined as “authentic love among friends.” It cannot be demanded or mandated. It can only be successful in freedom. With that freedom and authentic love, genuine Group Reunion has four elements: Regularity, Sincerity (Open Honesty), Discretion (Confidentiality) and Seriousness. (Valuing what we’re doing).

Community happens as a byproduct of Christian living. We only need to focus on living His Way and it will happen, as Barbara Levich pointed out in the final talk of the encounter. Community is the result of what we live. There is no room for conceit. Our focus is on service. Jesus came to serve, not to be served. One way we serve is to listen. When we listen to a person, he will feel loved and respected. Our purpose is not to make the Cursillo a “Mountain Top Experience.” That is up to God. Our job is to show how to live the normal “valley life” with Jesus. There is no room for a lack of love in the Movement. There is also no room for a lack of joy. Treat people as true friends – for who they are, not what they can do for us.

Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening.