

# Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

## October, 2010



### “So Help Us God”

#### Spiritual Director’s Comments

*(Editor’s Note: Father Dave is on a well deserved vacation. With this in mind we went through some of his past penning and found one that we thought deserved a second look. If you have a very good memory, you will remember this from July, 2004.)*

I thought you might be interested in the following letter I received...

*Today I went to visit the new World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. and I got an unexpected history lesson. Since I’m a baby boomer, I was one of the youngest in the crowd. Most were the age of my parents, veterans of the “greatest war” with their families. It was a beautiful day and people were smiling and happy to be there. Hundreds of us milled around the memorial, reading the inspiring words of Ike and Truman that are engraved there.*

*On the Pacific side of the memorial, a group of us gathered to read the words President Roosevelt used to announce the attack on Pearl Harbor: “Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked.” One woman read the words aloud: “With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph” But as she read, she was suddenly angry. “Wait a minute,” she said, “they left out the end of the quote. They left out the most important part. Roosevelt said, **so help us God.***

*“You’re probably right,” her husband said, “We’re not supposed to say things like that now.” “I know I’m right,” she insisted. “I remember the speech.” The two shook their heads sadly and walked away.*

*The people who edited out that part of the speech when they engraved it on the memorial could have fooled me. I was born after the war. But they couldn’t fool the people who were there. Roosevelt’s words are engraved on their hearts.*

I share this with you as we begin a new season of **Cursillo** to say in words much more graphic than my own—*so help us God*. Help our families, our parish communities, our nation, our world. If we can no

longer publicly ask God for help, then let us fill our churches to ask for that help. May all that we hope to accomplish this year begin and end with our deepest gratitude for God’s ongoing help.

Love,

*Father Dave Pleier*

While preparing this Newsletter we are seeing lower than expected numbers of candidates. We as Cursillistas are called, now more than ever, to pray for our Movement and our fundamental belief in sharing the revelation and love we experienced when we made our Cursillos. Let’s all pray for the continuing courage to ask others to attend and that they are guided to respond with a yes, “**So Help Us God.**”

*Respectfully Submitted, Terry Martz, Editor*



### “A Prompting of the Holy Spirit”

#### Lay Director’s Comments

In my parish bulletin, our Associate Pastor wrote an article about Cardinal John Henry Newman and the fact that Pope Benedict beatified Cardinal Newman this past September 19th. I learned through the article that Blessed John Henry Newman’s faith was ignited when he was just 15 years old!!

Blessed John Henry Newman wrote the following words:

*God has created me to do Him some definite service...I have my mission...somehow I am necessary for His purposes...I have a part in this great work; I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught.*

As I read his words, I am immediately reminded of my Cursillo and everything I learned there about myself and my relationship with God. Most importantly, at my Cursillo I learned to recognize the prompting of the Holy Spirit within me and how to respond to the frequent tugs He makes at my heart. Wherever we live, whatever we are doing, somehow we are needed for God’s purposes. Isn’t it wonderful to be needed in such a beautiful way?

DeColores,

*Bobbie Hoff*





### **Day of Enrichment (For all Cursillistas)**

Our 5th annual "Day of Enrichment" is getting closer. Come and reunite with all your fellow cursillistas and rekindle the fire of the "Holy Spirit" in our hearts to continue on your 4th Day. The "Day of Enrichment" provides fellowship, lay speakers, Fr. Willie VandeLoo, and our Spiritual Director Fr. Dave Pleier, Mass, and a box lunch.

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

**Date:** February 12, 2011

**Cost:** \$17.00/person - Please make check to:

**Cursillo in Christianity**

**Mail to: Cursillo in Christianity, PO Box 184,  
Little Chute WI 54140**

**Time:** Registration 8:30 to 8:45A.M.

The program starts promptly at 9:00A.M. with an opening prayer.

Will conclude promptly at 2:00P.M.

We ask for your prayers in planning, in attending and in Thanksgiving for the opportunity for God's Graces.



## Registration Form for "Day of Enrichment"

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People  
Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Cursillo in Christianity  
PO Box 184, Little Chute WI 54140**



### **School Days**

School Days, school days, dear ole golden rule days; piety, study, and action, too-taught to a tune we can all relate to; sharing some time with special friends, hoping the evening never ends, and you are sure to learn a thing or two, if you attend the next session this year!

Remember that old tune? Well, just as school is important for the kids, it is equally as important for all of us trying to grow in our faith!

Our fall kick-off was held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, with Mike Ariens as our special guest. Thank you, Mike, for making it such a special evening and sharing your words of wisdom with us of what it was like to be part of Cursillo #1 and being so instrumental to the growth of the Cursillo movement in our diocese! Our second session was held on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. We are continuing to discuss chapters out of the book by Father Alfred McBride, "*Essentials of the Faith, A Guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*". It is a wonderful book that makes the Catechism less intimidating! This year, each month one of the facilitators will present a special topic related to Cursillo or our Catholic Faith. Watch the Cursillo prayer chain announcements for what next month's topic will be about!

We continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm. at St. Nicholas parish in Freedom. Our format is: (1) after an opening prayer, discussion of a chapter in the book, (2) a short presentation by one of the School of leader facilitators or a speaker they have brought in to discuss the topic they have chosen relating to Cursillo or our Catholic faith, (3) group reunion and closing prayer.

School of Leaders is a great way to carry out your 4<sup>th</sup> day. It is a way to learn 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*

**Women's Cursillo #218 – October 28, 29, 30, & 31, 2010  
Most Precious Blood Catholic Church – New London, WI**

**TEAM**

**Rector:** Julie Huss  
740-8847

**Vice Rector:** Joan Turner  
469-3407

**Spiritual Director:** Fr. Willie VandeLoo  
338-1113

**Asst. Spiritual Director:** Dcn. Mike Eash  
475-9504

**Proctors:** Chris Jacobson (Kitchen) 740-0054  
Mary Putzstuck 707-6464  
Pat Marx 733-8198  
Carol Miller 759-7484

**Palanca Address:** Attn: Cursillo #218 Palanca  
P.O. Box 184  
Little Chute, WI 54140

**DAY CHAIRPERSONS**

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

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

**Friday:** John Mocadlo  
982-0404  
Breakfast 7:45  
Lunch 12:30  
Dinner 6:00

**Saturday:** Steve & Ann Riehl  
982-2972  
Breakfast 7:00  
Agape 1:30  
Dinner 6:15

**Sunday:** Chris Drephal  
228-0400  
Breakfast 7:35  
Lunch 12:00  
Dinner 5:30

**Clean Up:** Vic Vosters 4:00

**Serenade: 6:00 PM - Look For Signs**

**Emergency Phones:** 475-5372 (Carol Miller) or 740-1555 (Pat Marx)

**Directions:** From Green Bay: 54 West to 45 South. North on Hwy 15 (Mill Street.) Turn Left on Washington Street & Church will be on the corner of Washington & Pearl. From Appleton: Highway 15 North into New London. Left on Washington to Pearl. From Neenah / Menasha / Oshkosh: Hwy 10 West to Hwy 45 North. Turn Left onto Hwy 15 then Left on Washington Street to Pearl.



<b><u>Candidate</u></b>	<b><u>Parish</u></b>	<b><u>Candidate</u></b>	<b><u>Parish</u></b>
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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](http://www.cursillo.org/Greenbay)  
To See an Updated List of Candidates Right Up to Cursillo E-Mail Bob Varick @ [bvarick@new.rr.com](mailto:bvarick@new.rr.com) or Phone: 920-733-0899

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*Secretariat News*

Recognizing that technology and cyber space have become vital communication tools, the Secretariat has added a “**Webmaster**” position to its roster. **Ryan Van Camp** is our new website “guru” who makes sure our weekend information, applications, newsletters and other pertinent information is uploaded and available on our website. Visit us at: <http://natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay/>. Welcome, Ryan, to the Secretariat and thank you for setting up our website and maintaining it. We truly mean it when we say, “We couldn’t have done it without you!!”



*Secretariat News Part II!*

We are looking for Cursillistas who are willing to be parish representatives for the Post-Cursillo Committee. This would involve a limited commitment to help spread the word of Cursillo at your home parish. We are hopefully going to try to get consistent information to as many parishes throughout the diocese as possible. Personal contact is the most important way we have people say yes to Cursillo. If you are interested, please give me a call at (920) 585-9620 or e-mail me at [thomas.gritton@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas.gritton@yahoo.com). Our next meeting will be on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 just before the closing of the women’s Cursillo at Most Precious Blood in New London. We will meet in the narthex of church.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Tom Gritton, Post-Cursillo Committee*



*Upcoming Cursillo Weekends*

Men's #219 February 17-20, 2011 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Pulaski  
Women's #220 March 31-April 3, 2011 at St. Joseph Middle School Campus - Appleton