



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

March 2012

Lay Directors Comments

Speeding towards Jesus ***Spiritual Director's Comments***

A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left. "Amazing!" he thought as he flew down the interstate, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear-view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this," and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival. Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in thirty minutes. It's Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The old gentleman paused, then said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a State Trooper. I thought you were bringing her back!"

Many wives are running off to the cursillo this weekend and they will meet up with someone they may or may not know very well—Jesus Christ. He will change them and send them back. And life will never be the same. The mystery of God's grace at work in our lives!

For our part, we pray and fast; we reach out in service and read spiritual books; we gather with fellow cursillistas and carpool to the closing. In other words, we do palanca or, better yet, we live our fourth day. And God's grace is renewed in our lives just as it is in those who are encountering that Life for the first time in such a deep and real way. Our community grows in numbers and in depth this weekend. May it make the world more alive in Jesus Christ!

De Colores,

Fr. Dave

During the Cursillo weekend we were challenged to persevere in living out our fourth day. In fact, our first test of our perseverance after the weekend is our willingness to attend ultreyas. The purpose of the ultreya is to root the three day cursillo in the soil of perseverance. Also to foster the atmosphere of unity, which our diocese', parishes and Christian communities must have if they are to be dynamic and radiate with fervor and zeal. Ultreyas help us to share in the lives of our brothers and sisters in our church community and the world as we carry out our specific mission as laity. During the ultreya, a witness speaker attests to their growth in loving union with Christ so that others may be encouraged to do likewise. A witness is delivered as a living experience of what the speaker is or believes. When a Cursillista speaks of what he or she is actually living. Those who live close to God will reflect Him. A person cannot share what he does not have. Have you shared any recent examples of how you are living with your fellow Cursillistas? It is important that we share because of the testimony of our lives, not simply because it is our turn. The Cursillo movement would be failing you and me if after such a wonderful weekend experience, it did not offer us a way to grow in the challenge given to us to become saints and apostles. The witness of our fellow Cursillistas will show that the experience of the fourth day can be more fulfilling than even the weekend itself. Consider this challenge to share your growth in Christ at an Ultreya.

Please join us for the Closing of the Women's Cursillo #224. See you at St. Mary's in Menasha on Sunday, April 15th at 6:00 PM !

Wishing you and your families a Blessed Easter!

Your brother in Christ,

Pat Mongin

Our Fourth Day

At the recent Men's Esto Vir conference, Fr Larry Richards stressed that we need to have every day prayer time, we eat every day and we also need to pray every day. Fr Larry stressed that we need to read the bible. There was also a whole Gathering Space filled with Religious articles for sale and booths from various ministries. Fr Larry also preached the need to be faith filled husbands and fathers. Again that pretty well covers the Cursillo method based on Piety, Study and Action.

But the Cursillo method goes one step farther into our Fourth Day with small groups and Ultreyas. We share our tripod (Piety, Study and Action) with our Cursillo friends through small group sharing.

Are you in a Group? Is your group "open" to others joining? We can help. Let's communicate and see if we can get more Cursillistas together into small groups. Call or email Bob Varick 920-733-0899 bvarick@new.rr.com

Mailing List Updates

I have been receiving many e-mails and letters updating addresses and phone numbers. Thank you! If you have moved, dropped your land line and gone to a cell phone only, please pass that information along so I can update our mailing list. If you had signed up for e-mailing of the newsletter but have changed addresses, you may be put back on snail mail because your address bounced back. If you have an e-mail update, please let me know about that too. We'd like to keep you all in touch with the happenings in the Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Movement.

You can reach me at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com or 920-740-8847.

De Colores,

Julie Huss

Newsletter/ mailing list coordinator

With Deep Regrets!

The Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Movement has a Mass said for Cursillistas who have passed away. It's important that a member of the Secretariat is informed when a death occurs so that we can properly memorialize our friends.

The End is Near!

No, this isn't some prediction of the end times, or a claim that the world will end on 12/21/12 when the ancient Mayan calendar merely begins another cycle. Instead, it's a call to all Cursillistas who made a New Year's resolution to attend the School of Leaders. We only have two sessions left before our summer break... **the end is near!**

We have had a wonderful "school year" of interesting and inspiring topics and conversation focused on helping us grow in our knowledge of the faith and to make us better leaders. The school year started last September with an overview of the changes to the Mass which, by now, we are all familiar with. For the past three months, Father Willie Vande Loo led a series about the history of the Catholic Church in the United States. (*Was it just a coincidence that the US Catholic Church started in Maryland?*) The topic for our session on April 10th will be announced shortly, and we will close the school year with a presentation on the Mount Tabor Center and a visit by the SPIRITUS team on May 8th.

Just remember, we meet at Six-thirty on the Second Tuesday at Saint Nicholas in Freedom. The special topic covers up to an hour, then we have a break with refreshments and snacks, and we close with small group reunions. This is a great way to live out your 4th day.... see you at the next School of Leaders!

Mark Mullins

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. 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

Women's Cursillo #224 – April 12 – April 15, 2012 St. Mary's Parish - Menasha, WI

TEAM

Rector: Marlene Buboltz
920-632-7513

Vice Rector: Nancy Bassett
920-788-0304

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920-629-9770

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920-338-1113

Proctors: **Sue Spierings (kitchen)** 788-7189
 Lisa Wolfinger 766-7911
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Palanca Address: **Attn: Cursillo #224 Palanca**
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 P.O. Box 184
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DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Set Up: **Vic Vosters**
April 11, 6 PM 734-1249/734-8499

Thursday Night: **Jim Spierings** 5:30
 920-427-4071

Friday: **Louise Springer**
 920-722-6063
 Breakfast 7:45
 Lunch 12:30
 Dinner 6:00

Saturday: **Harriett Jansen**
 788-9630
 Breakfast 7:00
 Agape 1:30
 Dinner 6:15

Sunday: **Lois Grulupp**
 920-475-5208
 Breakfast 7:35
 Lunch 12:00
 Dinner 5:30

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

Serenade: **6:00 PM – Look for Signs**

Emergency Phones: 920-470-8088 OR 788-7189

Directions: From Green Bay/North: Take Highway 41 south to 441 South via exit 145. Follow 441 South, take CR P/Racine St S exit. Turn slight right on Racine St. Turn Left on 2nd street. Church will be on the left. **From Oshkosh/South:** Take 41 North, merge onto US-10 E/441 North via exit 134. Take CR-P exit on Hwy P, turn slight right on Racine St. Turn Left on 2nd street. Church will be on left. **From Manitowoc:** Take US-10 West – continue onto Plank Rd/WI 114. Continue to follow WI-114. Turn left on Appleton St, Take first right onto 2nd street. Church is on right. **St. Mary's Parish, 528 Second Street, Menasha, WI**



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This list is complete as of 3/27/12 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 at bvarick@new.rr.com or phone 920-733-0899

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