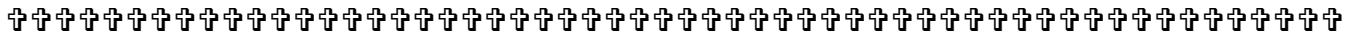


Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

October, 2009



“How to Get to Heaven from Ireland...” ***Spiritual Director’s Comments***

A Sunday school teacher was testing her class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. She asked them, “If I sold my house and my car, had a jumbo yard sale, and gave all my money to the Church, would that get me into heaven?” “No!” the children answered. If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the lawn and tended the garden, and kept everything tidy, would that get me into heaven?” Again, the answer was, “No!” “Well, then, if I were kind to animals and gave sweets to all the children and loved my husband, would that get me into heaven?” Once more, they all answered, “No!” She was beaming with pride as she continued, “Then how can I get into heaven?” A six year-old boy then shouted out, “You got to be jumpin’ dead!”

In a way, *Cursillo* is about getting into heaven. By deepening our faith in Jesus Christ, committing ourselves to journey together in the Church, and becoming persons with generous hearts and forgiving spirits, we say yes to the invitation of our God to live forever in the Kingdom. As *Cursillistas*, we will soon be doing *Palanca* for another group of chosen women to ensure their awareness that they are never alone, but are part of a large community of disciples. We pray and fast in order to encourage them to open their hearts a little wider to the joy that comes from acknowledging God’s love for them.

For some, this deepening awareness of God’s love is truly overwhelming; for others it is a mere whisper. People come from different places on their faith journeys and thus, their experience of the Spirit may be more or less intense. God knows, of course, the perfect time and place for these particular women to begin their life in *Cursillo* and gifts them with just the right amount of grace to touch their hearts. While we may observe, from the outside, seemingly varied degrees of enthusiasm and while we may try to quantify how much each one is has gotten out of the experience, God touches each soul with the precise strength or gentleness that each one needs. May our *Palanca* only assist Him in touching their hearts and may our faith in God’s love for each of us be deepened in the process!

DeColores, Fr. Dave Pleier



“Blessed are our Priests” ***Lay Director’s Comments***

This past summer, I re-read one of my favorite books entitled *Heaven in our Hands* authored by Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel. The underlying theme of the book is about our living and integrating the Beatitudes in our day-to-day lives. The book is a very good read, and I enjoyed it immensely the first time. The second reading was even more meaningful to me. *Heaven in our Hands* teaches as much as it inspires . . . kind of like when we “lived” our *Cursillo*. One-by-one the speakers taught us, and we grew in knowledge. The witnessing in the rollos (talks) given by team members inspired us, many times moving us to tears. During the sacraments talk, it became clear to us that God gave us a very special gift -- the grace of the sacraments to strengthen and sustain us in this life. Our chapel visits and the sharing with our table members tugged at our heart strings, and we slowly took down our walls enabling the Holy Spirit to awe and inspire. We were challenged to continue living our *Cursillo* through Group Reunions and Ultreyas, which help us to integrate the three legs of the tripod – piety, study and action – into our lives. For most *Cursillistas*, the *Cursillo* experience was a spiritual high and absolutely unforgettable. The Green Bay *Cursillo* Movement is alive and well!! Where would our Movement be were it not for the priests who gave and continue to dedicate their time, knowledge and spirituality to *Cursillo*? Pope Benedict XVI officially declared from June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010 to be the “Year of the Priest”. Perhaps one more “*Cursillo*-inspired’ beatitude???

Blessed are you, our priests, for you inspire and teach us. We could not experience the fullness of Cursillo without you.

DeColores, Bobbi Hoff



Important Date

Day of Enrichment – January, 30 2010
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay
(See Page 2 for Details!)



Fourth Day - Group Reunion

I want to share one of the reasons why my *Group Reunion* has become so important to me. We live in a world of negativism. Turn on the TV, read the paper or listen to the radio, people are always complaining. We complain about politics, weather, this and that, and even our church. My crotchety brother-in-law is constantly complaining about the food at his assisted living facility.

When I go to my Group Reunion, it isn't that way at all. We share our Piety, Study and Action. We talk about our prayer life. We share how we are learning more about our faith. We help each other in planning how we can become a better person. No one talks over the other. There is no pressure. We are all able to just be ourselves. What is the difference? Answer - We all have *Jesus Christ* in common.

The Group Reunion is the cornerstone of the Cursillo method. Group reunion turns the weekend into more than just a nice weekend experience. Would you be so kind as to share with me the importance of your Group Reunion in your life? Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need help in finding a group! **Bob Varick – 4th Day Committee Chair**
bvarick@new.rr.com - 920-733-0899



DAY OF ENRICHMENT (FOR ALL CURSILLISTAS)

The 4th annual “Day of Enrichment” is getting closer! Come and reunite with your fellow Cursillistas to rekindle the fire of the “Holy Spirit” in your hearts and persevere in your 4th Day. The “Day of Enrichment” provides fellowship, lay speakers and Mass celebrated by our Diocesan Spiritual Director, Fr. Dave Pleier. A box lunch will be served following Mass.

**Location: St. Francis Xavier Cathedral,
Green Bay (Bishop Wycislo Center)**

Date: January 30, 2010

Cost \$15.00 per person

Time: Registration is 8:30-8:45 a.m. and the program begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. with an opening prayer and closing at 2:00 p.m. The committee appreciates your prayers as they plan a very special day for *all* Cursillistas.

⇒***Go to Right for a Handy Registration Form***⇒

School is Back in Session!

The School of Leaders is off and running for another “school” year. We want to thank Fr. Dave Pleier for sharing his time and wisdom with us at our fall kick-off in September. It was a wonderful evening! Our first session was held on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish in Freedom. We discussed the first chapter in the book “Essentials of the Faith-A Guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church” by Fr. Alfred McBride. Whether you have read the book or not, you are always welcome to attend. Books can be purchased on Amazon.

The new format for this year is: 1) after an opening prayer-discussion of a chapter in the book, 2) a short presentation by a member(s) of the Secretariat discussing their role on the Secretariat, and, 3) group reunion and closing prayer.

School of Leaders is a great way to carry out your 4th day. It is a way to educate yourself about the Cursillo movement and grow in your faith. Being at School of Leaders does not guarantee that you will be asked to serve on a team, nor does it force you to be on a team, but if the possibility of serving on a team intrigues you, it's a great place to start!

Please prayerfully consider attending School of Leaders. We are so blessed to have such a vibrant Cursillo movement in our diocese, but the only way that can continue, is to have a well-attended School of Leaders.

Respectfully, Joan Van Eperen



Registration Form for “Day of Enrichment”

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

Attending: _____

**Send this registration & fee to:
Terry & Marlene Buboltz,
503 Acreview Drive, De Pere, WI 54115**

**Please make checks payable to
Cursillos in Christianity**

**Women's Cursillo #214 – October 29, 30, 31, Nov. 1, 2009
Most Precious Blood – New London**

TEAM

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Rector: **Bobbi Hoff**
337-0910

Vice Rector: **Elaine Diedrick**
766-9083

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Willie Vande Loo**
338-1113

Asst. Spiritual Director **Dcn. Steve Vande Hey**
850-8168

Proctors: **Kristen Russell** (Kitchen) 358-5150
Kris Gerhardt 739-7962

Cheri Bamrick 406-0058
Lori Froelich 468-8805

Set Up: **Vic Vosters**
Wed – 6:00 PM 734-1249

Thursday Night: **Lee & Sue Besaw**
982-4943

Friday: **Penny Gorniak**
989-3060
Breakfast 7:45
Lunch 12:30
Dinner 6:00

Saturday: **Chris Jacobson**
740-0054
Breakfast 7:00
Agape 1:30
Dinner 6:15

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #214 Palanca
P.O. Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

Sunday: **Bob & Jane Varrick**
733-0899
Breakfast 8:30
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

Clean Up: **Vic Vosters** 4:30
734-1249

Serenade: 6:00 PM - Look For Signs
Emergency Phones: 920-470-7581 or 920-327-9589

Directions: From South: (Oshkosh area) Hwy 45 to Business 45. Turn left on Business 45. Stay on Business 45 to Quincy. Turn left on Quincy and go until Pearl St. The Church is on corner of Quincy & Pearl. From South: (Appleton area) Hwy 15 becomes Business 45. Stay on Business 45 to Quincy. Turn left on Quincy and go until Pearl St. The Church is on the corner of Quincy & Pearl. From North: Business 45 into New London. Turn left by Dairy Queen onto Water St. Then turn right by the BP onto Pearl St. Go about 6 blocks. Church located on corner of Pearl & Quincy.



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 **or Phone: 920-733-0899**

**Day of Enrichment information
and registration inside!**

**Cursillo Mass of
Thanksgiving**

Relevant Radio will be offering a Mass of Thanksgiving for the gift of the Cursillo movement. There is an open invitation for anyone that would like to attend. It will be held:

November 23 at 11:30 AM at the Relevant Radio Headquarters. They are located at 2496 Bellevue St on the East Side of Green Bay.

Exciting News!

We are very pleased to let everyone know that we have purchased our own set of cursillo dishes! What this means is that we will be able to hold cursillo weekends at some parishes that had everything else needed except for dish-ware. We found them on a GREAT sale and got some really good rebates as well.