Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter March, 2011

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"Pepé and José" Spiritual Director's Comments

Pepé and José had been bitter rivals since they had been knee-high to a grasshopper. When they left the village where they had grown up, Pepé went into the Church while José joined the army. Decades passed and Pepé rose in the Church to become a fat, rosyfaced cardinal. José, meanwhile, was promoted through the ranks until he was an equally portly and mustachioed general. One day, completely by chance, the two men were waiting on a train platform together. Pepé noticed José in his splendid uniform and went up to him, "Tell me, porter, is this the platform to Barcelona?" Without betraying a flicker of recognition, José glanced at the crimson-robed cleric and replied, "Certainly, Madam, but do you think you should be travelling in your condition?"

Lent is that graced time of the year when we all ask ourselves, "What is my travelling condition on the road to the kingdom?" as well as, "Do I recognize others in my life for who they truly are?" Both questions are asked repeatedly on the days in which we live our Cursillo and, depending upon how deeply honest we are with ourselves, the answers can give us a new direction for the rest of the journey.

I often carry a lot of excess baggage on the way, unable to leave behind past hurts, unfulfilled dreams, and unforgiven debts. And, more often than not, I recognize only the shell of those around me rather than seeing the inner persons they so often hide from view (and we all know how judging from externals has gotten us into trouble). Now that we are living our Fourth Days, another Cursillo comes along just in time for Palanca to do its cleansing effects on us, for when we pray and sacrifice, those very same questions begged to be answered once more. May those for whom we do Palanca have the courage to go deep within and may we walk through this time of Lent in good condition and more profoundly aware of the inner beauty of our travelling companions!

DeColores, Father Dave Pleier Post-Cursillo Meets Prior?

The Post-Cursillo committee will meet just prior to the women's closing to discuss any current issues. I would like to have anybody interested in being your parish representative to attend or e-mail me with your interest. Parish representatives are important because it allows us to get in contact with individual Cursillistas in a parish to match them up with people who are contacting me from their parish bulletins. As many of you may have noticed, your bulletin had a notice about Cursillo and contact info. The diocese has agreed to send an e-mail from the Post-Cursillo Committee to every parish to print in their bulletin to announce each Cursillo. Lori and I have had more than 10 people contact us about interest in these most recent Cursillos. We then contact these individuals and try to find a sponsor they know from their parish or a friend that is a Cursillista.

The more parish reps we have the better it will be to have these individuals matched up with a friend as a sponsor. Remember, the sponsor is critical in following up with the new babe chicks for their fourth day. Being a parish rep will take very little time unless we get hundreds of contacts from your parish. (Nice problem to have though) If you are available we will meet at St. Joe's at 5:30 on April 3, 2011. We will meet in the same place we meet for the serenade. If you cannot meet at that time but are interested please call 920-585-9620 or send me an e-mail at thomas.gritton@yahoo.com.

We Regret to learn of the passing of our Cursillo friend <u>LaVerne Jeffrey</u>. LaVerne served on the Secretariat as well as many Teams including opportunities as Rector. She will be missed by us all. Cursillo will have a Mass said for her at her Parish.

Would you be willing to receive the newsletter via e-mail vs. snail mail? Do you currently receive the newsletter via e-mail and wish to go back to snail mail? If you have an address/phone number update, or would like to change how you receive the newsletter, please let me know so I can update the mailing list. Thank you! Julie Huss ajatjhuss@new.rr.com

Lay Directors Comments AS WE GATHER

As we gather may your Spirit work within us As we gather may we glorify your name Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship

We'll be blessed because we came

These words from a popular Christian song could not be more meaningful in describing our annual Day of Enrichment where 100+ Cursillistas gathered together on February 12 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay. The central theme conveyed by Fr. Dave Pleier, Fr. Willie Vande Loo and three lay Cursillista speakers was that of the Holy Spirit working within our Fourth Day lives. Like a Cursillo weekend, we took away so much to ponder and so much to fortify us in our everyday lives. Thank you to Marlene & Terry Buboltz and Mike & Kay Weins who so unselfishly gave of their time and talent "behind the scenes" to ensure that the day ran flawlessly from start to finish. Thank you to Nancy Bassett and her music chorale who led us in beautiful song and worship. Most of all ... thank you to our precious Lord and His Blessed Mother who inspire us with Grace not only at this event, but at every hour/minute/second of our lives! If you weren't able to come to this year's Day of Reflection, please attend next year. Date will be announced via newsletter & e-mail after it is booked!

A couple more quick reminders ...

- I hope you will make time to attend a School of Leaders session held the second Tuesday of each month at St. Nicholas/Freedom. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is being studied through the book entitled "Essentials of the Faith" authored by Fr. Alfred McBride. Fr. McBride was kind enough to join our School of Leaders in February where he personally led the group through a chapter of his book followed by a great Q&A session!
- A "musicians' workshop is scheduled for May 17th. Details can be found later in this newsletter. You don't need to be a musician to attend. Your ideas are important to our talented musicians and they welcome anyone who loves music and can give them

- additional insight to inspire at our Cursillo weekends.
- Please keep our Hispanic brothers and sisters in prayer as their Secretariat continues to meet and work toward its goal of additional Spanish Cursillo weekends within our Diocese.

I also would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your prayers and support as my term as Lay Director comes to a close. Pat Mongin will take over the reins as your Lay Director. He is a most talented leader who will continue to keep our Movement in "tip top" shape!

God Bless & Keep You and De Colores!!

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Time is Running Out!

Spring is almost here which means the end of the school year is just a few months off. If you've been thinking about attending the Cursillo School of Leaders, time is running out! Our last two sessions before summer break will be on April 12th and May 10th.

If you're thinking about doing something "extra" for Lent this year, how about making a trip to Freedom for the next School of Leaders session? It doesn't matter if you're a recent Cursillista or an old timer, all are welcome!

We have had a great line-up of topics and outstanding discussions. We continue to work through Fr. Alfred McBride's book, Essentials of the Faith – A Guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Fr. McBride joined us in person at our February meeting to lead the discussion on Chapter 10. In March, Fr. Dave Pleier, the Spiritual Director for Cursillo in the Green Bay Diocese, was our special guest. We have some great things planned for April and May, and we'd love to see you there. There is no cost and it will be well worth your time. So mark your calendar... 6:30pm on Tuesday April 12th and 6:30pm Tuesday May 10th at St. Nicholas Parish in Freedom. See you there!

Respectfully, Mark Mullins

Women's Cursillo #220 – March 31-April 3, 2011

St. Joseph Middle School Campus - Appleton, WI

<u>TEAM</u>				DAY CHAIRPERSONS			
Rector: Vice Rector:			Annette Hoslet 469-2800 Peg VandeHey		Set Up: Wed – 6:00 PM	Vic Vosters 734-1249/734-8499	
vice Rector.			810-7110		Thursday Night:	Laurie Daul 687-0366	5:30
Spiritual Director:			Fr. Dick Klingheisen 629-9770		Friday:	Mike Weins 475-6459	
Asst. Spiritual Director:			Dcn. Dan Wagnitz			Breakfast	7:45
			865-71	21		Lunch	12:30
						Dinner	6:00
Proctors: Cindy VanA			sten (Kitchen) 619-1899		Saturday:	Jeff Brockman	
Sara Tess (M		Iusic)	277-2998		788-1821		
Cheri Simon Suzie Klein			et		983-0554	Breakfast	7:00
			585-3500			Agape	1:30
						Dinner	6:15
P.O. 1		Cursillo #220 Palanca Box 184 Chute, WI 54140		Sunday:	Larry Westenberg		
					788-4977		
					Breakfast	7:35	
						Lunch	12:00
						Dinner	5:30

Emergency Phones: 810-7110 or 619-1899

6:00 PM - Look For Signs

Serenade:

<u>Directions</u>: From North: Hwy 41 South to 441 South (Exit 145) Merge onto East Northland Avenue (CR-OO West Toward Appleton) From South: Hwy 41 North Merge onto CR-OO East via exit 139 toward CR-A/Appleton/Northland Avenue East to 101 E. Northland Avenue

Clean Up:

Vic Vosters

4:00

<u>Candidate</u> <u>Parish</u> <u>Candidate</u> <u>Parish</u>

CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY P.O. Box 184 Little Chute, WI 54140-0184

Fourth Day

"Clausura" or Closing – This is the last Spanish word we hear at the weekend. But, is the closing only for the new babe chicks? I think that the closing is for ALL Cursillistas if we are a sponsor, know a candidate or team member or do not know any of them. The closings are really part of our 4th day. What a joy for them to see the larger community that they are joining. At the last Men's weekend we had a candidate, Bob, who is blind from birth. During the serenade we wondered, "What is Bob seeing"? Make you think?

Think about coming to as many closings as possible. If you lived your Cursillo many years ago or are new to the movement you will enjoy another closing. We wear nametags so you won't be embarrassed by not knowing someone's name. Perhaps you will be able to renew acquaintances with someone from "your weekend", a parish member or maybe someone will be there to surprise you. **Hope to see you there!**

In the last newsletter we announced that we are planning on presenting a "School of Musical Leaders Workshop". The date, place and time have been set and are as follows:

DATE: Tuesday evening May 17, 2011 - TIME: 7:00PM to 9:00 PM

PLACE: St. Katherine Drexel (St. Mary Site) at the Parish Center, W 8th St. and Main Ave. Kaukauna WI This workshop is open to ALL Cursillistas who are music lovers whether you play an instrument or not. We plan on going over the Music that is used on a Cursillo weekend as well as the music at other Cursillo events. Perhaps we might have time to just sing-a-long to some good music. I think that this workshop could be a lot of fun and hope that many will attend. Any questions contact me, Bob Varick 920-733-0899 byarick@new.rr.com If applicable; don't forget to bring your instrument!