



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

March 2019 – Women's

Pepé and José

Spiritual Director's Comments

Pepé and José had been bitter rivals since they had been knee-high to a grasshopper. When they left the village where they had grown up, Pepé went into the Church while José joined the army. Decades passed and Pepé rose in the Church to become a fat, rosy-faced cardinal. José, meanwhile, was promoted through the ranks until he was an equally portly and mustachioed general. One day, completely by chance, the two men were waiting on a train platform together. Pepé noticed José in his splendid uniform and went up to him, "Tell me, porter, is this the platform to Barcelona?" Without betraying a flicker of recognition, José glanced at the crimson-robed cleric and replied, "Certainly, Madam, but do you think you should be travelling in your condition?"

Lent is that graced time of the year when we all ask ourselves, "What is my travelling condition on the road to the kingdom?" as well as, "Do I recognize others in my life for who they truly are?" Both questions are asked repeatedly on the days in which we live our Cursillo and, depending upon how deeply honest we are with ourselves, the answers can give us a new direction for the rest of the journey.

I often carry a lot of excess baggage on the way, unable to leave behind past hurts, unfulfilled dreams, and unforgiven debts. And, more often than not, I recognize only the shell of those around me rather than seeing the inner persons they so often hide from view (and we all know how judging from externals has gotten us into trouble). Now that we are living our Fourth Days, another Cursillo comes along just in time for Palanca to do its cleansing effects on us, for when we pray and sacrifice, those very same questions begged to be answered once more. May those for whom we do Palanca have the courage to go deep within and may we walk through this time of Lent in good condition and more profoundly aware of the inner beauty of our travelling companions!

De Colores,

Fr. Dave

Change is Constant

Lay Director's Comments

My grandfather always said "life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer to the end you get the quicker it goes." The last two years as Lay Director have been that way for me. I have enjoyed my time being involved with the administrative end of what keeps the Cursillo movement going. God has blessed me in so many ways through the Cursillo movement and I have met and made friends with wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ along the way.

We have something special in the Cursillo movement that no one else has. To paraphrase something I read recently, we learn on the Cursillo weekend that it takes a saint's heart, not a theologian's vocabulary, to begin an authentic relationship with Christ. Among many other things, we also learn that we must create good habits of prayer, study, action, etc. in our lives to support this relationship with Christ. After the weekend we join/create safe harbors that involve supporting one another and holding each other accountable (4th day/Ultreya). Our friends at 4th day support us and hold us up in prayer when we need it. They help nudge us to get out of our comfort zone and give us the courage to take ACTION with those around us in our environment. They help us to go out into the world inviting others to follow, to be there for others wherever we find them, but not to be drawn in if they are unwilling to follow with us.

Jim Spierings' term as Lay Director begins in June and he looks forward to serving you as I have. Please keep Jim and the secretariat in prayer as we continue the work that was started long before us.

Joe Mongin

Hunger for God

From Eduardo Bonnín's personal writings

The Cursillo Movement pursues, and by the grace of God, manages to provoke the hunger for God in the person, and if the person continues along the same lines of the Cursillo, it will keep his appetite stimulated, so what is fundamentally Christian in life, will orient, give meaning and be projected in life itself. Hunger for God means a desire and necessity for God. The person discovers that he is - in Christ - the only one that takes himself seriously.

And since it is the person - the whole person - who is saved by Christ, an awareness of the necessity and the desire for Christ is what brings about faith, hope and charity in him in a way that will illuminate his path in order to become what God expects of him.

The person who lives a Cursillo, experiences a great impact. If the Cursillo, the three days, proposes a truly Christian option, it will awaken the hunger for God.

The hunger for God does not develop to be satisfied in the person but rather to be magnified according to the extent of how the person is driven to fidelity. At the same time, the person recognizes that he is being presented with new horizons and new goals that will increase the hunger and therefore, put him within the boundaries of what is possible.

Does everyone who attends a Cursillo actually experience this type of impact, beyond the surface of what is evident or simple intellectual knowledge, that moves the deepest part of the person's being to transform it and cause it to reawaken towards a new fundamental attitude before the meaning of life?

To answer this question, we should keep in mind that the Christian attitude is manifested in three aspects which presents one reality: faith, hope and charity.

From the evangelical perspective, faith, hope and charity, should not be considered separate from each other. In other words, faith and hope without charity, are neither faith nor hope, nor charity.

The Christian attitude that has emerged in Cursillo will therefore be lacking consistency if one of the three aspects of faith, hope and charity breaks down.

FAITH: Contact with a personal God. Christ. Piety. Robustness and Continuity.

HOPE: To feel loved by God. Energy. Joy. Initiative.

CHARITY: Effectiveness and fair play. To act out of love is not about doing something to have a clear conscience or increase our worthiness. However, an effective and liberating commitment with the demands which

awaken the hunger for God will be evident in the double aspect of loving God and loving others.

POSSIBLE FAILURES: Piety without faith. A joy or initiative without hope and altruism without charity.

QUESTIONS: What is true in the Cursillo; can it continue being true afterwards? To what extent? A possible illustration of the intelligence with a view to exposing true criteria that can be the basis of deep convictions; does it restrict freedom or facilitate its free application? Copyright © 2016, National Cursillo Center. All rights reserved.

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Locations for Perpetual Adoration:

- Appleton -- St. Pius X; 500 W Marquette St., 920-733-0575
- Chilton -- Good Shepherd; 62 E Main St., 920-849-9363
- Green Bay -- Ss. Peter and Paul; 710 N Baird St., 920-435-4548
- Marinette -- Holy Family; 2715 Taylor St., 715-735-9100
- Neenah -- St. Margaret Mary Church; 620 Division St., 920-729-4560
- Oshkosh -- St. Mary site of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, 442 Monroe St., 920-231-9782

www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlent

www.relevantradio.com/father-rockys-40-lenten-lessons-mass

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring your friend to Christ

Talk to God about your friend before you talk to your friend about God.

**Women's Cursillo #252 March 28 – 31, 2019
St Francis Xavier Middle School Campus, Appleton, WI**

TEAM

DAY CHAIRPERSONS

Rector:	Cindy Van Asten 920-619-1899	Set Up: Wed, March 27 @ 5:00 pm (helpers welcome!) Jenn Jenssen 920-279-5982
Vice Rector:	Kristin Russell 314-401-3297	Thursday Night: Dean Daul 920-858-7410
Spiritual Director:	Fr Dick Klingheisen 920-775-4365	Friday: Larry Putzstuck 920-205-3043
Asst. Spiritual Director:	Dcn Gary Vanness 920-810-3611	Breakfast 7:45 Lunch 12:30 Supper 6:00
Proctors: Lorie Daul (kitchen) 920-585-7371 Paula Vosters 920-850-8976 Wendy Seichter 920-540-4114 Karen Hansen 920-766-4660 (music)		Saturday: Charlie & Missy Peterson/Jim Newhouse 920-687-9480 Breakfast 7:00 Agape 1:30 Dinner 6:15
Palanca Address:	Cursillos in Christianity ATTN: Palanca #252 PO Box 184 Little Chute, WI 54140	Sunday: Mark Tetzlaff 920-915-9395 Breakfast 7:35 Lunch 12:00 Dinner 5:30

Serenade: 6:00 PM – Look for Signs
Emergency Phones: 920-619-1899 OR 920-585-7371 **Clean Up: Sunday @ 4:00** Jenn Jenssen

Directions: From North: Hwy 41 South to 441 South (Exit 145) Merge onto East Northland Avenue (CR-OO West Toward Appleton) From South: Hwy 41 North Merge onto CR-OO East via exit 139 toward CR-A/Appleton/Northland Avenue east to **St Francis Xavier Middle School Campus, 2626 N. Oneida Street, Appleton**

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Parish</u>
Auer, Casey	St Gabriel, Neenah	LeClair, Joy	St John/Sacred Heart, Sherwood
Berndt, Kim	St Raphael, Oshkosh	Makowsky, Sheila	St John/Sacred Heart, Sherwood
Borneman, Linda	St Nicholas, Freedom	Mitchell, Dot	St Katherine Drexel, Kaukauna
Buechler, Pat	Holy Trinity, Newburg	O'Brien, Mary	St Pius X, Appleton
Deneys, Connie	SS Edward & Isadore, Green Bay	Paalman, Jill	St John/Sacred Heart, Sherwood
Fannin, Kate	MPB, New London	Roberts, Peg	Holy Cross, Kaukauna
Gavin, Shelly	Holy Cross, Kaukauna	Scherer, Mara	MPB, New London
Geurts, Diane	Holy Cross, Kaukauna	Schwabenlander, Gloria	St Mary, Hilbert
Griesbach, Pam	St Mary, Greenville	Sylvester, Peg	St Raphael, Oshkosh
Griesbach, Sandy	St Edward, Mackville	Thelen, Anne	St Nicholas, Freedom
Grove, Mary	Holy Rosary, New Holstein	Van Heuklon, Marge	St John, Little Chute
Hermesen, Diane	St Katherine Drexel, Kaukauna	Wilson, Leah	MPB, New London

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