



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter ***Women's – October 2015***

The power of Palanca ***Spiritual Director's Comments***

She was outside pulling weeds on a hot summer day when her husband walked up and asked her what they were having for dinner. Irritated by the thought of him sitting in the air-conditioned house while she labored away among the weeds, she snapped, "I can't believe you're asking me about supper right now! Pretend I'm out of town, go inside, and make dinner yourself." So he went back in the house and fixed himself a big steak, potatoes, garlic bread, and a tall beer. His wife walked in just about the time he was finishing up and asked, "Where's my dinner?" "Huh?" he said, "I thought you were out of town."

And what will all the men eat while the women are on the Cursillo this weekend? Palanca is easier for many men in these situations; they can be quite helpless. And both the women on the weekend and the men at home will be thinking, in moments or prayer and reflection, about all the times when they may have "snapped" at each other (or someone else they love). One of the reasons Cursillo is so powerful, of course, is because it takes us right where we are and simply invites us to look a little deeper beneath the surface of our attitudes, comments, and behaviors. And when we do that, we hear the whisper of a loving and merciful God to be healed and forgiven, and to start over.

What a treasure Cursillo has been in our diocese for these past fifty years! May we continue to grow the experience in our lives and in the lives of those folks "out there" who are just waiting to be invited. Our palanca will give praise to God once again and help to transform lives. Blessings to all of us!

De Colores,

Fr Dave Pleier

Seasons of Our Spiritual Life ***Lay Director's Comments***

As we go into the season of autumn, the leaves change color and eventually die off and fall to the ground, squirrels and chipmunks are busy gathering anything they can find to store away for sustenance for the winter ahead, the temperatures get cooler and the birds fly south to warmer climates. We, as Cursillistas, also go through "seasons" in our spiritual life. That "fire" that was ignited on our Cursillo weekend continues through our seasons of life, sometimes burning brightly, and other times, it's just a glowing ember. For me, while I LOVE summer, it often is a dry period for me in regards to my spiritual growth. So, even though saying goodbye to summer is very difficult for me, since my Cursillo weekend, autumn brings "the colors" (De Colores!) back into my life through the excitement surrounding the new season of Cursillo weekends! By listening to the beautiful witness talks of the new Babe Chicks, my spiritual life, unlike nature, takes on new life, as I, once again, allow the breathe of the Holy Spirit to ignite the fire within me and refocus my life on my spiritual journey.

Perhaps you haven't ever hit those "dry" patches on your journey, but even if you haven't, there is just something exciting about beginning a new season of Cursillo weekends, isn't there? The Holy Spirit was certainly at work during the men's Cursillo weekend a few weeks ago! As we prepare to celebrate another women's Cursillo, my prayer for all of you is that you will find a way to share in the excitement, through palanca, working in the kitchen, helping with set up and take down, or attending the Serenade and Closing, or, all of the above! Allow the Holy Spirit to fuel that fire He placed in your heart and soul on your weekend so that it may move you into a new season of your spiritual journey.

Friends in Christ,

Joan VanEperen

Fourth Day Reflections

“Walking through a garden of a thousand burning bushes, looking up to Heaven for a sign.” That’s a line from a song by a fairly obscure Christian singer/songwriter that captures one of my favorite aspects of Cursillo. There are always periods of drought and testing in every life, even in the lives of saints. We can look all around at the signs of God’s presence and wonder where He is.

But if you’ve ever been to a closing and listened to the witness talks of the Babe Chicks, or attended a fourth day reunion group, or heard the reflection and witness at Ultreya you are always reminded about the miracles that God works in our lives every day. Those are moments of oasis when our life is dry.

While living the Cursillo is a tremendous experience the real gold in the Cursillo movement to me is the fourth day. Sometimes we need others to remind us how good God is and sometimes we can offer others the cool drink of our moments closest to Christ. Remember – thumbs to the left!

His Peace <><

Deacon Dan Wagnitz, Assistant Spiritual Director

School of Leaders

School of Leaders is in session and Dcn. Mark Mullins, Dcn. Conrad Kieltyka and Randy Barrett have prepared presentations on three different topics. We are continuing the practice of pairing up with Ultreyas throughout the Diocese.

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.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for updated information. 347 responses were received and all of that information is now being used to update our database. Having correct phone numbers and preferred email addresses is critical for the Cursillo Movement as we reach out for volunteers for upcoming weekend needs. Again, thanks for helping us in this endeavor. If you did not fill out the on-line form to update your information, you can still send it in to Julie Huss at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com. Thank You!

Green Bay Cursillo 50th Anniversary Recap

The Cursillo movement in the Green Bay Diocese celebrated their 50th anniversary with a beautiful Mass held October 4th at St. Nicholas Parish in Freedom. The Mass was concelebrated by Father Walter Stumpf, Father Dave Pleier and Father Willie VandeLoo.

A reception dinner was held following the Mass at Colonial House in Freedom. Nearly 200 Cursillistas were in attendance. All of the photos and rosters were on display from past cursillos. Guests enjoyed finding themselves and fellow Cursillistas in the photos. It was a wonderful evening of reconnecting and reminiscing.

A special thank you goes out to Cursillista, Brian Keliher, for designing the logo for the 50th Anniversary. His beautiful design was the inspiration for all of the printed materials used for the event.

Annette Hoslet

Bobbi Hoff

Carol Foytik

Women's Cursillo #238 October 29-November 1, 2015

Most Precious Blood Parish, New London, WI

TEAM

Rector: Cindy VanAsten
920-619-1899

Vice Rector: Elaine Diedrick
920-766-9083

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

Asst. Spiritual Director: Dcn Gary Vanness
920-810-3611

Proctors: Paula Vosters (kitchen) 850-8976
Mary Putzstuck 707-6464
Pat Marx 733-8198
Julie Huss (music) 740-8847

Palanca Address: **Attn: Cursillo #238 Palanca**
 Cursillo in Christianity
 PO Box 184
 Little Chute, WI 54140

Serenade: 6:00 PM – Look for Signs
Emergency Phones: 850-8976 OR 619-1899

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Set Up: Vic Vosters/Gino Frassetto
734-1249 505-0158

Thursday 10/29, 3:30pm

Thursday Night: **Doris Schuh**
920-788-4600

Friday: **Curt Skaletski**
920-419-8898

Breakfast 7:45
Lunch 12:30
Supper 6:00

Saturday **Sally Gruber**
920-277-2584

Breakfast 7:00
Agape 1:30
Dinner 6:15

Sunday: **Louise Springer**
920-722-6063

Breakfast 7:35
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

Clean Up: **Sunday @ 4:00**
Vic Vosters /Gino Frassetto

Directions: From Green Bay – Take Hwy 41 South to Hwy 15. Take Hwy 15 West into New London. Turn left on Washington Street. From Fox Cities (East) Take Hwy 15 West into New London. Turn left onto Washington Street. From Oshkosh (South) Take Hwy 45 North to New London. Turn left onto Hwy 15, turn left on Washington St. Main entrance to MPB is at Washington & Pearl. Additional parking behind church off of Quincy Street. Most Precious Blood Parish, 712 Pearl Street, New London, WI.



This list is complete as of 10/17/15 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 cursillo e-mail Bob Varick at bvarick@new.rr.com or phone 920-733-0899

Watch the cursillo web site and prayer chain for spring dates and locations.