

Green Bay Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

Men's - February 2013

'The Master Surgeon' Spiritual Director's Comments

An elderly gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery after having insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?" the son asked. "Don't be nervous, son; do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife."

Sometimes it seems like asking someone to go on a cursillo is like asking them to undergo surgery. And, in some ways, it is. The Master Surgeon excises the sin from our souls, the intolerance from our minds, and the selfishness from our hearts. Granted, the surgery seems to be more successful for some than for others, but all are healed to some degree. And that is what we both celebrate in ourselves and pray for in our candidates.

Additionally, "mother" does come to live with us, whether I see that "mother" as Mary or the Holy Spirit, for each of us becomes, in one's Fourth Day, more prayerful and more aware of God's presence in our daily lives. To that end, each of us continues to make room for that Special Guest. May our palanca (much of which is added prayer and fasting) be about creating room for the graced presence of our loving God, in whatever form or through whatever person God chooses to grace us!

De Colores.

Lay Directors Comments

I recently heard this question, how are you living this Year of Faith? Pope Benedict XVI shared that the Year of Faith is a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world. Catholics are called to renew our relationship with Christ and His Church. Since we are all at different places in our faith journey, we must each decide which areas need the most attention. As a Cursillista, we have learned of the importance of our 4th day journey. We know that study, piety and action are the key ingredients to grow and deepen our relationship with Christ. So if your answer to the question is "That is a good question" then perhaps it is a good time to develop a game plan. Lent is an awesome time to jump start our spiritual development. A group reunion or ultreya is an excellent way to share and grow your faith within a Christian community. Check out the website at www.cursillo.org/Greenbay to find an Ultreya or other resources for piety, study and action that may work for you.

For those that attended The 7th Annual Day of Enrichment, I am sure you will agree, it was an awesome 4th day experience. A special thanks to those that shared those special witness talks. To Fr. Dave, Fr. Willie and Deacon Dave DeYoung who concelebrated a beautiful mass. To the musicians who lead us in those beautiful songs and to all those who helped out under the leadership of Mike and Kay Weins and Andy and Diane Pichette who organized this great event.

I hope to see you at the serenade of Men's Cursillo #227 at Holy Cross in Kaukauna on Sunday, February 24^{th} at 6:00pm.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Lenten journey,

Fr. Dave

Patrick Mongin

Miles to go before we sleep ...

Remember the poetry of Robert Frost? One of his famous poems is Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening. Here are the final four lines:

The woods are lovely, dark, and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep.

The School of Leaders has been putting on some miles this year as we 'hit the road' to partner with Ultreyas across the Green Bay Diocese. Our objective is to expose more Cursillistas to the School of Leaders by meeting with people where they are. So far this school year, we've been to Kaukauna, Green Bay, and Oshkosh.

Our next session is planned for Sunday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm at Most Precious Blood Parish Center in New London. If you're in the area, please plan to attend... all are welcome! After that, we hope to team up with the Ultreyas in Appleton and Manitowoc. Please be sure to watch the Cursillo prayer chain email for further details.

This new approach has been a big success. We appreciate the warm hospitality of the people who organize the Ultreyas; likewise, the Cursillistas we've met are very appreciative of the opportunity to learn more about the Cursillo movement, which is what the School of Leaders is all about. I'd like to share more, but I'm getting a little sleepy.... ©

Mark Mullins

Upcoming Dates

- -Women's Spring Cursillo #228 April 4-7, 2013 at St John Parish Little Chute
- -Men' Spanish Cursillo #6 April 4-7, 2013 at St Therese Appleton
- -Women's Spanish #7 April 18-21, 2013 at St. Therese Appleton

Day of Enrichment

The 7th Annual Day of Enrichment was another successful, spirit filled day! Watch next month's newsletter for a full report on how the day went and comments from attendees. Watch the web site and your e-mails for notifications for next year's event. You won't want to miss this great opportunity to enrich your 4th day!

Help! You're Lost!

Have you joined the thousands of folks who have dropped their land line and gone to a cell phone only? It makes a lot of sense to have only one phone bill to pay, but, it makes it really tough for people to reach you who don't have your updated information. When it comes to telemarketers, that's not such a bad thing, but if a fellow Cursillista would like to get in touch with you for one reason or another (like team formation), it can make things a bit challenging. Could you do us a favor? If you have dropped your land line, changed your phone number, your e-mail address, or moved to a different address, could you PLEASE let me know about it so I can update the cursillo mailing/contact list? Also, if you know of a Cursillista who has passed away, please let us know about that too. As a movement we like to have a mass offered for anyone who has gone to meet our Lord, so this information is much appreciated.

Any change information can be sent to Julie Huss at ajatjhuss@new.rr.com, or you can send info to the cursillo post office box. You have so many people to inform when you have a change in phone number or other info, please add cursillo to your list.

Thank you & De Colores,

Julie Huss

Men's Cursillo #227 February 21-24, 2013 Holy Cross Parish, Kaukauna, WI

DAY CHAIRPERSONS **TEAM**

Rector: Mike Giffin Set Up: Vic Vosters

Wed. Feb. 20th 6:00 pm 920-739-8334 734-1249

Thursday Night: Vice Rector: Steve Frassetto Paula Vosters

> 920-687-9065 766-4735

Spiritual Director: Fr. Dave Pleier Friday: Mike & Kay Weins

> 920-328-7020 920-989-2773

Asst. Spiritual Director: Dcn. Randy Haak Breakfast 7:45

12:30 920-766-1235 Lunch 766-4735 Supper 6:00

Proctors: Tony Vosters (kitchen) Jeff Brockman 788-1821 Saturday: Jill Heacock/Paula Vosters

Ryan Van Camp 224-5368 687-0430 766-4735

Steve Hamilton (music) 749-1509 Breakfast 7:00

1:30 Agape 6:15 Dinner

Palanca Address: Attn: Cursillo #227 Palanca Sunday: Mike & Kimberly Biese

> **Cursillo in Christianity** 920-853-9183

PO Box 184 Breakfast 7:35

Little Chute, WI 54140 Lunch 12:00 Serenade: 6:00 PM - Look for Signs Dinner 5:30

Emergency Phones: 920-810-1318 OR 920-224-5368 Clean Up: Sunday @ 4:00

Vic Vosters

Directions: From North and South: Take Hwy 41 to Hwy 55 exit. Head South into Kaukauna. Turn right on Sarah Street (by McDonalds.) Go 1 block and church is on the left. Holy Cross address: 309 Desnoyer Street, Kaukauna

Candidate **Parish** Candidate **Parish**

Who do you know that could use cursillo in their life? Talk to God about your friend, then help them get their application filled out and in!

This list is complete as of 2/11/2013 Sponsors... Please make sure candidates accepted after this date receive palanca. Palanca can be mailed to the PO box or dropped off at the site, there is a mail box on the cursillo trailer. For more information on Cursillo and the Green Bay Diocese Movement go to: www.cursillo.org/Greenbay To see an updated list of candidates right up to the cursillo e-mail Bob Varick at bvarick@new.rr.com or phone 920-733-0899.