

Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

November, 2008



“You’ve Gotta Love Frank!!!” **Spiritual Director’s Comments**

Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her arrogance but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new parish member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told Frank (and several others) that everyone seeing it there would know exactly what he was doing. Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing. Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house, walked home, and left it there all night!!! (You've gotta love Frank!)

I'm reminded of the poster of years ago, "If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" Does the world know, by what we say and do, that we are disciples of Jesus Christ? Do our actions give it away? Is the cross of Christ parked in front of the homes of our souls?

Cursillo truly strengthens our resolve to be more public in our witness to our faith. It certainly gives us the courage to give more authentic witness to what we believe. And the community that comes to life through Cursillo enables us to walk and work together for the building up of God's kingdom. What great joy there is in knowing that no one is alone in making Christ the center--we are joined at the heart.

As another band of disciples take the bold step of plunging into the Cursillo process, many of them join their husbands in experiencing the power of the Spirit; all of them join the Cursillo community of friends and family that are living



their fourth day. May that reality so inspire our new Cursillistas that they, too, will rejoice at the invitation to join us and together with thousands before them, to show the world that being disciples of the Lord is not a private matter, but a matter for the world to see!

DeColores, Fr. Dave Pleier



The Fountain of Youth?

“The excitement of learning separates youth from old age. As long as you're learning you're not old.”

-- Rosalyn S. Yalow – 1977 Nobel Prize in Medicine

Maybe it's not a fountain of youth, but participating in the Cursillo School of Leaders may be one way to keep you young in spirit! All Cursillistas are invited to join us each month for an evening of sharing and learning which includes a group reunion, studying the Rollos from the revised manual, and reviewing the book, *Reaching Jesus, Five Steps to a Fuller Life*, by Father David Knight.

Father David Knight has a number of writings that are referenced in the Cursillo manual, and his latest book is a guide to five choices that are essential to our commitment to follow Jesus Christ. The first step is the choice to be a Christian, which means we must die to false hopes and saviors, and instead rise to Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

This first step ties nicely with the Cursillo method of choosing a Christian ideal. Remember the question at the end of the Ideals Rollo? *Where are your thoughts?... what do you think about most often? There you will discover your ideal.*

Copies of this book are available for \$7.00 at Closings and at the School of Leaders. The School of Leaders meets on the first Tuesday of the month at St. John's in Little Chute (Room 11), and on the third Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Green Bay. They both start at 7:00 PM. If you're not able to attend, we still recommend the book, and you can also help via your palanca. Whatever you choose to do, keep learning (*study*) and stay young in spirit!

Respectfully Submitted, Mark Mullins



Lay Director's Message
National Encounter

Cursillo has returned to the original words for the 4th day focus of Piety, which leads to Holiness, Study which leads to Formation and Action which leads to Evangelization. On the weekend we have the word Rollo (Roy-o) which is a "lived" experience as opposed to someone just giving a speech, presentation, talk, etc. The presenters must be living their Cursillo.

Once a year our Cursillo movement holds a National Encounter. This event is not merely a convention but truly is an "encounter" as we gather with other Cursillistas from all over the country to meet, to pray, to share our faith, to learn and also to have fun. Last summer my wife Jane and I traveled to Washington DC for the 2008 Encounter at the Catholic University with 650 (that was the capacity of the lecture room) other Cursillistas. In 2007 we gathered in Arlington and celebrated the 50th anniversary of Cursillo visiting where it began in Waco Texas. In 2006 we gathered in Philadelphia where we first experienced the "encounter". Note that we do personally pay for these encounters, our donation to Cursillo. On a smaller scale, we also have participated in local Regional Encounters.

At one of the sessions at the National Encounter, Cef Aguillion Jr., the National English Coordinator addressed the 3 encounters that occur on the Cursillo weekend. If we look at an overview of the weekend, we can easily recognize the three encounters with Christ, ourselves and others. At the last Regional Encounter Linda, the Lay Director of Saginaw MI, suggest that we remember the joy of the weekend with the acronym JOY, the encounter with Jesus, Others, and Yourselves.

GO FORTH in Piety >> Holiness; Study >> Formation; and Action >> Evangelization.(notice the "angel" in Ev angel ization)

Ultreya,
Bob Varick, Lay Director



Will You Help Sponsor the Newsletter?

The elections are over - thank goodness, and so are all of the political phone calls asking for our support. Yeah!

Now it's *my* turn to ask for your support - for our newsletter. We have had a few generous people come forward offering to help sponsor our newsletter, but we could still use more help. We are looking for a total of 20 people to donate \$250 to sponsor newsletter printing and mailing for one year. If \$250 is more than you can afford at this time, perhaps you could go together with a friend or two to co-sponsor a space. Whatever you feel you could do to help will be a great help. We will reserve space on the newsletter, kind of like the back of your church bulletin, for you to place your company logo, well wishes or whatever you would like to share with the Cursillo community to show your support.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help and get in touch with me via e-mail at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com or call at 920-788-8847. I look forward to hearing from you!

DeColores! Julie Huss



Fr. Dave to Holy Land

Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Spiritual Director Fr. Dave Pleier is leading a pilgrimage to Egypt and the Holy Land November 3-15, 2009. If anyone is interested in participating in this wonderful opportunity to walk in the footsteps of both Moses and Jesus, please contact him at 920/468-4811 or e-mail him at dave@stbernardcong.org.



Reminders

* Address Changes for the Newsletter can go directly to Julie Huss via e-mail at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com or call at 920-788-8847.

** When dropping Candidates off for their Cursillo experience keep in mind that Team Members need to get to know Babe Chicks and there is precious little time to accomplish this. Please say "Good Bye" quickly. Thanks for your continued help!



Women's Cursillo #210 – November 20, 21, 22, & 23, 2008
Sacred Heart-Appleton

TEAM

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Rector: Cathy Lindsay
426-0215

Vice Rector: Marlene Buboltz
336-3846

Spiritual Director: Fr. Dave Pleier
468-4811

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788-6417

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Diane Diedrich 380-9335
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Connie Conrad 236-2546

Set Up: Nov. 20
Thurs. – 3:00PM Vic Vosters
734-1249

Thursday Night: Gino Frassetto
968-5199

Friday: Lucille Kempen
687-1284

Breakfast Jean & Jim Beatty
7:45 766-1135

Lunch 12:30

Dinner 6:00

Saturday: Harriette Janssen

Breakfast 7:00 336-7077

Agape 1:30

Dinner 6:15

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #210 Palanca
Sacred Heart
222 E. Fremont
Appleton, WI 54915

Sunday: Jane Varick
733-0899

Breakfast 8:30

Lunch 12:00

Dinner 5:30

Serenade: 6:00 PM - Look For Signs

Clean Up: 5:00
Gino Frassetto
968-5199

Emergency Phones: 920-246-8345

Directions: From North and South: Take Hwy 41 to 441; 441 to Oneida St., North on Oneida St. to Fremont. Right (East) on Fremont.
From East-Take Hwy 10 West to Oneida St, Right (North) on Oneida St. to Fremont St. Right (East) on Fremont.



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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Important Date to Remember!

Cursillo Day of Enrichment - January 31, 2009

A Prayer to Share

Babe Chick Charlie Stangel shared the following prayer at his Cursillo Closing. As a reminder to those who were there, and especially for those of us who could not attend, we share it here...

Dear Lord Jesus:

***I learned long ago, through the gift of my wife and children,
about my souls infinite capacity for love.***

***Thank you Lord for now revealing to me,
through the fellowship of my brothers and in the presence of the Holy Spirit,
my soul's infinite capacity for grace.***

***Please Jesus grant me the strength, wisdom, and courage I need
to do your work, to be your voice, and to tell your truth in this world.***

In your name Lord Jesus Christ, Amen