



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

March 2012

Prayer = Good results ***Spiritual Director's Comments***

A priest dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans. St. Peter addresses this cool dude, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?" The guy replies, "I'm Jack, retired airline pilot from Houston." St. Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom." Next, it's the priest's turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am Father Dave, pastor of St. Mary's for 43 years." St. Peter consults his list once again. He says to the priest, "Take this cotton bathrobe and walking stick and enter the Kingdom." "Just a minute," says the good father. "That man was a pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff and I only get this bathrobe and lousy shillelagh? How can this be?" "Well," St. Peter replies, "Up here we go by results. When you preached, people slept; when he flew, people prayed!"

And so we cursillistas pray—for pilots and priests and everyone else involved in the upcoming cursillo. And we pray, not out of fear or even out of obligation, but out of love. Once I can truly appreciate the depth of God's love for me, I simply respond with grateful prayers of praise. Cursillo has done that for all of us (deepened our awareness of Love) and so we pray that more hearts may be similarly graced and opened and committed to serving Christ and the Church and beyond. May our palanca reach the heart of the Master, bring a smile to his face and be received with gladness by those who experience this marvelous weekend!

De Colores,

Fr. Dave Plier

Lay Director's Comments

De Colores Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We are about halfway through our Lenten journey. Have we embraced a plan during the journey or have we left our plan up to chance? Our cursillo weekend was the result of much prayer and preparation. The rollos, celebrations of the liturgy and the interrelation between the team and the candidates are carefully planned with nothing left to chance. The weekend, with God's grace, gave us a vision and an experience of human love and charity that is centered on the Eucharist. This spirit is intended to be relived in somewhat shorter versions through group reunions and ultreyas. Through group reunions and ultreyas, we are linked together as a Christian Community. Per our glossary of terms offered by the National Cursillo movement, Christian Community is the gathering of Christians in Christ Jesus so that everything we do revolves around that fact. Having a plan helps us to keep our 4th day in perspective. A plan with accountability brings value and order into our lives. If we are committed, our 4th day through the cursillo movement includes group reunions and ultreyas which will help us to grow in the life and love of the Lord and fulfill our call to be a saint and an apostle for Him.

Please join us for the Clausura (closing) of the Men's cursillo #223 at Resurrection Parish on Sunday, April 1st at 6:00PM! Hope to see you there!

May God bless you and your families,

Patrick Mongin

***School of Leaders –
Strengthen your Tripod!***

We have had a very exciting and informative year so far at School of Leaders. Each month we have been featuring different topics presented by guest speakers. Earlier in the year, we learned about the changes in the translation of the mass, we learned about the workings of Relevant Radio, and also the A & A Alexandrina Center Ltd. in Green Bay. Most recently, we have been blessed to have Father Willie Vande Loo do a three part series for us (January, February and March) about the history of the Catholic Church in the United States. We thank ALL of our speakers who gave of their time to come and share with us! In April, we are very excited to have Eden Foord and members of the Spiritus team from the Mount Tabor Center coming to join us!

School of Leaders meets the second Tuesday of each month (September-May) at St. Nicholas parish in Freedom (use the school entrance off of the parking lot) from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We gather in prayer, listen to the topic of the month, read and discuss a chapter from “Essentials of the Faith - A Guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church” by Father Alfred McBride (if time permits) and then we break for some refreshments and fellowship. We close each session by breaking up into small groups for a group reunion. Our April session will be on Tuesday, April 10th. Come and join us and strengthen your Cursillo tripod...and remember to encourage all the new babe chicks to attend as well!

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Van Eperen

***Parish Representatives Needed!
Spread the word to your parish
about Cursillo!***

The word has been spreading and we have more people who are stepping up to be parish representatives for Cursillo. We already have 16 candidates for the men's Cursillo and we are still a month away as of this writing. If you are interested in helping please give a call at (920) 585-9620 or e-mail at thomas.gritton@yahoo.com. The job description for a rep is whatever you want to make it to get the word out at your individual parish. Be as creative as you want within reason. Please let me know if you are interested and we can talk more.

Tom Gritton

Odds and Ends!

✠ **Palanca** is distributed on **Friday afternoon**.

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✠ **PLEASE** Check to make sure you put enough **Postage on Palanca** (we don't want your efforts delayed!) All Post Offices will gladly help by weighing your envelopes!

✠ **Palanca** can also be dropped off at the Cursillo location in the Mail Box located on our Cursillo Trailer.

✠ Help us stay current with the mailing list! Please let us know if you move or if you know of someone who has moved or passed away. Also, let us know if you have a new e-mail address or changed phone numbers (perhaps to a cell phone?) Contact Julie Huss with any changes. ajatjhuss@new.rr.com

✠ Want to get more involved in Cursillo? Forms are always available in the back of church at closings.

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Important Dates to Remember

Men's Cursillo
March 29 – April 1, 2012
Resurrection Parish, 333 Hillside Drive, Green Bay, WI

Women's Cursillo
April 12 – 15, 2012
St Mary's Parish, 528 2nd St, Menasha, WI