



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

April 2014 – Women’s

Did you Know?

Spiritual Director’s Comments

Did you know that it takes approximately twenty minutes for your brain to know that your stomach is full? Our babe-chicks will know that on a spiritual level this upcoming weekend. They will experience first-hand how little time it really takes for their souls to be filled with God’s love. Our palanca and their reading of our letters will begin to open those very same souls for the flooding to begin.

Did you know that the sound made by Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe is so loud that it can be heard forty miles away? It’s kind of like the cry of a baby in Bethlehem and later on from his cross at Calvary that could be heard around the world. But even more powerful than that, it is heard within each candidate’s soul throughout the days of Cursillo. Our palanca connects us with them so that we, too, can hear the cry.

Did you know that it takes six months to build to Rolls-Royce and only thirteen hours to build a Toyota? And it takes a lifetime to build a disciple of the risen Christ. By the time Sunday evening rolls around on the Cursillo weekend, the foundations have been laid for that new sense of discipleship to begin. Our palanca and the babe-chicks’ meeting us at the closing fires them up even more. To spend a lifetime in growing as His disciples is truly a noble calling, one that both humbles us and gives us great joy. Thus, let us do palanca and be disciples.

Did you know??? I’ll stop there, because you and I do know—that God loves us beyond what words can describe. At a recent wedding of a couple who had a fourteen-year courtship, someone came up to me before the ceremony and said, “I surely hope the homily isn’t as long as the courtship!” Thus, I will now be signing off!

De Colores,

Fr. Dave

“PIETY” of the Tri-Pod Lay Director’s Comments

I have been thinking about what I have done to aide in my spiritual growth during this season of Lent. One thing that came to mind was the “Little Black Book.” I have it propped up on a little picture stand sitting on the dining table. It is one of the first things you see coming into the house. It is a daily reminder of taking time each day to read the meditation of the day and to reflect on it. It also helps to remember what Lent is all about... It is a time to prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting and repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. We set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection. Piety is reverence and devotion to God. Think about what you are doing this Lenten and Easter season that will aide you in your spiritual growth. Easter is right around the corner as we will then celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. He paid the penalty for sin and through his sacrifice, giving all who believe in him, eternal life in Christ Jesus. Easter, truly is our most important holiday.

De Colores!

~Vonnie Giffin~

Delight yourself in the Lord and he shall give you the desires of your heart. Ps. 37:4

Postcursillo – The School of Leaders

We're all familiar with Cursillo, but did you know that the Cursillo method has three phases? They are the Precursillo, Cursillo, and Postcursillo.

These three phases are united with one another and work together in a circular movement. Here's how it works... the Precursillo includes people who are curious about Cursillo and candidates who are preparing to attend a Cursillo. The three days of Cursillo lead to the Postcursillo (also known as our Fourth Day). When we live out the call of our Fourth Day, we proclaim the gospel with our lives. This includes inviting others to become part of the Precursillo.

The Postcursillo is the third phase in the Cursillo Movement and its purpose is to see Christ in every moment. We're called to share our love of Christ through action (evangelization), using the simple formula of "Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ".

In addition to the Group Reunion and Ultreya, a key element of the Postcursillo is the School of Leaders. The purpose of the School of Leaders is to inspire and strengthen the Christian communities generated by the Cursillo. In addition, the School deepens the conversion of its leaders and prepares future leaders of the Movement by giving them a formation in holiness, doctrine, technique, and the spirit of service. These transformed leaders, in turn, form the Christian backbone of their environments and influence the people around them.

Our School of Leaders is led by Randy Barrett. He is working with the people who coordinate Ultreyas across the Diocese so that we can bring the School of Leaders to you! Our current focus is Piety, Study, and Action. If you're interested in having the School of Leaders attend one of your Ultreyas, please contact Randy at: r@barrettwi.com.

Blessings,

Deacon Mark Mullins

Sources: www.natl-cursillo.org/news/nmail1013.pdf;
www.natl-cursillo.org/resources/school.pdf

Updates Requested

Have you dropped your land line? Gotten a new e-mail address? Moved? Changed Parishes? Do you know of a Cursillista who has passed away? Please let us know about any of these changes. When rectors are making calls for team it is quite handy to have the correct phone number, so please remember your cursillo friends when you make any of these changes. Updates can be sent to Julie Huss at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com or call 920-788-8847. Thank you very much!

Julie Huss

Reservations Needed

We are in need of a crafty or handy Cursillista to make some reserved signs for the pews for closings. We would like a total of four; two that say Reserved Team, and two that say Reserved Spouses. If you are willing or able to do this, please contact Jim Newhouse at 920-788-1921 or jimkris77@new.rr.com. Thank you very much!



Area Ultreyas

Here is a listing of a few of the area Ultreyas. See the Cursillo web site for a full listing of all Ultreyas.

Appleton Area: 4th Saturday, 8:30 am, St Pius X, Appleton, Fellowship Hall (optional 8am Mass)

Kaukauna Area: 4th Tuesday, 7:00 pm, St Mary Parish Center, 112 W 8th Street, Kaukauna

Green Bay Area: 1st Saturday, 8:00 am, St Bernard, Green Bay, Multi-purpose Room

Manitowoc/Two Rivers/Lake Shore Area

Last Saturday, 9:00 am, St Francis of Assisi, Manitowoc, Parish Annex

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