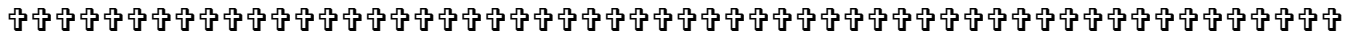


Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

October, 2007



“What’s the Emergency?” ***Spiritual Director’s Comments***

Dispatcher: *9-1-1 What is the nature of your emergency?*

Caller: *My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart.*

Dispatcher: *Is this her first child?*

Caller: *No, you idiot! This is her husband.*

The truth is stranger than fiction (someone said that once; I didn’t make that up!) and often funnier. This little 9-1-1 exchange reminded me that not every woman on the Cursillo will have a brilliant husband at home doing palanca, caring for the kids, cleaning the house, and praying fervently. Some of them will have been through a divorce; some may be widowed. They need extra support and care since Cursillo, like many things in the Church, is truly enhanced when it can be shared by a loving spouse. Even going to Church on Sunday is very painful for people who are alone or hurting (of course, not everyone who is alone is hurting—I happen to be very happy). What a wonderful example they give in taking the plunge and becoming part of the Cursillo community; after all, they didn’t have a husband nudging (or perhaps, shoving) them into the process.

We all have different life-stories, different histories, different ways in which God touches our hearts. That diversity reflects the comprehensive nature of our God, for ultimately, only God can fill the deepest human yearning for love. For most people, that comes to them through the sacrament of marriage; for some, it comes primarily in other ways; for all of us, it comes through the Church. Thus, the community of believers needs to be a haven for fulfillment and consolation, for there is no greater relationship than one that is bonded by faith. Let each of us be that friend to all who call Church their home, for married or single, widowed or divorced, vowed or ordained, we all need one

another on the journey. Thanks to all of you who have made my walk through life so rich.

DeColores, Fr. Dave Pleier



The School of Leaders

All Cursillistas are welcome to attend our School of Leaders. A session is held on the **first** Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Janssen Center at St. Bernard’s parish in Appleton. The Janssen Center is located behind the church. The address is 1617 Pine St. and we suggest you park in the rear lot.

Directions to St. Bernard’s, Appleton: Take Hwy 41 to the Prospect Ave exit (County BB) via exit #136. Go east on Prospect, turn left onto So. Bartell Dr. (which will become Pine St.)

The same material is repeated on the **third** Tuesday of each month at St Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Green Bay, also starting at 7 PM.

We moved the first session to St Bernard’s to make it a little more convenient to those living in the southern part of our diocese.

At each session we will share a group reunion, discuss one of the talks (***Rollo***) from the new manual with comments from someone who has recently given that talk and then share about a saint or saintly person who exemplified the tripod of piety, study and action. All are welcome and all materials will be provided. Questions regarding these sessions can be referred to Jane Varick at bvarick@new.rr.com

Also, our sincere thanks are offered to ***Peg & Steve VandeHey*** who have been facilitators for the Kaukauna sessions. We wish them all the best and will keep them in our prayers as they move to Newton to help at St Thomas the Apostle parish.





A Moment Close to Christ

When I made my Cursillo last spring, our group received a palanca letter from Jacarezinho, Brazil. I knew at that time that I would be taking an assignment for work in Brazil. I took a copy of the palanca letter with me when I left for Brazil.

I recently traveled by car to Jacarezinho. I had to wait until I learned enough Portuguese to communicate. The palanca letter had a photo of the church and the name of the person that sent it, Luiza Larcher. But that was the only information that I had. When I arrived at the city, I drove around until I saw the steeple of the church. As I got to the church, Mass was just starting so I took a seat and fumbled through the service in Portuguese. After church, I asked the person sitting next to me if he recognized the name on the letter. After asking several more people, I found someone that knew Luiza. She was not at that Mass, but the person agreed to help me find Luiza. To make a long story short, we ended up at Luiza's house where I was able to meet her. We talked for a couple hours and ate lunch together. She had written the letter in Portuguese and had it translated by her son who speaks English. I have a photo of me with Luiza holding the palanca letter (see photo on page 4). We had a great visit together. She took her Cursillo 38 years ago.

The amazing thing was that I had not written or called Luiza to tell her I was coming, but when I arrived unannounced at her house, she invited me in and we started talking as if she expected someone to come from 5000 miles away to show her this letter. For me, it was proof of how Cursillo connects people from all over the world.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Kindler



Spring Cursillos Announced

Men's #207 - March 27-30, 2008
at Holy Spirit Kimberly
Women's #208 - April 24-27, 2008
at St. Mary in Menasha



Lay Director's Message

Our Parish is in the midst of the Advancing The Mission process and our current focus is on prayer. I was privileged to be asked to give witness to prayer in my life at all the Masses this past weekend. I refused at first but later changed my mind after I "prayed" on it. After the first witness at the 4 PM Mass, I remarked to Deacon Ray that the witness was just like sharing on the piety leg of Group Reunion, what spiritual aids I used and a moment close to Christ.

I am always amazed how the dynamics of Cursillo seem to seep into all aspects of our lives both the spiritual and the secular ends. In one of his letters, Bp Zubik even used our "three-legged stool" to illustrate the concept of Stewardship as a way of life.

The Cursillo method works and we need to truly "LIVE" our Cursillo. This is accomplished through regular awareness of our personal tripod of Piety, Study and Action, nurtured by regular attendance at Ultreyas and Group Reunions.

Ultreya,

Bob Varick

P.S. There is a new October 2007 national mailing on the national website. Please check it out. The mailing clearly states the importance of School of Leaders in conjunction with the Secretariat. Visit:

www.cursillo.org/news

I particularly liked the line: "Cursillo is not to feed people but to make them hungry for God." WOW!



Congratulations St. Nicholas Cursillistas

St. Nicholas Parish in Freedom celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Cursillo in their Parish at an Ultreya held on September 8, 2007. Of the 107 Parishioners that have attended Cursillo, 51 attended (12 are deceased.) They began with Mass at 4PM followed by a Cocktail Hour and Candlelight Spaghetti Dinner. The night included a great program of stories, a "Getting to Know You" Game, a Top 10 List, and a MOP Skit to cover expenses.

All of us in the Diocese congratulate St. Nicholas and admire all they have accomplished in making Cursillo a part of the fiber of their Parish!



Men's Cursillo #206 – October 25, 26, 27, 28, 2007
Holy Cross - Kaukauna

TEAM

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Rector: Elaine Diedrick
766-9083

Vice Rector: Joan Van Eperen
788-6417

Spiritual Director: Fr. Willie VandeLoo
338-1113
Fr. Marty Fox
766-3773

Proctors: Julie Nelessen (Kitchen) 788-6020
Nancy Bassett (Music) 788-0304
Sara Tess 731-9675
Jill Heacock 687-0430

Set Up: Vic Vosters
Wed. - 6:30PM 734-1249

Thursday Night: Sue Rothlesberger
759-2054

Friday: Julie & Al Huss
Breakfast 7:45 788-8847
Lunch 12:30
Dinner 6:00

Saturday: Pete & Mary Arts
Breakfast 7:00 788-4608
Agape 1:30
Dinner 6:15

Sunday: Amy & Tom Michaels
532-0318
Breakfast 7:35
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

Clean Up: 5:00 Gino Frassetto
273-1894

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #206 Palanca
Holy Cross Parish
309 Desnoyer Street
Kaukauna, WI 54130

Serenade: 6:00 PM - Look For Signs
Emergency Phones: 920-419-2760 or 428-6417

Directions: From US 41 take Hwy 55 (Exit #148). Go south on 55. Hwy 55 will turn right after 9/10 of a mile. Go approximately 1/2 mile and turn right on Sarah Street (past McDonald's). Holy Cross is one block down. From Hwy 10 south of Kaukauna, take Hwy 55 North, cross bridge and go 1-2 blocks and then turn left on Sarah St.



Candidates *Parish* *Candidates* *Parish*

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 ☼



A Moment Close to Christ: Tom Kindler with Luiza Larcher at her home in Jacarezinho, Brazil.

DAY OF ENRICHMENT (For all Cursillistas)

We are excited to share the second annual “Day of Enrichment”. It is being planned just for YOU and will be held at:

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay - Bishop Wycislo Center

Saturday, February 2, 2008 - Cost: \$12.00 per person - Registration from 8:30 to 8:45

The Program starts promptly at 9:00 am, with opening prayer. There will be talks shared by three laypersons. We will be celebrating Mass at the cathedral, with a box lunch to follow. The final talk, by our Spiritual Director, will end at 2:00 pm.

We ask for all to pray over attending this event. Please allow the Holy Spirit to touch each of our hearts in a very special way, guiding us to make room in our busy schedules to be present and to share in this special day. We hope you can come and celebrate with us!

Please clip and return the following registration form by January 18, 2008, and return it to the address below. Make all checks payable to “Cursillo in Christianity”. We will take care of getting them to the Secretariat Treasurer, Tom Boettcher.

**Cursillos in Christianity
P.O. Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140**



Registration Form for “Day of Enrichment”

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____

of People Attending: _____