



# ***Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter***

## ***Men's – February 2017***

### ***Keep the Fire Burning***

#### ***Spiritual Director's Comments***

A guy sits down at the bar and orders drink after drink. "Is everything ok, Pal?" the bartender asks. "My wife and I got into a fight and she said she isn't talking to me for a month!" Trying to put a positive spin on things, the bartender says, "Well, maybe that's kind of a good thing. You know, a little peace and quiet?" "Yeah, but today is the last day!"

When our babe chicks get home from their weekend, there will undoubtedly be a push from their wives to tell it all. What happened? You seem so at peace. And on and on...No quiet time at all. The hope, of course, is their sharing translates into excitement for their wives to want to experience their three-day journey as well. Let us pray that that will happen and that the fire will never go out, but rather open up into an eternal fourth day. Our fire stays lit through the palanca we offer this weekend, through acts of charity and compassion at all times, and through regular times we set aside for prayer.

Blessings on our babe-chicks and all those who are praying them into greatness!

De Colores,

***Fr. Dave***

### ***The Dog Days of Winter***

#### ***Lay Director's Comments***

Generally, you hear about the Dog Days of Summer, but with the weather we've been having in Wisconsin lately, I think we're in the Dog Days of Winter. Although February is the shortest month of the year, I know I am not alone in feeling like it's the longest month of the year! It seems like once you hit March, there's that glimmer of hope of spring. Well, we can't control the weather, but we CAN control how it affects us, and our spiritual growth. Is the Holy Spirit on fire in your heart, or has the fire been put out by cold? Right after Christmas I often slip into a post-holiday winter depression. Shortly before the holidays this year, I had taken advantage of an offer Dynamic Catholic was having on Matthew Kelly's new book, *Resisting Happiness*. After all the festivities ended and my hubby departed for the annual ice fishing week at our cottage, I was in my annual depression. I opted to start reading *Resisting Happiness* to try to help my mood. It was amazing how after just a few chapters my outlook on life was changing, and I was thanking God for the holy 2 x 4 to my head! I was so grateful that the Holy Spirit prompted me to not just begin, but *finish* the book within a week! So, books are a great way to get that fire burning again!

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How about the people in your environment? The winter depression I spoke of hits many people, and it's likely your home and workplace are full of people struggling with it. Are you trying to be faithful to your group reunion? I'm not saying that our "groupies" are immune from the winter doldrums, but I do know that each and every time I leave my group reunions, I feel better. Surrounding yourself with others who share your love of Christ will certainly help chase away the blues! Not in a group reunion? Check the Cursillo website for a listing of area group reunions that are open to anyone! What about Ultreyas? There are monthly Ultreyas throughout our diocese, held on different days of the week at different times. Again, check the website for that list. You're likely to find something that works for your schedule! I can't promise you that winter will end March 1<sup>st</sup>. In fact, I'm pretty certain it won't, but I can promise you that, if you take that step to do something to deepen your relationship with Christ, the SON will shine in your heart, and the Dog Days of Winter will be much easier to tolerate!

Peace,

*Joan Van Eperen*

The Cursillo web site is:

[www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay)

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Did you drop your land-line?

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Please update your information with us so we can stay in touch with you.

Send updates to Julie Huss at

[ajatjhuss@new.rr.com](mailto:ajatjhuss@new.rr.com) or call 920-740-8847

## **Thawed Hearts**

As I write this, despite today's cold chill and icy conditions, the weather forecast for the coming week is a January thaw. It seems that almost every winter, in this coldest month of winter, there comes several days of warmth that soften the snowdrift and start the steady drip of melting ice.

Since we know that it won't last, it can be hard to appreciate. The skeptical refuse to really enjoy it because it will only last a couple of days. They refuse to let themselves be fooled. Those who are overly sentimental immediately set their hopes on an early spring. Neither enjoys the beauty of the moment.

Attending Cursillo can be like a January thaw. Some attend but inwardly refuse to really open their hearts fearing that it can never last. Some attend and give into the emotion of the moment. They thoroughly enjoy the weekend but then they drift away looking elsewhere for the next experience.

The reality of living a Cursillo weekend is that it opens the door to the possibility of living the richness of the fourth day. The weekend itself is not the goal of Cursillo. It will be over quickly. The goal of Cursillo is providing an encounter with the reality of the love of God experienced more deeply, with greater awareness through the richness of a life in grace nourished by the Sacraments. Like Baptism, Cursillo sends us out into the fourth day with the mission to share that deeper, more aware presence of God with all those we meet.

Let us all offer Palanca for those who will live their Cursillo weekends in the coming weeks that the weekends will not be like a January thaw for their faith, but rather a true and lasting springtime of heart, and that they will live rich and engaged fourth days that will bless themselves, their families, their parishes and their environments.

De Colores,

*Deacon Dan Wagnitz*

Assistant Spiritual Director

# Men's Cursillo #243 February 9 - 12, 2017

## Most Precious Blood Parish - New London

### TEAM

**Rector:** Jim Newhouse  
920-716-0612

**Vice Rector:** Gino Frassetto  
920-505-0158

**Spiritual Director:** Fr. Ted Hendricks  
920-427-1896

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

**Proctors:** Jim Russell 920-450-3632  
Peter Tillemann 920-339-0166  
(kitchen) Mike Weins 920-475-6460  
(music) Mark Griffin 920-858-3660

**Palanca Address:** Attn: Cursillo #243 Palanca  
PO Box 184  
Little Chute, WI 54140

**Serenade:** 6:00 PM – Look for Signs

**Emergency Phone:** 920-505-0158

**Prayer Service:** 7:00pm in church Led by Dcn Mike Eash  
for sponsors and those interested

### DAY CHAIRPERSONS

**Set Up: Thursday, February 9 @ 3:30pm**

Vic Vosters 734-1249/Brent & Jenn Jensen 262-391-0014

**Thursday Night: Lee Besaw**  
920-982-4943

**Friday: Tom Gritton**  
920-585-9620

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: Dean Daul/Dave Westenberg**  
920-858-7410 / 920-850-6303

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

**Clean Up:** Sunday @ 4:30

Vic Vosters 734-1249/Brent & Jenn Jensen  
262-391-0014 / 920-279-5982

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.

**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](http://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](mailto:bvarick@new.rr.com)