



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

September 2015 – Men's

Let's Talk...

Spiritual Director's Comments

Over a cup of morning coffee, a man was reading part of an article to his wife, where it stated, "...the average woman uses 30,000 words per day, where the average man uses 15,000." The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men." The husband then turned to her and said, "What?"

As another cursillo unfolds during this 50th anniversary year, there may be a few men there who will be thinking, "There sure is a lot of talking going on. I think my wife will get into this!" And you and I will do a lot of talking to God and sacrificing for others so that these men will be supported by not only words, but action. Talk, talk, talk...where would we be without all those words? And that's why we refer to Jesus as God's Word. That one Word said it all. God would never have to say another thing. Jesus, as the ongoing Word of God, tells all we need to know through his stories, his conversations, and his incredible self-sacrifice. As we grow in our appreciation of that Word, may the Scriptures come ever more alive in our hearts, may the words we choose affirm others rather than tear them down, and may we live the Word through our own willingness to be the best husbands and wives, parents and grandparents, neighbors and friends that we can be!

De Colores;

Fr. Dave

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Lay Director's Comments

DeColores! My name is Joan Van Eperen and I am the new Lay Director of the Secretariat for the Green Bay Diocese. Before I begin I would just like to thank Vonnie Giffin for her years of service as the Assistant Lay Director and Lay Director. We are truly grateful for her leadership and I am especially grateful for her mentoring me into this role. We are so happy that she remains a part of the Secretariat in the role of Historian.

Just a little bit about me, I lived my Cursillo in the fall of 2004 and it truly was a life changing experience for me. While I did NOT want to be there, and I had my escape plan all laid out, I will be forever grateful for the amazing team that lead that weekend, and also to the Holy Spirit for opening my mind and heart to a metanoia that not only changed my mind about escaping, but by Sunday, I did NOT want to leave! One of the most beautiful things about living my weekend, was that my husband, Dave, had lived his weekend just 6 weeks prior and we were able to share all the wonders of this amazing gift called "Cursillo"! My husband Dave and I have been married for 32 years and reside in Little Chute where Dave also serves as a Deacon at St. John Nepomucene in addition to his full time job as a financial analyst. We have three grown children, Dan, Katie and Tim, all who are teachers-Dan and Tim are both in Little Chute and Katie teaches at Waukesha South High School. Dan and his wife, Gabriela, have made us the proud grandparents of two beautiful granddaughters, Claire and Brooklyn. I work part time for the Heart of the Valley Chamber of Commerce and on my off days, I have the great joy of babysitting our two grandbabies. I feel very blessed!

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I am very humbled to be the Lay Director for the next two years. After attending the Regional Cursillo Encounter at Notre Dame last April, I realized just how fortunate we are here in the Green Bay diocese to have such a vibrant Cursillo community! It's amazing how many diocese within our region are struggling to hold Cursillo weekends, some having only 4-6 people in attendance. They are praying to just keep their Cursillo Community alive. Our Cursillo Movement of the Green Bay diocese is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year! We are beyond excited to celebrate on October 4, 2015 at St. Nicholas Parish with Mass and a meal to follow at the Colonial House. We have a wonderful group of people that have stepped forward to plan this event and we are very grateful to each of them for giving of their time.

I pray regularly for the Cursillo community and hope that you will keep me in prayer as well!

Respectfully Yours,

Joan Van Eperen

Like the Dewfall

As the nights begin to cool down the morning dew will become heavier and heavier. With the first glints of sunshine everything will sparkle as each droplet seems to catch and hold a piece of sunshine.

Dew is not like rain. You never hear the dewfall. You can't see it fall. It doesn't show up on the weather radar. And yet it permeates and saturates everything. You can't walk across the grass in the early morning without getting dripping wet. I love late season trout fishing. I have a favorite place where I have to cross a meadow. I know that by the time I get to the water that my waders will already look as though I'd already been out in the stream.

I think that's why the image of dewfall is always so tangible for me when I hear the priest pray in Eucharistic Prayer II: "*You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*"

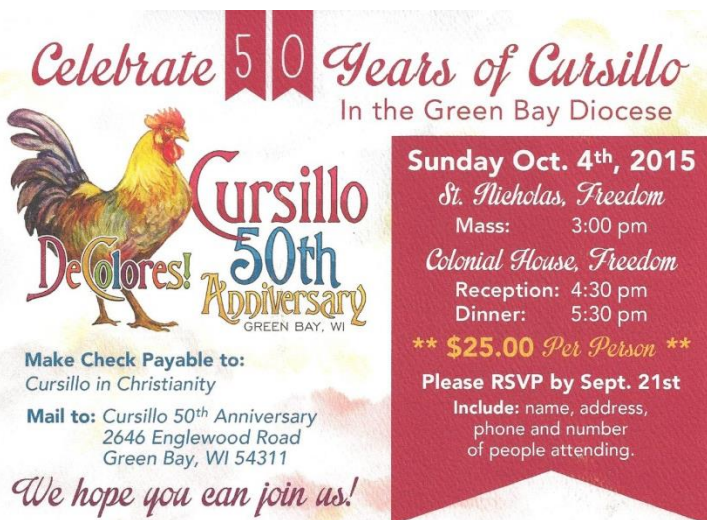
You can't hear it. You can't see it. And yet God's Holy Spirit comes down upon the hosts and the wine on the altar and saturates them with His very presence. Each host spiritually sparkles with the One who is everlasting light, just like each droplet of dew catches and holds the morning sunshine.

It is beautiful to behold and contemplate what has just happened. Take advantage of opportunities to participate in Eucharistic Adoration when they are offered. Take some time before your next Mass to consider the miracle of Jesus truly present body, blood soul and divinity in the tabernacle where he has been humbly and patiently waiting for you.

And when you have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion let your soul walk through the dewfall of God's presence and let it permeate you until your soul, mind and heart are saturated with this miracle that Jesus works for you. Feel the freshness of his life making you new, making you alive, making you shine with His light for all those you encounter!

His peace <><

Deacon Dan Wagnitz, Assistant Spiritual Director



Celebrate 50 Years of Cursillo
In the Green Bay Diocese

De Colores! Cursillo 50th Anniversary
GREEN BAY, WI

Make Check Payable to:
Cursillo in Christianity

Mail to: Cursillo 50th Anniversary
2646 Englewood Road
Green Bay, WI 54311

We hope you can join us!

Sunday Oct. 4th, 2015
St. Nicholas, Freedom
Mass: 3:00 pm
Colonial House, Freedom
Reception: 4:30 pm
Dinner: 5:30 pm
**** \$25.00 Per Person ****
Please RSVP by Sept. 21st
Include: name, address,
phone and number
of people attending.

**Men's Cursillo #237 September 24-27, 2015
St Mary's Parish, Menasha, WI**

TEAM

Rector: Jim Newhouse
920-716-0162

Vice Rector: Andy Pichette
920-655-4672

Spiritual Director: Fr. Walter Stumpf
920-841-0898

Asst. Spiritual Director: Dcn. Mark Mullins
920-498-1327

Proctors: Bill VanNuland (kitchen) 423-3375
Peter Tilleman 339-0166
Dan Matthews 213-0707
Doug Hietpas (music) 450-7000

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #237 Palanca
Cursillo in Christianity
PO Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

Serenade: 6:00 PM – Look for Signs

Emergency Phones: 920-655-4672 OR 920-450-7000

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Set Up: Vic Vosters/Gino Frassetto
Thurs. Sept 24th 3:30 pm 734-1249/505-0158

Thursday Night: Paula & Tony Vosters
920-431-8900

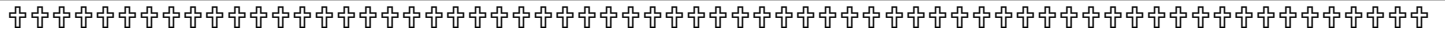
Friday: Jen VanNuland & Ann Adelman
920-423-3375/920-323-9350
Breakfast 7:45
Lunch 12:30
Supper 6:00

Saturday: Mike & Kay Weins
920-457-6459/920-475-6460
Breakfast 7:00
Agape 1:30
Dinner 6:15

Sunday: Al Watry & Randy VanHandel
920-997-4629
Breakfast 7:35
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

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

Directions: From North or South: Take US 41 to 441. Follow 441 to Hwy 47 (Appleton Rd) Exit 290. Turn right from South, Left from North. Go through two roundabouts, follow Appleton Rd approx. 2 miles. Merge slight left where Appleton Road becomes DePere Street. Follow for .4 miles. Turn Right onto Second Street. St. Mary's is approx. .1 mile ahead. NOTE: At this time Racine Street exit is under construction. We advise that you use Hwy 47 exit.
Parish address: 528 Second Street, Menasha, WI 54952



This list is complete as of 9/16/2015 There is room for more candidates – get their applications in ASAP. 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.