

# *Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter*

## *October, 2011*



### *“How Can I Keep Fishing?” Spiritual Director’s Comments*

A Sunday school teacher asked Joey if he thought Noah did a lot of fishing while he was on the ark. Joey thought for a moment and replied, “I don’t think so. How could he? He only had two worms!”

As we ride the ark of life, from time to time it may seem as though we are ill-equipped to do all that needs to be done. How often have you and I been at our wit’s end wondering where the strength or the insight or the resolution or the understanding would come from? We’d throw up our hands and ask God for help as we’d plead, “How can I keep fishing when I’ve run out of worms?” And God’s reply is always the same, “My grace is sufficient for you!”

Cursillo has certainly reinforced that reality for all of us, as it will for those babe-chicks on the upcoming weekend. It’s not so much a revelation as a reminder that God is ever-present-- in moments of sheer joy and moments of utter despair. While circumstances and mood-swings can occur, God’s presence is stable and “full speed ahead.” The miracle of God’s grace is the ultimate gift for us on the journey, given to us by Jesus himself at Pentecost.

Let us live, then, in the Spirit of the risen Christ; let us embrace the presence of God so fully that others know we are His disciples without our ever having to wear a sign or a button to proclaim it. And let us do Palanca to keep that Spirit alive and well in our Cursillo community’s consciousness, for an awareness of God’s grace in every moment and every situation is the foundation of our Fourth Day.

*DeColores,  
Father Dave Pleier*



### *“As We Continue our 4<sup>th</sup> Day” Lay Directors Comments*

Recently I had the opportunity to hear F.D.N.Y. Battalion Commander Richard Picciotto speak at an event I attended in Washington D.C. He told a heart wrenching story of his personal experiences that followed the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack on the World Trade Center. He had lead his fellow firefighters on a mission to rescue those still inside the North Tower but soon found himself trapped in smoldering rubble after its collapse. He shared that he had prayed in those seconds that passed while the building crumbled that God take him quickly. Since he was on the 13<sup>th</sup> floor during, he felt as though a speedy death was the most appropriate prayer he could think of. Buried for more then four hours, Commander Picciotto emerged almost unscathed. Humorously the commander shared with us that his prayer that day had not been answered. He was still alive!

As we continue our 4<sup>th</sup> day journey do we realize that our prayers may not always be answered the way that we had hoped? I know that my prayers are not always answered the way that I thought they would be. May we all remember those four special words from a favorite prayer: “Thy will be done”.

One of the unique ways the Cursillo movement continues the community spirit we come to know during our Cursillo weekend is through the School of Leaders. Mark Mullins, Dave Bonham and Joan Van Eperen do a great job organizing and facilitating the School of Leaders. If you have not had an opportunity to attend lately, please mark your calendars and plan to participate in one of these unique events. The School features a guest speaker who shares an inspirational message and also small group reunions to share our successes and failures in the areas of study, piety and action. As stated in our Cursillo brochure, “Christ and His Church needs spiritually formed leaders for today’s Catholic Apostolate.” Are we ready to accept the call? See you at the School of Leaders!

*Your Brother in Christ,  
PATRICK MONGIN*



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

***School of Leaders***

Our 6th 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, our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Dave Pleier, Mass and a box lunch.

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

**Date:** February 4, 2012

**Cost:** \$18.00/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.

We will conclude promptly at 2:00P.M.

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



**Registration Form for  
"Day of Enrichment"**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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



***Post-Cursillo Committee***

I am happy to say that people are stepping forward to represent their individual parishes to get out the word about Cursillo. We are planning on our next meeting at 5:30 p.m. on October 30<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Baptist Church just before the serenade. If you are on the committee or wish to find out more please come join us. If you have questions, please contact me at (920) 585-9620 or [thomas.gritton@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas.gritton@yahoo.com). Remember, we all have an obligation to spread the Word and evangelize our community.

***Tom Gritton***

Want to learn more about your Catholic faith, but don't have the money for classes? Or, does the thought of writing papers and taking exams scare you from those classes? Well... do I have an opportunity for you! Come and learn more about your Catholic faith and the Cursillo movement in a relaxed setting at the monthly **School of Leaders** sessions, and best of all... no tuition bills!

In our first session, Deacon Steve and Peg Vande Hey spoke to us about the upcoming changes in the Mass setting. The title of their presentation, "*Same Mass, Different Words, Deeper Meaning*" gave us a great overview of the reasons behind the "new" translation of the Mass. This month, Tom Vorpahl, chairman of Relevant Radio, spoke to us about "How Relevant Radio is answering Pope John Paul II's call to a new evangelization". We were so blessed to have Deacon Steve & Peg Vande Hey and Tom Vorpahl take time from their busy schedules to share with us. Thank you so much!

Each month we will cover a different topic that is relevant to our faith or the Cursillo movement. We also are continuing our study of the book "Essentials of the Faith" by Father Alfred McBride. Next month we will read and discuss Chapter 15. Don't have the book? You can get it on Amazon for a very reasonable price. Don't have time to read the book? No worries! We read the chapter together during the session!

School of Leaders meets the second Tuesday of each month of the "school year" (except December) at 6:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish in Freedom (use the school entrance off the parking lot). We start with prayer, have 30 minutes devoted to a topic and approximately 25 minutes to read and discuss the book. We take a short break and then gather for a group reunion.

You won't regret taking that 90 minutes a month out of your busy schedules to enrich your faith and spend some quality time with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

***Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Van Eperen***

## Women's Cursillo #222 – October 27- 30, 2011

### St. John's – Menasha, WI

#### TEAM

**Rector:** Elaine Diedrick  
766-9083

**Vice Rector:** Joan VanEperen  
788-6417

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

**Asst. Spiritual Director:** Dcn. Randy Haack  
766-1235

**Proctors:** Louise Springer (Kitchen) 722-6063  
Shelly Vanness 419-1460  
Connie Conrad 236-2546  
Mary Howard 733-0799

**Palanca Address:** Attn: Cursillo #222 Palanca  
P.O. Box 184  
Little Chute, WI 54140

**Serenade:** 6:00 PM - Look For Signs  
**Emergency Phones:** 788-6417 or 277-4908

**Directions:** **From North:** Take Hwy 41 south to Hwy 441 (exit 145), take WI-47 S exit, turn left onto WI-47 S/S Appleton Rd, take a slight left onto De Pere St. Church is on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and De Pere St.

**From South:** Take Hwy 41 north to US-10E/Hwy 441 N. Take Racine st/Cty Rd P exit, keep right at the fork. Follow signs for WI-441 and merge onto Racine St. Turn left on 6<sup>th</sup>, take 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto De Pere St. Church is on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and De Pere St. Church address is 516 De Pere St, Menasha.

#### DAY CHAIRPERSONS

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

**Thursday Night:** Pat Marx 5:30  
733-8198

**Friday:** Mike Weins  
989-2773  
Breakfast 7:45  
Lunch 12:30  
Dinner 6:00

**Saturday:** Anna Neta  
864-3365 or 337-7551  
Breakfast 7:00  
Agape 1:30  
Dinner 6:15

**Sunday:** Curt Dachelet  
725-9397  
Breakfast 7:35  
Lunch 12:00  
Dinner 5:30

**Clean Up:** Vic Vosters 4:00  
734-1249



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*This List is Complete as of 10/18/2011* 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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Have you moved, changed your e-mail address, dropped your land line and gone to cell phone only? Do you know of a cursillista who has passed away? Would you please let us know about these changes? You can e-mail me at [ajatjhuss@new.rr.com](mailto:ajatjhuss@new.rr.com) with any changes. Thank you!

***Julie Huss Mailing List Coordinator***