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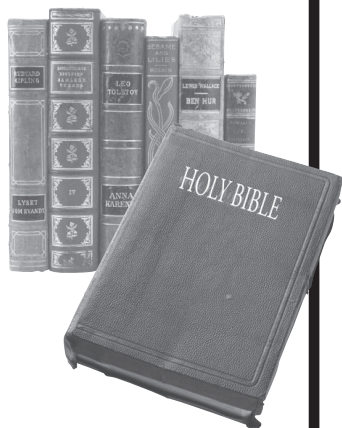
A Message from the Lay Director

Mike VanSistine

There are so many great things going on in Cursillo right now, I can hardly contain myself. In April a group over 20 Cursillo leaders gathered to discern a policy put out by the National Secretariat. An evening of prayer, study, discussion and some laughter left us all encouraged at the state of our Movement and the future. This group, called the School of Leaders in Cursillo terms, is focused on putting a plan together in response to this policy, which will direct our movement for years to come. Look for many good things to come, and if you would like to be a part of this school and learn more about what is going on, there is more information in this newsletter.

Great things are also happening in the Spanish-speaking side of the Movement. There is so much Evangelizing going on, the weekends are busting at the seams. The Holy Spirit is at work, and so are many individuals who are giving their time, talent and treasure to make this happen. There is also great progress in the way the Spanish and English mesh into one unified movement. Many Dioceses choose to operate the English and Spanish separately. Due to the commitment of many individuals along the way, we have always kept the two together, and the blessings are pouring in. Although our different languages challenge us at times, our mutual love for Jesus Christ and each other will not allow it to separate us. We have many plans to further bond the two together, Praise God!

So as you can see we have many reasons to be excited and thankful. Please continue in your prayers and palanca for the Movement and if you feel called to step in and be a part of the Secretariat or Leaders School or have questions, please call or email me.



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Regional Formation Groups Report



Post-Cursillo - North Region

Co-Chairmen: Judy Otero & Lorraine Medford

Mark your calendars now for a family fun day at the Cursillo Picnic on July 21, 2002, at Walcamp in Kingston, IL. Bring sports equipment, lawn chairs and a dish to pass, along with tableware and drinks for your family. We'll provide the hot dogs and brats. There will be games for the kids and plenty of room for soccer or baseball. Fr. Andy Plesa will preside at Mass. Musicians are needed--email Gail Wright at trwright1@aol.com for music info.

Fall 2002 CURSILLOS at St. Mary's in Oregon

77th English Men's Weekend
October 24-27

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Team Meeting Dates

Aug 25 Oct 10

Sept 8 Oct 13

Sept 20 (at Oregon, IL)

67th English Women's Weekend
November 14-17

Rectora

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Team Meeting Dates

Sept 15 Oct 27 (at Oregon, IL)

Sept 29 Nov 3

Oct 6

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.

Inspiring! Educational! For new Cursillistas and veterans alike!

A MUST for Team Members!

MASS & POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, August 11, 2002 • 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm

Newman Center, DeKalb

Bring a dish and learn how the Cursillo weekend works!

Cursillo - South Region Chairman: Laura Wright

Peace to all! A short time ago we lost a dear Cursillista unexpectedly, Jerry Streit. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Mary, as well as the rest of his family.

The Committee for Team Training has been working to standardize information for the service teams and train the weekend function area Heads (Chapel, Kitchen, Rector(a), Liaison).

The Cursillo Method is a specific way of evangelizing. It is essential that we understand the concepts. "The worst enemies of a movement are those who promote it without understanding it." (Dostoevski) Continual and progressive formation will equip us with the knowledge necessary to strengthen the Movement in our diocese. Discover the knowledge in the [Leaders Manual](#) and in [The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement](#). Team meetings also provide valuable information.

Regularly attending Group Reunion and Ultreya provides necessary food, too. Our Region now is offering another opportunity to participate in Ultreya. In addition to the second Sunday of the month at St. Rita's (bilingual), there is now Ultreya on the third Thursday of each month. Contact Larry or Pat Frieders 630-897-9770 for more information.

St. Mary's in Oregon recently increased our rent 33%, leaving us with a shortfall on our spring weekends. As a result, we must cut costs and increase our income. If you haven't yet sent your check for the weekend, please do so. Contact Treasurer Bob Novack to celebrate a special occasion, honor a loved one or include Cursillo in your will. Parish tithes are also welcome.

Pre-Cursillo - West Region Chairman: Kay Ferris

Our community has been blessed with several new Cursillistas. They are Jose Balderas, Andres Quitana, Gabriel Ocampo, Manuel Atiano and Deacon Alva Swearingen. Kevin Prunty has been accepted into the deaconate program. Kevin and his wife Carol and family are from Amboy. All of those whom I have mentioned and those who are close to us are certainly blessings and we thank God for enriching our lives.

The memory of Tom Jungk's life was honored at the Men's Clausura. Tom touched our lives in many ways and he is missed by all. We can be assured that he is enjoying eternal life with our Father.

St. Mary's in Sterling has Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 9 am until 9 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.

School of Leaders

Is the Lord pushing you to a deeper commitment to the Cursillo Apostolate? Are you intrigued by the methods of the Cursillo, would like to learn more and serve Christ through leadership in the movement? If yes, then you want to be a part of a vibrant, joyful, humble group of leaders who are striving for the ideal to be a Saint and to bring many of the Lord's fold with them. That's what School of Leaders is all about. Don't be afraid of the name; it's not exactly a "school" as far as a classroom sit-down- and-listen kind. Instead it's more like a "school of fish." It's a group of individuals who want to go in the same direction, of like mind. The next School of Leaders is June 25, 7:30-9 pm at the Newman Center in DeKalb. Please RSVP to Mike VanSistine at 815-885-4192 or mvansistine@yahoo.com for an update on what has been going on in "School", what the next meeting will be about and to get the necessary materials.

Spiritual Director

Fr. Bob Sherry

Cursillo means "a little course." We very often refer to Cursillo as a three-day walk with Jesus. I'm writing this during the Easter season, halfway between Easter and Pentecost. This is a 90 day walk with Jesus and during this time a couple of Cursillos are being held and how lucky are the people who are on these weekends to prepare for their wonderful coming of the Holy Spirit. I wish everyone an open heart to receive the gift of the living Jesus in His Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost. This Spirit is not just intended for our own hearts, but to help us to have the courage and go out to spread the wonderful love of Jesus and the story of the good news to other people.

I'm happy to announce that Bishop Doran has appointed me for another three year term as Spiritual Director of the Rockford Cursillo Movement. Perhaps you have heard that Father Max Striedl has been appointed as the Assistant Spiritual Director for the English speaking Cursillo Movement and Father Leonardo Maldonado has been appointed as the Assistant Spiritual Director of the Spanish speaking Cursillo Movement.

May God continue to bless our efforts.

Pope Recognizes Fruits of Cursillo in Meeting with Italian Leaders

Did you see the article in The Observer (5/17/02)?
Cursillo is now in 60 countries and 800 dioceses
around the world!



Hispano Director Laico

Movimiento de CURSILLO en Español de La Diocesis de Rockford

Hola Hermanos Cursillistas, espero que se encuentren de Colores y que todo este bien en sus hogares junto de sus seres queridos. Quiero tomar esta oportunidad para saludar y felicitar a todos los nuevos Cursillistas que hicieron su Cursillo en Español este año del 2002 en Saint Mary's Center. Le quiero dar las gracias a los Rectores Heriberto Garcia, Cristina Rodriguez, y a todo el equipo por su gran trabajo y entrega durante ese fin de semana.

El proximo Cursillo en Español sera en la Primavera del año 2003. Casimiro Carrillo y Omega Miranda han dicho que si a Dios nuestro Señor, y al movimiento de Cursillo al aceptar ser Rectores para el siguiente Cursillo en Español. Quiero pedirles a todos ustedes que nos unamos en oracion y le pidamos a Dios por el siguiente fin de semana, por nuestros rectores, y por el nuevo equipo. Les pido que por favor brindemos apoyo a los nuevos Rectores trabajando el siguiente Cursillo. Queremos que todos los Nuevos Cursillistas, y los Viejos Cursillistas trabajen el Cursillo.

Saludos y oraciones para el Padre Arquimedes Vallejo por su amor y dedicacion al movimiento de Cursillo. Le damos las gracias a Dios por darnos un gran regalo a traves del Padre Arquimedes. Su espiritualidad, devocion, energia, y amor a Dios, nos ayuda a llegar a un nivel mas profundo en nuestra fe.

El movimiento de Cursillo en Español actualmente esta planeando y organizando un retiro especial para Cursillistas. Este retiro, posiblemente se llevara acabo en el mes de Septiembre/Octubre del 2002. Se estara dando mas informcion en un futuro cercano.

Secretariado del movimiento de Cursillo en Espanol:

Director Espiritual del movimiento de Cursillo en Español:

Padre Leonardo Maldonado

Director Espiritual Del Fin De Semana De Cursillo en Español:

Padre Arquimedez Vallejo

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Diacono Carlos Navarro

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Carolina Sanchez

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Sergio Sanchez

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Luis Patiño

Consejero del Secretariado:

Tony Martinez

Ultreya:

Larry y Pat Frieders

Entrenamiento de Equipo:

Felix Martinez y Brenda Morones

Para informacion acerca del Cursillo en Espanol, por favor de comunicarse con Frank Navarro al (630)892-0893, o con Graciela Moreno al (630)844-3805.

DE COLORES! Su Hermano En Cristo, Frank Navarro

Help Needed

Are you willing to help on a regular basis for the closedown of the St. Mary's facility in Oregon after the Clausuras? You will work under the direction of a Secretariat member who will have a procedure list, and if we have enough volunteers, we can assign crews to work only once or twice a year.

We are also in need of a copier and a cordless phone at a reasonable price for use on the weekends.

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact Rich DiDomenico at 847-658-8823 or richmdido@aol.com.

Our Newest Cursillistas



Joann Aaron	Aurora
Marlin Annholz	Cary
Orlando Arroyo	Aurora
David Del Percio	Lombard
Diane Drogosz	McHenry
Joseph Earl	DeKalb
Michael Fagerholm	McHenry
Jeffrey Frye	Crystal Lake
Scott & Mary Fuller	Loves Park
Jay Geary	St. Charles
Frank Gonzalez	Montgomery
Barbara Hayes	Wonder Lake
Richard Huber	McHenry
Alex & Ana Iniguez	Aurora
Robert & Linda Kalas	McHenry
John & Ann Lachat	Evergreen Park
Ray Lilly	Schaumburg
Carla Limbaugh	Aurora
Norma Lopez	Aurora
Robert McLaughlin	McHenry
Michael McQueen	Hinckley
Patrick Mele	West Chicago
Joseph Monachello	St. Charles
Terrence Petit	Maple Park
Leslie Remme	McHenry
Priscilla Rodriguez	Montgomery
Bruce Shrake	Ingleside
Justin Smith	Ingleside
Deacon Alvin Swearingen	Chadwick
John Voegtle	Winfield
Matthew Welch	Oswego
Mary Widhalm	Woodstock

Mount Carroll Ultreya Aids Haitian Children

Ultreayas have had a huge Haiti project in Mount Carroll, including a benefit for two Haitian children adopted from an orphanage in Haiti by a local family. It is so awesome to see God working through our Cursillistas! Maybe your Ultreya group would like to organize support for a similar cause. For more information, contact Phyllis and Arnie Getz at 815-684-5561.

Updating Our Mailing List

The Rooster is now available on-line via email, saving printing and postage costs. If you have email capabilities and are not receiving your electronic Rooster, please contact Marty Lachat at mlachat@grayclamps.com to be added to the list.

We are also trying to keep addresses current to reach all our Cursillistas who wish to remain on our mailing list. If you know of anyone who has moved, please alert us to their new address. This especially applies to priests who have been reassigned and have new mailing addresses. If you no longer wish to receive the Rooster by mail, please send your request to Sam Genovese, 832 Wedgewood Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

Chapel Basics

You may have noticed a new simplicity in the Chapel on recent weekends. In accordance with our Back-to-Basics mandate, chapel heads are asked to keep the focus in the chapel on Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament must be our focal point. The picture of Christ that has become known as the "Cursillo Jesus" is also featured and a statue or picture of Mary is appropriately given secondary prominence.

The addition of flowers and candles creates an atmosphere of reverence and honor for adoration of this most Blessed Gift given us by Christ Himself.

Annual Family Potluck Picnic

Sunday, July 21, 2002 Noon

Walcamp Park

Take Rt. 72 to Kingston, IL. Go north on Five Points Rd. about a half mile. Park is on the left. Follow signs to pavilion.

Food! Fun! Mass with Fr. Andy Plesa!

Bring tableware, dish to pass, music and sports equipment.

Cursillo Calendar

2002

May 28	School of Leaders/Pastoral Plan Meeting II at Newman Center, DeKalb
July 21	Annual Picnic at Walcamp in Kingston, IL
October 24 - 27	Men's English Weekend
November 14 - 17	Women's English Weekend

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April 24-27	Men's English Weekend
May 1-4	Men's Spanish Weekend
May 15-18	Women's English Weekend
May 29-June 1	Women's Spanish Weekend

Secretariat

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

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Area Ultreyas

Aurora - Third Thursday each month.
7:00 pm. at The Compounder offices, 575
W. Illinois Ave. Contact: Larry & Pat
Frieders 630-897-9770.

Aurora - Second Sunday each month. 7:00
pm. Bilingual at St. Rita of Cascia. Con-
tact: 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 Saturday each month, 7
pm, usually at SS.. John & Catherine and
occasionally in a Cursillista's home. Con-
tact: Arnie & Phyllis Getz 815-684-5561.

Rockford - First Saturday each month, 7
pm at St. Bridget's. Contact: Jim & Patty
Goebel 815-877-5034

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

All Cursillo Weekends are held at
St. Mary's Community Center
Rt. 64 and Mongan Drive
Oregon, Illinois
Directions: Take Rt. 64 to Oregon.
St. Mary's Center is west of town
at the top of a hill on the north side
of the highway.

Emergency Phone for Cursillo Weekends
815-732-3249
815-732-7383 (alternate)