



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

Women's – October 2016

Smart Spending... Spiritual Director's Comments

An old Jewish comedian's line...Someone stole all my credit cards, but I'm not complaining. The thief spends a lot less than my wife did!

Well, this weekend, guys' wives are spending a whole three days together on the Cursillo and we couldn't be more thrilled. To sacrifice that much time and entrust their households to their husbands is indeed a huge sacrifice. Now, there may be a few babe chicks that aren't married, but the point is...committing to a weekend is serious business. The Holy Spirit must have used someone to work the miracle of saying yes. And, as we all know, that miracle needs to be repeated over and over, for each day we are called upon to say yes to being the best disciples we can be.

As we pray for those who are on the weekend, may our lives be enriched as well! May our memories and flashbacks bolster a new energy within each of us to live our Fourth Days! And may good things happen in the lives of those around us because of our determination to pray for and serve one another in love and joy!

De Colores,

Fr Dave Pleier

Christ is Counting on You!

Recently I was working on the report that is submitted each fall to National Cursillo that gives them a status update as to how things are going in our diocese. As I sat filling it out, it made me reflect on my own personal life, and how I was doing in living out God's call to continue His mission on earth. Am I continuing to "make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ"? If I honestly answered that for myself, it would probably be "no"! I have gained so many wonderful friends through Cursillo, and the other apostolates I am involved with that I think I've gotten complacent in spreading the good news of Christ! When doing things socially, I chose to be with those I previously mentioned because **I do best** when I surround myself with "like minded" people. I am currently not working, so I'm not evangelizing in the work place. So, how do I continue to build up His kingdom? I am with people outside my home almost daily. Am I smiling, saying "hello", or making any attempt to let others see Christ through me? What about my own family? Am I taking those opportunities God gives me with my adult children and granddaughters to plant seeds of faith? Just as we hear on the weekend, it doesn't always have to be something big. In the words of Mother, now Saint Teresa, "Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet, especially your family", after all, Christ is counting on us!

Peace,

Joan VanEperen

The Weight of a Shadow

When I was four years old my family moved into the only home my parents ever owned. It was on what was then the edge of town. Everything to the west was what a developer would call “vacant land”. But to a young boy growing up, especially on long summer days, that land was anything but vacant – it was full of adventure and dreams and fun.

I especially loved lying on my back and watching the armada of cloud ships sail across a perfect blue sky ocean. A steady wind made the long grass wave and ripple to mimic the heavens and it was the shadows of the clouds that glided silently through that perfect green ocean. Those huge shadows cruised right over me. I could feel the temperature cool momentarily while the cloud blocked the sun, but the cool was weightless.

When the Angel Gabriel asked Mary the question that the world longed to be asked, and when she gave her “yes” Gabriel told her that the Holy Spirit would “overshadow” her. When we open our hearts for love of God, he comes – weightless. His yoke is easy and his burden is light because he comes in love. And all things done in love and with love and for love are ultimately weightless, regardless of cost.

The women who have responded to God’s invitation to lead and attend Cursillo #242 have found a way past all the weight of the world – the weight of jobs that don’t want to wait, the burden of setting aside precious time, the heaviness of guilt that nags that perhaps they are not worthy enough or holy enough or religious enough or ready enough.

May God overshadow each of them in the way each most needs. May this be a weekend of adventure and dreams and fun. And may each discover to her surprise the weightlessness of a life of love lived in God’s boundless grace.

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.*

ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

In 2017 Cursillo will have been in the United States for 60 years. We have been blessed in the Green Bay Diocese to offer Cursillo weekends for over 50 years.

National Cursillo has instituted a campaign to request that each Cursillista donate \$3/YR as a solution to a brighter future for the Cursillo Movement.

A successful \$3/YR campaign will:

- Reduce the National Encounter fee
- Assist in establishing Cursillo in areas where needed (*WE ARE TRYING TO ESTABLISH ENGLISH CURSILLO IN MADISON AND MILWAUKEE*)
- Translate the writings and books of the founder for each language group
- Provide bookstore vouchers to dioceses that are in the process of re-establishing Cursillo
- Offer reduced prices on Cursillo books and materials
- Offer bigger discounts to affiliated dioceses when purchasing books and materials
- Achieve financial and operational ability of the National Cursillo Movement

Please consider “giving back” for this wonderful gift of Cursillo in Green Bay.

Donation forms can be found on the National website www.natl-cursillo.org OR see Bob Varick at the women’s closing.

**Women's Cursillo #242 October 20-23, 2016
Green Bay Quad Parish, St Joseph Site , Green Bay, WI**

TEAM

Rector: Peg VandeHey
920-759-5351

Vice Rector: Annette Hoslet
920-621-1320

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

Asst. Spiritual Director: Deacon Steve VandeHey
920-759-5351

Proctors: Jill Heacock (kitchen) 470-0566
Donna Krippner 203-8038
Suzie Klein 585-3500
Robin Hendricks (music) 715-759-5339

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Set Up: Vic Vosters/Gino Frassetto
****Thurs. Oct. 20th 3:00 pm** 734-1249/505-0158

Thursday Night: Larry Heacock 920-687-0430
7:00 pm

Friday: Jane Varick 920-427-7375
Breakfast 7:45
Lunch 12:30
Supper 6:00

Saturday: Pat Mongin 920-819-3144
Breakfast 7:00
Agape 1:30
Dinner 6:15

Sunday: Catherine Peters 920-655-3292
Breakfast 7:35
Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30

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

Palanca Address: **Attn: Cursillo #242 Palanca**
Cursillo in Christianity
PO. Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

Serenade: 6:00 PM – Look for Signs

Emergency Phones: 920-470-0566 OR 920-621-1320

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

Sponsors... Please make sure candidates accepted after this date receive palanca. Palanca can be mailed to the P.O. 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.natl-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.