



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

September 2018 – Men's #249

Showing Compassion

Spiritual Director's Comments

A man and his wife walked quickly into a dentist's office. The man said to the dentist, "Doc, I am in one heck of a hurry. I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to golf, so forget about the anesthetic. I don't have time for the gums to get numb. I just want you to pull the tooth and be done with it. We have a 10:00 tee time and the country club and it's 9:30 already. I don't have time for the anesthetic to work." The dentist thought to himself, "Now here's a guy with real courage and stamina!" So the dentist asks him, "Which tooth is it, sir?" The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth, honey, and show the dentist."

And while these men are on Cursillo, who will take their wives to the dentist? And even more importantly, who will tell their husbands what to wear? But that's what Cursillo is all about—showing compassion when no one seems to care, being generous when the world tells us to keep it all for ourselves, touching others with the love of Christ when so many seemed to have lost their faith. Let us palanca these men into a deep relationship with Christ that they, like so many before them, may come home on fire to live their Fourth Day with their wives, families, friends, co-workers, and strangers. Let our God reign!

De Colores,

Fr. Dave

In Your Eyes

Lay Director's Comments

When you talk to someone do you look into their eyes? What do you see? I was at my 4th day group recently when a brother in Christ shared a powerful story about an elderly lady in a nursing home that he brought communion to. Upon hearing him say the words "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. The body of Christ" she became motionless, transfixed on the Eucharist and then by the face of my friend. Looking past the Eucharist to his face she began to cry saying "your eyes they're beautiful" The image in my mind brought me to tears. It also reminded me of an experience that I had a number of years ago that still impacts me today. I was on a mission trip to Honduras with a group of volunteers to help a wonderful Catholic Mission called APUFRAM. It was my first time going on a mission trip outside the United States and it was very impactful. During the trip we stopped at a friary run by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in Comayagua Honduras. Even though the priests and brothers were all sick with Dengue fever they graciously welcomed us. The first priest we met was very friendly and his joy was apparent. When I shook hands with him I noticed his eyes were brighter and more beautiful than any eyes I had ever seen in my life. I kept this experience to myself but have found myself reflecting on it from time to time. When I returned home from Honduras this and many other experiences on the trip had changed me. We are called to live a life in grace. To be joyful in all things. When someone else talks to you what do they see in your eyes?

De Colores,

Joe Mongin

A Note from the Rector

It doesn't seem that long ago that I lived my Cursillo. I clearly remember the overwhelming feelings of the weekend. Opening Palanca caused me to go through some tissue. Time in the adoration chapel literally left me unable to speak for almost an hour. The serenade had me crying like a baby. I was an emotional wreck, but happier than I had been in a very long time.

Then I had to get up and speak to a church full of people, most whom I didn't know, that were praying and sacrificing for the success of my Cursillo. I just remember saying that my takeaway from the weekend was "I didn't have to do it alone".

At that time in my life, I was dealing with some personal issues and on a fairly lonely faith journey. Cursillo taught me the power of Christian fellowship. The strength that my wife and I draw from our Cursillo family has changed our marriage, our faith life and our secular life. I am so thankful to the many friends and mentors that have guided us along the way.

As we approach the fall Cursillo weekends, I know you will be praying and sacrificing for the teams and candidates. I know many of you will also be there to help set up, cook, clean, and cheer for us. The team that the Holy Spirit has put around me for the men's weekend is amazing. I am so thankful to them for saying "yes". Anticipating the weekend and knowing what this team can accomplish is so exciting to me. It makes me wonder why I ever tried to do anything alone.

Gratefully in your service,

Wally Thomson
Rector, Men's 249

Save the Date

Women's Fall Cursillo

November 1 – 4, 2018 at Sacred Heart, Shawano

Men's Spring Cursillo

March 14 – 17, 2019 at St John the Baptist, Howard

Women's Spring Cursillo

March 28 – 31, 2019 St Francis Xavier (middle school),
Appleton

Applications and more information about cursillo can be found at the Cursillo web site:

www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay

Women's Cursillo #249 September 27-30, 2018

Sacred Heart Parish, Appleton

TEAM

Rector: Wally Thompson
920-727-0883

Vice Rector: Tom Mullins
920-205-3927

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

Asst. Spiritual Director: Msgr John Dewayne
920-860-7654

Proctors: Randy Barrett 920-609-5656
Dean Daul 920-858-7410
Jeff Engel 920-716-4449
(kitchen) Larry Putzstuck 920-205-3043
(music) Michael Wentworth 920-371-2527

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #249 Palanca
PO Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

Serenade: 6:00 PM – Look for Signs

Emergency Phone: 920-205-3043

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Set Up: Brent & Jenn Jenssen 262-391-0014
Wed. Sept. 26th 7:00pm 920-279-5982

Thursday Night: **Jeff Brockman**
920-460-6078

Friday: **Trisha Tetzlaff**
920-428-5708

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

Saturday: **Larry Putzstuck**
920-205-3043

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

Sunday: **Mary Putzstuck**
920-707-6464

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

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

There is a lot of road construction in and around Sacred Heart Parish and in the Appleton area, so please use your favorite mapping device to find a safe route. **Sacred Heart Parish address: 222 E Fremont Street, Appleton, WI**

Candidate

Chamberlain, Paul
Dyer, Bill
Ferris, Mark
Haga, Bill
Hayes, Chuck

Parish

St Mary's, De Pere
St Elizabeth Ann Seton, GB
Holy Trinity, Newburg
St Gabriel, Neenah
St Raphael, Oshkosh

Candidate

Knaus, Pat
Lamers, Tim
Salinas, Zabian

Parish

St Matthew, Green Bay
St Edward, Mackville
MPB, New London/
St Joseph, Harvard

This list is complete as of September 17, 2018

Sponsors... Please make sure Candidates accepted after this date receive Palanca. For more information on Cursillo and the Green Bay Diocese Movement go to: www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay

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