



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

Men's - October 2012

Fire up your engines! ***Spiritual Director's Comments***

A replacement referee bought himself a new Mercedes with the money he made in the first three weeks of the NFL season. He could drive the car just fine during the day but at night it wouldn't move at all. He tries night driving for over a week but no luck. Furious, he calls the dealership, tells them the problem and they send a mechanic to the house. The mechanic gives the car a thorough inspection and can't find anything wrong. Eventually he asks the ref, "Are you sure you're using the right gears?" "Of course I am," he replies, "I'm not stupid. I use "D" during the day and "N" at night.

Cursillo has helped all of us to run on all cylinders, using the right gears. This upcoming weekend will allow others who have driven in to St. Agnes for an inspection to not only get a thorough overhaul, but to realize that everything they needed was right within them when they pulled in. The grace of God, however, may have been a little underutilized and the Spirit will enable them to fire up their engines and go.

We, who will be doing palanca, are the ones who make sure they have the confidence to drive away with greater vision, deeper resolve, and more zoom in their journey, so that, ultimately, we may all end up at our final destination completely intact. May we remember our three-day inspection, possibly many years ago, and, as we recall that weekend of grace, may we rev up our engines to continue the journey of faith with tops down and eyes straight ahead. Blessings on all of us—new babe chicks, old hens, lame roosters, and everyone else in and along the barnyard—as God smiles and flags us on to victory!

De Colores,

Fr. Dave

Lay Director's Comments

Summer is gone and we have jumped right into the beautiful season of autumn. This special season is not only time for gathering leaves. As a disciple of Christ we are challenged to gather our brothers and sisters so that they too may come to know our Savior, Jesus Christ. Cursillo should not be a 'well kept secret'. Let us spread the good news and invite those we meet to this wonderful movement called Cursillo. As our tri-fold states, "Christ and His church needs spiritually formed leaders for today's Catholic apostolate. One means of finding inspiration and direction for Christian formation and growth is the Cursillo." The Cursillo tri-fold is available on the website at: www.cursillo.org/Greenbay

This season is also a time when we get political overload. The ads, emails and commercials can be almost overwhelming. We can all agree that it will be more peaceful once elections are completed. During this frustrating experience it is very appropriate for Cursillistas to join our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI in praying his general prayer intention. "That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity and love for the truth."

Please plan to participate in Cursillo#225 by offering palanca for the candidates. Also plan to attend the Men's serenade at St. Agnes in Green Bay on Sunday, October 14th at 6:00. What a great opportunity to witness the fruit of a Christian Community.

May God continue to bless you and your families,

Pat Mongin

SOL on the Road...

It's a new school year for the Cursillo School of Leaders (SOL), and we're taking a new approach to reach more Cursillistas across the diocese. We're taking the School of Leaders 'on the road' this year by partnering with area Ultreyas.

For the past few years, the School of Leaders has been meeting in Freedom. When we made that change, the good news was that we had excellent participation from the Secretariat who met that same evening. The challenge was that we had limited attendance from other Cursillistas.

There's an old saying... "*If you can get the horse to come to the water, take the water to the people*", or something like that... So, we are taking the School of Leaders out to where *you* are across the Green Bay Diocese. In our first session on September 25th, we partnered with the Kaukauna Ultreya. We are still working on the schedule for the rest of the year, and hope to visit other sites including the Ultreyas in Oshkosh, Appleton, Manitowoc, and Green Bay. As always, these sessions are open to all Cursillistas, so this is also a great opportunity to check out an Ultreya site that you've never been to and to build some new relationships.

The future dates, locations, and times will be communicated via the Cursillo prayer chain email. We're looking forward to a great year and expanding the participation in the School of Leaders. See you soon as we take SOL 'on the road'!

Mark Mullins

Donations Needed to Keep Candidate Costs Down

The Green Bay Cursillo movement is in need of your donations to continue our work of spreading the Good News. Did you know that we haven't raised the donation for use of Parish facilities for over 15 years? Utilities and janitorial service costs have grown, and some parishes can't afford to host a weekend retreat at our current donation amount. All of you know too well that the cost of living keeps going up – including food, insurance, and even the new tires we need for the trailer!

We don't want to discourage Cursillo attendance by raising the suggested candidate donation, but candidate donations are simply not enough to cover rising costs, and our reserve funds are less than needed for a single retreat. So please consider a small donation to the Cursillo movement. Donations can be brought to the next closing or sent to: **Cursillo in Christianity, P.O. Box 184, Little Chute, WI 54140.** Thank you!

Updates Requested...

As many of you read, I lost all of my e-mail contacts when my computer crashed. I have received quite a few e-mail updates which has been very helpful! If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail, please send me your e-mail address and I will add you to my new protected list.

Another request; if you have dropped your land line and are using a cell phone only, would you please give us this updated information? When rector's are trying to make phone calls for team formation it is challenging when the phone numbers we have are no longer in service. So please send any changes in your address, e-mail or phone number, to Julie Huss at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com. Thank you!

