



## **Green Bay Diocese Cursillo**

### **Fall 2023 Newsletter**

**Men's weekend # 263 will take place at St. Mary's  
Parish, Algoma from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, 2023  
Get your Palanca ready!**

### **Spiritual Director Reflection**

Jesus stayed on shore to pray while His followers sailed on. In the midst of this wild storm, Jesus begins to walk out to them on the water. When the disciples see him, they think that Jesus is a ghost. Leaping to this conclusion probably sounds a little bit like the frightened yelps of Shaggy and Scooby Doo. Yet the reason the disciples thought they were seeing ghostly spirits is because the sea was believed to be a place of ghosts and sea demons.

Jesus assures them that it is he and they need not be afraid. Then Peter calls out to his teacher and asks that Jesus command Peter to walk on the water to him. What was he thinking? From the time I heard this story, I would often think how cool it would be to walk on water. Obviously, if I were to try it, I would go Ker Sploosh! That is why none of the other disciples dared to try to follow Peter. The boat was the safest place to be, and to leave it would be foolishness. Jesus tells Peter to come on out; the water's fine. So, in the middle of this raging storm, above a swirling sea of chaos that Peter and his fisherman friends thought might be home to ghosts and sea demons, this disciple does something that risks a spectacular failure: he steps out of the boat and onto the water. And it holds firm. Amazingly, Peter walks on water.

Jesus calls you and me to get out of the boat. When we talk about faith, **we often think about it as a noun.** We tell one another to have faith. We begin to think of faith as a possession, as if we could ever possess such a thing. In this mindset, faith slowly becomes a club to which we belong and not a way of living. **Yet faith is a verb.** It is what we do.

It is getting out of the boat and following Jesus with our whole lives. The essential question is not whether we are religious but whether we are doing something. **To put it another way, the question is not whether we call ourselves people of faith but whether we are living out our faith in what we do. Are we building relationships? Are we putting God's goodness out into the world? Are we seeking to be peacemakers? Are we risking failure actually to follow Jesus with our lives?**

The call to follow Christ is not just for people who stand at the pulpit, it's for all of us. **So, what is your boat?** How is Christ calling you out upon the water? That call does not have to be big. Maybe it is a desire to step more fully into a community that loves Christ, and that means joining a small group where you don't necessarily know everyone.

Maybe you want your children to know how important the way of Jesus is to you, and so you start talking more to your kids about faith even though they might roll their eyes at you and you're worried you won't have all the answers (and you won't). Maybe you care about the education of children in your parish, and you become a catechist. Maybe you help build a

house for Habitat for Humanity, send a card to someone who is sick, try to mend a broken relationship or sacrifice 15 minutes of sleep in the morning to pray.

Anything that brings God's goodness, love, peace, and hope into your life and the lives of others, no matter how ordinary it may seem, is walking on water. Christ is calling you out upon the waters to grow, to create, to build relationships, or to blaze some new trail. I don't know what it is God is calling you to, and it may be a thousand little things, but it's never going to happen if you stay in the boat. We have to get out of the boat and walk on the water!

*From Deacon Tom Gritton*

## **LAY DIRECTOR MESSAGE**

De Colores fellow Cursillistas!

Before I begin this message, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Gino Frassetto, and I am the new Diocesan Lay Director for the Cursillo Movement of the Green Bay Diocese. As Sally Gruber mentioned in her last newsletter, her term as Diocesan Lay Director ended in June. I was truly blessed to work with Sally as the Assistant Lay Director. Under Sally's watch, the Secretariat accomplished an amazing number of objectives that will keep our Cursillo weekends authentic and vibrant, AND she guided us through the Covid Pandemic. When everything was shut down, she kept the Secretariat humming via virtual Team meetings. Thank you, Sally, for your patience, kindness, and resilience over the past two years!

I thank God for this awesome opportunity to humbly serve as Lay Director, and my prayer is that, with the Holy Spirit's guidance, I can be as good a leader as those before me.

July started a new fiscal year for the Cursillo Movement of the Green Bay Diocese. I have always considered this time as the start of another Cursillo year. We just got through a relaxing summer, and now it's time to gear up for the fall Cursillo weekends. It's an exciting time for us as we have a bunch of things that we worked on over the summer that will be unveiled during the men's weekend. 1) A committee was formed to investigate how we could move the Reconciliation times to earlier in the day on Friday and Saturday. This would allow the Priests time to get home earlier especially in the winter; 2) A committee was formed to select specific songs from our HUGE songbook that would be used on the weekends. This produced a lightweight booklet that will be used; 3) Two volunteers stepped forward to review and provide a slightly new menu for the weekends. This prompted a standardization of the Day Chair books and Kitchen Proctor manual. All of these changes will be tested on the men's weekend and any changes will be incorporated into the women's manuals for their weekend.

July also marked the start of the new terms for Secretariat members. Along with Sally, there are other new faces in different roles in the Secretariat. Jill Heacock, who was the Treasurer, was voted in as the Diocesan Assistant Lay Director; Bobbi Hoff, who started in a mid-term, decided to continue on as the Executive Secretary; Doug Hietpas is taking over the

position of Music Proctor Coordinator from Nathan Vande Hey, and Sally Gruber will be taking over the position of Women's Team Formation Chairperson from Diane Pichette. Outside the Secretariat, Larry Westenberg, who was the Kitchen Food Coordinator, decided to retire. We wish Nathan, Diane and Larry the best, and send them our heartfelt THANK YOU'S for their service to the Cursillo Movement!! For a complete list of the Who's Who in the Green Bay Cursillo Movement you can click on the orange information link in the prayer chain or you can go to <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay/secretariat.html>.

Phew. I'm ready to sit back and see how everything works. WAIT A MINUTE, I just remembered. I have to start looking into Bringing a Friend to Christ. After all, this is our calling as Cursillistas. To help build up the Kingdom of God! After that I have to start on Palanca for Cursillo #263!!

God Bless and Be With You!

Gino Frassetto

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#### **Snail Mail or Email?**

Several members of the Green Bay Catholic Cursillo community do not have access to the Internet, and therefore do not receive email messages about prayer requests or upcoming Cursillo events. These people receive a print copy that is mailed out approximately two weeks before a weekend. There used to be almost 40 print copies sent out. The number has dropped to about 25. There is a cost to the mailings from printing the pages to the postage. You are worth the cost. My question is, are there any people who may need a print copy that is not currently receiving one? Please contact Newsletter and Database chair Anne Shelley via email [shelleyat1951@gmail.com](mailto:shelleyat1951@gmail.com) with any questions or suggestions. ALSO, if you change your contact information – email, phone number(s), or your post office mailing address, please contact me. And if you know of someone who have experienced these changes, please share this. It really helps keep everyone in the know. Thank you.

#### **Directions from Green Bay, WI to St. Marys, Algoma**

118 Church Street, Algoma, WI 54201

Take WI-54 E/WI-54 Trunk E/WI-57 N/Sturgeon Bay Rd and Wisconsin Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians Hwy. to Co Rd K in Casco. Turn right onto Co Rd K. Turn left onto WI-42 N/WI-42Trunk/Lake St. Continue on Lake St. Take 2nd St to Church St.

**As you make your Palanca, consider sending a few extra for the candidates that are still not signed up. That will ensure everyone on the weekend gets the encouragement that we all need. Thank you.**



We are excited to host another food drive on Sunday evening of the Fall Men's Cursillo. According to the Wisconsin Food Security Project website (<https://foodsecurity.wisc.edu/background>), children in Wisconsin are at higher-than-average risk of food insecurity compared to other states, and food pantries play a critical role in helping those struggling to provide healthy food for their families:

During 2015-2019, 19.5% of children, 11.2% of working-age adults, and 3.2% of seniors in Wisconsin lived in food insecure households. Nationwide, the comparable numbers were 16.4%, 12.1%, and 6.7%.

Food pantries and other sources of emergency food are a critical backstop when households run short on food. For some households, food pantries serve a short-term need during an unexpected emergency. For others, they are a vital longer term resource. Communities that have sufficient emergency food resources—at convenient locations and times, with adequate supply and quality, and offered with dignity—can help struggling households maintain secure access to the food they need.

Please help support the Kewaunee County Food Pantry through our next food drive, which will take place on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Mary's Parish in Algoma. Please bring a non-perishable food item or a cash donation to the business meeting and closing on Sunday evening. Bins will be located at the entrance for you to drop your donation. Food items that you may want to consider donating include:

Peanut Butter	Juices (Canned, Bottled or Boxes)	Canned Spaghetti (Ravioli)
Canned Meats – Spam, Ham	Dried Fruit (Raisins, Apricots)	Pork & Beans/Baked Beans
Canned Stews & Chili	Hamburger & Tuna Helper	Corned Beef Hash
Canned Fish – Tuna, Salmon	Macaroni & Cheese	Canned Vegetables (Any Variety)
Breakfast Cereal	Instant Potatoes	Beans – Dry Pinto, Navy, Red
Instant Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat	Stuffing Mix – Stove Top	Dry Split Green Peas
Crackers/Saltines	Pasta (Any Variety)	Pudding
Cake Mixes	Rice – Plain or Flavored	Jell-O
Muffin Mixes	Canned Condensed Soup	Pie Filling
Pancake Mix/Syrup	Canned Heat & Serve Soup	
Canned Fruit (Any Kind)	Dry Soup Mixes	

***Please No glass items Check the expiration date •***

**Items collected on October 1, 2023 will benefit The Kewaunee County Food Pantry**

Contact Sally Gruber at [grubersonelm@aol.com](mailto:grubersonelm@aol.com) or (920) 989-2671 for more information.

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**Cursillo # 263 Dates: September 28-October 1, 2023 at St. Marys Parish - Algoma, WI**

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**EMERGENCY PHONE #'S****SET-UP CHAIRPERSON** Keith Deneys 920-676-7928 **Set up day and time to be determined**

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**THURSDAY NIGHT CHAIRPERSON**Name: Lori Gritton/Trish Tetzlaff (920) 585-9621/(920) 428-5708  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

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**FRIDAY CHAIRPERSON**Name: John Griesbach (920) 585-3707  
Breakfast 7:45 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m.

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**SATURDAY CHAIRPERSON**Name: Mike Weins (920) 475-6459  
Breakfast 7:00 a.m. Agape Meal 12:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m.

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**SUNDAY CHAIRPERSON**Name: Dean Daul (920) 858-7410  
Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m.

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**CLEANUP CO-CHAIR**

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