

Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

March, 2009



“Did Ya Know?”

Spiritual Director’s Comments

Did you know that: the "pound" key on your telephone (#) is called an octotroph?

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is a cat?

The dot over the letter *I* is called a tittle?

Honey is the only natural food that is made without destroying any kind of life?

The most common name in the world is Mohammed?

Chinese crested dogs can get acne?

The house fly hums in the middle octave key of *F*?

It is possible to go faster than the speed of light or slower than the speed of light but not the speed of light?

A cat's jaw cannot move sideways?

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur?

So much to learn, so much to digest! Some would call the above facts *trivia*, simply because the average person does not know them (or has forgotten them from fifth grade-are you smarter than a fifth grader?). On a far deeper level, some would call elements of faith trivial, perhaps because they have either forgotten or have never known how much God loves them.

Enter *Cursillo* to remind them of the breadth and depth of God's love. For some, it is a whole new revelation; for others, simply a reminder of what they once knew. For you and me, as we do *palanca* for the upcoming *Cursillo*, we are once again totally astounded by how much we have come to learn about the love of God since our three-day encounter. A spiritual writer once claimed that God is a verb, not a noun, because



inherent in the very essence of God is action; thus love, too, is a verb; thus *palanca* is action, as we do all that we can to remind our soon-to-be *cursillistas* that life lived in God's love is a wild ride, but one that never tires us out.

DeColores,

Fr. Dave Pleier



Reaching Jesus – Five Steps to a Fuller Life

This is the title of book by Father David Knight who has been a long time supporter of the Cursillo movement. It's also the book that we're discussing at our monthly School of Leaders meetings.

The first step is to choose to be **Christian**, to make Jesus Christ as Savior an active participant in everything we do. The second step is to choose to be a **Disciple**, to lead a life characterized by reflection on the message of Jesus. The third step is to choose to be a **Prophet**, to make everything in our lives and lifestyle bear witness to Christ. The fourth step is to choose to be a **Priest**, to mediate the life of God to others. And, the fifth step is to choose to be a **King**, to take responsibility for establishing the Kingdom of God.

The last three steps refer to our baptism when we were marked with oil as a sign that we are consecrated to God and anointed by the Holy Spirit. Our anointing was also a sign that we are joined to Christ and share in his threefold mission as prophet, priest, and king.

Even if you're not able to join us at the School of Leaders, I'd highly recommend the book. It's available in Catholic book stores or from Father David Knight's website at www.HisWay.com

With the season of Lent upon us, maybe one of those "extra" things you want to add to your personal list this year is to attend the School of Leaders. There are two opportunities per month. The School of Leaders will meet at St. John's in Little Chute (*Room 11*), on Tuesday March 3rd and April 7th.

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There will also be meetings at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Green Bay on Tuesday March 24th and April 21st. At both locations, the meetings begin at 7:00 PM and end at 8:30 PM.

In addition to completing our book review, we have a group reunion and a discussion of one of the rollos from the Cursillo weekend. Hope to see you there!

**Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Mullins**



Lay Director's Message
DeColores

A new Cursillistas, John, asked me to explain again just what this phrase De Colores is all about? I knew that it had something to do with being in the state of grace. De Colores is explained at all the weekends but with so much going on, sometimes it just doesn't seem to compute at the time.

At the January School of Leaders, Sandy Scheibe was doing the overview of the Environment Rollo and low and behold De Colores is explained right there in the introduction of the "sample" rollo:

"We have come, with the grace of God, to this third day of Cursillo and everything seems 'DeColores.' DeColores is the joyful expression of the Cursillista who lives in Grace. We call it DeColores, because just as when the light crosses a prism (Crystal) the seven colors of the rainbow are formed, thus the same way, when the light of the Grace of God crosses the prism of our soul, flooding it of supernatural light, our soul is adorned with the seven virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Therefore to all, 'DeColores'."

Now I will be able to explain DeColores to John and to any one else that just might want to know about our "secret" greeting.

**Ultreya,
Bob Varick, Lay Director**



Day of Enrichment – 2009

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20.

Actually, there were 112 Cursillistas who gathered together in His name on January 31, 2009, at the beautiful Cathedral in Green Bay for the third annual Day of Enrichment! It was a day to remember. Heartfelt and moving witness rollo's (talks) were delivered by Cursillistas ... both young and old ... topped off by the eloquence and wisdom of Fr. Willie Vande Loo who served as Spiritual Director. Of course, palanca for each speaker was going on "big time" behind the scenes.

Bishop Banks joined with Fr. Willie to celebrate Mass along with Cursillistas Deacon Paul and Deacon Nick. One of our own musically gifted Cursillistas, Mark Griffin, brought his talented musical group and the "Cathedral aisles were alive with the sound of music" during Mass!

If you couldn't make it this time, please come next year. Watch the newsletters announcing the date for the 2010 Day of Reflection and mark your calendars. You won't be disappointed ... the Holy Spirit never fails us! A GIANT thank you goes out to the chairmen and committee. Again, you did an awesome job. God Bless You!

**Submitted by
Bobbi Hoff**



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. Please say "Good Bye" quickly. Thanks for your continued help!

*** The Women's Cursillo comes up real soon... April 2. This means that the deadline for items for the April Newsletter is March 17, 2009. Get your submissions to Terry & Cindy Martz @ terrymartz@martzinsurance.com or fax 787-7333.





Men's Cursillo #211 – March 12, 13, 14, & 15
Holy Cross Parish - Kaukauna

TEAM

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Rector: Dave Scherer
982-3213

Vice Rector: Ken VandeHey
788-4662

Spiritual Director: Fr. Dick Klingeisen
684-3718

Asst. Spiritual Director Dcn. Ray Ambrosius
830-6828

Proctors: Jim VandeHey (Kitchen) 766-7447
Dave Vanden Heuvel 788-7170
Dave Neta 864-3365
Tom Mullins (Music) 734-0124

Set Up: March 12 Gino Frassetto
Thurs. – 3:00PM 968-5199

Thursday Night: Ron & Michele Biese
766-7788

Friday: Mike & Julie Nelessen
Breakfast 7:45 788-6020
Lunch 12:30
Dinner 6:00

Saturday: Jim & Kris Newhouse
Breakfast 7:00 788-1921
Agape 1:30
Dinner 6:15

Sunday: Mike & Kay Weins
989-2773
Breakfast 8:30
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

Clean Up: 5:00 Gino Frassetto
968-5199

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #211 Palanca
Holy Cross Parish
309 Desnoyer Street
Kaukauna, WI 54130

Serenade: 6:00 PM - Look For Signs
Emergency Phones: 920-213-1813 or 213-1182

Directions: From North and South: Take Hwy 41 to Hwy 55 exit. Head South into Kaukauna. Turn right on Sarah Street (by McDonalds.) Go 1 block and church is on the left.



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 184
Little Chute, WI 54140-0184

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Dates at a Glance

MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND #211

March 12-15, 2009

At Holy Cross Parish

309 Desnoyer St. Kaukauna, WI 54130-2103

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND #212

April 2 – 5, 2009

At St. John 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 at St. John Little Chute

March 24 & April 21 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Green Bay