

Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

September, 2007



“Was Noah a Fisherman?”

Spiritual Director’s Comments

A Sunday school teacher asked, “Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the ark?” “No,” he blurted back, “How could he, with just two worms?”

Cursillo is all about deepening our understanding of the sacred elements of our faith—the Scriptures, the Church, the sacraments. It is also about deepening our relationship with the God who created, saved, and empowered us. Those two worms (faith and knowledge) are the bait God uses to draw us into the mystery of living life to the fullest. And wasn’t it at the three-day Cursillo that we fell—hook, line, and sinker—for what God has in store for those who live their faith? Now it’s the Fourth Day and we strive, through encouraging words and joyful example to bring others to that same ark, the ark of the covenant-relationship God has with all people.

We celebrate the team and the candidates for the upcoming Cursillo; we have prayed; we are doing palanca; we will invite the babe-chicks to Ultreyas and group reunions. And the Cursillo community grows, and God is praised, and the world becomes more aligned with God’s kingdom each day. To be an integral part of that transformation is a gift from God for which we are eternally grateful. And perhaps, just like Noah and his wife, it is grateful hearts that most distinguishes us from those who were too preoccupied to board the ark. Cursillo doesn’t lead us to look down on those who have not said *yes* to the three-day event; it simply leads us to great gratitude for the courage it took to get involved, for the person(s) who led us there, and for the grace of God that continues to refine our understanding and deepen our faith. May these babe-chicks emerge with grateful hearts as well and know our loving support along the entire journey!

DeColores, Fr. Dave Pleier

Newsletter Costs

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the cost of printing and mailing this great tool of communication is quite expensive – the last one rang in at \$949! Through prayer and the generous support of our cursillo community we always seem to come up with the necessary funds, for which we are always thankful.

We would *also* like to thank everyone who has responded to our request to read their newsletter on line – the response has been tremendous! Hopefully you have had a chance to go the Cursillo web site to see how easy it is to access the newsletter from there. If you haven’t sent a request to be on the “do not mail” list you may still do so; simply send a request to Julie Huss, the newsletter coordinator, at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com or by mail at: Cursillo in Christianity, P.O. Box 184, Little Chute, WI 54140. Please include your name and e-mail address. When a newsletter is ready for viewing we will notify you via e-mail so you can go to the website to view it. In order to protect the privacy of candidates they will not be listed on the website newsletter, this list will be available via a separate e-mail

Anyone receiving duplicate issues, unwanted issues, has had a change of address etc should also notify Julie Huss to have the situation corrected. With the help of all Cursillistas, we are hopeful that we can greatly reduce the cost of mailing our newsletter. The web site is: www.cursillo.org/Greenbay



Important Upcoming Dates

Men’s Cursillo #205
September 27-30, 2007
St. John - Menasha

Women’s Cursillo #206
October 25-28, 2007
Holy Cross - Kaukauna





A Moment Close to Christ

We were told that our 24 year old daughter, Alena, who was this close to getting the much awaited bone marrow transplant, had run out of time due to the numerous setbacks she had encountered. As our emotions went from fear to extreme sadness to anger at God, Alena told us that she wanted to see a priest. The hospital staff sent for Fr. Diego, the hospital Catholic priest. Alena, who had not been a practicing Catholic for a few years, was given the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Afterwards, we participated in the Sacrament of Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick (Healing). During these two Sacraments I noticed a calm about Alena that could only be described as peacefulness. After Fr. Diego left I asked Alena how she felt about what she had just experienced. She told me that she was at peace with God, and that she wasn't afraid of dying anymore. With tears in my eyes I felt a warmth that I knew was the comforting hands of God wrapped around us. Alena was in a state of Grace that you and I can only dream about.

Mike Giffin once said, "We live in a forest of moments close to Christ every day. We just need to see the forest for the trees." Since early Sunday morning of Cursillo #203, I have been in that forest, and now I have seen the forest for the trees through my daughter's peaceful eyes.

DeColores, Gino Frassetto

Editors Note: It is with sorrow and joy that we report the passing of Alena Frassetto.



SCHOOL OF LEADERS

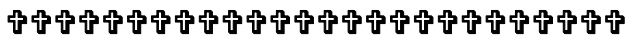
Just like your kid's school, we will start again with the School of Leaders in September.

In response to the comments on the questionnaire, we are trying to make the sessions more convenient for people. The sessions on the first Tuesday of each month will move from Kaukauna to St. Bernard's in Appleton in the Janssen Center. It will start at 7pm and last until 8:30.

The sessions in Green Bay will remain at St Elizabeth Ann Seton parish on the third Tuesday of each month, but the starting time has been changed to 7pm. The agenda for each session will consist of 3 parts:

1. Group reunion
2. Review the new revised Cursillo manual. Each month will focus on one of the rollos(talks) from the Cursillo weekend. We will try to have someone present who has given that rollo.
3. A discussion about the life of a saint or a 'modern saintly person' and how that person used the tools of piety, study and action in his or her life.

Jane Varick



Lay Director's Message

At the end of June, Jane & I attended the Cursillo National Encounter in Arlington Texas. The event was neither a "convention" nor a "meeting" but truly, as the name implies, an "encounter" with our Lord and 800+ Cursillistas gathered together with the focus of the theme "God is Love". Since this is the 50th anniversary of the Cursillo Movement in the United States, we added a pilgrimage to Waco to St. Francis Church, the site of the first Cursillo. In Waco, we had an Ultreya and witness talks by 6 of the original Cursillistas, who lived their Cursillo 50 years ago. Very Powerful!

At one of the meals we happen to dine with our Regional V coordinator and I mentioned that in Green Bay we are blessed with 11 active Ultreyas with attendance growing. She later asked if I would prepare a presentation about Ultreyas at the next regional meeting, which I will be doing on September 22nd in Hammond, Indiana. Cursillistas in Green Bay Diocese are to be congratulated on their commitment to their 4th Day through Ultreyas and Group Reunions. This is only possible because of your continued support and attendance. There are Ultreyas held regularly throughout the diocese and lists are available on the website as well as at all the closings. Let's continue to be a model for the Cursillo Movement.

Go Forth, Bob Varick



We Need Help Finding Pictures

Our Cursillo Historians have worked hard to put together information and pictures on all past Cursillos. They need our help in finding information on two Cursillos from the 1980's. The information needed includes:

Men's Cursillo #96, February, 1981 at St Charles Parish. Lena – We Need a Picture

Women's Cursillo #112, March, 1984 at St. Boniface Parish – DePere

We need a Picture, Roster and Team Roster

Please contact Vonnie Giffin at 920-739-8334 or e-mail address vlgiffin@yahoo.com for any of the information needed. We'll make sure your originals are returned to you right away.





Men's Cursillo #205 – September 27, 28, 29, 30, 2007
St. John the Baptist - Menasha

TEAM

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Rector: **Tom Mullins**
734-0124

Vice Rector: **Ken Vande Hey**
788-4662

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Dick Klingeisen**
320-3217
Fr. Jack Mullarkey
364-9218

Proctors: **Kevin Weber** (Kitchen) 915-0330
Mark Mullins (Computer) 498-1327
John Kellner 493-0914
Mark Griffin (Music) 751-0875
Brian Keliher 233-9807

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #205 Palanca
St. John the Baptist
625 Fifth St
Menasha, WI 54952

Serenade: **6:00 PM - Look For Signs**
Emergency Phones: 920-915-0330

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

Thursday Night: **Kevin Weber**
915-0330

Friday: **Jim & Jean Beatty**
Breakfast 7:45 766-1135
Lunch 12:30
Dinner 6:00

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

Sunday: **Jim & Kris Newhouse**
788-1921
Breakfast 7:35
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

Clean Up: **5:00 Gino Frassetto**
968-5199

Directions: Hwy 41 North or South to 441 East over river to Racine St. Turn right on Racine to 5th St. Turn left on 5th St 2 blocks to the corner or 5th and DePere.



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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 ✻

**CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY
P.O. BOX 186
LITTLE CHUTE, WI 54140**

Mailbox for Palanca

If you have palanca to drop off during the weekend you can now put it in the secure mail box attached to the front of the cursillo trailer which will be parked outside the church hosting the weekend.

Day of Enrichment

We will have more information in the next newsletter about the next Day of Enrichment. Last year's was such a wonderful experience; we are hoping that many cursillistas will be able to take advantage of this 4th day experience.