



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo

Fall 2021 Newsletter

Coming soon! Men's weekend Sept 30-Oct 3
Get your Palanca ready!

Spiritual Director Reflection

I came across this and immediately thought of Cursillo and how I feel after the weekend. Keeping that feeling takes work. I hope you enjoy the story.

In a small village in the valley, lived a man who was always happy, kind, and well-disposed to everyone he met. This man always smiled, and had kind and encouraging words to say, whenever it was necessary. Everyone who met him, left feeling better, happier, and elated. People knew they could count on him and regarded him as a great friend.

One of the village dwellers was curious to know what his secret was, and how he could always be so kind and helpful. He wondered, how is it that he held no grudge toward anyone, and always was happy.

Once, upon meeting him in the street he asked him: "Most people are selfish and unsatisfied. They do not smile as often as you do; neither are they as helpful or kind as you are. How do you explain it?"

The man smiled at him and replied, "When you make peace with yourself, you can be in peace with the rest of the world. If you can recognize the spirit in yourself, you can recognize the spirit in everyone, and then you will find it natural to be kind and well-disposed to all. "If your thoughts are under your control, you become strong and firm. The mind is like a robot programmed to do certain tasks. Habits and thoughts are the tools and programs that control the mind. You need to free yourself from this programming. Then, the inner good and the happiness that reside within you will be revealed."

"But a lot of work is necessary. Good habits must be developed. The ability to focus and to control the thoughts must be strengthened. The work is difficult and endless. There are many walls that need to be climbed. It is not an easy task." Lamented the villager.

"Do not think about the difficulties, otherwise, this is what you will see and experience. Just make your feelings and thoughts quiet and try to stay in this peace. Just try to be calm, and do not let yourself be carried away by your thoughts."

"Is that all?" Asked the villager.

"Try to watch your thoughts and see how they come and go and stay in the quietness that arises. The moments of peace will be brief at first, but in time, they will get longer. This peace is also strength, power, kindness, and love. In time, you will realize that you are one with the Universal Power, and this will lead you to act from a different dimension, different point of view and different consciousness, not from the selfish, small, limited ego."

"I will try to remember your words," said the villager, and continued, "there is another thing that I am curious about. You do not seem to be influenced by the environment. You always seem to be happy. You always have a kind word for everyone, and you are helpful. People treat you well, and never exploit your goodness."

"Some people think that being good and being kind means weakness. The truth is that they mean inner

strength, and do not point to weakness. When you are kind and considerate, you can also be strong. People sense your inner strength, and therefore, do not impose on you. When you are strong and calm inside, you help people, because you can, and you want to. You act from strength, not from weakness.

Goodness is not a sign of weakness. A good character can manifest together with power and strength. When you are calm inside, you are also happy. When your mind is quiet, there is no anger, no resentment, and no negative thoughts. This leads to happiness and to a feeling of content and joy.”

“Thank you very much for your advice and explanations”, said the villager, and went away happy and satisfied.

God Bless,
Deacon Tom Gritton

Welcome to the new Lay Director

My name is Sally Gruber, and I am the new Lay Director for the Secretariat of the Cursillo Movement of the Green Bay Diocese. First, I would like to thank God for the gift of Cursillo in the Green Bay Diocese. We are so blessed to have a strong community of Catholic men and women who are committed to building up the Kingdom of God in our diocese. Second, I would like to thank all those Secretariat members who have gone before me, and who have laid a firm foundation for offering well organized, authentic Cursillo weekends for people hungering to grow closer to Christ. Third, many thanks go to the wonderful people currently serving on the Cursillo Secretariat. We have an amazing group of faith-filled people working hard to keep Cursillo strong and vibrant in our diocese. I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve as Lay Director for the next two years. I ask that you please keep me and all of those who serve on the Secretariat in your prayers. You can find a complete list of Who's Who in the Green Bay Cursillo Movement at <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay/secretariat.html>, or by clicking on the orange information link on your prayer chain e-mails. Please feel free to reach out to any one of us with any questions or concerns.

It has been almost two years since we have been able to offer a Cursillo weekend in the Green Bay Diocese. The Secretariat has been meeting regularly and preparing for the time when we could again safely gather in person. Happily, that time is now! Although this time of waiting and preparing has been difficult, we can be confident that we have not walked this journey alone. God has been with us, as promised. In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus commissioned his disciples “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age”. As Cursillistas, we share in this mission, and this is what we try to accomplish in living our Fourth Day, knowing that the Holy Spirit is right there with us. No doubt, moments of uncertainty, fear, and anxiety have been part of our lives over the past twenty months, however, it is also evident that God has been working through it all. I have seen people figure out creative ways to stay connected with each other and do things not previously thought of, to make the world a better place. Friends have told me that they have had more time to spend in prayer and reading spiritual books, which has helped them become better Christians. I, personally, have come to appreciate more often Christ's presence in the everyday moments of my life, reminding me that God has great plans for each one of us. Whatever your experiences have been, I pray that they have brought you closer to Christ, and that you have been strengthened in your efforts to build up the Kingdom of God in your little corner of the world.

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Sally Gruber
Lay Director

Two ways to Stay Connected! From Anne Shelley, Newsletter and Member Database person

All the information you need to join a small group, attend a local ultreya, contact a member of the Secretariat leadership, attend a weekend closing, invite a friend to make a Cursillo weekend are located at the Green Bay

Cursillo website. The url to access this website is: [Home - Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin \(natl-cursillo.org\)](https://www.natl-cursillo.org/greenbay/index.html) <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/greenbay/index.html>

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A big thank you to all of you that completed the online survey. Some of you indicated that you wanted to be notified of opportunities to meet others and of ways to help during a weekend. However, you don't wish to receive daily email messages. You can choose to receive news of upcoming weekends, Days of Enrichment and receive a copy of the Newsletter via email. This will amount to approximately 10 emails a year. Please consider choosing this as your way to receive news and information from Cursillo.

If you did not complete the survey, please go to following link and fill it in, adding a request to receive news via email. The survey can be accessed at the following link. <http://www.gbcursillo.com/contact-update-form>

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September 30 – October 3, 2021, at St. Joseph Parish, Green Bay

Directions: Appleton/Oshkosh: Take Hwy 41 North, merge onto N Ashland Ave via Exit 163B, continue on Ashland Ave, turn left on 9th Street, Turn right on 12th Ave, Church will be on the left. Manitowoc area: Take Hwy I-43N toward Green Bay, merge onto WI-172 W via exit 180, take the exit toward Ashland Ave/WI-32/Oneida St. Merge onto Pilgrim way toward Ashland Ave. Turn left onto Ashland Ave/WI-32. Turn left onto 9th Street, turn right onto 12th Ave. Church is on the left. St. Joseph's address: 1224 12th Ave, Green Bay.

GP Packers have a home game on October 3 which may create traffic delays. Allow enough time to arrive in time for the closing.

TEAM			DAY CHAIRPERSONS		
RECTOR	MIKE STEERS	(920)740-6798	SET UP CHAIRPERSONS	DEAN & LAURIE DAUL	(920)858-7410 (920)858-7371
VICE RECTOR	GINO FRASSETTO	(920)505-0158	SET UP DATE & TIME	9/30 AT 3 P.M.	
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR	DCN BRUCE COREY	(920)428-9283	THURSDAY NIGHT CHAIRPERSONS	PAT & ANNETTE HOSLET	(920)621-1931 (920)621-1320
ASST. SPIRITUAL DIR	DCN TOM GRITTON	(920)585-9620	FRIDAY CHAIRPERSON	PAT MONGIN	(920)819-3144
PROCTORS	TONY HOSLET	(608)799-3496		BREAKFAST	7:45 A.M.
	PETER TILLEMAN	(920)339-0166		LUNCH	12:30 P.M.
				DINNER	6:00 P.M.
PALANCA ADDRESS	Attn: Cursillo #255 Palanca PO BOX 184 LITTLE CHUTE, WI 54140				
			SATURDAY CHAIRPERSON		
SERENADE	6 P.M.	LOOK FOR SIGNS		BREAKFAST	7:00 A.M.
EMERGENCY PHONE #		GF (920)505-0158 TH (608)799-3496		LUNCH	1:30 P.M.
				DINNER	6:15 P.M.
			SUNDAY CHAIRPERSON	TRISH TETZLAFF	(920)428-5708
				BREAKFAST	7:35 A.M.
				LUNCH	12:00 P.M.
				DINNER	5:30 P.M.
			CLEAN UP CHAIRPERSONS	DEAN & LAURIE DAUL	(920)858-7410 (920)858-7371
CANDIDATE	PARISH		CANDIDATE	PARISH	

This list is complete as of September 16, 2021

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