



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

Women's – March 2013

Spiritual Director's Comments

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed yesterday has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a long moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious my condition is because the prescription is marked 'No Refills!'"

Every time you and I do palanca for a cursillo, it's like getting a refill on a prescription for Grace. We get as filled with the Holy Spirit as do the babe-chicks. All the memories of our cursillos, all the sustained friendships, all the changed lives, come flooding into our souls and fill us with the joy of discipleship all over again. What a marvelous way to stay connected with our God and each other!

So what will I do for palanca during the week of Easter that will not seem like I'm back in Lent (traditionally fasting, etc. is a great palanca for me, as you might be able to guess)? I certainly don't want to celebrate the joy of Easter by doing a Lenten discipline. So...I will have to be more creative this time and that, perhaps, is not a bad idea. Even palanca can get to be the "same ol', same ol'." The Spirit, of course, is all about creativity and being renewed, so if I open myself to the Spirit's gifts, my new palanca may invite me to come alive in the risen Christ in a way I have never experienced before.

Let us, then, carry the light of Christ into any area of darkness that remains—both within and around us—and celebrate the goodness of God through the gift of these new candidates. May our lives always be an example to them of what it means to live the Fourth Day!

De Colores,

Fr. Dave

Lay Directors Comments

Did you know that the School of Leaders is an instrument of apostolic outreach to those that have lived the experience of a Cursillo weekend? School of Leaders helps us discover, accept and grow in our vocation. It brings Cursillistas together, so that together we can take up the responsibility of being leaders in the church, in this movement and in our secular environments. The School of Leaders is a school of holiness, community and formation. It inspires and strengthens the community generated by the Cursillo weekends. It deepens the conversion of leaders and prepares future leaders for this movement by giving us formation in holiness, doctrine, techniques and the spirit of service. Each Cursillo weekend requires a team of 18-20 leaders that are living their 4th day. School of Leaders, Ultreyas, and Group Reunions are instrumental in the ongoing conversion process of our minds and hearts. These post Cursillo activities allow us to journey together with a group of friends, sharing our lives and experiences with each other. Remember that a Cursillo is not meant to satisfy our hunger for God, it is meant to create a hunger for Him.

I am in the final leg of my term as Lay Director of the Cursillo movement of the Green Bay Diocese. It is amazing how fast the time flew by during this 2 year commitment. It has been a pleasure to work with you and an honor to serve. Thank you all for this awesome opportunity.

See you at the next Ultreya or School of Leaders!

"He has risen"

Have a blessed Easter,

Patrick Mongin

The Secretariat

The Diocesan Secretariat is composed of both clergy and laity, men and women. The Secretariat is entrusted by the Bishop with the responsibility of promoting, developing and directing the Cursillo movement in the Green Bay Diocese. There are a variety of committees and positions within Secretariat such as Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo Weekend, Post Cursillo, Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Assistant Lay Director, Lay Director, Spiritual Director and School of Leaders. We are currently accepting nominations for several positions that will be open for the next term beginning July 1st, 2013. Please prayerfully consider this calling. It is one that is quite rewarding. Call or email Pat Mongin at monginpatrick@yahoo.com

7th Annual Day of Enrichment

We had a beautiful, Holy Spirit filled day on Saturday February 3, 2013 at the St. Francis Cathedral in Green Bay. We had over 100 Cursillistas attend this year and we don't believe anyone left untouched by the Speakers, music and the Mass that we shared. It was great to see everyone living out their 4th Day! Elaine Diedrich was our MC who kept us on schedule (just like a Rector would do), and everyone loved her jokes:)

We would like to thank everyone who helped us with the day and a special thank you to our Spiritual Director Father Dave Pleier and Father Willie VandeLoo.

We look forward to seeing you in 2014 for our 8th Annual Day of Enrichment!
Day of Enrichment Committee

School of Leaders

Our travels continue. This year our "Traveling" School of Leaders has had the privilege of partnering with Ultreyas in Kaukauna, Green Bay, Oshkosh and New London.

Our goal has been to introduce more people to what the School of Leaders is about and to deliver a message that reinforces the Cursillo call to study. In addition we have been available to answer questions about the Cursillo movement in the Green Bay Diocese. It seems that we are having success in all of these areas. All 4 sessions have been well attended and the dialogue has been fantastic. We are currently working to firm up a date with the Appleton Ultreya, most likely in May, and working to set up something in the Manitowoc area. Please watch the Cursillo prayer chain for further details and dates.

While we have not yet completed this year's School of Leaders it will soon be time to begin planning for the fall session. We would love to hear your ideas, please feel free to share them with me (r@barrettwi.com) or any member of the Secretariat.

We hope to see you soon!

Randy Barrett

Help Wanted! Is God Calling You?

Was Cursillo a watershed moment in your life? Would you like to help others have the same experience?

If you answered yes to these questions, Cursillo wants you! We need representatives from each parish in the diocese to promote Cursillo. The job of a representative is to make sure people within your parish have information about the who, what, where and when of Cursillo. How you do that in your parish is up to you. We have quite a few people in place but are always looking for more. Even if your parish has a representative, we can still use you. The more Cursillistas promoting Cursillo the better. If you have an interest contact me at thomas.gritton@yahoo.com.

Women's Cursillo #228 April 4-7, 2013

St John's Parish, Little Chute

TEAM

Rector: Nancy Bassett
920-277-1010

Vice Rector: Vonnie Giffin
920-739-8334

Spiritual Director: Fr. Jason Blahnik
715-216-0844 (cell)
715-276-7364 (office)

Asst. Spiritual Director: Fr. Willie VandeLoo
920-338-1113

Proctors: Joan VanEperen (kitchen) 788-6417
Mary Putzstuck 707-6464
Bev Besch 731-3727
Carrie Hietpas 450-0789
Robin Hendricks (music) 621-6278

Palanca Address: **Attn: Cursillo #228 Palanca**
Cursillo in Christianity
PO Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

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

Emergency Phones: 920-788-6417 OR 920-277-1010

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Set Up: Vic Vosters/Larry Heacock
Wed. April 3rd 5:30 pm 734-1249/687-0430

Thursday Night: Nancy Vande Hey
920-766-4524

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

Saturday: Mary & Leroy VanAsten
920-788-2878
Breakfast 7:00
Agape 1:30
Supper 6:15

Sunday: Jane Varick
920-427-7375
Breakfast 7:35
Lunch 12:00
Supper 5:30

Clean Up: Sunday @ 4:00
Vic Vosters/Larry Heacock

Directions: From Hwy 41, take Hwy N exit in Little Chute. Go South on N. At stop light on N & OO continue straight south. Road becomes Depot Street. Go to Main Street and turn right. Go one block and turn left on Grand Avenue (stop light.) The main parking lot is on the left. The school is on the left just past the church. St John's address: 323 Pine Street, Little Chute

This list is complete as of March 21, 2013

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 @ bvarick@new.rr.com ✿