



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

Men's – October 2017

A Search for Water Spiritual Director's Comments

A fleeing ISIS terrorist, desperate for water, was plodding through the Arabian desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the mirage, only to find a very frail old Jewish man standing at a makeshift display rack—selling ties. The ISIS terrorist asked, “Do you have water?” The Jewish man replied, “I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5. The Taliban shouted hysterically, “Idiot infidel! I do not need such an over-priced western adornment. I spit on your ties. I need water.” “Sorry, I have none—just ties—pure silk—for only \$5.” “A curse on you ties. Should wrap one around your scrawny little neck and choke the life out of you, but I must conserve my energy and find water!”

“Okay,” said the little old Jewish man, “it does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie from me or that you hate me of that you call me infidel. I will show you that I am bigger than any of that. If you continue over that hill to the east for about two miles, you will find a restaurant. It has the finest food and all the ice-cold water you need. Go in peace!” Cursing him again, the desperate terrorist staggered away over the hill. Several hours later, he crawled back, almost dead, and gasped, “They won’t let me in without a tie.”

No ties are needed for experiencing Cursillo and the water will bring new life to all who share in it as it wells up within all of the baptized. What a marvelous gift of grace for all those who will say yes to participating in the Sacred Three Days and

invigorate all of us with joy and enthusiasm as we strive to follow the call to discipleship that has been placed before us.

De Colores,

Fr Dave Plier

A Journey of Love Lay Director's Comments

My name is Joe Mongin and I am the new lay director for the Cursillo Movement in the Green Bay Diocese. My journey here is one of love. Love of God and neighbor! Through the Cursillo method, God has set me on a path that I didn’t know was in front of me. While my sins have always pulled at me, God’s love has always led me back to Him. Making Cursillo #225 was life changing for me! Being there at women’s Spanish Cursillo #3 for my bride Lorena was life changing for both of us. We have 3 children Myah, Ana, and Joseph and we split our Sundays between St. Agnes and St. Willebrord’s in Green Bay.

It takes perseverance and courage to be a disciple of Christ today. We are called to be a lighthouse for our friends and family aiding them in finding safe harbor in the midst of the storms of life. For me this starts with an intentional habit of prayer in my daily life. I challenge my fellow cursillistas to focus the legs of the stool of piety, study, and action inwardly to allow God to transform us that His will would be done through our actions. Remember in Cursillo

we: MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST, AND BRING THEM TO CURSILLO! If you have an idea for the Cursillo movement or would like to discuss anything with me I am happy to hear from you. Jcmongin@gmail.com or 920-676-1981. Live courageously for Christ!

DeColores!

Joe Mongin

***We Are ‘Disciples On the Way’
Assistant Spiritual Director’s Comments***

Last April, the Cursillo Secretariat asked me to be Assistant Spiritual Director. After prayerful consideration, I said yes. I know I have a high bar to reach which was set by Deacon Dan Wagnitz for the last three years. I thank Dan for his work on the Secretariat and his assistance in the transition. I would like to give you a bit of a background on myself. I lived my Cursillo in September 2005 at Cursillo #197. It was that experience which enlivened my faith and changed me forever. As a result of discovering Jesus that weekend, and continued growth in my spiritual life during my 4th day, I was led to the diaconate. I was ordained a Deacon in May of 2013. I am assigned to St. John the Evangelist Parish and St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay. I have been married to my wife Ann for over 31 years, and we have two beautiful children. Nathan and Jordan are both in college. I look forward to continue to share Christ with others through Cursillo.

At a recent Cursillo gathering at St. Phillip Parish in Green Bay, Bishop Ricken spoke about the “Disciples On The Way” discipleship movement occurring in the Diocese. He spoke about Discovering Jesus, Following Jesus, Worshiping Jesus and Sharing Jesus. Throughout his

presentation, I kept thinking how Cursillo has these four components integrated into the weekend and our 4th day. Cursillo is a wonderful way to discover or rediscover Jesus. In our three days of Cursillo, we are introduced to Him. We are then given an opportunity to incorporate Him into our lives. Through piety, study and action, we continue to build our relationship with Him. Our 4th day is so important to opening the door of our heart to Christ.

Remember the Gospel of the Rich Man in Mark 10: 17-22? The young rich man asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus explains to this pious young man that he needs to follow the commandments. At this point, the young man had to have been joy filled. But Jesus knew there was something lacking. There was an attachment to many “worldly things”. In verse 21, Jesus looked at him, loved him and asked him to detach from these things and follow Him. We know the end of this story. Notice how Jesus used the same two words which He said to each of the Twelve; “Follow Me”. As we continue on our 4th Day, Jesus loves each and every one of us and asks us to follow Him. Our continued piety, study and action form us into disciples. We find love from the true source of infinite Divine Love. It becomes easier to detach from “worldly things” and to deepen our relationship with Jesus. As disciples on the way, we are each called to discover, follow, worship and share Jesus.

To find out more about the Disciples On The Way journey, read about it in the September 6th issue of the Compass or find it at the Bishop’s Corner at www.thecompassnews.org. This is a great article to reflect upon and integrate into our study.

DeColores,

Deacon Conrad Kieltyka

Men's Cursillo #245 October 5-8, 2017

Sacred Heart Parish, Appleton

TEAM

Rector: Mike Giffin
920-739-8334

Vice Rector: Wally Thomson
920-809-6855

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

Asst. Spiritual Director: Dcn. Gib Schmidt
920-268-6135

Proctors: Ryan Van Camp 920-224-5368
Mike Quinn 920-540-5685
(music) John Hanson 920-574-5801
(kitchen) Larry Putzstuck 920-205-3043

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #245 Palanca
PO Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

Serenade: 6:00 PM – Look for Signs

Emergency Phones: 920-809-6855 / 920-205-3043

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Set Up: Brent & Jenn Jenssen
Thurs Oct 5th 1:30 pm 262-391-0014/920-279-5982

Thursday Night: Mary Putzstuck
920-707-6464

Friday: Trisha Tetzlaff
920-428-5708
Breakfast 7:45
Lunch 12:30
Supper 6:00

Saturday: Mike Weins/Tom Gritton
920-475-6459/920-585-9620
Breakfast 7:00
Agape 1:30
Supper 6:15

Sunday: Dan/Bev Besch
920-731-3727
Breakfast 7:35
Lunch 12:00
Supper 5:30

Clean Up: Sunday @ 3:30
Brent & Jenn Jenssen

Directions: From Green Bay: Take Hwy 41 South, take Exit 145 to Hwy 441 S, go about 6.6 miles. Take Oneida St Exit, turn right onto Oneida St. Go 1.1 mile, turn right onto E Fremont Street. Church is on the left.

From Oshkosh: Take Hwy 41 North, Exit 134 to Hwy 441 N. Take the Oneida St N exit, turn left on Oneida. Go 1.1 miles, turn right on E Fremont Street. Church is on the left.

Sacred Heart Parish address: 222 E Fremont Street, Appleton, WI

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 prayerrequests@gbcursillo.com or watch the cursillo prayer chain.

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Set-Up and Take Down News

Greetings fellow Cursillistas!

I am Jenn Jensen. My husband Brent and I are the new coordinators for Set-up and Take Down for the Cursillo weekends. We were asked to take over this position last fall and we felt called to accept.

Our main job is to prepare the host site for the weekend and then put things back in order at the end. While this is very rewarding work, it takes a team to accomplish this. I am reaching out today to ask that you consider volunteering to help us with set-up, take down, or both for the upcoming Men's and Women's weekends. We are also trying to put together a database of volunteers for future weekends as well. There are a variety of jobs to do. Duties include moving desks, covering windows in paper, unloading the trailer, setting up cots, and many other jobs. They range from very physical to light duty.

So, if you are interested in helping us out either click the link to complete the volunteer form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1njynSX_S4RAQD7Goqa9ghR9yq94PjkERXcCs18Kob8A/edit) or contact me directly at jennjensen@live.com.

With love always,

Jenn Jensen