



# ***Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter***

## ***Men's – October 2014***

### ***Taste the Joy Spiritual Director's Comments***

On a teacher's birthday, many of her students brought little presents. The supermarket manager's daughter brought her teacher some fruit. The florist's son brought a rose. The candy-store owner's daughter brought some melt-aways. Then the liquor-store owner's son brought up a big, heavy box. The teacher lifted it up and noticed that it was leaking a little bit. She touched a drop of the liquid with her finger, tasted it, and asked, "Is it wine?" "No," replied the boy. She tasted another drop and asked, "Champagne?" "No," said the boy and, not being able to contain his excitement any longer, blurted out, "It's a puppy!"

Cursillo is all about tasting the joy of faith and being unable to contain the excitement. Each of us remembers well the initial feelings of being so affirmed by a community of faith. Rooted in God's love for us, we pledged, as we began our fourth day, to keep those fires burning. And while the winds of the ups and downs of life have threatened, at times, to extinguish those flames, for most of us they still rage. No force can dampen the power of the Spirit unless we allow it to happen.

Our palanca for this upcoming weekend will "fan into flame the spiritual gift God gave us (2 Timothy 1, 6)." In the process, that same gift will be shared with all those candidates who have come to Cursillo to find themselves and their God. What a treasure it is to unleash that power through prayer and sacrifice! A responsibility, yes, but a grace, more so! May all of us be renewed as we come alive in Christ once again!

Fr Dave Plier

### ***"STUDY" of the Tri-Pod Lay Director's Comments***

Our group has just finished reading and studying "Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John" by Jean Vanier.

In this book the author not only tells us about the disciples of Jesus but also their growth in their faith and trust. How they went through crises of faith, just as we do today. This Gospel gave us more than biblical knowledge, but helped us to be drawn slowly in to the mystery of the Word-Made-Flesh. Jesus is the beginning, center and end of the gospel and how he leads and guides each one of us.

There were many parts of this book that reminded me of Cursillo:

*p.30* Rather, they seek to lead people to Jesus. They do not manipulate people or impose their ideas or way of life on other. They speak of what they have lived, experienced, seen and heard in their lives (Cursillo)

*p. 30* Jesus said that people will know his disciples by the love they have for one another (4<sup>th</sup> Day.)

*p.48* Many of us live with this enthusiasm when we begin in a community and with friends to follow Jesus. We give ourselves to an ideal and find that it not easy to live the ideal. We will struggle to be servant-leaders like Jesus. We will grow from spiritual childhood and adolescence to spiritual maturity. We are called to begin a journey of faith with Jesus (Ideals.)

*p.72* Church is the place where... we come together to a place of silence, our inner sanctuary... to listen and to hear the whispering of the Spirit as we welcome Jesus and become one with him. We welcome each other, go forth and welcome others (Action.)

*P.116* We need physical nourishment, intellectual nourishment and nourishment for the heart.

*p.168* I have a mission with others to be a sign of peace and love.

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p. 172 Each of us has a mission and each of us is born so that God's work may be accomplished in us. (Cursillo.)

p. 226 "Behold I stand at the door and knock (says the Lord); if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them and they with me." Rev. 3:20

p. 232 I can imagine with what tenderness Jesus touches the feet of his disciples, looks into their eyes, calls each one by name and says a special word to each of us. (Handing out the Crosses)

p. 257 His disciples will continue his mission and his works (4<sup>th</sup> Day.)

p. 264 Jesus tells the disciples that the Holy Spirit, will not only be with them and in them, but will teach them all things and bring back to the memory of their hearts and minds all that he has taught them. This tells us that we must continue to study, to spend time with the word of God and in a prayerful attitude. It means that each of us had direct access to God and if Jesus and the Father are dwelling in us we will live a new and deeper peace, because of peace comes from the presence of God.

p. 295 The glory of God is the human person fully alive (Ideals.)

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~Vonnie Giffin~

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

## **Thank you!**

We would like to say a heartfelt Thank You to everyone who has sent in donations to the Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Movement! We put out a plea and you responded quite generously. It is only through the kindness of loving and caring people such as you that this amazing ministry can continue to offer low-cost weekends to so many people throughout the diocese. If you would still like to make a contribution to help cover costs, you can mail your donation to the Cursillo PO Box, or bring them (along with any supplies you have picked up such as notebooks, crayons, tape, Kleenex etc.) to the closings.

## **Commitment is Key**

When people ask what attracted me to the diaconate there are a number of ways I could respond because it's like asking why you married your spouse. There are typically many reasons to that question rather than one BIG reason. One key reason that I find difficult to express but I know its importance to me is that it deepened my commitment to Christ. Becoming a deacon has raised the stakes for me because I have promised Jesus and his Bishop and His people that I would serve them.

One of the things that I knew that I should be doing better and more consistently was palanca for the Cursillo Movement. When I would see those reminders on the prayer chain inwardly I always grimaced because I knew that I really didn't think about it unless there was an upcoming Cursillo for the Green Bay Diocese.

That changed for me this past year when I was asked to serve as Assistant Spiritual Director for the Green Bay Diocese Cursillo movement. God was again asking for a deeper level of commitment. And He showed me a way to meet that commitment that for whatever reason I never figured out on my own.

Every morning as I pray Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours (another one of those commitment things that comes with being a deacon) I simply add an intention for, "The Cursillo Movement worldwide, the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Green Bay and all who will be participating as candidates or team." The commitment of that simple daily prayer reminds me to add other actions throughout the month. No more grimacing when I see those reminders to do palanca for Cursillos around the world.

Make a commitment to deepen your commitment to Cursillo. Start with that same simple daily prayer intention and see where it leads you.

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**Deacon Dan Wagnitz**

# Men's Cursillo #233 October 9-12, 2014

## Most Precious Blood Parish, New London

### TEAM

**Rector:** Larry Heacock  
715-212-9382

**Vice Rector:** Pat Hosslet  
920-621-3719

**Spiritual Director:** Fr. Dave Pleier  
920-328-7020

**Asst. Spiritual Director:** Dcn Rich Bahnaman  
920-684-0045

**Proctors:** MJ Davies 920-621-2590  
Randy Barrett 920-465-9717  
Mark Janus 920-469-3378  
(kitchen) David Scherer 920-982-3213  
(music) Doug Hietpas 920-450-7000

**Palanca Address:** Attn: Cursillo #233 Palanca  
PO Box 184  
Little Chute, WI 54140

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

### DAY CHAIRPERSONS

**Set Up:** Vic Vosters  
**Thurs. Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm** 920-734-1249

**Thursday Night:** Jim Newhouse  
920-788-1921

**Friday:** Lee & Sue Besaw  
920-982-4943  
Breakfast 7:45  
Lunch 12:30  
Supper 6:00

**Saturday:** Steve & Ann Riehl  
920-982-2972  
Breakfast 7:00  
Agape 1:30  
Supper 6:15

**Sunday:** Jill Heacock  
920-687-0430  
Breakfast 7:35  
Lunch 12:00  
Supper 5:30  
Sunday @ 3:30  
Vic Vosters

**Emergency Phones:** 920-659-9081 OR 920-621-3719

**Clean Up:**

Directions: From Green Bay: take Hwy 54 West about 29 miles. Turn left on Cty Rd S and go about 1/2 mile. Turn right on E. North Water Street, go .8 miles. Turn left on N Pearl Street, church will be on your left.

From Appleton: take Hwy 15 West about 13 miles. Hwy 15 becomes US-45 Business N. Turn left on E Beacon Ave, go .3 miles. Turn left onto S Pearl Street, church will be on your left.

From Oshkosh: take Hwy 45 North about 12 miles, merge onto US 45N/US 10W, go 3.3 miles. Merge onto US 45 N toward New London and go about 8 miles. Turn Left on Cty Hwy D, then turn right onto Cty Hwy D and go 2.7 miles. Turn left onto E Washington, then turn right on S Pearl Street, church will be on your right.

**Most Precious Blood Parish address: 712 Pearl Street, New London, WI**

There is room for more candidates. Talk to God about your friends, then talk to your friends about cursillo, then, get their application in!

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](http://www.cursillo.org/Greenbay)

To see an updated list of candidates right up to the cursillo e-mail Bob Varick @ [bvarick@new.rr.com](mailto:bvarick@new.rr.com)

**Cursillos in Christianity**  
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## **Freedom from Anxiety**

The following is an excerpt from *Let Nothing Disturb You*, reflections of St. Teresa of Avila, edited by John Kirvan. In this passage, Teresa emphasizes that even though those who trust in the Lord have their needs met, they must actively seek the support they need in order to continue trusting in Him. She continues by describing how she creates that support system.

*I try to surround myself with people who seem to be making great progress in the love and service of God, with those who place their trust in God alone. I seek out those who are single-minded and courageous in their desire to do great things for the Lord, who place all their trust in him.*

As I read this passage, I found myself thinking about the people who surround me on a daily basis, primarily co-workers who really are not all that invested in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I was beginning to think that in today's society it is nearly impossible to surround ourselves with such a support system. Then the "Ah-Hah!" moment happened. I thought about my Fourth Day group. I thought about other parishioners who have also made their Cursillo. These are the people who making great strides in their "love and service of God." They are "single-minded and courageous" in how they choose to live their lives in service of Jesus, simply by following our mantra of piety, study, and action. What an incredible gift our Fourth Day is to us, especially in an age of secular hustle and bustle!

Think about it. What an incredible gift Cursillo could make to someone you know, to that special person who is seeking deeper meaning in his or her life! By inviting and sponsoring this person to Cursillo, you could be helping him or her take one step closer to that complete trust in God, "the gift of freedom from anxiety."

~Sherry Zwicky