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CURSILLO #186 – April 19-22, 2001

Theme: “God is Love and He lives here inside me”

Song: “Be Love”

Rector: Patty Koch

I feel very honored to be the Rectora for the April women's Cursillo. My song, Be Love, was written by a good friend, Jim Heaton. The words and meaning are my wish for the candidates. My scripture is from 1 John 4:12, For though we have not yet seen God, when we love each other God lives in us and his love grows ever stronger. Feeling God's love for me on my first Cursillo is what changed my life. I pray this for our candidates. I know his love will grow stronger in each of you as you pray and do palanca for Cursillo 186. Thank you all so very much.

It has been quite an awesome experience to witness as God weaved my team together. It was my heart's desire to have close, comfortable friends on my team and also for God to pick some new friends to share his love with. God is so very good and it truly blessed my heart as each team member said

yes to Jesus. In love, I present to you God's team for #186:

Spiritual Director: Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to Grace). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Sister Mary Shaw, Quincy, IL (Christian Life); Fr. Mike Kuse, Quincy, IL (Grace); Fr. Bob Jallas, Quincy, IL (Holy Spirit Divine Aid); Fr. Charles Edwards, Liberty, IL (Sacraments). **Assistant Rectoras:** Carolyn Kassing, Mt. Sterling, IL (Laywoman); Ann O'Sullivan, Mt. Sterling, IL (Study); Carolyn Ormond, Mt. Sterling, IL (Action). **Rolloistas:** Mary Metcalf, Jacksonville, IL (Ideals); Suzanne Kassing, Versailles, IL (Piety); Ellie Couch, Stoutsville, MO (Leaders); Anna Gourley, Troy, MO (Environment); Judy Meats, Versailles, IL (CCIA). **Auxiliaries:** Hannah Heldt, Mary Koch, Marilyn Wort, Patti Scranton and Carol Blentlinger, Mt. Sterling, IL; Pat Holbrook, Quincy, IL; Stacy Murry, Lenexa, KS; Carolyn White, Jacksonville, IL; Ruth McCaskill, Timewell, IL; Mary Leezer, Clayton, IL. **Food Service:** Katie Korte, Bowling Green, MO; Carol Johnson, Quincy, IL. **Service Team:** Theresa Ehrhardt, Hannibal, MO; Phyllis Lueckenhoff and

Donna Vogel, Quincy, IL; Mary Jane Davis, Frederick, IL; Theresa Geisler, Mt. Sterling, IL. **Sacristan:** Diane Lagoski, Mt. Sterling, IL. **Musicians:** Cathleen Koch and Sheryl Geisler, Mt. Sterling, IL. **Observing Rectora:** Janean Wand, Quincy, IL. **Board Rep:** Joan Grote, Bowling Green, MO.

God bless all of you for always working so hard to show “Jesus' heart” for all the Cursillos; please keep praying daily for us.

Patty Koch, Rectora for #186

IMPORTANT – KEEP!!!

APR. – WOMEN'S

Buddy Mass – Cursillo #186
Sun., April 8, 2001 – 2:00 p.m.
Holy Family Church, Mt. Sterling
Carry-in to follow.

JUNE – MEN'S

Buddy Mass – Cursillo #187
Sun., June 3, 2001 – 2:00 p.m.
St. Joseph, Martinburg, MO
Carry-in to follow, K.C. Hall



CURSILLO #185: FRONT (L-R) Ed Koch, Glen Koch, Dwain Bollinger, David Dodd, Bob Kassing, Chuck Lagoski, Fr. Tom Henseler, Bill Gray, Dennis Steinkamp, Melvin Nilges, John Davis, Jim Nevins. **SECOND (L-R)** Mike Baker, Howard Wand, Jeff Kassing, John Peterson, John Barry, Paul John Brahler, Tom Meyer, David Waterkotte, Mike Meystedt, John Ormond, Tom Patton, James Wort, Joe Bernardini, Steve Colbert, Ed Goett. **THIRD (L-R)** Dennis Boudreau, Jerry Shoopman, Steve Alderson, Fred Reckert, David Goings, Leon Urven, Nathan Strickland, Dale Newingham, Craig Huts, George Hild, Fred Bouchard, Dale Gervais, Dominic Greving, Terry Purvis, Chuck Otte. **FOURTH (L-R)** Rick Detling-Nusser, Bill Vollrath, Kevin Wilmes, Kipp Proefrock, John Brady, Robert Klein, David Coughran, Gregory Andrews, Mark Lotz, Dave Lockhart, Don Beeley, Edward Walsh, Jim Underhill, Bob Depyper, Craig Hiatt. **FIFTH (L-R)** Philip Keupps, Michael Hancox, Tom Meier, Steve Ward, Tim Moulton, Greg Voreis, Larry Davis, Bill Blankenship, Jim Heaton, George Schultz, John DeGraff, Ted Clark, Bob Blentlinger, Dennis Dunn, Mike Baalman.

THANK YOU FROM RECTORA OF #184

Dear Cursillo Family,

What a joy and a delight it was to serve on this weekend. We had such an awesome team willing to do whatever was asked of them. Their faith and trust in God was strong and we just followed His lead. I want to welcome the 39 new Cursillistas and thank them for answering God's call to be a part of this weekend.

Our thanks to all of you for all you did to make this weekend so special. The Cursillo community has a very important part in each weekend. Thank you for praying, writing palanca letters, serving meals, singing, helping with the Stations of the Cross, all the wonderful gifts that were shared with us throughout the weekend, the priests that gave of their evening to help with reconciliation, and all the miles that were driven on our behalf. Also, thanks to Jim Heaton for our theme song, Bonnie Welch for the poem, Dave and Lynn Hummel for making the carousel, and Debbie Standley and Linda Holthaus for the banners.

Our carousel was very busy this weekend. God turned our brokenness into beauty. He gives us the strength to stay on that carousel of praise. When struggles and challenges come along that pull us away from Him, His music will still be there to show us the way back. We just need to listen.

In His Love,
Rena Jansen
Cursillo #184

ATTENTION!

NEW CONTACT FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

For uninterrupted mailing of your Fourth Day Newsletter, send your change of address to Lisa McDonald, 2207 State St., Quincy, IL 62301, or call 1-217-223-1787, e-mail: mcdonald@ksni.net

DISCOVERING & CELEBRATING

Everyone has their favorite spot in their home and mine is my living room. It's our reading, music, visiting room and has a southern exposure that allows it to be filled with sunlight. On those mornings when the sun is at the right angle, I open the curtains and the room is filled with rainbows – another reason it is my favorite spot! The rainbows? They come from sun catchers and glass paperweights I have collected and keep on the windows. When my granddaughter comes over, she runs around the room putting rainbows on her feet and hands. We call it the Rainbow Room and it brings smiles to our day.

On different occasions, I have given crystal sun catchers as gifts and explained that they remind me of the human soul. As God's love pours through us, it is reflected and scattered through our lives like rainbows to those we love and share our gifts with. Pablo Casals says it like this: "Each person has inside a basic decency and goodness. If he listens to it and acts on it, he is giving a great deal of what the world needs most. It is not complicated, but it takes courage. It takes courage for a person to listen to his own goodness and act on it."

A few weeks ago, I was blessed to attend the workshops with Steve Angrisano for the Tec Community's 30th year celebration. He sang a song that had a simple chorus – "Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord!" That same weekend the Sunday's readings spoke of God calling Isaiah and Peter in all their sinfulness and imperfection to follow him. And it came to me – being "called" by God is not the results of being perfect, but our "yes" to his call is the process by which we become whole in God, the way that Jesus is present within us, his kingdom here on earth. I can remember a friend saying, as she was getting ready to do a service in Jesus' name, her prayer was that she could become "less" so that God would become "more" in her. I thought that was beautiful and humble and spoke volumes of what being open to Jesus was all about.

My Bible Study is covering Exodus during Lent this year and I am reminded over and over again how faithful God was and to what great lengths he went to set his people free. He continues to do so today – entering our hearts with our "yes" to him and freeing us to share all the goodness He has put inside each one of us – making rainbows in our lives and in the lives of those we touch with His love.

Lots of Love, Terri May

NOTE: If you have a witness to share, send it to Steve Jansen, 4421 N. 60th St., Quincy, IL 62301.

THE CAROUSEL OF PRAISE

*The carousel has a message to tell
as round and round it spins
of life's ups and downs
laughter and frowns
in a circle that does not end.*

*When the future I fret, or a path I regret
so disembark I must
A Presence draws near
with a message quite clear
and He whispers, "simply trust".*

*So I turn to the sound of this merry-go-round
and His music delivers me peace
as I rest in His arms
safe from all harm
slowly my strength does increase.*

*It is then I embrace the truth of His grace
with a joy my anthems I raise
for the circle reveals
a love that is real
in this Carousel of Praise.*

By: Bonnie Welch
Written for Cursillo #184

PALANCA CHAPEL VISITS

To Sign Up, Call or Write
Sue & Mike Holbrook
319 Glendale Drive • Quincy, IL 62301
217-223-6676
E-mail: holbrok@adams.net

YOU'RE INVITED – AND PASS IT ON!

A get-together after the Candlelight Mass

St. Rose Parish Hall – 7th & Chestnut

Food will be served!

(Terri – Steve said he thought it was spaghetti, but wasn't sure. Don't know how to put it in any other way.)

If you can, bring a snack and drink to share.

Please, no alcohol!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

For questions, directions, or offers to help, call Mary Schutte, 217-224-9045.

January 25th, 2001 – [Cinda's Dream](#)
From the journal of Mary Jane Davis

Many times I have experienced a special gift from God, through my own experience or through someone else's who is kind enough to share with me.

I believe in my heart that when God gives a gift, it is meant to be shared. Through that sharing, his love continues to minister. It is like a stone tossed in the water; his love ripples and splashes on others. I think He likes to do several things at once; blessing one turns into a blessing for many.

Our granddaughter Cinda Menne is ten wonderful years old. When she was five, she asked me what Jesus looked like. I told her I did not know. She insisted that she wanted to see him and I told her to tell him so. I "passed the buck". I did not think any more about it until the phone rang early one morning a few weeks later. She had "portant" news to tell me. When she'd awakened earlier, she saw Jesus standing at the foot of her bed. His clothes were shiny and he was smiling at her. Imagine my shivers. A little child had asked and He had given. I was blessed beyond measure with her good news. I shared with family and friends, and they too felt warmth, joy and wonder.

This morning, when the phone rang at 6:45, I heard one of my favorite voices say, "Hi Gramma, I had a dream." I grabbed a pencil and paper, taking fast notes as she began to relate to me her dream. I am deeply blessed in its message of love, hope, joy and trust. I asked Cinda's permission to share her blessing with you so that the gift can continue to ripple its blessing to others. She sent me her own words from her journal:

"We, some of my friends, a few teachers, Mom, Dad and (brother) Seth, were in a half school and half church. Some people loved God but some did not. There was a mean man with gray hair and mustache sitting on a thrown with a megaphone. He would not let anyone leave. Sister Jeanette sneaked us outside. She told us it was the day God was going to show us Heaven. We went past the parking lot into the white snow and waited. Suddenly, something swirley came in the sky. Daddy started to float up on his back and his head went through the clouds and then he came back down.

Then it was my turn. God floated me up and my head went through the clouds and I saw Heaven. It was very shiny and bright and I saw Grandma Hood and Grandma Lucinda and angels were floating around. They looked like cupids. The Grandmas waved at me and I heard God say "I love you". Then I floated back down.

(I don't know what Gramma Lucinda looks like but I knew it was her.)

Daddy had on his brown shoes, brown jeans and blue and green flannel shirt. Then Mom went and then Seth went and then I woke up."

Cinda later told her mom that she thought God sent her that dream because she'd been worrying about dying ever since her close friend's mother became very ill.

I thought about Cinda's dream all that day. My daughter Julie called me, sharing how sad she and Jason were feeling, it being not quite four months since his dad had passed away suddenly. I shared Cinda's dream with her. The next day Julie told me she and Jason were both feeling better. She was strengthened by the simple truth in Cinda's dream and perhaps that peace rippled to Jason

It is true that there is a beautiful "shiny" place that God has prepared for us. Someday, we *will* be united in Heaven with our Father, and be together with our loved ones who have gone on before us. For now, they are safe with God as we continue our journeys. His "I love you" to Cinda, he gives to each of his beloved children everyday.

Through Cinda, God tossed his stone into our water and we are blessed with hope, love, joy and trust. He does stuff like that all the time... We need only be watching, listening and willing to receive.

Mark 10:14,16 "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me'. Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands upon them."

TO SERVE MEALS

All new and past Cursillistas are invited to serve the meals if you don't have a spouse or candidate on the weekend. The Rector or Rectora will appreciate the help of those who will take part in serving the meals. The contact persons for the weekend are Katie Korte, 573-324-3611, or Carol Johnson, 217-224-1119.

NEW 2000 - 2001 CURSILLO DATES

#187 June 7-10, 2001
Melvin Nilges

#188 July 12-15, 2001
Jenean Wand

TEC DATES

TEC #202 April 28-30, 2001
Jerry & Carol Rolves

TEC #203 June 23-25, 2001
Julie Regner

TEC #204 July 28-30, 2001
John Baumgartner

For reservations:
Lynn Hummel
217-224-1615

QUEST

#14 Mar. 23-24, 2001

#15 May 4-5, 2001

For info, call
Ed & Linda Holthaus,
222-2198

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

April 20-22, 2001
Sept. 28-30, 2001

Call 1-888-889-9963
For more information

POST CURSILLO NOTES

* This is an excerpt from the Post Cursillo Notes pamphlet.

APOSTOLIC HOUR

The Apostolic hour on Saturday night begins with Mass at 8:00 p.m. After Mass, anyone who has not made a Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus is asked to leave.

It is important that you leave the Chapel and building on Saturday evening as quietly and quickly as possible so as not to disturb this special time for the Candidates.

CURSILLO CLOSING

The Cursillo closing begins at 5:00 p.m. After the Candidates and Team leave Chapel, the remaining Cursillo Family is asked to take a seat while directions for clean up are given. Chairs need to be taken to the alcoves for storage. The songbooks are to be carried out and put in the bookracks. All items on the altar also need to be removed and put in storage. Assistance with these housekeeping duties is a part of our service and palanca for the weekend.

GROUP REUNION

Group Reunion is the forming of small Christian Communities. Its purpose is to help the members grow and support one another on their Christian journey.

Group Reunion is extremely important to maintain and build on the Cursillo experience.

ULTREYA

Ultreya is a larger group reunion where the area Cursillistas come together to worship and support one another in their Christian life.

Ultreyas are held once a month in most areas. For further information, contact your sponsor, area representative, or the rector/a of your weekend.

NOTE: Weekend activities are for adults only. Please do not bring gifts just for certain candidates on the weekends. It is confusing for the candidates who do not receive anything and we don't want hurt feelings. Thank you.

Schedule of Events ***Men's Cursillo #185***

Apr. 19 (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hours (sharp)
South Chapel

Apr. 21 (Saturday) 8:00 p.m. (sharp)
Liturgy and Apostolic
Hour - South Chapel

Apr. 22 (Sunday) 5:00 p.m. SHARP! Closing
SOUTH Chapel
Plenty of Seats

(Please enter Main Entrance from Seminary Road)

“See everything. Overlook a great deal. Improve a little.”

Pope John XXII

“The world is not a playground; it's a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education. And the eternal question for us all is how better we can love.

Henry Drummond

CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS

John and Connie Kendrick
39549 Monroe Rd. 588, Monroe City, MO
63456
1-573-735-2995

TEAM APPLICATIONS OR INFO

Jay & Nan Grawe
240 Holiday Drive, Quincy, IL 62301
Ph: 217-224-3529

CURSILLO ACCOMMODATIONS

**If you would like to stay overnight in Quincy
on Cursillo weekends at no charge,**

please call:

Leanne Schell, 217-222-6690

ULTREYAS

Cardinal Stritch High School
Plank Rd. Keokuk, IA
1st Friday - 7:30 p.m.

Lincoln County Ultreya
first Saturday after Cursillo
Closing
Call Stan Pollman
for time and place
573-528-4152

Holy Family Parish
Hannibal, MO - Palmyra, MO
Monroe City, MO - Quincy, IL
1st Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
Church Basement
573-221-7427

St. Peter & Paul Church
Nauvoo, IL
(In School)
Last Friday - 7:00 p.m.

**All Cursillistas
and future candidates
are welcome at any of these
Ultreyas.**

Please contact Steve Jansen
4421 North 60th • Quincy, IL 62301
217-222-8461
with the date of your Ultreya if you would
like to have it published in the
newsletter or have any changes.