



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

April 2015 – Women’s

The Art of Being Clever

Spiritual Director’s Comments

Three women and three men tourists are traveling in Europe by train to a soccer match. At the station, the three men each buy a ticket and watch as the three women buy just one ticket. “How are the three of you going to travel on only one ticket?” asks one of the men. “Watch and learn!” answers one of the women. They all board the train. The three men take their respective seats but all three women cram into a toilet together and close the door. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around to collect the tickets. He knocks on the toilet door and says, “Ticket, please.” The door opens just a bit and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on. The men see this happen and agree it was a clever idea, so, after the game, they decide to do the same thing on the return trip.

When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip but see, to their astonishment, that the three women don’t buy any ticket at all. “How are you going to travel without a ticket?” asks one of the perplexed men. “Watch and learn!” answers a woman. When they board the train, the three men cram themselves into a toilet and the three women cram into another one down the aisle. Shortly after the train is on its way, one of the women leaves her toilet and walks over to the one in which the men are hiding. She knocks on the door and says. “Ticket please.” *And some men think they are smarter than women. Go figure!*

The women on the cursillo this coming weekend may be more clever in outwitting their male counterparts; their skits may be more creative; and their singing may be more on key, but the Spirit will work the miracle of deepening faith in equal parts to one and all. What a gift, what a grace, to be able to live the cursillo so soon

after Easter, when the new life of the risen Christ is so tangible! And what an opportunity for us to do palanca when our hearts are so joy-filled, for a joyful and grateful person is always more generous in the giving of self! This weekend should rock, as much as that first Easter morning when the stone was rolled away from the tomb of doubt and mourning to allow the risen Christ to come forth and renew our world and the hearts of all who believe. May that same Energy result in our babe-chicks’ setting aside whatever prevents them from knowing the joy of Easter and whatever prevents us from sharing in that goodness!

De Colores,

Fr. Dave

“Action” of the Tri-Pod

Lay Director’s Comments

I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. ~John 15:5~

Five years ago my husband Mike was given a Prayer Shawl during his hospitalization. It meant a lot knowing that someone had knitted prayers of comfort, healing and peace into the shawl and then it was blessed especially for him. It inspired me to start knitting Prayer Shawls. I shared what I was doing with my friends at church and work. Several were interested in joining and hence a Prayer Shawl Ministry group developed. Both groups of friends came together and we have been knitting together ever since. Recently, my daughter asked me for a Prayer Shawl for a friend's husband who was hospitalized and not doing well at all. She brought him the shawl that had been blessed in his name... he was very touched and it meant a lot, since he had been

questioning his own faith. How humbling it was to know that this gesture of love for one another could turn around a person's feelings toward their faith. Fortunately, he is doing well and continues to be lifted up in prayer. The Lord invites us walk with Him through each day... He is our vine and we cling to the vine as we branch out to others through "Action."

As my 2 year term of Lay Director comes to a close, I would like to thank all of you for your support. It has been an honor and a privilege being able to serve in this position. Joan VanEperen has served as Assistant Lay Director and will move into the Lay Director position. I will continue on as the Historian. The Cursillo movement in the Green Bay Diocese remains very strong, thanks to all the faith-filled Cursillistas.

May God Bless All of You... ~Vonnie Giffin~

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

School of Leaders

School of Leaders is back in session and Dcn. Mark Mullins and Dcn. Conrad Kieltyka have prepared presentations on two new topics. We are continuing the practice of pairing up with Ultreyas throughout the Diocese. Our next date is May 2nd at the Green Bay Area Ultreya.

If you are planning an Ultreya and are interested in having School of Leaders join you please email us at SOL@gbcursillo.com or call Randy @ 920-609-5656. We will announce the upcoming dates and times using the emailed prayer chain. Please watch for when we will be visiting your area and join us.

Rest in Peace...

Three Cursillistas recently passed away that were instrumental in bringing the Cursillo movement to the

Green Bay Diocese.

Lyle Becker 12/30/14

Mike Ariens 2/28/15

Fr. Bill Alcuin 3/5/15

May they and all of our loved ones that have gone before us rest in the peace of our loving Savior.

Sing Out!

Asst. Spiritual Director's Comments

When we were in the midst of the last real cold snap of winter I was walking into my 4th Day group early in the morning. A cardinal was piercing the chilly air with his song from his perch high in a nearby maple tree. It almost seemed a bit out of place to have a bird trying so hard to sing spring on a morning that winter was definitely in control of.

Aldo Leopold, the father of modern conservation put his trust in Canadian geese. He wrote in *The Sand County Almanac* that those birds that winter in Wisconsin can sing one day but then if spring seems to not cooperate that they can just resume their winter silence. But geese stake a lot of effort to fly hundreds of miles northward. They can't be wrong because they won't have the energy to fly back south if they arrive too early.

I understand his viewpoint, but perhaps he may have misunderstood the winter bird's song. The goose needs to see telltale signs of what is to risk life and feather to begin the migration. They understand what they can actually see and feel. And so when their V formations knife into the north wind you know that warmer, more westward and southerly breezes aren't far behind.

But the winter bird, like that cardinal on that frosty morning perhaps was sensing the promise of what will be. His song can reinforce the spirit of those who are growing weary of winter and hope for what seems still too far off.

Faith can be that way. When God is near and the signs are all around us, our witness, our song, can point Him out to others. But when God seems distant or far off, our witness, our song can reassure others to hold fast to the hope and the promise.

Sing out Earth and Sky! Sing of the God who loves you!

Deacon Dan Wagnitz

**Women's Cursillo #236 April 16-19, 2015
Green Bay Quad Parish, St. Joseph Site, Green Bay, WI**

TEAM

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Rector:	Jane Varick 920-427-7375	Set Up:	Vic Vosters **Thurs. April 16 th 2:00 pm 734-1249
Vice Rector:	Diane Pichette 920-655-2605	Thursday Night:	Greg & Cathy McLean 920-819-1817
Spiritual Director:	Fr. Tom Long 920-606-0153	Friday:	Andy Pichette 920-655-4672
Asst. Spiritual Director:	Deacon Dan Wagnitz 920-865-7121		Breakfast 7:45 Lunch 12:30 Supper 6:00
Proctors:	Sara Tess (kitchen) 277-2998 Toni Binzak 378-5785 Jackie Murphy 687-0655 Susan Wirtala 662-0920	Saturday:	Mike & Kay Weins 920-475-6460 Breakfast 7:00 Agape 1:30 Dinner 6:15
Palanca Address:	Attn: Cursillo #236 Palanca Cursillo in Christianity PO Box 184 Little Chute, WI 54140	Sunday:	Randy VanHandel 920-858-2761 Breakfast 7:35 Lunch 12:00 Dinner 5:30
Serenade:	6:00 PM – Look for Signs		
Emergency Phones:	920-277-2998 OR 920-378-5785	Clean Up:	Sunday @ 4:00 Vic Vosters

Directions: Appleton/Oshkosh: Take Hwy 41 North, merge onto N Ashland Ave via Exit 163B, continue on Ashland Ave, turn left on 9th Street, Turn right on 12th Ave, Church will be on the left. Manitowoc area: Take Hwy I-43N toward Green Bay, merge onto WI-172 W via exit 180, take the exit toward Ashland Ave/WI-32/Oneida St. Merge onto Pilgrim way toward Ashland Ave. Turn left onto Ashland Ave/WI-32. Turn left onto 9th Street, turn right onto 12th Ave. Church is on the left. St. Joseph's address: 1224 12th Ave, Green Bay

This list is complete as of 4/06/2015 Sponsors... Please make sure candidates accepted after this date receive palanca. Palanca can be mailed to the PO box or dropped off at the site, there is a mail box on the cursillo trailer. 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 the cursillo e-mail Bob Varick at bvarick@new.rr.com or phone 920-733-0899.

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Save the Date!

All Cursillistas are invited to join in a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Green Bay.



DATE: Sunday, September 20, 2015
TIME: 3:00 p.m. Mass at St. Nicholas Parish, Freedom
Dinner to follow at Colonial House in Freedom

More details to come! Mark your calendar!

Cursillo 50th Anniversary Gift Collection - \$50

Includes:

- Elite Tote Bag (large size, full color, convenient adjustable strap)
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