

Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

April, 2007



“Watch that Wall!” **Spiritual Director’s Comments**

A funeral service is being held for a woman who has just passed away. At the end of the service, the pall bearers are carrying the casket out when they accidentally bump into a wall, jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive. She lives for ten more years and then dies. Once again, a ceremony is held and, at the end of it, the pall bearers are again carrying out the casket. As they carry the casket toward the door, the husband cries out, “Watch that wall!”

The resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate once again this Easter is more than resuscitation—it is the power of God raising Jesus to a whole new life, an entirely new kind of living. It is entering into the fullness of life in the kingdom of God. It is to that life that we journey; it is to that promise that we cling; it is in that hope that we live here and now. Cursillo is not just a weekend away; nor is it simply a spiritual exercise. It is an invitation to experience what living in the kingdom can be like even now. It’s an opening to the truth that one does not have to wait until the next life to live in the light of Christ—it can happen now. It is not only at the destination of the journey that we see Christ; it is *on* the journey. May all that we are and do give witness to our faith! May we truly be people of joy!

It is in that spirit that I thank all of you for the life you give me, for the ways in which your faith and friendship give me hope, for the joy that we share in our journey together. I pray that each of you can feel the inner peace that this Easter season is all about and that each day may be a day of promise and hope. May our Palanca for the women babe-chicks and team members ensure that Cursillo #204 fulfills its mission to share the joy!

DeColores, Fr. Dave Pleier

The School of Leaders Wants to Hear From You!

The Cursillo School of Leaders is an opportunity to learn more about the Cursillo movement, meet other Cursillistas, and to express your interest in working on a Cursillo Team. As we look for ways to improve the School of Leaders, we want to hear from you - - our fellow Cursillistas - - to solicit your ideas and feedback.

After the Serenade for the upcoming Women’s Cursillo #204 on April 22, we will be handing out a brief survey covering four items.

1. How many times have you attended a School of Leaders session?
2. If you have attended, how would you rate the experience?
3. Are there changes we should consider to make the School of Leaders more accessible for you?
4. Please share any other comments that could help us improve the School of Leaders.

If you are not able to attend the Closing of Cursillo #204 on April 22 and have some feedback you’d like to share, please send in your comments to the Cursillo PO Box, or email Mark Mullins at: mgm80@sbcglobal.net.

Remember that participation in the School of Leaders is always rewarding and is vital to the success of the Cursillo movement. We look forward to your feedback!



Spanish Cursillos – A Prayer Answered!

We are pleased to announce that dates have been sent for Spanish Cursillos in the Green Bay Diocese! Both weekends will be facilitated by a team from Milwaukee.

Men’s Spanish Cursillo August 31 - September 1, 2007 at St. Philip -Green Bay

Women’s Spanish Cursillo October 4 - 7, 2007 at St Philip - Green Bay





“20/20”

Lay Director’s Comments

On the road to Damascus the Apostles did not recognize Christ. Yet, that certainly was a moment close to Christ.

Our 4th Day small group card asks us, “What was your moment closest to Christ this week?”

Christ promised that He would be with us always. So, is one moment any closer than another or is it simply that our awareness is sharper at one time or another.

If I hold my dying father in my arms is that moment any closer than holding my newborn child. Or if an elderly person needs help lifting a heavy package into her car. Or a co-worker needs someone to talk to and it has nothing to do with work. Or I deliver a plant to someone from our parish who is homebound at Easter. Or I serve a meal at the Salvation Army. Or my neighbor’s garbage can falls over before the truck gets there and I pick it up for him and nobody sees me. Or I light a candle late at night in a darkened church and say a prayer, but I’m not sure who it’s for. Or the screaming snot-nosed kid in front of me at church, puts out his candy coated sticky hand to me at the sign of peace and smiles. Which one is closer to Christ?

We live in a Forest of moments close to Christ every day. We just need to see the forest for the trees.

DeColores

Mike Giffin, Lay Director



Fourth Day – Piety

As chairman of the 4th day for the Green Bay Cursillo, I am often drawn to writings that deal with one of the “group reunion” tripod terms of *piety, study or action*. One such article was in the March 23, 2007 issue of The Compass. Fr. Richard McBrien’s article on page 15, “Piety gift of Spirit that motivates us to faithfulness”, offered an explanation that the words “piety” and “pious” are among the most frequently misused terms in our religious vocabulary.

Piety along with the others, “7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit”, empowers the Christian to be habitually open to the guidance and influence of the Holy Spirit.

Piety is more than a virtue. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit by which we are motivated and enabled to be faithful and respectful to those (people and things) – ultimately, God – who have a positive, formative influence on our lives and to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.

At times in our group reunions we have a little confusion between what is our “piety” and what is our “study”. This article helped me to better understand what piety is as opposed to the word pious.

Unfortunately Fr McBrien’s article is not on The Compass web page but can be found by a “Google” search or by contacting me @ 920-733-0899 – bvarick@new.rr.com.

Ultreya,

Bob Varick



Sponsors for Women's Cursillo

Our Rector's husband, Deacon Dave DeYoung, will be holding a prayer service for the sponsors (and any others bringing candidates) at 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 19th, to pray for the team and the candidates. May The Holy Spirit be present for them throughout the weekend. It will be held in the Cursillo chapel, otherwise known as Room 105 or the Library at Sacred Heart School.

Palanca Letters

There will be a bag at the check-in desk for Palanca letters and at the prayer service. There will also be a box in the kitchen area on Friday morning marked for Palanca letters for anyone dropping off letters.

Remember that the letters are just the means to explain what prayers or sacrifices you are offering to God. That is the true Palanca, not the letters.



Lost & Found

We found a green (teal) sleeping bag after the Men's FALL Cursillo, and to date have not found its owner. If you were on that weekend, or had a candidate on the weekend, please check to see if it is yours...If you know it's owner, please contact Jim Newhouse at 920-788-1921





Women's Cursillo #204 – April 19, 20, 21, & 22, 2007
Sacred Heart – Appleton

TEAM

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Rector:	Carol DeYoung 757-9417	Set Up:	Gino Frassetto 968-5199
Vice Rector:	Jane Varick 427-7375	Wed. - 6:30PM	Vic Vosters 734-8499
Spiritual Director:	Fr. Bob Karuhn 739-4102	Thursday Night:	Kris Gerhardt 739-7962
Proctors:	Kelly Koszalinski (Kitchen) 738-9615 Cindy Van Asten (Computer) 759-9983 Mary Putzstuck (Chapel) 730-9270 Nancy Bassett (Music) 788-9615	Friday: Breakfast 7:45 Lunch 12:30 Dinner 6:00	Marcie Tilot 499-2288
Palanca Address:	Attn: Cursillo #204 Palanca Sacred Heart 222 E. Fremont St Appleton, WI 54915	Saturday: Breakfast 7:00 Agape 1:30 Dinner 6:15	Teresa Kemps 788-4608
Serenade:	6:00 PM - Look For Signs	Sunday: Breakfast 7:35 Lunch 12:00 Dinner 5:30	Bill Nettekoven 739-0813
Emergency Phones:	920-619-1899 (Cindy Van Asten)	Clean Up:	5:00 Gino Frassetto 273-1894

Directions: Sacred Heart is located across the street from the ER entrance for St. Eliz Hospital. FROM SOUTH:Hwy 41 to 441: exit on Oneida St. Turn left on Oneida St. Go 7 stop lights and turn right onto Fremont St. One block to Church. FROM NORTH: Hwy 41 to 441: exit on Oneida St. Turn right on Oneida St. Go 7 stop lights. Turn right on Fremont St. One block to Church.



<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Parish</u>
Rebecca (Becky)(Randy) Barrett	St. Bernard-Green Bay	Lori Kruswick	H. Name of Mary-Maplewood
Julie (Ken) Bastian	Holy Cross-Kaukauna	Sally Menghini	Green Bay Cathedral
Sara Bork	St. Bernard-Appleton	Lynn (Gerry) Miller	St. Paul-Combines Locks
Tracey Brewczynski	N/A	Nancy (David) Nowak	St. Nicholas-Freedom
Joan (Paul) Casey	St. John-Little Chute	Christina (Tina)(Fred) Poppe	St. Pius X-Appleton
Norma (Francisco) Chavez	St. Philip-Green Bay	Colleen (Tim) Schepp	St. John_Little Chute
Karen (Duane) Court	St. Nicholas-Freedom	Nancy Mary(Jerome) Siebers	Resurrection-Green Bay
Chris (Harlan) Drepfel	St. John-Seymour	Kristine(Kris)(Matthew) Troiber	St. Peter-Oshkosh
Marge (Larry) Easton	St. Margaret Mary-Neenah	Mary (Joe) Van De Hey	Holy Cross-Kaukauna
Kim (Rob) Franda	St. John-Sacred Heart-Sherwood	Lynn (Dave) Vanden Heuvel	St. John-Little Chute
Lori (Steve) Froelich	St. Bernard-Green Bay	Mary (Don) Wackwitz	St. Agnes-Green Bay
Ruth Gergisch	Resurrection-Green Bay	Lucille Warzyn	St. Bernard-Appleton
Nancy (Bill) Jodarski	St. Bernard-Appleton	Cindy (Scott) Watzka	St. Bernard-Green Bay
Charlotte (Tom) Kindler	St. Aloysius-Kaukauna	Constance (Connie)(Ken) Zirbel	Holy Cross-Kaukauna
Tena Klessig	St. Francis/St. Mary-Brussels	Sherrie (Timothy) Johnson	St. John-Little Chute

This List is Complete as of 04/10/2007

Sponsors... Please make sure Candidates accepted after this date receive Palanca

For more information on Cursillo and the Green Bay Diocese Movement go to: www.cursillo.org/Greenbay

✿ To See an Updated List of Candidates Right Up to Cursillo E-Mail Bob Varick @ bvarick@new.rr.com ✿

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Memorials

The Green Bay Cursillo Movement recognizes deceased Cursillistas by having a Mass said in their local Parish and a list is published in this Newsletter. Please contact us with members of your Parish that have left us over the past months. This gives us all a chance to include these departed friends, along with those shown below, in our prayers.

*Lester Cherney, Manitowoc
Kathleen Simons, Wautoma
Bud (& Joan) Cleveland*

May God Bless You With Eternal Joy and Comfort Your Families