



# ***Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter*** ***Women's – October 2012***

## ***Spiritual Director's Comments – Pretty Crazy!***

There are lots of crazy things in this world and here are just a few of them. ☺

Why do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front? Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a *diet* coke?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain their pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage?

Why do hot dogs come in packages of ten and the buns in packages of eight?

Why do they have braille lettering on drive-up ATM machines?

And on a serious note, why do busy, hard-working, religious people take time off from work and family responsibilities to spend three days and nights on a cursillo? The answer, of course, is...they didn't. It wasn't up to them. God called them to be there. And so with us, who pray and do palanca for them. We are busy too, but we find time (in response to God's nudgings) to work with the Holy Spirit who wishes nothing less than to change lives. No one should ever be too busy for that!

May the palanca that we do and the prayers that we offer not only be the wings that carry the grace of God to the hearts of the women babe-chicks, but also bring us closer to the heart of God whose work with us is never finished. Fourth Days are not a moment in time or an occasional group reunion or ultreya, but a lifetime of growing into the image and likeness of the God who called us by name. And some would say that eternity continues that growth, for it cannot be an experience of stagnation but an unending process of the potter at the wheel remaking us into the vessel that is perfect (Jer. 18). With that in mind, is heaven our Fifth Day?

De Colores,

Fr. Dave

## ***Lay Directors Comments***

It's October! What an awesome month to deepen our faith. The month of October is Respect Life month. October 7<sup>th</sup> was Respect Life Sunday. As the body of Christ we are called to respect life from conception to natural death. The 40 days for life campaign is going on across the country this entire month. We are needed to help defend the smallest of those who are threatened, the unborn. Though prayer and fasting we can make a difference. October 11<sup>th</sup> marked the start of the Year of Faith called by Pope Benedict XVI and it also happened to be the start of Men's Cursillo #225. October 25<sup>th</sup> kicks off the Women's Cursillo #226 at Most Precious Blood in New London. We are called to pray and fast for our sisters who will be living this Cursillo weekend. October also is the month for many popular saints feast days. St Francis of Assisi, St Jude of Thaddaeus, St Theresa of Avila and Blessed Pope John Paul II and others all are remembered this month. The Catechism defines a Saint as the holy one who leads a life in union with God through the grace of Christ and receives the reward of eternal life. October seems to be an excellent month to use as a springboard toward that goal of becoming a saint. Enjoy each day of this month that God blesses us with.

I'll see you at the serenade at Most Precious Blood at 6:00 pm on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> in New London!

Your brother in Christ,

*Pat Mongin*

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

Our 7th 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 in Green Bay (Bishop Wycislo Center)

**Date:** February 2, 2013

**Cost:** \$18.00/person- Please make check out 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.

The program will conclude promptly at 2:00P.M.

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

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### Registration Form for "Day of Enrichment"

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip

Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People

Attending \_\_\_\_\_

## *Updates Requested...*

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](mailto:ajatjhuss@new.rr.com). Thank you!

## *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*

*\*This just in: School of Leaders will be held at the Green Bay Ultreya on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Bernard's. Watch the Cursillo prayer chain for more details.*



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### ***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!