

Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

April, 2009



“All Done With Loving Hearts” **Spiritual Director’s Comments**

A couple went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "seniors' special" was two eggs, bacon, hash browns, and toast for \$1.99. "Sounds good," the woman said, "but I don't want the eggs." "Then I'll have to charge you \$2.79 because you're ordering a la carte." "You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?" she asked incredulously. "Yes," said the waitress. "I'll take the special then," the woman replied. "How do you want your eggs?" the waitress asked. "Raw and in the shell," the lady replied. She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

The wit and wisdom of that woman illustrates the need for creativity in every area of our lives. From world economic problems to family issues to evangelization, creative minds are in high demand. Beyond that creativity, of course, there is an accompanying need for compassionate hearts. Creativity without compassion can be self-serving; compassion without creativity never teaches the hungry person how to fish.

Cursillo works because it is a combination of both. Much thought and diligent planning goes into each weekend, but it is all done with loving hearts. Fourth day opportunities are an ongoing part of the Cursillo process, but spontaneous acts of kindness are also integral to living the Cursillo. When it comes to palancas, some used tried and true sacrifices that have been done in the past; others come up with very creative ways of stretching their souls. Either way, it is the love with which palancas are done that touches hearts with the presence of God.

May the women on our next Cursillo know the love that we have for them through our prayer and palancas and in that process may the passionate love of God touch each and every heart!

De Colores,
Fr. Dave Pleier

Limited Time Only... Free!

It's interesting how we can get people's attention with a catchy phrase. (Ad agencies do this all the time) A while back, I needed to make sure everyone I sent a certain work-related email to actually opened it... I chose a subject line of "Free Beer." I heard back from a lot of people who told me that they were quick to open that particular email message.

For a limited time only... you can attend the Cursillo School of Leaders before we take our summer break. (We will not meet in June, July, or August)

Check your calendars. The School of Leaders will meet at St. John's in Little Chute (*Room 11*), on Tuesday April 7, and May 5. And, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Green Bay on Tuesday April 21 and May 19. At both locations, the meetings begin at 7 PM and end at 8:30 PM.

We will be completing the discussion of the book **Reaching Jesus – Five Steps to a Fuller Life** by Fr. David Knight, we'll have a group reunion, and we'll be discussing one of the rollos from the Cursillo weekend. Don't worry if you haven't read the book, you'll still enjoy participating in the discussion. Hope to see you there! Plus, **it's free!**

In closing, here's one more freebie... a quote from Mohandas Gandhi.

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow; learn as if you were to live forever."

Keep growing, keep learning, and make the most of your 4th day!

Respectfully,
Mark Mullins



Important Dates – Spanish Cursillos

Men #1 – April 30 – May 3, 2009

Women #2 – May 28 – 31, 2009

(More Dates to Remember on Back Page)





“... and Now, the End is Near...”
Lay Director’s Message

This is my last column as Lay Director. My term is up and in summer Bobbie Hoff will be the new Lay Director for the Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Green Bay.

My wife Jane and I have attended the last three National Encounters, at our own expense, and have met hundreds of Cursillistas. I have been to many Regional Cursillo meetings and both National and Regional have learned to know of the successes of Cursillo in the Diocese of Green Bay. Since 1965 Cursillo in Green Bay has been continually strong and active due to the commitment of the Cursillistas.

I am excited with being a part of the resurrection of Cursillo in the Spanish community and am thrilled by the many new friends in Christ that I have met in the Spanish community. Carol, she knows who she is, once stated that we are blessed with this wonderful gift of Cursillo from the Spanish community and it is time to “share it back”.

Recently I received an email from Cef Aguillon who is the National English Coordinator and he stated in that email, that he appreciates the Green Bay Cursillo Leaders’ commitment to safeguard the authenticity and integrity of the Cursillo Movement. The Cursillo Movement needs to follow the dynamics set up at that very first Cursillo in Spain knowing that these dynamics date back to the Apostles and early fathers of the church.

Although I will no longer be Lay Director, I will still be around as 4th day coordinator and through the Cursillo email prayer chain. Truly “living” a Cursillo is a lifelong commitment.

Ultreya,
Bob Varick, Lay Director



“In the Spotlight!”

Several months ago the Secretariat asked that those blessed by being a part of Cursillo consider a donation of \$250 to offset the cost of printing and mailing this Newsletter. This issue all of us at Cursillo thank:

Vosters Landscaping

We will continue to “Spotlight” a benefactor each issue. If you wish to be added to our growing list of donors please contact Julie Huss via e-mail at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com or call her at 920-788-8847.

Our Cursillo Crosses cost \$4.50 each and the 4th Day Books are \$3.50 each. In short, although we appreciate those who can afford \$250 we welcome donations of any size. These are tough economic times but there might be somebody out there that would feel good knowing they sponsored the cost of Crosses for a Cursillo. Please pray over the possibilities!



SPANISH CURSILLOS

The Spanish Community of the Diocese of Green Bay has scheduled upcoming weekends:

Men #1 – April 30 – May 3, 2009
Women #2 – May 28 – 31, 2009

Both weekends will be at St. Philip the Apostle – 312 Victoria St. – Green Bay, WI 54302-2818.

You may notice that these weekends are again numbered with #1 & #2. The Spanish Community along with National Cursillo has recommended that a separate School of Leaders and Secretariat be set up so the Spanish Cursillo is basically starting over. There is a commitment that weekends will be held regularly at least once per year. Fr Bill Hoffman has been appointed as Spiritual Director with a core leadership of Roberto Martinez, Miguel Gomez and Norma Chavez. The English Cursillo is continuing to be supportive to Spanish Cursillo.

Please take the time to pray Palanca for the weekends listed above. A General Palanca letter will be very important to the candidates on the weekend.





Women's Cursillo #212 – April 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2009
St. John's Parish – Little Chute

TEAM

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Rector: **Vonnie Giffin**
739-8334

Vice Rector: **Julie Huss**
788-8847

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Jack Mullarkey**
364-9218

Asst. Spiritual Director **Dcn. Bruce Corey**
788-2162

Proctors: **Cathy Kettner** (Kitchen) 739-2083
Mary Putzstuck 707-6464
Jill Hendricks 336-2108
Mary Vande Hey 788-9434

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #212 Palanca
St. John's Parish
323 Pine Street
Little Chute, WI 54140

Serenade: **6:00 PM - Look For Signs**
Emergency Phones: 920-213-6866 or 707-6464

Set Up: April 1 **Gino Frassetto**
Wed. – 6:00PM 968-5199

Thursday Night: **Joan Van Eperen**
788-6417

Friday: **Harriet Janssen**
Breakfast 7:45 788-9630
Lunch 12:30
Dinner 6:00

Saturday: **Betty Schwandt**
Breakfast 7:00 982-7781
Agape 1:30
Dinner 6:15

Sunday: **Shelly Vanness**
419-1460
Breakfast 8:30
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

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

Directions: From Hwy 41, take Hwy N exit in Little Chute. Go South on N. At stop light on N & OO continue straight south. Road becomes Depot Street. Go to Main Street and turn right. Go one block and turn left on Grand Avenue (stop light.) The main parking lot is on the left. The school is on the left just past the church.



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

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

Dates at a Glance

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND #212

April 2 – 5, 2009

At St. Johns Parish

323 Pine Street Little Chute, WI 54140-1854

MEN'S SPANISH CURSILLO #1

April 30 – May 3, 2009

At St. Philip the Apostle Parish 312 Victoria St. - Green Bay, WI 54302-2818

Rector: Serjio Sanchez (Regional Spanish Coordinator) Spiritual Director: Fr. Bill Hoffman

WOMEN'S SPANISH CURSILLO #2

May 28 - 31, 2009

At St. Philip the Apostle Parish 312 Victoria St. Green Bay, WI 54302-2818

Rector: Marielena Sanchez (Regional Spanish Coordinator) Spiritual Director: Fr. Bill Hoffman

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

April 7 and May 5 at St. Johns Little Chute

April 21 and May 19 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Green Bay