



# **Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter**

## **April 2018 – Women’s**

### ***Spiritual Bouquets***

#### ***Spiritual Director’s Comments***

At a recent Pinewood Derby with the Cub Scouts, a third grader came up to me at the lunch and said, “I sure feel sorry for whoever made the egg salad sandwiches.” I said, “Why is that? Because it took so much work?” He said, “Oh no, it’s because my Mom’s are so much better.” We spend our lives living in comparison-mode. In elementary school it’s who’s the teacher’s favorite? In middle/high school, it’s who’s the most popular? Or the best-looking? Or the most athletic? In early adulthood, it’s who’s got the best-paying job? In late adulthood, it’s who has the most grandchildren? In our advanced years, it’s who’s got the best health? And on Cursillo, it’s who’s the holiest?

Actually, that’s not really true, for on Cursillo the power of God’s grace reminds us that God loves each of us equally—with such an abundance of love that it cannot be fathomed. And so as we prepare to welcome another 30 wonderful women into our Cursillo community, our palanca will not be judged on which is the hardest or most time-consuming, but rather they will all be gathered together into a spiritual bouquet of immeasurable love and beauty. So let us each do what he or she can and God will gather them all together and distribute them with a warm smile of gratitude for us taking His call to discipleship so seriously and joyfully. I do often picture Jesus smiling (sometimes actually laughing at me and my foibles) and just that look keeps me going. May He smile on all of us throughout our Fourth Day!

*De Colores,*

*Fr. Dave*

### ***Bearing our Crosses***

#### ***Lay Director’s Comments***

The last several months I’ve been confronted with the realization that crosses are a reality in all stages of life and come in many forms. We have had someone sick in our house since New Year Eve. This has been especially trying for Lorena being the one who has had to be on the front lines covering overnights and wearing many hats during the day while I get to go into work during the week. The grace and joy that she has lived her life with during this trying time is a testament to her love and commitment to Christ, our marriage, and family. Reading the intentions on the prayer chain always provides me a good dose of reality in understanding that someone else always is dealing with a larger cross than I am.

I’ve been reading a book borrowed to me by Bob Varick about the origins of the Cursillo movement titled “The Cursillo Movement Study of the Charism.” In it I came across the following notation of the approach we should strive for in our lives within the Cursillo Secretariat and larger community:

Because there are no servants, only friends,

Because there are no personalities, only persons...

Because it is easier to listen to disciples...

Neither lessons, nor teachers, nor orders, nor control...

Only SERVICE.

For me this really summarized the way I feel when I am at a Cursillo event whether it is a closing or an Ultreya or meeting with my friends at 4<sup>th</sup> day. I don’t feel judged but I do feel their friendship, I feel surrounded by the love of Christ by each and every person in the room. When I

imagine the interactions disciples had with each other during the years of the early Church, I have to imagine the dynamics were very similar to the ones we have with our friends today; they support us when we are dealing with crosses in our lives. I would like to wish you a happy Easter with one final quote from Juan Ruiz "Every good, when shared, multiplies!"

Christ has risen Alleluia!

*Joe Mongin*

## **Our 4<sup>th</sup> Day**

The Cursillo is made in order to live the Fourth Day, to crystallize in the life of each person what has been lived in the three days of the Cursillo, which is to live what is fundamental to being Christian in charity and friendship.

You lived a Cursillo weekend! The special gift of friendship you encountered with Christ and your fellow brothers/sisters will continue to be nourished through your 4<sup>th</sup> day activities. Group Reunions, Ultreyas and Day of Enrichment, where contact is made between your brothers and sisters who live and give their life for what is fundamental to being Christian. It is the place where what was said at the Cursillo is lived. Just click on the link on the Prayer Chain for a current listing of Ultreyas or Small Group Reunions to view the area 4<sup>th</sup> day group reunions and Ultreyas that are available or reach out to me with any questions. Please know that you are welcome to sponsor and bring a guest to any 4<sup>th</sup> day activity. Remember to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ. We look forward to seeing you soon. Living your 4<sup>th</sup> day with the friendship of your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pat Mongin 4<sup>th</sup> Day Chair

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## **Day of Enrichment**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Enrichment was held at Holy Cross Parish, Kaukauna, on Saturday February 17, 2018. The day began with Mass celebrated by Fr Willie Vande Loo, with Deacon Bob Seymour assisting. Each of the guest speakers for the day, Gerard Watras, Dana Weber and Jack Mullins shared their story of what cursillo has meant to them, and how they have taken their cursillo weekend experience beyond the three days and have been living their fourth day since. Everyone in attendance had the opportunity to reflect on the rollos and share in small group discussions.

Fr Dave Pleier inspired us with thoughts on 'Where do we go from here?' He gave us six points to ponder as we went forth: 1) Embrace the distractions in our lives and recognize that God is leading us in His way. 2) Lighten up – the world doesn't revolve around me. (you) 3) Sometimes we lose our way, but no matter how lost we become, we will be found, and in our wanderings, we meet amazing people that change our lives. 4) People-watching is an invaluable skill. Rather than lament our differences, rejoice in the diversity and choose to surround yourself with different people to expand your understanding of other's experiences and ideas. 5) Disappointments in life are inevitable, so try not to let them bring you to a standstill. And finally 6) Make sure wherever we live, to make our home a church and realize that God dwells there with us.

The steering committee of Diane and Andy Pichette and Sally and Mark Gruber wish to thank everyone who helped to make the Day of Enrichment another wonderful success with an outpouring of their prayers, time and talent. We look forward to seeing you at next year's Day of Enrichment.

### **See YOU at the Closing**

Do you remember how great you felt on Sunday afternoon when the parade of people came into the cafeteria, led by the accordion (and guitars, trumpet, flute, tambourine and other instruments)? Come to the closings to give that gift to the new babe chicks – listen to their witness to reignite your fire and show them the love and support that helps to make the cursillo movement as alive and wonderful as it is. God is Good – share that love with your fellow cursillistas at this and every closing. Hope to see YOU there!

**Women's Cursillo #248 April 5 - 8, 2018  
St. John's Parish, Little Chute**

**TEAM**

**Rector:** Joan VanEperen  
920-788-6417

**Vice Rector:** Cindy VanAsten  
920-619-1899

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

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

**Proctors:** Jenn Jensen (kitchen) 279-5982  
Mary Putzstuck 707-6464  
Missy Peterson 687-9480  
Peg VandeHey (music) 810-7110

**Palanca Address:** **Attn: Cursillo #248 Palanca  
Cursillo in Christianity  
P.O Box 184  
Little Chute, WI 54140**

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

**Emergency Phones:** 920-788-6417 OR 920-279-5982

**DAY CHAIRPERSONS**

**Set Up:** Brent/Jenn Jensen 262-391-0014  
**Wed. April 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm** 920-279-5982

**Thursday Night:** Larry Westenberg  
920-788-9283

**Friday:** Penny Gorniak  
920-903-4499

Breakfast 7:45  
Lunch 12:30  
Supper 6:00

**Saturday:** Jeff Brockman  
920-460-6078

Breakfast 7:00  
Agape 1:30  
Supper 6:15

**Sunday:** Dave Westenberg  
920-850-9488

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

**Clean Up:** Sunday @ 4:00  
Brent Jensen

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 iust past the church. St John's address: **323 Pine Street, Little Chute**

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**A big Thank you to Bishop Ricken** for attending the men's closing in February at St. Agnes. If you happen to see the Bishop please be sure to pass on the gratitude of the movement for his attendance! During his comments to the faithful in attendance at the closing he challenged those in attendance to get involved at your parish with the Alpha program as a part of the larger disciples on the way initiative. Getting involved with a program like Alpha will expose you to those at your parish that the Holy Spirit may be calling to make a Cursillo. Adding this to the Action component of your 4<sup>th</sup> day might be a great way to help each other get out of our comfort zone.