



**Green Bay Diocese Cursillo  
Fall 2024 Newsletter  
Men's weekend # 267 will take place at  
Most Precious Blood Parish in New London  
From September 19-22, 2024  
Get your Palanca ready!**

## **SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR REFLECTION**

De Colores,

I am Deacon Brian Albers and I will be doing my best to be the new Spiritual Advisor in Deacon Tom Gritton's position. These are very big shoes to fill and I'm humbled and excited to be in this role.

As a short introduction, I lived my Cursillo number 199 so it's been what, 15 years ago. I was ordained to the Diaconate in 2018, following in the footsteps of several Cursillista Deacons. I'm assigned to St Mary of the Immaculate Conception parish in Greenville where my family has been members for the last 25+ years.

In Mark 6:7-13 Jesus commissioned the twelve and sent them out two by two to spread the message of the Gospel. He gave them specific instructions about what to bring with them, to show they have trust that the Lord will provide for what they need. He also told them: "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave." Why did Jesus tell them this and what does that have to do with us?

Jesus wanted the disciples to stay at the first house that accepted them so the disciples could establish a relationship with the people in that household. This would form the basis of their preaching and spreading the gospel in that area. They would spend time with their hosts, eat meals with them, have thought provoking conversations, and opportunities to weave in the message of Jesus and salvation. You can't do that if you don't spend time with people; if you move from person to person or just standing on a street corner yelling about repentance. It takes time and shared experience to build a relationship.

In summary, Jesus wanted them to be ministers through relationships, through establishing friendships first. Does that sound familiar to you? Jesus wanted them to Make a friend, Be a friend, then Bring that friend to Christ. This forms the basis of the Cursillo method. Building off the relationship with our friends we can share the relationship we have with the Lord. We introduce them as friends, not as concepts or vague ideas.

I'm sure we've all been in situations where a conversation with one of your friends starts to turn to a discussion that's about Jesus. Sometimes they come out of the blue or seem really out of place. But these are the opportunities to share our friendship with Christ. This is the time we introduce our friends and give the Holy Spirit the window to have an encounter with our friend.

We are given the same mission the disciples were to spread the Gospel. Just like the twelve, the Lord wants us to go out, trusting that He is with us. Not being afraid to be a witness in our everyday lives. He wants us to bring our friends to Christ and you're the best way for those two to meet!

Blessings,

Deacon Brian Albers

## **CURSILLO COORDINATOR MESSAGE**

De Colores fellow Cursillistas!

### **HAPPY 60<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY! The Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Green Bay, WI!!**

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over 😞. All of the tell-tale signs are signaling us that fall is just around the corner. Families are airing out their camping equipment, getting ready to pack everything away for the winter, children are getting excited for the new school year and teams are being formed for the fall men's and women's fall Cursillos. I LOVE this time of the year!

Speaking of Cursillo, we just came off of an awesome year, where all of the weekends were 'sold out' going into the last weeks of team formation. Of course, there were some last-minute cancellations due to illness and other unforeseen issues, but all-in-all, 27 – 30 candidates per weekend is phenomenal! Another really great thing is that most of the people who cancel are signing up for the next weekend!

Over the last few months, I have received a few inquiries from people outside the Green Bay Diocese asking if they can attend a Cursillo in our Diocese. The knee-jerk answer is ABSOLUTELY! We will not turn anyone away who wants to live Cursillo. But there is a 'however' at the end of the knee-jerk answer. They are told that living the Cursillo is just the beginning of their journey. Cursillo gives you the tools that you need to open the door to let Jesus into your heart to help you grow your spiritual life! 4<sup>th</sup> Day is what you need to sustain what you learned through the Cursillo weekend. It is very important that you find like-minded people in your area that you can meet with regularly, to share your Piety, Study and Action with and who will hold you accountable to your weekly plans.

#### **Secretariat news—**

If you have noticed, there are some facilities that we have been frequently going back to. St. Nick's in Freedom and Most Precious Blood in New London are two of the facilities. There is a reason for this. They have extended an invitation to host Cursillo weekends ANYTIME. So, we are taking them up on their generous invitation. The credit goes to all of the people who work the weekends; team members, kitchen volunteers and set-up/takedown crews. If you are interested in helping, in any capacity, to make the Cursillo weekends memorable for the people on the weekends, please visit the Secretariat Who's-Who (see below) and reach out to them with questions.

Upcoming Secretariat Vacancies- if you are interested in any of the vacancies below, please call or email me and I will be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Executive Secretary

Proctor Coordinator

Member-at-Large

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>.

May God Bless and Be With You!

Gino Frassetto

Diocesan Cursillo Coordinator

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The Green Bay Cursillo Community will again host a food drive at each business meeting and closing of our Cursillo weekends for the coming year. Our Cursillistas have been very generous in the past, and last year we donated many bins of food items and over \$400.00 in cash to benefit food pantries in the communities where our Cursillo weekends were held. The food pantries are always so grateful for our support!

Our next food drive will be held in conjunction with the Men's fall Cursillo business meeting and closing on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will benefit the New London Community Cupboard. If you would like to help stock their shelves, please bring a non-perishable food item or a cash donation with you on Sunday evening. Bins will be located at the entrance for you to drop your donation. Suggested food items to bring include:

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| Peanut butter     | Canned Soup   | Canned Fruit     |
| Canned Vegetables | Canned Stew   | Canned Fish      |
| Canned Beans      | Pasta         | Rice             |
| Breakfast Cereal  | Baking Mixes  | Instant Potatoes |
| Dried Fruit       | Canned Juices | Pudding/Jello    |

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

**Items collected on September 22, 2024 will benefit**

**The New London Community Cupboard**

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

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#### **Newsletter survey question:**

The following individuals and/or couples that made a Cursillo weekend have requested to receive their newsletter in print form. Do you know of anyone else who would like to receive a print copy via the USPS?

If you do, please let me know their name and current address sending it to my email, [shelleyat1951@gmail.com](mailto:shelleyat1951@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Anne Shelley, Newsletter Coordinator.

Mimi Ariens Marie Lecloux Michaelene Steffens Jane Coffey Homer and Marie Meehl Ann Uehlein  
Stephen Steinmetz Bonnie Beck Don Newhouse Denise Thornton Sue Collins Janet Ouradnik  
Gloria Robertson Don Denor Gene & Luanne Vandenberg Iomy and Irene Engichy Jennifer Ross  
Geri Verkuilen Jane Fitzgerald Larry and Alicia Salinas Calvin Wester Ralph and Helen Goffard  
Julie Samida Nick Williams Judy Hein Larry and Mary Sharron Robert and Josephine Kanzenbach  
Joan Steckart

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| <b>Cursillo #267      Dates: Sept. 19 thru 22, 2024      Location: Most Precious Blood, New London</b>  |  |
| <b>Rector:    Jim Newhouse</b><br><b>Phone:     (920) 716-0162</b><br><br><b>Vice Rector:    Joel Kuplack</b><br><b>Phone:     (920) 809-1022</b><br><br><b>Spiritual Director: Deacon Conrad Kieltyka</b><br><b>Phone:    (920) 655-2854</b><br><b>Spiritual Director: Deacon Dan Wagnitz</b><br><b>Phone: (920) 606-2090</b>  | <b>Proctor (kitchen) Dave Scherer</b><br><b>Phone: (920) 659-9081</b><br><b>Proctor (computer) Nick Fannin</b><br><b>Phone:    (951) 241-3822</b><br><b>Proctor (music) Tim Laurin</b><br><b>Phone: (920) 203-6986</b> |
| <b>EMERGENCY PHONE #'S    Joel Kuplack (920) 809-1022    Nick Fannin (951) 241-3822</b>   |  |
| <b>Set-up Date: Sept 19th      Set-up Time NOON</b>   |  |
| <b>SET-UP CHAIRPERSONS    Keith Deneys (920) 676-7928    and Bill Van Neuland (920) 636-3804</b>  |  |
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| <b>THURSDAY NIGHT CHAIRPERSON      Kelly Watras      (920) 268-2818</b>   |  |
| <b>Time: 6:00 p.m.</b>  |  |
| <b>FRIDAY CHAIRPERSON      Betty Schwandt      (920) 407-1264</b>   |  |
| <b>Breakfast 7:45 a.m.                  Lunch 12:00 p.m.                  Dinner 5:00 p.m.</b>  |  |
| <b>SATURDAY CHAIRPERSON    Cecelia Heiman    (920) 809-0466</b>   |  |
| <b>Breakfast 7:00 a.m.                  Agape Meal 12:30 p.m.                  Dinner 6:15 p.m.</b>   |  |
| <b>SUNDAY CHAIRPERSON      Vic Vosters (920)734-1249</b>  |  |
| <b>Breakfast 7:30 a.m.                  Lunch 11:30 a.m.                  Dinner 5:30 p.m.</b>  |  |
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| <b>CLEANUP CO-CHAIR    Keith Deneys (920) 676-7928</b>  |  |
| <b>DIRECTIONS TO SITE: MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH, NEW LONDON</b><br><br><b>ALERT:    There is a lot of Road construction. PLEASE allow time for detours.</b><br>From I-41, take Hwy 15 north/west into New London. This will turn into Mill Street. Turn left on Quincy Street. Cross Division St, and the MPB school parking lot will be on your right. From Hwy 10, take Hwy 45 exit towards New London. At the 45/15 stoplight, take a left. Turn left on Quincy Street. Cross Division St, and the MPB school parking lot will be on your right. |  |

## **TEAM TALKS, AUXILIARIES & EXTRA PROCTORS AND CANDIDATES**

CHECK PRAYER CHAIN FOR UPDATE

## **CANDIDATES, HOME CITY AND PARISH (Information is current as of August 27, 2024)**

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Your Palanca for the weekend is critical for success. Remember that Palanca, the “lever”, is your prayer and sacrifices for the intention of the weekend. The Palanca letters are merely the conveyance of your Palanca of prayers and sacrifices. You are reminded that if you generate a Palanca letter from your computer, please take a moment to read the letter to check for updates and that the gender (MEN) is correct. If possible, it is very helpful if the Palanca letters are alphabetized. This saves a lot of time when sorting the letters.

Important Palanca Information! In an effort to streamline Palanca mailing, all Palanca for Cursillos will be sent to the Cursillo post office box and will then be brought to the Cursillo location to be distributed to the candidates. Please do not mail Palanca to the parish. Palanca is truly the act, not the letter, but it is nice for the candidates to actually receive the letter that someone took the time to write. (A reminder, Palanca letters for the team members are also important. It is a bit awkward if the candidates have a stack of letters to open and the team members at their tables only have a few letters to open.)

So please send your Palanca to the Cursillo post office box, or if you like, Palanca can also be dropped off at the mailbox on the Cursillo trailer at the Cursillo location.

Our Post Office Box is:

**Cursillos in Christianity**

**P.O. Box 184**

**Little Chute, WI 54140**

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