



Green Bay Diocese Cursillo

Fall 2022 Newsletter

**Women's weekend # 260 will take place at St. Nicholas Parish, Freedom on October 20-23, 2022
Get your Palanca ready!**

Spiritual Director Reflection

A few weeks ago I was watching the Chris Stefanick show and he was talking about the Giant Sequoia trees and how amazing they are. They can grow as tall as 300 feet, have trunks 25 feet in diameter, and can live to be three thousand years old. What is most amazing about this tree is that their roots only go down 10 feet into the ground. How does a tree this tall remain standing with such a shallow root system? Their roots spread out very wide, as much as 150 feet, intertwining with the other sequoia trees around them. These trees, hundreds of feet in the air, are able to weather the storms they face and remain standing tall by joining their root systems together.

To me, our Christian faith is much like this. When we are challenged for what we believe, when we are called to stand up for the truth in the face of scorn or ridicule, we are strengthened in knowing that even when we falter, the faith of our fellow Christians strengthen us. Bound together by our love for Jesus, we can stand tall and the strong in the face of whatever storm comes our way. Through our Cursillo community, we love one another, we pray for one another and we walk together as we stand up for what is right. How blessed we are to have each other and to be able to join together as a community of faith.

Deacon Dave Van Eperen

LAY DIRECTOR MESSAGE

The Salt and Light of Cursillo

In Chapter 5 of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus told the crowd that gathered to hear him preach: "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world". With every Cursillo weekend that is held, and with every invitation for someone to attend a Cursillo weekend, we are that salt and that light.

Two main functions of salt are to flavor and preserve food. During the course of the Cursillo weekend, we learn how it is possible to transform, or "flavor" our environments with the message of Jesus' love by making use of the sturdy tripod of Piety, Study and Action. Pope John Paul II, in his message for the 17th World Youth Day, said as salt of the earth, we are to "preserve the faith which [we] have received and pass it on intact to others". He further said that one of the ways to do this is by "follow[ing] in the footsteps of the witnesses and teachers that have gone before [us]". Again, the Cursillo weekend provides that opportunity, both for the candidates as they listen to the Rollos, and for the Team as they witness about their faith journey and their growing relationship with Jesus.

Over the past 57 years, Cursillo has been a light on a lampstand in the Diocese of Green Bay. Our weekends have provided illumination for thousands of men and women to see themselves, their relationship with Jesus, and their relationship with the world in, perhaps, a new and hope-filled way. The wonderful news is, that with each and every weekend, the light gets brighter and brighter, bringing more and more people closer to Christ, who, in turn, bring Christ into their environments.

As I reflect on the salt and light of Cursillo, I give thanks and praise to God, not only for Cursillo, itself, but for each and every one of you who have truly been salt of the earth and light to the world. This is not a task to be done alone. Rather, as a community, we are a witness to the world about the happiness that we have found in a relationship with Jesus, our desire to know him better, and our commitment to spreading the Gospel message to the ends of the earth.

De Colores!
Sally Gruber
Lay Director

Living Our 4th Day

The Cursillo provides a call to be a Christian, to dedicate one's life to Christ and to live Christ fully and completely. We have witnessed the spirit of generosity that fills the Cursillistas by the end of the Cursillo Weekend. In fact, many who have lived a Cursillo, have a desire to serve Christ and His Church through different parish ministries. Cursillo provides us with a method through which we learn to live the Gospel in the everyday circumstances of our lives. It is a roadmap for our lives as Christians – to live the Gospel as laity. The beauty of the Cursillo Movement is that God sends us companions to journey with us, people whose paths would never have crossed ours had it not been for Cursillo, and yet they become so important to our journey that we wonder how we would make it without them. It is in Christianity in Action, that is, in our Group Reunion and the Ultreya, that we live our Fourth Day, the rest of our lives. In our Group Reunion we journey together with a group of friends, sharing our lives and our experiences with each other; sharing with each other our successes and triumphs as well as our struggles. We all have different experiences but share a common bond with each other; we are united by our common love of the Lord and the sharing of our Christian journeys with each other. We are friends, although more like a family since we don't just see each other at our weekly meeting, but some of us share other mutual social and church activities during the week. The life of each member of the group becomes a witness that attracts others to the truth of the Gospel. We are living examples of what Christ has taught. By our words and actions, we will hopefully convert those that are far away from God. This is how we can have a positive effect on those we meet every day, and as a consequence, transform our environments to be more Christian. If you are not yet part of a group reunion, please consider attending a small group reunion. You will be forever grateful for making this important decision. Also know, that Ultreyas are taking place in our diocese every month. The Ultreya gives you the ability to learn how Christ is working in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Don't miss these great opportunities! Just let me know if you would like to check out a group reunion or Ultreya. Also, you can find the current 4th list through the link on the prayer chain.

DeColores!
Patrick Mongin
4th Day Chair

Membership and Database Chair Request

I want to offer special thanks to everyone that helped update the membership data base for address changes and member deaths. In the past five years Cursillo has lost members but we were not always notified and so we cannot acknowledge our passed members with prayers for them. If you are able to review lists of members that may have died, please contact Anne Shelley at shelleyat1951@gmail.com. Thank you.

#####CURSILLO 260 INFORMATION#####

Cursillo 260	Dates: October 20-23,2022	Location: St Nicholas Parish Freedom
Rector:	Sally Gruber	Proctor (kitchen): Carrie Hietpas
Phone:	920-277-2584	Phone: 920-450-0789
		Proctor : Pat Shoemaker
Vice Rector:	Jill Heacock	Phone: 920-969-3865
Phone:	920-470-0566	Proctor: Toni Binzak
		Phone: 920-378-5185
Spiritual Director:	Dcn Mike Eash	Proctor Renee Verboncouer
Phone:	920-540-9351	Phone: 920-621-5334
Asst. Spiritual Director:	Dcn Conrad Kieltyka	Music Minister Sherry Zwicky
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EMERGENCY PHONE #'S 920-450-0789 (Kitchen Proctor Carrie Hietpas) 920-470-0566 (Jill Heacock)
SET-UP CHAIRPERSON Keith Deneyes 920-865-1200 **Set-up Date:** Thursday 10/20/22 **Set-up Time:** 2:00 pm

THURSDAY NIGHT CHAIRPERSON

Judy Baumgart Phone: 920-788-0754 5:15 – 5:30 p m

FRIDAY CHAIRPERSON

Kari Thompson Phone: 920-810-6465
 Breakfast 7:45 a.m. Lunch 12:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY CHAIRPERSON

Kim Gindt Phone: 920-850-4326
 Breakfast 7:00 a.m. Agape Meal 1:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m.

SUNDAY CHAIRPERSON

Jessica Phillips Phone: 920-883-7357
 Breakfast 7:35 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m.

CLEANUP CO-CHAIR Keith Deneyes 920-865-1200

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

From Green Bay-- Take HWY 41 South to Cty S Exit at CTY S (right).
 Follow Hwy S into Freedom--St Nicholas is on the left. Parking in lot by school.
 Additional parking Off HWY E Near the gym.
 (Can also park across street in Town Hall lot or additional parking)

From Oshkosh or Appleton area-- Take HWY 41 North to S Exit at CTY S (left).
 Follow Hwy S into Freedom.

Please use main church entrance (Doors 3 -4 which will be marked)**

****FOR PEOPLE NEEDING AN ELEVATOR****PLEASE USE CANOPY ENTRANCE (Door 5)****

