

Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

April, 2008



“A Woman Without Her Man is Nothing?”

Spiritual Director’s Comments

An English professor wrote the words ‘A woman without her man is nothing’ on the chalkboard and asked his students to punctuate it correctly. All of the males in the class wrote. “A woman, without her man, is nothing.” All of the females in the class wrote, “A woman: without her, man is nothing.”

So often in life, people view the same reality from a very different perspective and come up with a very different meaning to life, as it unfolds. For many of us, Cursillo was God’s way of punctuating our lives to give them greater meaning. We look at our journey up to this point in a different light and we look forward to the future with greater confidence and hope. God was just as present in our lives before Cursillo; it’s just that, in our Fourth Day, we are so much more profoundly aware of that presence. And so we trust that God will become more fully alive in the hearts and souls of those babe-chicks that had the courage to say yes to the call and in our lives as well as we do palanca and live in God’s grace.

Spring is such a beautiful time of the year for us in the northern hemisphere; just as we were beginning to think the snow would never melt, the 50-degree temperatures returned and voila, it’s gone. Before that happened, however, the robins returned. Their songs of joy are not tempered by the size of the snow piles. They know in their hearts that spring is here and give witness to that reality in all kinds of weather. We, too, witness to the resurrection even in the darkest of days and the coldest of moments. It’s who we are—believers in the risen Christ. May these days of resurrection and our Easter songs tell the world that life is to be celebrated, not endured. The three-day Cursillo is not an endurance test, but a celebration. May all of us give thanks to God for all that Cursillo means to so many throughout the world.

Easter Blessings,

Fr. Dave Pleier

The Question of Palanca A Short Course

Almost three years ago I offered the National’s response to the question of what is or is not considered a Palanca. This response comes directly from the “Leaders Manual”. It is a very specific identification of what authentic Palanca is meant to be without all the ‘trimmings’.

Question #26: Are banners, love notes, flowers and cookies Palanca?

Not really. Palanca is basically the prayers and sacrifices we make for someone or something. Prayers and self-denial are Palanca. The others, while they may have the name Palanca are not.

“A good yardstick of a Diocesan Movement is its attitude toward Palanca, its overall focus on it, and how the spirit of it is incorporated in the lives of the spiritual advisors and lay leaders. In this regard, a concern for developing a spirit of prayer and self-denial should be the overriding factor. Within the Movement, we must be vigilant that the term Palanca not be misunderstood and abused so that incidental trimmings overshadow its interior call and meaning. Colorful posters and banners are not Palanca, neither are flowers, edibles, and friendship letters of good wishes. This is false Palanca under the guise of “nice things”. Prayer and self denial are not “nice things” but they are more effective in securing God’s grace.”

(Leader’s Manual, pg 105)

In short, the written Palanca letter is meant to tell the candidate or team member what you are doing through prayer and sacrifice to help make the weekend a success. It is the pouring out of prayer and support rather than the “packaging” that makes Palanca such a meaningful experience.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Denor, Palanca Chair





Lay Director's Message

National Cursillo has asked that all diocesan movements use the term Rollo (pronounced ROY – OO) for the talks, speeches, presentations, etc. that are used on the weekends.

Why should we do this you might ask? Well, National Cursillo has done a self-examination and has decided that we need to keep the movement as authentic as possible like it was when it was started 50 years ago. The focus (tripod) Rollos, were more correct as originally used, i.e. "Piety" leads to Holiness, "Study" leads to Formation and "Action" leads to Evangelization. (Side note: we used Holiness, Formation and Evangelization for about 10 years)

Upon further examination it was determined that Rollo would be a more appropriate title for the presentations on the weekend. Whether Rollo is indeed a real Spanish word or not, Rollo was used originally and its meaning was "A LIVED EXPERIENCE". We really don't MAKE a Cursillo, we indeed "LIVE" a Cursillo weekend and continue to "LIVE" our Cursillo into our 4th day. It only makes sense that the TEAM on the weekend must be "LIVING" their Cursillo and present a "LIVED" experience in their presentation.

So as we live our Cursillo into our 4th days through Group Reunions, Ultreyas, and School of Leaders, we become better equipped to share our Cursillo as team for the weekends. It's as simple as that.

**Ultreya,
Bob Varick, Lay Director**



School of Leaders

First of all, a joyful welcome to our new "babe chicks" from Cursillo #207 who are receiving this newsletter for the first time! I'm sure that all of you saw comments in your palanca letters to "have a great Fourth Day!" Well, everyday from now on is your Fourth Day. Now we are all living our Post Cursillo, and we're called to make our Fourth Day great by living the gospel through our piety, study, and action. It's not unusual to come away from any Christian retreat or seminar with a "spiritual high". What's unique about Cursillo is that the 3-Day weekend

encounter with Christ is just the beginning, not the end, and there are several opportunities to ensure that all Cursillistas have a great Fourth Day.

Being active in a small group reunion and attending Ultreyas are vital components of our Fourth Day. So is the School of Leaders. We are all called to be leaders in the environments we live in, and the School of Leaders is one mechanism we have in Cursillo to help us grow as Christian leaders. The School of Leaders also helps sustain the Cursillo Movement by helping us gain a better understanding the Cursillo movement, methods, and ideas.

The "Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement" describes the School of Leaders as follows:

"The School is an instrument of apostolic outreach to people who have lived the experience of a Cursillo weekend. It helps them discover, accept, and grow in their vocations, bringing them together so that together they can take on the responsibility of being leaders in the Church, in the Movement and in their respective secular environments." (FI #532) The School of leaders is a School of holiness; a school of community and a school of formation. The School is to the Ultreya what the team is to the 3-Day weekend. "Just as the team is what makes the Cursillo weekend possible, it is also a team that makes the Postcursillo possible." (FI #513)

All Cursillistas are invited to attend the School of Leaders. Each month we have two options for the School of Leaders in the Green Bay Diocese. You are welcome to attend the School of Leaders meeting at either St. Bernard's - Appleton on the first Tuesday of the month, or St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Green Bay on the third Tuesday of the month, both beginning at 7:00 pm. and ending by 8:30 pm.

We hope to see you there... especially our newest "babe chicks!" De Colores!

**Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Mullins**





Women's Cursillo #208 – April 24, 25, 26, & 27, 2008
St. Mary's - Menasha

TEAM

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Rector: Jane Varick
427-7375

Vice Rector: Vonnie Giffin
739-8334

Spiritual Director: Fr. Dennis Ryan

Asst. Spiritual Director: Dc. Gib Schmidt
733-4882

Proctors: Joan Van Eperen (Kitchen) 428-6417
Cindy Van Asten 759-9983
Louise Springer 277-4908
Lisa Eash 997-8005

Set Up: April 23
Wed. – 5:00PM

Thursday Night:

Friday:
Breakfast 7:45 740-8515
Lunch 12:30
Dinner 6:00

Saturday:
Breakfast 7:00 788-6417
Agape 1:30
Dinner 6:15

Vic Vosters
734-8499

Gino Frassetto
968-5199

Mary & Larry Putzstuck
730-9270

Sandy Scheibe

Dave Van Eperen

Connie Zirbel
766-0089

Breakfast 8:30
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

Gino Frassetto
968-5199

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #208 Palanca
St. Mary's Parish
528 2nd Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Serenade: 6:00 PM - Look For Signs
Emergency Phones: 920-428-6417 or 213-6866

Sunday: Connie Zirbel
766-0089

Breakfast 8:30
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

Clean Up: 5:00 Gino Frassetto
968-5199

Directions: From the North: Hwy 41 South to 441 South. Take Racine Street South – County P Exit. Slight right onto Racine Street, turn left onto 2nd Street. From the South: Hwy 41 North to 441 North & Hwy 10 East, Exit on Racine Street – County P to Left on 2nd Street. ***NOTE*** Palanca Chapel Entrance is off 2nd Street – Kitchen Entrance is off 3rd Street

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

We Regret to Announce...

Our Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Movement memorializes Cursillistas that have died. With this in mind, a Mass will be said for Gene Rameker who died on April 4, 2008. Please be sure to notify a Secretariat Member when you learn of a deceased Cursillista.

How are You Reading This?

The newsletter has now been available on the Cursillo website for several editions and it seems to be working quite well. For those of you still receiving your newsletter by snail mail, if you would be willing to switch to reading your newsletter on line and saving Cursillo money on postage, please send a note or e-mail to Julie Huss, newsletter coordinator. Your name will be added to the e-mail list and you will be notified when a new newsletter is available for viewing on the web site. You will also receive updates on candidate additions or changes. Send your request to Julie Huss, c/o Cursillo in Christianity, PO Box 184, Little Chute, WI 54140 or to ajatjhuss@new.rr.com.

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