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*Make a Friend ♦ Be a Friend ♦ Bring a Friend to Christ*

### Men's 96

Wes Eurit - All Saints  
Curt Law - Holy Name  
Robert Weeks - St. Boniface  
Ross Lucchetti - St. Maria Goretti  
Greg Wissel - Holy Family  
Gary Blackwell - Holy Name  
Tony Scagnoli - All Saints  
Don Matthes - Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Jim Burleigh - St. Boniface  
Rick Greiner - All Saints  
Terry Ihnat - Sacred Heart  
Don Sinclair - St. Elizabeth Seton  
Joe Caito - St. Luke  
Daniel Senese - St. Andrew  
Tim Ueber - Holy Spirit Geist  
Bryan Fliss - St. Boniface  
Roger Feldhouse - Ste. Boniface  
Jason Peters - All Saints  
Mark Timke - Holy Spirit Geist  
Tom Olinger - St. Maria Goretti  
Fr. Henry Mushi - St. Joseph  
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### Our Newest Cursillistas

### Women's 85

Kim Beatty - Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Cathy Lampton - St. Bartholomew  
Leslie Mimms - St. Maria Goretti  
Nicole Davis - Richmond Catholic Community  
Jane Pollum - St. Pius X  
Anne Marie Guba - St. Louis de Montfort  
Pamela Cintas - Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Mary Glass - Little Flower  
Lynn Harkins - St. Lawrence  
Stephanie Kitchin - Richmond Catholic Community  
Dawn Guckien - All Saints, Logansport  
Elberta Caito - St. Luke  
Patty Arthur - St. Joseph  
Teri Lynn Ferriell - Richmond Catholic Community  
Chris Slough - St. Jude, Spencer  
Annette Snair - Sacred Heart, Cicero  
Maria Vasquez - St. Boniface  
Eleanor Hochstetler - St. Louis de Montfort  
Julie Ann Timke - Holy Spirit Geist  
Ashley Howard - Richmond Catholic Community  
Kim Janak - St. Alphonsus  
Cathy Moriarity - St. Bartholomew  
Kathy Ellington - St. Maria Goretti  
Jane Ann Brandley - Richmond Catholic Community  
Lisa R. Nordhoff - St. Maria Goretti  
Paula Lynn Kosiak - St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo  
Janet Kay Schakel - St. Joseph  
Donna Jean Stier - Richmond Catholic Community  
Susan Hewitt - St. Monica

# Voice

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CURSILLO CENTER

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Fall 2006

From

## The Lay Director

As we prepare for Christmas, I wanted to thank each of you for helping make Cursillo what it is today. We are very blessed to have the community that we have, living the fourth day as Jesus would want us to. I encourage you to use this Advent season and all that the church offers to draw closer to Christ, while continuing to pray for our Cursillo Movement. Anjie and I walk around our neighborhood each evening, praying a rosary as palanca for your personal intentions, and for the overall success of the Cursillo Movement which, I believe, cannot survive without prayer.

July 2007 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cursillo. Our National Secretariat is planning a celebration in Dallas, Texas. Anjie and I will be there and would love to have you join us. Visit the national web site for specifics.

Our recent weekends allowed us to make some changes to the Cursillo weekend as requested by the National Secretariat. These changes brought the weekend structure back in line with what took place in the original Cursillo weekend, held in Majorca Spain.

To our new Cursillistas who joined us on the Fall weekends, "Welcome!" I hope your fourth day is going well and that you are actively participating in Group Reunion. I have been grouping weekly since my weekend in October of 1990. If you are not in a Group Reunion,

*Our  
Spiritual  
Advisor*

Once again, we have been blessed with many new Cursillistas joining our ranks. Many thanks to the teams and the whole Cursillo community. Your prayers and support are awesome!

I have always felt that the Holy Spirit awakens faith in so many as a result of a Cursillo weekend - not only the candidates, teams and immediate family, but the local church as well.

St. Paul reminds us to give thanks to God for the good works begun in each of you. You have been chosen and blessed to witness for Jesus Christ in everything you do. We don't always see the benefits of this good work. The important thing is to do all in the name of Jesus. Seeds will grow differently at different times - God's time.

As we approach the holidays, may we continue to praise our God, the giver of all good things and share these abundantly with others. May God continue to Bless all of you.

*Father Glenn*

please visit our web page and contact your Parish Coordinators so that they can assist you in finding an active group in your parish or local community. Grouping is the key to keeping your fourth day vibrant.

*Rob Reuzenaar*

# Pilgrim School

**C**ursillo helps us understand the great gift of God's Word, and Pilgrim School helps us understand Cursillo - its history, its purpose and its authority from the Church. It also reminds us of our responsibility to make a friend, be a friend and to bring a friend to Christ and how to use the tools of piety, study and action..

Team formation will start in January for Woman's team #86 and Men's team #97 Pilgrim School talks will be given during formation by members of the Secretariat.

*Marshall Kern*

## Spring Weekends

Men's #97 - March 1-4 - Dan Farrell, coordinator

Women's # 86 - March 15-18 - Ann Stankiewicz, coordinator

## Fall Weekends

Men's #98 - Oct. 4 - 7

Women's #87 - Oct. 18 - 21

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# Post - Cursillo

**A**s we enter Advent and anticipate the joys of Christmas, please consider why this season is special. Dinners, programs, Masses, and the associated preparations are all gatherings. We come together with friends, family, and acquaintances to celebrate the birth of Christ.

We also do this the rest of the year as Cursillistas. We gather to share our Piety, Study and Action with each other. This is why grouping and ultreyas are a central part of the Cursillo experience. Sharing what we do through His grace validates what the weekend promises.

The recent Reunion Ultreya was a great example. We went to Mass, shared a meal, heard testimony from new Cursillistas about the weekend. And, of course we grouped.

The Indianapolis City-Wide Ultreya will begin rotating locations in January. St. Simon the Apostle will host January 20 and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will host February 24. Both will follow the new format: Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by a pitch-in dinner and Ultreya at 7:30pm.

*Bill Halsema*

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my own-I need God. So I submit myself to Him in His sacraments each day if possible. This year has been one long metanoia for me, one long ongoing conversion. And the common denominator I share with the saints whose lives I've studied is the tripod of Piety, Study and Action. So I encourage each of you my fellow pilgrims to continue on this journey towards Heaven.

*Jane Maher*

# Area Ultreyas

**Indianapolis City-Wide Ultreya** - visits a different parish each month. If you would like to host this event at your parish for one month, call Bill Halsema at (317) 255-5325 or e-mail at [indyrcrover@msn.com](mailto:indyrcrover@msn.com) to get on the list. Bill will help with music, support, witnesses and other necessities.

**Noblesville** - Third Saturday each month after 5 pm Mass (except June, July and August) in chapel of Our Lady of Grace parish, 191st St. & SR 37. at 7:30 pm. Refreshments. Call Ron and Veronica Anderson (317) 773-1107.

**Columbus** - Monthly Ultreya starts with pitch-in dinner in basement of St. Batholomew Church. Time and Saturday date listed on Web Site. Call Jerry and Paula Stahl at (812) 372-9152 for more information.

**Lafayette** - Fourth Friday each month, 7 pm at St. Lawrence parish. Call Jeff Jarboe at (765) 567-2216 for more information.

**Richmond Catholic Community** - Last Saturday each month, 7:30 am at Richmond Catholic Education Center, 233 S. 5th St., Richmond. Call Tom and Cheryl Kitchin at (765) 966-5164.

## PRE - CURSILLO

### THOUGHTS BEFORE THE WEEKEND

Pilgrims on a journey

**“W**hat strength the soul draws from prayer! In the midst of a storm, how sweet is the calm it finds in the heart of Jesus. But what comfort is there for those who do not pray?”

These words, written by Mother Theodore Guerin after surviving a violent storm at sea, perhaps best exemplify her life and ministry. This is the opening paragraph on St. Theodora in the booklet given to me at her canonization in Rome on October 15.

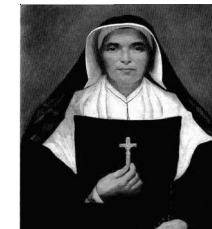
As we all know, we are pilgrims on a journey as was St. Theodora. We all have a Cursillo Pilgrims Guide. And this autumn I was blessed to go on a pilgrimage to Italy for Mother Theodore's canonization. What a great grace that was.

Several weeks earlier I was chatting with my brother Pat about the canonization, and jokingly said, “Oh! We should go!” The longer we talked I realized that I was not joking. I was serious. It was one of those close moments where things

just started to happen beyond my control. One thing led to another and before we knew it Pat, his wife and I found ourselves standing in St. Peter's Square participating in the Mass for the Mother Theodore Guerin's canonization as Saint Theodora.

There we were on a beautiful autumn day in Rome with Pope Benedict XVI participating in the Eucharist with thousands of other people. It brought to mind the funeral Mass of Pope John Paul II.

It as though I had died and gone to heaven. And it is my daily desire to go to heaven when I die, to be a saint. I know that I cannot do it on



Saint Theodora

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## CURSILLO

### The three Days

**M**ost of us have very special memories of our three-day weekend. It may have been the first time we truly came to understand the depth of Jesus' love for us. Because this new understanding probably spurred a significant change in our spiritual life, it is understandable to focus on the weekend and recruiting candidates.

However, it is our fourth day of continuous conversion that is the ultimate goal of Cursillo -- a lifetime of deepening our relationship and commitment to the Lord. The good news is, the Cursillo Movement has a plan and a method for supporting our fourth day.

You have heard that the purpose of being Christian is to "Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ." We need to spend more time reflecting on the "Make a Friend and Be a Friend" components of this saying, because it truly is the foundation of the movement. This is evident starting Thursday night on a weekend.

The whole team, including the sponsors, spend their energy on

hospitality and making the candidates feel welcome; in making and becoming friends. This activity is important for the candidates and the team as they begin their spiritual journey together.

The importance of making a friend and being a friend is brought out by John Cuddeback, in his book "Friendship: The Art of Happiness." He says: "Your friends profoundly affect who you are. Friends are a major determinant of your self image. And your self image, or how you see yourself, is a major part of who you are. With friends a person forms habits and develops his or her character, for better or for worse."

Let's focus on Making a Friend and Being a Friend" first, and when the time is right, bring that friend to Christ.

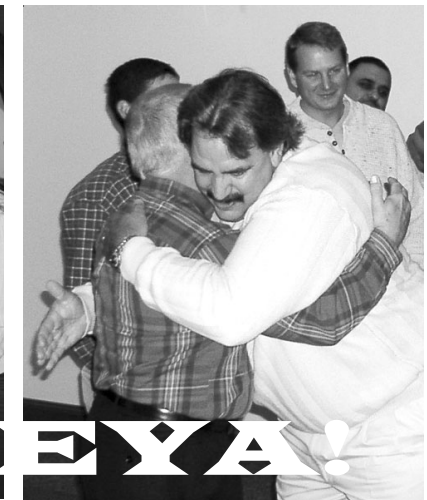
Anyone who would like a copy of Cuddeback's book, can contact me at [jameisjr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jameisjr@sbcglobal.net) and I will gladly order it.

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John Ameis

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**  
Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral  
1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN

Come join other Cursillistas for a New Year's Eve Mass of thanksgiving for the past year and renewal of faith for next year. Celebrant will be Fr. Paul Landwerlen. Service will start at 11pm with songs of worship followed by Mass at 11:30. After Mass we'll gather in the rectory for fellowship and refreshments. Security will be available at both parking lots -- behind the Cathedral and behind the Catholic Center at the corner of Illinois and 14th streets.

New Years Eve Mass is co-sponsored by the Catholic renewal groups of central Indiana and the Central Indiana Cursillo Community.



Ultraya and weekend reunion for Cursillos 85 and 96 was held November 11 at Holy Spirit Geist. A strong turnout included Cursillistas from numerous weekends and parishes, enjoying Mass, food and fellowship.



# THE WEEKENDS

I started out as a “Martha”  
at the beginning of team formation.

I labored over every detail of team preparation and the weekend. I did not realize Cursillo 85, “*Amazing Love*” would be as much about my conversion as it would be for the candidates.

From the outset the entire team flowed perfectly into their roles as they became true servants of Christ – serving Him with trust and humility.

When the candidates began to arrive on Thursday, I realized these women were truly walking their faith. And after we prayed to the Holy Spirit together for the first time, my anxieties vanished and I realized these special women had been chosen by God to be there. But, It was Friday morning during Fr. Christopher Weldon’s talk on Habitual Grace as he offered Jesus’ plea to “Let Me Let You Love Me” that I truly felt my conversion from a “Martha” to a “Mary.” I believe from that moment, everyone on the weekend felt the grace pour in. Our hearts were softened and opened so

that Jesus could enter and we could truly be present to Him.

As a “Martha” I had critiqued each talk before the weekend, timing them, checking the outlines, looking for any point that might have been missed. But during the weekend I heard the talks for the first time as a “Mary.” I felt the flow of grace as never before. I realized this grace is a gift from God. We need but open our hearts and accept it. Everyone on Cursillo 85 did just that.

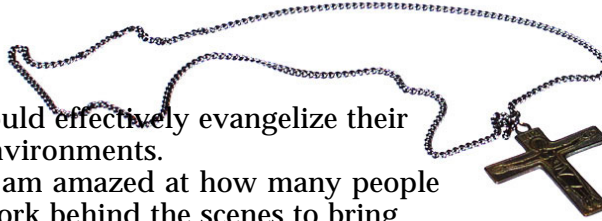
The candidates were a special joy to watch as they became transformed through His grace and the Holy Spirit. I received letters from several of them before Mass on Sunday, relating how the weekend had changed their lives. These women witnessed to me how important the Cursillo weekends truly are. They were ready to accept the challenge that Christ was asking : to be in true relationship with Him so they

could effectively evangelize their environments.

I am amazed at how many people work behind the scenes to bring Christ to so many, and to those in our Cursillo community who prayed for us and welcomed us at closing. I am especially grateful to the priests and religious who give their time so willingly to the Cursillo movement. Fr. Mike McKinney was the face of Christ for us throughout the weekend and his presence glowed with the grace that surrounded us all. Fr. Glenn continues to be our rock and the hands and feet of Jesus. He willingly drops everything to aid any Cursillista in need. Fr. Mike Kettron’s dedication to Cursillo has always been evident on the weekends and closings and we are grateful for his faithful spiritual leadership. I began Cursillo 85 as a “Martha,” busy and organized. My conversion during the weekend has transformed me permanently into a “Mary.” As such, I am willing to leave the details to Christ, and simply serve Him whenever and wherever I can.

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*Sharon Bahler*



I “what-ified” myself into a frenzy,  
planning the “perfect weekend.”

**Let Go and Let God.** Such simple words. We said them many times during the weekend. As I reflect on Cursillo 96, “*I Will Live My Life For You*,” these words were important not only for the candidates but for the team and the coordinator. Especially the coordinator.

Why? Simple. As the coordinator, you automatically want the team formation and weekend to be “perfect.” You stay up late at night planning, organizing, writing and re-writing the script for what you hope will be the “perfect” weekend.

Then as the weekend approaches, you find yourself overwhelmed by the “what-ifs.” What-if most of the candidates cancel at the last minute? What if a priest gets called away and cannot give a talk? What if we don’t have enough palanca for candidates? In short order you “what-if” yourself into frenzy.

But, what-if you would just “Let Go and Let God?” It is amazing what God can do if you just let go. You find out that you are just a passenger on God’s little Cursillo ship for the weekend. I discovered that He had it all planned out before I was even called to be the coordinator. Everything, let me repeat, everything on that weekend happened for a reason. From the team that was assembled to the candidates that He called especially to make the weekend, it was already planned.

I learned that you can’t “out give” God. He is the ultimate “Cruise Director.” He makes sure you arrive on board safely on Thursday night, gives you 15 unbelievable ports of call through the talks, and brings you back to the dock on Sunday night a deeply changed person. Now that is what I call “perfect.”

*Harry Owens*