



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

Men's – March 2016

Many Degrees...

Spiritual Director's Comments

The graduate with a degree in science asks, "Why does it work?" The grad with an engineering degree asks, "How does it work?" The grad with a degree in accounting asks, "How much does it cost?" And the graduate with a degree in liberal arts asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

One of the wonderful dimensions of Cursillo is the wide variety of backgrounds and interests of those who are living their fourth days. Each weekend gathers together plumbers and physicians, teachers and tailors, republicans and democrats. The common thread, of course, is a desire to deepen one's relationship with Jesus Christ and, when that happens, a community, rooted in love and respect, is formed. What a model that becomes for our society, where love and respect seem to be very noticeably absent! It is that community that sustains us in our faith-journeys, in our relationship with Jesus, in our deep desire to treat one another with genuine care and compassion.

Thus, as another group of male disciples have been called together, we will do palanca. We will sacrifice in order for these men to experience what we once did, and what we continue to experience in our group reunions and Ultreyas. Let us truly be one, even with our vast differences, as we come together to enhance the kingdom of God present among us through our prayer and sacrifice this weekend. And may we always look at these differences as reflecting the vast creativity of our God rather than line-in-the-sand positions that tear us apart. Please, let us be one in our love for the Lord!

De Colores (of *many*) colors,

Fr Dave Pleier

New Beginnings

Lay Director's Comments

It's so surreal to me to think that by the time this goes to print, Lent will be coming to a close and the Easter season will be upon us! I pray your Lent was a heart changing time!

Not only are we entering the Easter season, but we are also just beginning Spring-both times of new life. I love seeing the landscape come to life around me. The grass starts to green up, the crocuses and tulips start to emerge, and the sounds of birds fill the air. The new life around me also reminds me of the Lord's endless gift of fresh new beginnings. While both nature's seasons, as well as the liturgical seasons of lent and advent all represent change, whether it be our landscape, or our hearts, God's mercy gives us the opportunity to change and begin anew each and every day. Thank The Lord for that!

During the month of April, we will all share in the beginning of new spiritual life of many new babe chicks! Hearing the witnesses at each closing is so heartwarming to me! We have also begun a new addition to the Cursillo Secretariat with the addition of two At Large members who will attend meetings, learn about the workings of the Secretariat, and hopefully, at the close of their terms, they will choose to step into a committee or position for another term! We are so excited to welcome Lori Ann Keisic and Jim Spierings to the Secretariat and we thank them for saying "yes" to serve The Lord and the Cursillo Movement of the Green Bay Diocese in this capacity.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Kay and Mike Weins, and Diane and Andy Pichette for all their work in making the 10th annual Day of Enrichment such a success! The Day of Enrichment has become a great yearly tradition for many, and it is because of their efforts that it is possible. We are SO blessed to be part of such a vibrant Cursillo movement!

Peace,

Joan VanEperen

Cursillo Helps to Keep It Going

I just heard a Statistic that nearly half of the people who join the Church through the RCIA process are no longer practicing the Faith five years later. I don't think that's an indictment of RCIA. Nor do I question the sincerity of those who come to the Faith that way. I propose that it underscores just how hard it is to authentically live the Catholic Faith in today's world if we don't have the ongoing help of the Holy Spirit and the support from a close community/family of fellow believers.

It is precisely the Fourth Day approach of the Cursillo that helps the movement stand out as more than a "one-and-done" retreat experience. Even amongst those who have lived a Cursillo, the ongoing involvement in the Church and parish life I think is in direct relation to on-going active participation in a reunion groups, local Ultreyas, teams, closings and special events like the Day of Enrichment.

We all have our silver Cursillo crosses with "*Christ is Counting on You*" stamped in it. It's a good reminder that our relationship to and love of God is vertical and personal. But that love relationship is lived out here and now in how we relate to and love others through and within community.

Living a Cursillo fans the flame of the Holy Spirit to life in our hearts. Continuing to live out the Fourth Day of our Cursillo keeps us all growing in our faith and moved to ongoing Apostolic Action.

De Colores,

Deacon Dan Wagnitz
Assistant Spiritual Director

Want to invite someone to Cursillo?
Talk to God about your friend – then
talk to your friend about God.

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.

The following upcoming dates have been scheduled:

- April 2nd: Dcn. Conrad Kieltyka will give a talk on "Obstacles to living out our 4th Day" at the Green Bay Ultreya.
- April 19th: Dcn. Mark Mullins will give a talk on "Being a Leader in our 4th Day" at the New Holstein Ultreya.
- May 24th: Dcn. Mark Mullins will give a talk on "Being a Leader in our 4th Day" at the Kaukauna 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.

Updates Please

Have you moved? Dropped your land line? Changed your email address? Changed parishes? Please let us know about any of these changes so we can update our database.

Do you know someone who wishes they were receiving Cursillo emails and isn't, or someone who wishes they received the newsletter via snail mail? Please let us know – we want to keep everyone up to date and 'in the loop' with all of the cursillo weekends and happenings.

Please send all updates to Julie Huss, newsletter/ mailing list coordinator at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com or 920-740-8847

Men's Cursillo #239 March 31-April 3, 2016

St John Nepomucene Parish, Little Chute

TEAM

Rector: Mike Giffin
920-739-8334

Vice Rector: Tom Mullins
920-205-3927

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

Asst. Spiritual Director: Dcn Dave VanEperen
920-716-5019

Proctors: Rod Runde 920-851-5233
Ray Schuh 920-788-9398
(kitchen) Jeff Brockman 920-460-6078
(music) Doug Hietpas 920-450-7000

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #239 Palanca
PO Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

Serenade: 6:00 PM – Look for Signs

Emergency Phones: 920-460-6078 OR 920-205-3927

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Set Up: Wednesday, March 30 @ 5:00pm
Vic Vosters 734-1249/Gino Frassetto 505-0158

Thursday Night: Pat Brockman
920-460-6078

Friday: Karl Vandenberg
920-213-0121

Breakfast 7:45

Lunch 12:30

Supper 6:00

Saturday: Sue Spierings
920-470-8088

Breakfast 7:00

Agape 1:30

Supper 6:15

Sunday: Dan Dooley
920-427-5170

Breakfast 7:35

Lunch 12:00

Supper 5:30

Clean Up: Sunday @ 4:30
Vic Vosters 734-1249/Gino Frassetto 505-0158

Directions: From Hwy 41, take Hwy N exit in Little Chute. Go South on N. At stop light on N & OO continue straight south. Road becomes Depot Street. Go to Main Street and turn right. Go one block and turn left on Grand Avenue (stop light.) The main parking lot is on the left. The school is on the left just past the church.

St John Nepomucene, 323 Pine Street, Little Chute

Candidate

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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

To see an updated list of candidates right up to the cursillo e-mail Bob Varick bvarick@new.rr.com