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A Message from the Lay Director

What a privilege to serve Christ through the Cursillo movement! I don't really know how else to put it, the Cursillo 3 Day and the follow-up, particularly grouping, have been the vehicle which has kept me focused on my relationship with Christ, and on what He has placed me here for. In my opinion there is just not a better way. To now serve along with the other members of the Secretariat is something I am very excited about. I do not know of any program, movement, process, retreat, etc. as effective at bringing Christ into the environments we live and work in.

Hats off to the leadership of the past, they have brought this movement through many difficult times with unswerving persistence and commitment. Their hard work and willingness to make the difficult decisions have put us in a position to do some great things in the future. If we are to evangelize every environment, and the world to Christ, let's roll up our sleeves and get at it.

It is with enthusiasm and excitement that the Secretariat commits itself to jobs at hand. Our first three meetings together have been awesome! There has been a great exchange of ideas, a firm commitment to understand and reflect on the why and how of the Cursillo method so thoughtfully put together by the founders, and a resolve to make it the most effective that we can in the society we live in. It is with careful consideration that we plan and organize something that is not an organization but a movement of the Holy Spirit.

Reading and studying the Cursillo literature and talking with those who have so much experience has been a fantastic learning experience for me. I have challenged myself, and pass this on to all involved with sponsoring a candidate, working weekends, grouping etc., to take some time to read and learn about the reasons we do the things we do. There were many things I questioned before, but just as my Dad became smarter as I got older, so too did I understand the wisdom in the guidelines and the reasons behind the Cursillo method. It has been very humbling. I encourage you to get some of the great resources, which will be made available at Cursillo events at a book table, or go to www.natl-cursillo.org.

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Regional Formation Groups Report



Pre-Cursillo - West Region
Chairman: Bill Wolff

Greetings from the Western Front. It's Rooster time again. First we want to welcome the new cursillistas from our region. From the women's weekend we welcome Judy Dirk and Fr. Uriel Lopez from St Mary in Sterling. I also want to ask you to remember our good friend and treasurer Tom Jungk, who passed to his eternal reward recently. How many knew that he received a Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars while serving in the Vietnam War. Please say a prayer for him and for his family.

This will be my last report. Since I have been entrusted with the Assistant Lay Director position it has been necessary to find someone to take over the chair for the western region. Please allow me to introduce to you the new Chairperson, Mrs. Kay Ferris. Kay is from Sacred Heart Parish in Sterling and is married to Jim Ferris. Please welcome her and give her your support. Thanks.

Saint Mary in Sterling now has Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm with Benediction at 8:30 pm. This is held in the chapel in the parish center at 600 Avenue B in Sterling. You all are invited to attend.

Until the next time please keep us in your prayers and De Colores!!

Cursillo - South Region
Chairman: Bob Novack

The Committee for Team Training is now assembled and will work with the Rector and Rectora for the upcoming Spring 2002 weekends. The primary purpose of the Team Training Committee is to function as a resource and work with Heads of functional areas on the weekends; to provide focus on the Cursillo message and consistency among the weekends. Committee members include Emily Camaioni, Beth and Marty Lachat (Chairman), Felix Martinez, Brenda Morones, Bob and Lois Wright.

Cross Reference Bookstore in Aurora now has a special section with Cursillo related items — notepads, shirts, pens.

Effective in January, Laura Wright will replace me as the South Region Representative on the Secretariat. Thanks for saying 'Yes' Laura!

Spring 2002 CURSILLOS at St. Mary's in Oregon

76th English Men's Weekend

April 4 - 7

"Behold the Lamb of God"

Rector

Marty Lachat

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Team Meeting Dates

1/20/02 3/3/02 (In Oregon)

2/10/02 3/10/02

2/17/02

English Women's Weekend

April 25 - 28

Rectora

TBA

Team Meeting Dates

TBA

Unless otherwise noted, all Team Meetings are from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Newman Center, 512 Normal Rd, DeKalb, IL 815-787-7770

Commissioning of Spring Team Members & Meeting for all Cursillistas
Sunday, January 27 12:00 noon Newman Center, DeKalb

Post-Cursillo - North
Region Co-Chairmen: Judy
Otero & Lorraine Medford

We're making plans for the annual Cursillo Day of Reflection, which will be held at the Newman Center in DeKalb on January 19. This year's presenter is Deacon Rick Martin, a Cursillista who is dedicated to helping troubled youth find meaning and purpose in their lives. With his wife Linda, Deacon Martin has been influential in providing friendship, counseling and spiritual nourishment to young offenders. His presentation is sure to be powerful and moving. Please come and get a re-charge from a man who continues to "walk the talk."

Lay Director

Mike Van Sistine (continued)

In the last few months it has been made clear to me that there are many things that get done behind the scenes, an incredible amount. There is always room for those who are interested in getting involved in the process. From committees, working weekends, helping with area Ultreyas or other events, we would welcome your involvement. If you are new, don't be shy, and if you have been away for a while, please consider plugging back in. If you are interested in serving Cursillo please contact me at mvansistine@yahoo.com or call 815-885-4192.

Most importantly, please pray for Cursillo, those entrusted with its care and those who will come through its process and never be the same again. And finally, please pray for unity within the movement. We are a big group, from diverse backgrounds, but we all come to the table because of our love for the Lord and the need to tell others. Together with this unified purpose, humbly offering our gifts, guided by the Holy Spirit, we are an unstoppable force.

May all of you have a Christmas Season full of joy, I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming events in January.

HOLIDAY WISH LIST

At this time of the year, when everyone's making a list and checking it twice, the Cursillo Movement also has some needs that could be filled by a generous holiday contribution. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to cover capital costs (site renovations and upkeep) or operating expenses (copy paper, printer cartridges, etc.) We also are in need of a new copy machine. If you could provide the funds for one or know of a source that might give us a discount, please contact Bob Novack at 630-892-7252 or bnovack@Hellerfin.com

No article was submitted by the Spanish Lay Director for this issue.

Spiritual Director



Evangelization is becoming a household word. Even in Catholic households. Some of us can even spell it. Some of us are starting to pronounce it without thinking that we are doing something very "Protestant."

At the diocesan-sponsored Evangelization conference on Nov 17, 2001 at Boylan Catholic High School, Father Max Striedl, Jr., spoke eloquently on evangelization. I heard him say that the basic foundation for a person to be evangelized is that he/she have a rich experience of Jesus' great love. He said, as we all can testify, that a really great source of this experience of Jesus' love is Cursillo.

As we come into this Christmas season, may this be the year that we really witness to God's loving presence among us in Jesus Christ.

Let go of the worldly way of celebrating this season (for it is no more than "give and get" season for so many), and witness to a few select others that Jesus is Lord not just of this season, but of our lives during the whole year.

De Colores

Father Bob Sherry, Cursillo Spiritual Advisor

In Memoriam

Tom Jungk was suddenly called home to God on October 26. Tom came from a large family in Dubuque, later moving to Sterling where he was a member of St. Mary's parish. He was a dedicated Cursillista who served as Treasurer on the Secretariat and brought joy to a room just by being there. He worked on many teams and was always willing to lend a hand whenever help was needed. We will miss his quiet smile, but we rejoice that he has achieved eternal joy in the presence of the Lord.

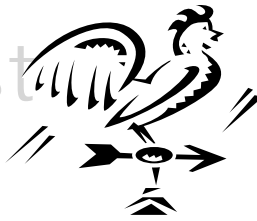
Food, games and music made the Annual Picnic in July 2001 a fun day!



Margaret Rooney was the Presenter at the Day of Recollection 2001.



Our Newest Cursillistas



Lois Anderson	Woodstock
Theresa Badgley	McHenry
Nick & Therese Begrowicz	McHenry
Ramon & Joan Benedetto	Batavia
Christopher Bennett	Roscoe
Ralph Biasiello	Crystal Lake
Pat Chlebowski	Geneva
Jack Currie	Batavia
Donna Delpercio	Elmhurst
Judy Dirks	Sterling
Craig & Dorothy Fees	McHenry
Ralph Gebert	Crystal Lake
Judy Gontko	Kirkland
Michelle Gontko	Kirkland
Delores Gorzynski	Rockford
Keith Harmon	Rockford
Jeff Hayes	Geneva
Myra Hicks	Hampshire
Diane Johnson	DeKalb
Nancy Jung	Aurora
Sue Jin Kang	Hanover Park
Thomas Kasper	Naperville
Rev. Uriel Lopez	Sterling
Robert Mauch	McHenry
Kevin & Cynthia Milczewski	McHenry
Nicholas & Betsy Miller	McHenry
Richard Moser	Hampshire
Tom & Pam Peters	Aurora
Linda Reardon	N. Aurora
Delores Richardson	Villa Park
Mary Robinson	Montgomery
Araceli Robles	Dekalb
Steve Rogers	Geneva
Lavonne Sallaz	McHenry
Michael Sebbly	Geneva
Connie Stover	Aurora
Michael & Ellen Sullivan	Geneva
Bryan Zolfo	Geneva

Get the Rooster Via E-Mail

Beginning with this issue, the Rooster newsletter will be available via email and also online at the National Cursillo Movement website. Please give your email address to Marty Lachat at mlachat@rgrayclamps.com to receive your Rooster electronically. This will save a great deal in printing and postage costs.

New Time for Clausura -- 4:00 PM

Out of consideration for our Mass celebrant and to enable the candidates to get home to their families, the Secretariat has made a priority of shortening the Clausura. Our contract with St. Mary's specifies that we are to leave the premises by 8:00 pm. While the staff has graciously let us extend that time in the past, we are obligated to uphold our agreement. To do so, the Sunday schedule will be revised and rectors and rectoras will be given new directives to enable the Clausura to begin at 4:00 pm. It will require a special effort on the part of all team members and the cooperation of the 4th Day Community to be ready at 4:00 pm, but we'll all benefit!

Cursillo Prayer List

To receive email notices of Cursillo prayer requests, drop a note to Marty Lachat at mlachat@rgrayclamps.com

Day of Recollection
Featuring Deacon Rick Martin

Saturday, January 19, 2002
Newman Center
512 Normal Rd.
DeKalb IL

Coffee & Registration: 9:30 am
Presentation: 10:00 am
Cost: \$10 per person
(includes lunch)
RSVP 815-455-2936

Cursillo Calendar

2002

January 19	Day of Recollection - 9:30 am Newman Center, DeKalb
January 27	Commissioning of Spring Teams - 12:00 Newman Center, DeKalb
April 4 - 7	Men's Weekend at St. Mary's in Oregon
April 11 - 14	Men's Spanish Weekend at St. Mary's in Oregon
Apr 25 - 28	Women's Weekend at St. Mary's in Oregon
May 2 - 5	Women's Spanish Weekend at St. Mary's, Oregon
October 24 - 27	Men's Weekend at St. Mary's, Oregon
November 14 - 17	Women's Weekend at St. Mary's, Oregon

Cursillo Weekends are held at
St. Mary's Community Center
Rt. 64 and Mongan Drive
Oregon, Illinois

Emergency Phone for Cursillo Weekends
Friday 814-732-2234
Saturday & Sunday
815-732-7383

Contributions to Cursillo

For memorials, anniversaries and other special occasions, or if you were unable to give on your weekend and can do so at this time, contact Treasurer Bob Novack to make your gift or include Cursillo in your will.

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Fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, at Newman Center in DeKalb

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Aurora - Second Sunday each month. 7:00 pm. Bilingual at St. Rita of Cascia. Contact: Larry & Pat Frieders 630-897-9770 or Felix Martinez 630-896-0354.

Geneva - Second Friday each month. 7:00 pm at St. Peter's. Contact: Ken & Tricia Aurand 630-232-9305.

Mt. Carroll - First Sunday each month, 7 pm. SS John & Catherine. Contact: Bob & Denise Grzelak 815-244-6765.

Rockford - Second Saturday each month, 6:30 pm. Location varies. Contact: Mike Van Sistine 815-885-4192.

Sterling/Rock Falls - First Sunday each month, 7 pm. St. Mary's Parish Center. Contact: Bill Wolff 815-438-4252.