



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

Men's – September 2016

Size Matters... Spiritual Director's Comments

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it. These same men will be out of the house this weekend as they commit to experience the beginnings of a lifetime commitment to being disciples of Jesus. Now, they may already be quite committed, but, even so, the Cursillo experience will enlarge their hearts to care even more passionately for spreading the kingdom of God.

And then there's the rest of us? How will our hearts be enlarged, because, being who we are, they can quickly return to their smaller size? Well, that's where palanca comes in. Nothing can keep the heart pumping love better than focused prayer and sacrifice. So, let's get to it and make this weekend the best ever. Let's allow the grace of God alive within us overflow into the lives of all we meet. And then not only will the babe chicks come alive in Christ, but so will all those who are touched by our fervor. God's grace abounds! Let us be open to all that can happen when we use it to change the world!

De Colores,

Fr Dave Pleier

Another Chance for Change Lay Director's Comments

As we embark on another season of Cursillo weekends, I'd like to ask each of you to take a minute and reflect on when you lived your own Cursillo. Was it something that you willingly attended? Were you searching for something more in your life when you went? Or, did you go kicking and screaming like I did? No matter how you went to your weekend, chances are, you came out a changed person. I know that for me, it took until that magical time on Friday afternoon when the palanca letters were placed in front of me, before I stopped trying to plan my escape route. I'm beyond thankful for that weekend, and all those involved with it, for catapulting my spiritual journey! I've got a long way to go, but I know that each time I attend a Cursillo closing, help in the kitchen, serve on team, or write palanca to the team and candidates, it ignites that burning ember that was on fire when I left my weekend, but over time, it often dies out. So, each year at this time, I get excited about hearing the witness stories of those babe chicks and just seeing and spending time with my family of Cursillistas, as I know it will nudge me to get back to balancing my very wobbly tripod of piety, study, and action. I hope all of you will make an effort to involve yourselves somehow in the

upcoming Cursillo weekends, whether it be through prayer and palanca letters, offering to help out in the kitchen, sponsoring a candidate, attending the closings, or all of the above! Just as with your own Cursillo weekend, I can guarantee that it will change you!

Peace,

Joan VanEperen

Tell Me a Story

Tell me a story. It is a powerful request. When we ask to hear a story we let another person know that we are interested in what they have to say. And we are saying that the best use we can think of for the next moments of our time is to listen to another.

Perhaps we are inviting the other to unleash their imagination. The imagination is the only infinite wilderness here on earth, so where will the story lead us? Will it entertain? Will it scare us? Will it challenge us to dream bigger? Will it cause us to wonder at the possibility that the future holds?

As intriguing as stories of the imagination are, the most powerful stories are true stories. Why? Because when we share true stories we come to the awareness of another. You can't share your story with another unless there is trust. And when that trust is well-placed the invitation is there to tell the other our story. When we reach that point in a relationship we have reached true intimacy – deep self-awareness and deep awareness

of the other. When you are that intimate with someone it allows genuine love to grow. Think about it. Did you love anyone first? Or did you come to love as they shared more and more of their story, of their hopes, of their dreams, of their deepest feelings with you.

This is why the witness that we share in the rollos, at Ultreyas, and in our 4th Day groups are so powerful. Someone trusts us with their story. And trust given invites trust returned. And we connect. We connect because we realize, much to our amazement, that we are not alone, that someone else has been where we are now. We connect because someone inspires us as to what is possible that we hadn't dared to consider. We connect because someone has shared their pain and asked us to help carry their cross.

Jesus came to tell us his story. It is a story of love, a story of forgiveness, a story of mercy. And he invites us to a level of deepest intimacy, because he invites us into his story. It is a story that is beyond anything we could have imagined. Where will the story lead us? Will it entertain? Will it scare us? Will it challenge us to dream bigger? Will it cause us to wonder at the possibility that the future holds?

Tell me a story. Tell me your story. Tell me His story.

De Colores,

*Deacon Dan Wagnitz
Assistant Spiritual Director*

Men's Cursillo #241 September 22 - 25, 2016

Sacred Heart Parish, Shawano

TEAM

Rector: Dave Scherer
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715-212-9382

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Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #241 Palanca
P.O. Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

Serenade: 6:00 PM – Look for Signs

Emergency Phones: 715-212-9382 OR 920-655-4672

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Set Up: Thursday, Sept. 22 @ 3:30pm
Vic Vosters 734-1249/Gino Frassetto 505-0158

Thursday Night: Diane Pichette
920-655-2605

Friday: Richard Wagner
715-281-7032

Breakfast 7:45

Lunch 12:30

Supper 6:00

Saturday: Jenn Jensen
920-279-5982

Breakfast 7:00

Agape 1:30

Supper 6:15

Sunday: Tony & Paula Vosters
920-810-1318

Breakfast 7:35

Lunch 12:00

Supper 5:30

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

Directions: From Green Bay: Take Hwy 29 West about 32 miles to exit 225/WI22 for Shawano/Clintonville. Turn right and go about 1.5 miles. Turn right on E. Center St, church will be on right. From Appleton/Oshkosh: Take Hwy 47 North to Hwy 29. Take Hwy 29 West to exit 225/WI22 for Shawano/Clintonville. Turn right and go about 1.5 miles. Turn right on E. Center St, church will be on right.

Sacred Heart Parish, 321 S. Sawyer St, Shawano

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 receive Palanca.

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 bvarick@new.rr.com

Gospel/ Diocese Mission/ Cursillo

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age.” MT 28:19-20

What has become known as the great commission ends the Gospel of Matthew. Many people lock into the word “Go” and consider it to be the key word of this directive from Jesus. After all that seems to be consistent in that we are sent out at the end of each Mass.

Going out certainly provides direction. That tells us that this is not about “us”. Cursillo is not an end unto itself. It is not a secret society. We can never become self-absorbed where our entire focus is Cursillo, where everyone we speak with is involved with Cursillo and all of our service is devoted to the Cursillo. Cursillistas serve the wider Church. We serve our parishes, our communities and all those who we contact on a daily basis.

And we must not forget that the service, the action that we take is *apostolic* action. This circles us back to the real key word from our great commission – “make”. We are sent out to serve in order to make disciples – followers of Jesus. All of our action is grounded in Christ. We serve Christ when we see him in those we serve. When we do that it enables others to see Christ in us. We serve so others will come to want to know Christ better. That is how we make disciples.

Bishop Ricken recently unveiled this updated mission statement for the Green Bay Diocese:

We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God.

This should be affirming to all of us in the Cursillo movement. Bishop also shared a model for making disciples that should sound very familiar.

1. Help others Encounter Christ: **[PIETY]**
2. Help others come to know Christ: **[STUDY]**
3. Help others come to love Christ: **[ACTION]**
4. Help others share Christ and share Christ: **[Live your 4th Day to the fullest]**

De Colores! Deacon Dan Wagnitz, Assistant Spiritual Director