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Cursillo #225: March 10 – 13, 2005

Theme: Gather Us In
Rector: Michael Grant

DeColores! The theme song for Cursillo 225 is "Gather Us In." The song illustrates that all are welcome to experience the love of the Father. That no matter what walk of life we come from, we are brothers and sisters. We have been called to Cursillo 225 to gather together in the light of His love.

The scripture verse comes from: Matthew 18:19-20. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." As the team of Cursillo 225 gathers together, please continue to keep us in your prayers and continue to do palanca.

Spiritual Director: Monsignor Father Michael Kuse, Quincy, IL (Sacraments - Saturday, 10:00 a.m.).

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Father Chuck Edwards, Springfield, IL (Grace - Friday 11:15 a.m.); Father Chris Comerford, Nokomis, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid - Friday 3:30 p.m.); Father James Wheeler, Quincy, IL (Obstacles To a Life of Grace - Saturday, 4:15 p.m.); and Sister Annie Rudsell, Florissant, MO (Christian Life - Sunday, 10:00 a.m.).

Assistant Rectors: John Boland, Troy, MO (Piety - Friday, 7:00 p.m.); Ron Taylor, Florissant, MO (Study - Saturday, 9:00 a.m.); Don Beeley, Jacksonville, IL (CCIA - Sunday, 11:30 a.m.).

Rollistas: Kipp Proefrock, Roodhouse, IL (Ideals - Friday, 10:00 a.m.); Tom Holck, (Laity - Friday, 1:30 p.m.), Blaise McDonald, (Action - Saturday, 3:00 p.m.), Tom Edwards, (Leaders - Saturday, 7:00 p.m.), David Hummel, (Environments - Sunday, 9:00 a.m.) and Jane Grant, (Woman Speaks Her Mind - Sunday, 3:00 p.m.), all of Quincy, IL.

Auxiliaries: Delbert Hayes, Hannibal, MO; Herb Schwartz, Palmyra, MO; Gregg Golemo, Hamilton, IL; Ted Sitton, Roodhouse, IL; Jeffrey Meyer, David Lockhart, Jim Miller, Roger Sparrow, and Charles Finley, all of Quincy, IL.

Sacristan: Edward Holthaus, Quincy, IL; **Musician:** Gary Hodgson, Liberty, IL; **Food Service:** Jerry Eberhardt, Quincy, IL; Jim Harke, Moscow Mills, MO; **Service Team:** Jeff Liesen and Mark Lotz, Quincy, IL; Matt Harmon, White Hall, IL; Bill Couch, Stoutsville, MO.

Board Rep: Rob Edwards, Quincy, IL; **Observing Rector:** Jerry Liechty, Mt. Pleasant, IA; **Rector:** Michael Grant, Quincy, IL (Group Reunion & Ultreya - Sunday, 12:20 p.m.).

Your Brother in Christ,
Michael
Rector of Cursillo 225"

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #225 please call:
Jerry Eberhardt 217-222-5333
Jim Harke 636-356-9584

Team Application Updates

Team applications are being reviewed at this time for current contact information. You may receive a request in the mail to update your application. If you have had a change of name, address, phone number, or want to bring your short resume up to date, please complete a new application, which can be found on the Quincy Cursillo website: www.quincycursillo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #225
March 6, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Church
7th & Adams, Quincy, IL
Dessert Carry-in ONLY and Refreshments to follow

Women's Cursillo #226
April 10, 2005 at 2 p.m..
St. Peter Church
25th & Maine, Quincy, IL
Carry in dinner to follow

MEN'S CURSILLO #225

March 10 (Thursday)
7:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

March 12th (Saturday)
8:00 p.m.
Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

March 13th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

Saturday, February 26th
Collinsville Area Ultreya
Follows 4:30 p.m. Mass
Morris Hall, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish
Potluck of snacks/desserts
For info call Jim Hill
618-344-7985

Friday, March 18th
St. Charles County Ultreya
7:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception School
Dardenne/O'Fallon, MO
Call Marie Korte for info
636-272-7326

Saturday, March 19th
Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception Parish
Old Monroe, MO
Ultreya follows 5 p.m. Saturday Mass
Call Stan Pollman for info
636-462-5550

New Candidate Application Representatives Announced

The Quincy Cursillo Board wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to Jonathon and Stephanie McClelland for all they have done for the movement while performing their ministry as the Candidate Application Representatives. The board is confident that the Lord will bless them for their efforts.

Sponsors, please start sending your candidate applications to Sheldon and Teresa Robinson, 818 Joshua Street, Quincy, IL 62305. Phone # 1-217-228-2201, email blesu@ksni.net. The candidate application on the Quincy Cursillo website is being updated to reflect the changes.

Please discontinue use of candidate applications dated prior to 1/31/05. An updated application can be downloaded from www.quincycursillo.com

What Do Those Terms Mean???

Let's review -

Cursillo - Spanish meaning "short course" or "little course"
Closing - Spanish term, "clausura". On Sunday evening, the witness and support of the veteran Cursillista at the close of the three days.

Rector - The layman or laywoman that directs the activities of the three days.

Palanca - The prayer and sacrifice that is offered to God in petition for some grace. Spanish meaning "lever", which moves something beyond his strength.

Piety - The giving of ourselves to God in total dedication and actually living the life of grace.

Ultreya - From the Spanish word "onward". The gathering linking all Cursillistas in an area, which is the visible Christian community of the Cursillo.

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Front row, left to right: Patty Marshall, Bill Sinak, Brenda Wessel, Mary Jane Davis, Jana Casper, Naomi Egbert, Mary Peterson, Fr. Tom Meyer, Deacon Jim Ghiglione, Teresa Robinson, Terri May, Judy Harmon, Charlotte Koch. **Second row:** Joan Grote, Patti Runge, Mary Helen Crowe, Barbara Wenger, Barb Leaf, Dee Stern, Esper Figueras, Tara Krueger, Tracy Bugh, Jean Clancy, Cheri Fafoglia, Nini Saner, Karen Meehan, Lucille Schoenekase, Christine Duvall, Rose Marie Beeley. **Third row:** Judy Graham, Joan Brown, Susan Perry, Marilyn Ament, Billie Schnelten, Maria Matticks, Char Stocker, Laura Kammerer, Mary Sullivan, Molly Meehan, Bridget Karlinski, Marge Blair, Amy Kaufmann, Lyn Strieker, Kellie Steele, Diana Zimmerman. **Fourth row:** Amy Kindred, Stacey Eilerman, Ann Knuffman, Jill Mason, Wendy Walker, Carol Mennemeyer, Laura Keane, Jeanette Robertson, Andrea Obert, Kathy Kapfer, Carole Foehrkolb, Flo Wort, Nelva Owens, Lola Westen-haver, Marcia Barnard, Sue Hall. **Fifth row:** Patty Hughes, Cris Brannan, Nancy Schultz, Paula Haley, Janet Nutt, Nancy Blaue, Debbie Maas, Susan Weeks, Julie Southwood, Karen Crabtree, Milly Golemo, Terry Vacca, Gayla Gastler, Tammy Foster, Brenda McKinley, Jodell Speckhart.

From the Lay Director's Notebook Why Are We Here?

Last month though I told you who I am, I left open the question, why am I here? Since then I have had the opportunity to read through a few applications of Quincy Cursillos attendees and now I broaden the second question to "Why are we here?" Some of the applications were minus the signature of the applicant's pastor, does the pastor know he/she is attending or does he know why he/she should not attend? One was much more interesting. In the portion to be filled in by the sponsor the answers to two questions startled me. Question: "Will you have a palanca note for your candidate?" Answer: "NO". Question: "What palanca will you do for your candidate?" Answer: "None". Hence my question: Why are we here? What are we doing and why?

If we come to candlelight or closing, or sponsor people simply for the pleasure, high or whatever we get out of candlelight or closing, then are we here for the right reason? The whole reason for the founding of Cursillo some 50 plus years ago was to develop leaders for the purpose of continuing Jesus' work on earth. Its purpose is not to "make people feel good", nor is it to "help them with their problem" or "to get them through a rough time". While we should try to do all those things, if they happen on a cursillo weekend then that is a plus, but the real purpose of the weekend is still to develop leaders for Christ.

Let's all ask ourselves, "Why am I here? And then ask, "What am I going to do about it?"

Love, peace and joy through, with and in Christ.
Jim Nevins

Stones and Being Heard

"Morning Medication" by Mary Jane Davis
John 11:41 "Father, thank you for having heard me."

One of my personal favorites among the miracles of Jesus is the raising of Lazarus. I'm not sure why. Maybe it is that I feel glad that Jesus had this family for his close friends; Mary, Martha and Lazarus. I know how important my close friends are to me. Everybody needs a place where they can go, feel at home, be fed and sheltered through a spirit of hospitality that comes from love. Mary, Martha and Lazarus gave that to Jesus.

When Lazarus died, Jesus came, as any friend would. Our friends came when Mom died and when Jon's mom Marie passed away. We received comfort and care. Our burden was shared.

That day at Mary and Martha's was not to be a regular day of weeping and mourning. We read in John 11:33 that Jesus was sad and full of deep emotions. He must have been praying on the way to the family's home and as they took him to the tomb where Lazarus laid. When they arrived Jesus directed, "Take away the stone." Though Martha worried about that, it was done. Jesus voiced a prayer that we need to pray everyday, "Father, thank you for having heard me." He then raised his voice, saying, "Lazarus, come out!"

And he did. All wrapped up in his burial cloth, he staggered from the tomb. I wish I could have seen Mary and Martha! I would have loved to have watched Jesus' face. Surely, all rushed to embrace Lazarus and free him from the linen cloth!

What does this miracle of Jesus give us today? I feel hope, reverence and wonder. Some say that was then and this is now, that miracles only happened in the days of the Bible.

"The days of the Bible" are now. There are stones that need to be rolled away from stony hearts, broken hearts, broken relationships. We need forgiven and we need to forgive. People are ill and need prayer for healing. Some are healed physically, or sometimes strength is received to persevere that was not there before. There are those who are healed by going home to God. We don't understand it at all. Only God, the author, does.

There are terrible accidents and crimes, abuse and evils that God's beloved children are subjected to. We don't get it. Children die and that's impossible to understand or accept. How we wonder...why? We don't have answers to our questions. We live the questions. We call out to Jesus, not so much to understand as to receive hope, strength and faith with a vision.

Jesus knew his Father had heard his prayer. That tells me something today. I trust that my Father hears me. Today that is enough, though perhaps not tomorrow when I could need more reassurance.

We can not take our stones away by ourselves. We need help. We need the Lord and we need one another. We need to believe that we are 'heard'.

Father, thank you for having heard me. Amen

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CURSILLO DATES

#225 March 10-13, 2005
Mike Grant

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#227 June 2-5, 2005
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#228 July 7-10, 2005
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Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

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Applications are available at:
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#30 February 18-19, 2005
#31 May 6-7, 2005

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Thank You From Cursillo 223

The team & 43 candidates of Cursillo #223 were able to “Taste & See” the goodness of the Lord. It would not have been possible without the prayers and palanca offered by you, our Cursillo family, and for that we thank you.

On our Journey with Jesus we laughed, cried, danced & learned about the love of Christ. We learned what it means to be Christian men who are not afraid to share the love of Jesus with others. We know that Jesus stands at the door knocking waiting to be invited in, but we also know what it means to have our “doors blown off.”

A special thanks to all the ladies that came to serve meals, and to those who did music, (a standing ovation just doesn’t seem to be enough thanks!) To those who came to the candlelight & spent time praying for us in the palanca chapel. We would also like to thank those of you who were unable to physically be there for the weekend but remembered us in prayer.

The spirit-filled journey that we experienced on Cursillo #223 is just the beginning. We want these men to continue to feel the love of Jesus, & to do that, they need to be in a group reunion. We are asking that you, our Cursillo family, help these men to find a group that they would feel comfortable fitting into. Remember, Christ Continues to Count on YOU!

Now more than ever, your “humbled” Rector,
Tom



Did you invite someone to Cursillo today? Why not?
Have you mailed in your own team application? Why not?

It’s simple!

You send it in, God does the asking!

The timing is perfect, let God be God. He does a much better job!

CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS

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Candidate and Team applications are available at: www.quincycursillo.com

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To sign up, call or e-mail
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