

Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

September, 2010



“It Started With a Tap” ***Spiritual Director’s Comments***

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments, everything was silent in the cab. Then, the still shaking driver said, “Are you okay? I’m so sorry but you scared the daylights out of me.” The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn’t realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle the driver so badly. The driver replied, “No, no, I’m the one who is sorry. It’s entirely my fault. You see, today is my very first day driving a cab and for the last twenty-five years I’ve been driving a hearse.”

Most of us came to Cursillo through a tap on the shoulder (for some, it may have been a kick)—indirectly from God and directly from someone who loved us enough to ask us to share in the experience. Now it is our turn to tap someone else’s shoulder. Cursillo remains a vital force in our Church only when we continue to grow. Undoubtedly God smiles when that happens, but works through us to make it a reality.

Perhaps, both our Fourth Day commitments and our Palanca endeavors could focus around growing our community and, like the poor cab driver, may scare the dickens out of those we approach, but, eventually, they will be glad the tap on the shoulder occurred. Let us work together to build up the Cursillo family; let us work together to build up the kingdom of God!

DeColores,
Fr. Dave Pleier



Women’s Cursillo - October 28-31, 2010



“A Return to Busy Days” ***Lay Director’s Comments***

Our lazy summer days are ending as I write this article. I don’t know about you, but I always feel a bit more relaxed in the summer months. Now it’s time for “lazy days” to turn back to “busy days”!!

Both Fall Cursillo teams have recently formed and are meeting and preparing for the Men’s weekend scheduled for September 23-26 at “St. John’s” in Menasha and the Ladies weekend scheduled for October 28-31 at “Most Precious Blood” in New London. Our Locations Committee has also booked our sites for the Spring 2011 Cursillos! The Men’s weekend is set for February 17-21, 2011 at a beautiful new site “Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary” in Pulaski. The Ladies Cursillo is scheduled for March 31-April 3, 2011 at “St. Joseph Middle School Campus” in Appleton. It’s a good time for us to pray and search our hearts and then extend an invitation to one or more of our long-time or more recent friends to consider living out a Cursillo -- if not this year then perhaps in 2011!

While you are updating your calendars, I hope you will block off Saturday, February 12, 2011, for our annual Day of Reflection. This special day will give you an opportunity to reunite with your fellow Cursillistas and persevere in your Fourth Day while rekindling the fire of the “Holy Spirit” in your hearts. The “Day of Enrichment” agenda provides fellowship, lay speakers and beautiful music throughout the celebration of Mass. A box lunch is served following Mass. The committee is busy working out the particulars for this wonderful day. Watch for further details in our next newsletter.

In September, our School of Leaders begins meeting monthly again on the second Tuesday of the month at St. Nicholas Parish-Freedom. Further details about School of Leaders can be found separately in this newsletter. I urge you to deepen your knowledge of your faith and Cursillo by attending School of Leaders. You will love it!

DeColores,
Bobbie Hoff



Secretariat News

We are happy to announce that Dave Van Eperen has accepted a second term as Treasurer. We are grateful to have him continue keeping our “books in order.” New to the Secretariat is Donna Van Asten who has been added to our Kitchen committee. It is important to keep our candidates and team well fed throughout the weekends. This happens because of the planning, organizing and purchasing of our terrific Kitchen Committee. Welcome Donna!

The monthly Secretariat meeting is open for any Cursillista to attend. Our meetings also take place on the second Tuesday of the month at St. Nicholas Parish-Freedom. Leaders School has worked its schedule to accommodate the Secretariat members making it easy for us to catch a portion of Leaders School and then break away for our meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of the Secretariat members. A complete listing of Secretariat names and contact information can be found on our website. www.cursillo.org/Greenbay/



New Name – Great Cursillo Service!

The Public Relations Committee is now being called the Post-Cursillo Committee. The committee has been meeting over the last couple of months and had the first weekend introducing Cursillo to approximately 10 parishes in the diocese. We have started with the parishes of the committee members and are hoping that we can continue to add parishes to the list as time goes by. We have also created a personal invitation post card for the use of sponsors. The post cards will be available at the next closings. We have also attempted to reach out to Cursillistas who have not been involved over the last several years. We have also started to talk about the role of the sponsor in the Cursillo movement. We want to keep the personal invitation so the sponsors know and follow up with the persons they are sponsoring after the Cursillo weekend. Please look for a sponsor handbook at the next closing to read about your role as a sponsor. We hope others are willing to be parish representatives in the future. There will be more information at the closing or you can contact me @ 585-9620 or thomasgritton@yahoo.com.

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



Spanish Cursillo

“The Spanish Community had given us this wonderful gift of Cursillo and we need to share it back”

In 2001 the Secretariat was approached by Fr. Joe Mattern and Rudy Pineda to see what could be done to resurrect the Cursillo Movement in the Spanish Community. After much discussion, one of the members made the above statement and that has been our “motto” ever since. Men’s Spanish #1 and Women’s Spanish #2 were held in 1994-95 but became dormant. In May of 2003 a Men’s weekend was held, #188 (numbered within the English weekends) but no women’s. Rudy left his position at the diocese, and trying to remain true to our commitment, we pursued with Rudy’s replacement Carlos Hernandez. Although Carlos is not a Cursillista, he does realize the importance of Cursillo in the Spanish Community of the Green Bay diocese and with his help we were able to gather a core group. The Spanish Regional Coordinator was approached and a School of Leaders was formed, a Spanish Secretariat was formed and with the help of the Regional Coordinator and his wife, Men’s #1 and Women’s #2 weekends were held in the summer of 2009. This was followed by Men’s #3 and Women’s #4 weekends in summer of 2010. The regional coordinators Serjio and Marielena Sanchez traveled from Rockford, IL for team meetings and were Rectors for the 4 weekends. We are pleased to report that there are now **64 more Cursillistas** for Christ in the Spanish Community.

We are now at the point that future teams will come from the Green Bay diocese. There is one more very special person, Fr Bill Hoffman from St. Therese Parish in Appleton. Fr. Bill was instrumental in establishing the School of Leaders from which the Secretariat was formed. Fr. Bill accepted and was appointed by Bishop Ricken, the position of Spiritual Director of the Green Bay Spanish Cursillo Movement. Fr. Bill has given presentations at Regional sessions and he has been Spiritual Director on all four weekends. Please remember Fr. Bill and his mission in your daily prayers.

I have said that since I have begun working with the Spanish people, that they “Wear their Faith on their face”. Let us always see the face of Christ in ALL people and live up to our commitment to “SHARE IT BACK”.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Varick



Men's Cursillo #217 – September 23, 24, 25, & 26, 2010

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church - Menasha, WI

TEAM

Rector: Tom Gritton
585-9620

Vice Rector: Pat Hoslet
469-2800

Spiritual Director: Fr. Dennis Ryan
739-0331

Asst. Spiritual Director: Dcn. Ray Ambrosius
475-9504

Proctors: Mark Griffin (Music) 751-0875
Mike Weins (Kitchen) 475-6459
Ryan Van Camp 779-9226
Rick Mader 759-0824

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #217 Palanca
P.O. Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

Serenade: 6:00 PM - Look For Signs
Emergency Phones: 621-3719 or 585-9620

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Set Up: Vic Vosters
Wed – 7:30 PM 734-1249 or 734-8499

Thursday Night: Kay Weins
475-6460

Friday: Louise Springer
722-6063
Breakfast 7:45
Lunch 12:30
Dinner 6:00

Saturday: Larry & Jill Heacock
687-0430
Breakfast 7:00
Agape 1:30
Dinner 6:15

Sunday: Andy & Diane Pichette
406-6053
Breakfast 7:35
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

Clean Up: Vic Vosters 5:00

Directions: From US 41 South, get off on US 10 / Hwy 441 North. Exit on Appleton Road, follow Appleton Road south until it turns into DePere Street (Church is on corner of Depere and 5th.) From the North, get onto 441 South until Appleton Road Exit. Go south on Appleton Road until it turns into DePere Street (Church is on the corner of DePere and 5th.)



Candidate

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Who do you know that needs cursillo in their life? Talk to God about your friend before you talk to your friend about God, then get their application in! Pray for more men to say YES to Cursillo #217.

This List is Complete as of 09/13/2010 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 or Phone: 920-733-0899

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Make a New Year's Resolution!

It's a little early for New Year's Day, but we have officially kicked off a *new school year* for the Cursillo School of Leaders. So, now is the time to make a resolution to attend at least one School of Leader sessions between now and next May. All are welcome! That includes all you babe chicks as well.

Here's what you can look forward to... For the first 30 minutes, we will continue working through Fr. Alfred McBride's book, Essentials of the Faith – A Guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We'll cover one chapter and because the chapters are only a few pages long, we read it as a group which is helpful for those who didn't have time to read in advance or for those of you who may not have the book. Each chapter has some great questions for discussion and reflection. (*Note: This book is available from Amazon.com for about \$10.00*)

For the next 30 minutes, we'll have a special topic and/or speaker focused on the workings of Cursillo or our Catholic faith. If there is a topic you want to hear about, let us know in advance and we'll do our best to make it a part of one of our sessions.

For the final 30 minutes, we have a group reunion where you'll have a chance to share your thoughts, experiences, and challenges with fellow Cursillistas. In addition to great information, sharing, and fellowship, we also have refreshments and snacks! What's not to like about that?

We meet at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at **St. Nicholas School in Freedom**. For this school year, we will be meeting on September 14, October 12, and November 9, 2010; and on the second Tuesday in January through May in 2011. Make a note in your calendar and plan to attend... you'll be happy you did!

Respectfully, Mark Mullins