# *Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter September, 2011*

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## "Can I Be Your Friend?" Spiritual Director's Comments

Money can buy a house, but not a home. It can buy a bed, but not sleep. It can buy a clock, but not time. It can buy a book, but not knowledge. It can buy you a position, but not respect. It can buy you medicine, but not health. It can buy you blood, but not life. So you see...money isn't everything, and it often causes pain and suffering. I tell you all this because I am your friend and, as your friend, I want to take away your pain and suffering. So send me your money and I will suffer for you. A truer friend you will never find. ©

Cursillo is about friendship—with Christ and each other. It is about Christ taking away the pain and suffering of an aimless and meaningless life through the building up of community. It is about embracing sacrifice through our Palanca with the confidence that laying down one's life for a friend is truly redemptive. And while there is the mention of money in the M.O.P Talk, the real cost is not monetary, but the giving of time and self.

What a gift it has been to all of us. The graced experience continues to deepen through our participation in group reunions and Ultreyas. And the upcoming Cursillo will continue to grow the church as we open our hearts to new Cursillistas and our souls to our loving God who calls us to faithfulness and joy. Let us live our fourth days with hope and generosity, two virtues that come from the Spirit deep within each of us and are so needed in a world that seems to be often filled with despair and selfishness. Let us be the sacraments of God's presence; let us know the deep glow of living in God's promise!

## DeColores, Father Dave Pleier

## *"The Journey Continues" Lay Directors Comments*

As I begin the journey of Lay Director of this wonderful movement called Cursillo, I cannot help but think of the joy that radiates from the Cursillo movement and how it touches so many. Two individuals who are examples of this joy have completed their service to the Secretariat and I must say they will be missed. Bobbi Hoff completed her term as Lay Director and Annette Hoslet completed her term as Recording Secretary. Both of these Cursillistas have served with generosity and a passion for the Cursillo movement. Their invaluable service leaves the Secretariat in a better place. We look forward to seeing both Bobbi and Annette perhaps on a future team, an Ultreya or a Serenade. Thank you both for all you have given.

In August one of the Holy Father's prayer intentions was as follows: "That Christians of the west, docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, may re-encounter the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith". What a great opportunity we have to uphold the Holy Father's mission. Cursillo is alive and ready to nourish the souls of our Catholic friends and family. What a good time to talk to God about a friend and then talk to a friend about God.

> May God Continue to Bless Each of You and Your Families!

> > Patrick Mongin

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#### "What's On Tap?"

Men's Fall Cursillo #221 October 6 - 9 - at Sacred Heart in Appleton

Women's Fall Cursillo #222 October 27-30 at St. John in Menasha

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## Choose Growth!

"Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely."

-- Karen Kaiser Clark – Author and motivational speaker

We are all called to be leaders and good leaders keep growing... in wisdom, in love, and in faith. How do you choose to grow? If you're looking for ideas, we have a great one for you... How about the School of Leaders?

We kicked off a new "school year" on September 13<sup>th</sup> with a great presentation by Deacon Steve and Peg VandeHey... "It's the Same Mass: Different Words, Deeper Meaning". Each month we feature a new topic of interest, so be sure to make some time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month to join us.

Here's what you can look forward to... For the first 30 minutes, we have a special topic and/or speaker focused on the workings of Cursillo or our Catholic faith. If there is a topic you want to hear about, let us know in advance and we'll do our best to make it a part of one of our sessions.

For the next 30 minutes, we will continue working through Fr. Alfred McBride's book, <u>Essentials of the Faith – A Guide to the</u> <u>Catechism of the Catholic Church</u>. We cover one chapter at a time and because the chapters are only a few pages long, we read it as a group which is helpful for those who may not have the book. Each chapter has some great questions for discussion and reflection. (Note: This book is available from Amazon.com for about \$10.00)

For the final 30 minutes, we have small group reunions where you'll have a chance to share your thoughts, experiences, and challenges with fellow cusillistas. In addition to great information, sharing, and fellowship, we also have refreshments and snacks!

We meet at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at **St. Nicholas School in Freedom.** Upcoming meetings are October 11, and November 8, 2011; and on the second Tuesday in January through May in 2012. So, choose to grow with us at the School of Leaders... you'll be happy you did!

Respectfully,

## Mark Mullins

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### Thank You Parish Representatives!

I would like to thank all those Cursillistas who have agreed to be a parish representative for Cursillo. We are finding that having individuals within the parishes really helps inform people about Cursillo. We are in the process of creating a "job description" for parish reps and as soon as it is finalized I will send it out in the newsletter. If you would like to help as a parish representative or have any questions please get a hold of Tom Gritton at thomas.gritton@yahoo.com or call me at (920) 585-9620.

#### Tom Gritton

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### Would You be Willing to Receive the Newsletter Via e-mail vs. Snail Mail?

Do you currently receive the newsletter via email 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!

Help us keep our mailing list up to date Have you moved, changed your e-mail address, dropped your land line and gone to cell phone only? Do you know of a cursillista who has passed away? Would you please let us know about these changes? You can e-mail me at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com with any changes. Thank you!

#### Men's Cursillo #221 - October 6, 7, 8, and 9, 2011

### Sacred Heart – Appleton, WI

#### TEAM **DAY CHAIRPERSONS Rector: Dave Scherer** Set Up: Vic Vosters 982-3213 734-1249/734-8499 Wed - 8:00 PM Jeff Brockman Vice Rector: Mike Giffin 788-1821 739-8334 **Thursday Night:** Kay Weins 5:30 989-2773 **Spiritual Director:** Friday: **Dave & Judy Simon** Fr. Tom Long 788-4217 Breakfast **Asst. Spiritual Director: Dcn. Rick Hocking** 7:45 Lunch 12:30 Dinner 6:00 **Proctors: Tony Vosters (Kitchen)** 810-1318 Saturday: **Jim & Jean Beatty** Steve Hamilton (Music) 749-1509 766-1135 Scott Simpson 982-9615 Breakfast 7:00 **Tom Bever** 982-2695 1:30 Agape Jeff Brockman 788-1821 Dinner 6:15 **Palanca Address:** Attn: Cursillo #221 Palanca Sunday: Pete Tillman P.O. Box 184 339-0166 Little Chute, WI 54140 Breakfast 7:35 Lunch 12:00 Dinner 5:30 Serenade: 6:00 PM - Look For Signs Clean Up: **HELP NEEDED** 4:00**Emergency Phones:** 810-1318

<u>Directions</u>: From North and South: Take Hwy 41 to 441; 441 to Oneida St., North on Oneida St. to Fremont (by St. Elizabeth's hospital.) Right (East) on Fremont. Sacred Heart is one block down on the left.

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 To See an Updated List of Candidates Right Up to Cursillo E-Mail Bob Varick @ <a href="http://www.cursillo.org/Greenbay">byteinbay</a>