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Theme: "God Is With Us....Always"

Rectora: Mary Peterson

Dear Cursillo Family,

Never in my wildest dream did I ever imagine to be a rectora. Many of you have witnessed my "never" attitude (never ever give a talk, never be on a team, etc)—but somewhere in between, through my conversations with God (mostly my pleadings to change HIS mind) and the work of the Holy Spirit and many of you un's prayers, palanca, love, encouragement and persistence, I saw and felt what God can do. He can take an "Oh, no!" and turn it into an "Oh, my!" and then to "Oh, Lord!" and then finally "Wooooooweeeeee Lord, YOU did it!" As it says in Matthew 19:26, "With God, all things are possible."—it takes a surrendering to His will - for His honor and glory!!!

As Jesus' disciples were commanded and as Jesus tells us, (even if you, maybe like me, took a while to, "BE STILL AND KNOW) we are to go and tell of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Teaching all to love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, to love our neighbor as ourselves—to honor and obey God's commandments and make disciples for God's kingdom. By the strength and power of the Holy Spirit, and with your prayers, palanca and sacrifices, His mission will be accomplished through the disciples God has directed to the team of Cursillo 224. They are the most faith-filled, joyful, gentle, loving and "on fire for Jesus" disciples anyone could ever have!!! Thank you Jesus!!!

The disciples of 224, called by God are: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Tom Meyer, Edwardsville (Sacraments-10 a.m.Sat.); Assistant Spiritual Directors: Sr. Margaret Feldner, O.S.F., Quincy (Grace-Fri.11:15 a.m.); Deacon Jim Ghiglione, Mt.Zion, IL (Christian Life-Sun.10 a.m.); Msgr. Mike Kuse, Quincy (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid-Fri. 3:30 p.m.); Deacon Bill Sinak, St. Louis (Obstacles to Grace-Sat. 4:15 p.m.).

Assistant Rectoras: Rose Marie Beeley, Jacksonville (Laywoman In the Church-Fri. 1:30 p.m.); Naomi Egbert, Hannibal (Christian Community in Action-Sun. 11:30 a.m.); Teresa Robinson, Quincy (Study-Sat.9:00 a.m.).

Rollistas: Joan Brown, Moscow Mills (Environment-Sun. 9:00 a.m.); Karen Crabtree (Piety-Fri. 7:00 p.m.) and Karen Meehan (Leaders-Sat. 7 p.m.) Roodhouse; Tammy Foster, Palmyra (Ideals-Fri. 10:00 a.m.); Jill Mason, Quincy (Action-Sat. 3:00 p.m.).

Auxiliaries: Cris Brannan and Stacey Eilerman, Carrollton; Milly Golemo, Hamilton; Paula Haley, Nancy Schultz, and

Sue Hall, Jacksonville; Laura Kammerer, Quincy; Nelva Owens, Bowling Green; and Kellie Steele, White Hall.

Service Team: Christine Duvall, Quincy; Joan Grote, Bowling Green; Judy Harmon, Roodhouse; Patti Runge, Keokuk.

Food Service: Charlotte Koch, Mt. Sterling (217-773-3561) and Patty Marshall, Dallas City (217-852-3652).

Observing Rectora: Terri May, Quincy; **Sacristan:** Jana Casper, LaGrange; **Musicians:** Mary Jane Davis and Brenda Wessel, Frederick. **Board Rep:** Ann Knuffman, Quincy; **Rectora:** Mary Peterson, Alexander (Group Reunion/Ultreya Sun.12:25 p.m.).

God placed Ps.46:10a & 11a on my heart a few years ago: "Be still, and know that I am God; The Lord Almighty is with us." and later on, seeking something more, I found Zephaniah 3:17: "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with His love, he will rejoice over you with singing." I still felt I needed to see something in the New Testament and see those "red letter words" of Jesus'. That was when I chose Matthew 28:20 "...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Each one had the same recurring thought: "GOD IS WITH US...ALWAYS" - and He is!!! - every step of the way!!!

We have also been blessed with a beautiful theme song written and composed by Mary Jane Davis, one of our co-musicians, titled, "I Am With You," which is based on our three passages of scripture. We invite you to our Buddy Mass on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Saviour Catholic Church, 500 E. State St., Jacksonville, IL, to hear and sing with us this beautiful song and many others, and to also participate in our anointing. There will be a carry-in dinner in the Routt Catholic High School cafeteria across the street from the church.

We the team of Cursillo 224 thank all of you for covering us with your prayers and your love, and for the many sacrifices and Palanca offered up for us. We are looking forward to our final preparations and to the February weekend with excitement and joy. We ask that you continue to cover us, our families and the candidates and their families - for Christ is counting on all of us!!!

Love, smiles and Sonshine,
Mary Peterson and the
Disciples of Cursillo 224

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #224
January 30, 2005 at 3:00 p.m..
Our Savior Church
Jacksonville, IL
Carry in dinner to follow

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

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #224

February 3rd (Thursday)
7:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

February 5th (Saturday)
8:00 p.m.
Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

February 6th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

Friday, February 11th
St. Charles County Ultreya
7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception School
Dardenne/O'Fallon, MO
Call Marie Korte for info
636-272-7326

Saturday, February 12th
Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
Sacrad Heart Parish, Troy, MO
Ultreya follows 5 p.m. Saturday Mass
Call Stan Pollman for info
636-462-5550

Sunday, February 13th
Hannibal Area Ultreya
7:00 p.m.
Holy Family Parish, Hannibal, MO

Saturday, February 26th
Collinsville Area Ultreya
4:30 p.m.
Morris Hall, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish
Potluck of snacks/desserts

Thank You From Cursillo #222

Dear Cursillo Friends:

The 'wedding' (the celebration of a special relationship) was great (thanks to all of you). Please continue to pray that the 'marriage' will continue forever. Cursillo 222 is history but the 4th Day continues.

We can never thank you enough, but then that's not why you do what you do weekend after weekend. The Jesus in each of you has helped transform the journey of 21 women and the team. We will never be the same. Thank God!

Special thanks to the 21 sponsors who made this weekend possible. Please now complete the most important responsibility of being a sponsor. I urge you to get these precious gifts into Group Reunion and Ultreya as soon as possible if not yet done. The 'marriage', the special personal relationship with Jesus must never end. We all know the need for each other.

May the 4th Day of Cursillo 222 and all of you, be an ongoing blessing in 2005 and always. We are praying now for those coming to 223, 224, and so on. Father, We Are Yours! Thank you for all you do in His name. I love you all.

Pat Nevins

Blest-to-be Rectora Cursillo 222
and all who made it possible.

HELP NEEDED!

Jonathon & Stephanie McClelland, who have been doing a great job as coordinators of candidate applications, need a rest from this task. We are in need of someone to take over the task of receiving and processing candidate applications. This includes sending out lists of candidates, and confirmation letters to sponsors and candidates, assigning and labeling sleeping rooms (to team & candidates), signing candidates in at the start of a Cursillo, collecting their money and fielding numerous phone calls as to why a specific candidate is not on the list or can you put my candidate on, he or she needs to go now.

Contact Jim Nevins at 217-243-4318 or any board member if you are interested in serving.

CURSILLO 223



Front row, left to right: Matt Lorton, Scott Fischer, Ray Wheeler, Dennis Holbrook, Norb Dixon, Tom Meehan, Tim Carmody, Tom Deters, Craig Long, Michael Grant, Joe Hedley, John Bordenkircher. **Second row:** Harley Hirner, Bill O'Sullivan, Fred Buttitta, Rich Gastler, John Rudin, Dick Altgilbers, Paul Schoenekase, John Kapfer, John Todd, Dustin Schnelten, Larry Wort, Sal Figueras, John Grey, Michael Maas, J. Larry Keller, Michael Ludvigsen, Fr. Chuck Edwards. **Third row:** Joe Buttitta, Don Jones, Reed Haberstroh, Rick Haberstroh, Bart Haberstroh, Bob Kralik, Jeff Duvall, Larry Bugh, Dennis Ford, Mark Shade, Rod Matticks, Steve Krueger, Rob Kerlinski, David Tramel, Rollie Platt. **Fourth row:** Tom Ament, George Schultz, Adam Blaue, John Finnell, Randy Goben, Billy Runkles, John Saner, Tom Southwood, Joe Heneghan, Tom Regner, Marty Clancy, Bob Crowe, David Trantham, Jim Heaton. **Fifth row:** Adam Kershaw, Eric Schultz, Chuck Amburg, Thomas Meehan IV, Jim Leaf, Brad Vacca, Paddy Keller, Trevor Huffman, David Hughes, Larry Bork, Ron Fafoglia, Mike Ericson, Cary Gray, Bob Donohue, Troy Schenk.

Introducing Your New Lay Director

“WHO AM I?” & “WHY AM I HERE?”

With these two questions Fr. Marcel Salinas began the first meditation of Phoenix, AZ. Cursillo # 217 in Sept. of 1972. This was my first Cursillo and my introduction to a whole new world. Pat followed, making Cursillo # 219 in October of '72. Phoenix held one in English, then two weeks later one in Spanish, then two weeks later one in English, etc. Being a relatively young family living far away from our native St. Louis, the Cursillo Community of Phoenix soon became our “family” in the truest sense of the word. All of our closest friends were Cursillistas and their support, spiritually and physically, filled the gap we felt at our lack of “real family” in the area.

When employment brought us to Jacksonville, IL in 1986, even though we were much closer to “real family” in St. Louis, we looked for the “family” we so loved and enjoyed in Phoenix, but it was no where to be found in Jacksonville. The next two years were very rough; I felt we had left the physical desert of Arizona only to land in a spiritual desert in Illinois. I asked myself again, “Who am I and why am I here?” Then we found two couples in our church that had made their Cursillos in Peoria and Monmouth and were feeling much like us. The ladies began grouping and somewhat later we men started too. Ultimately we found a reference to the Quincy Cursillo in the Catholic Times and came to our first board meeting, candle-light and closing, and were received with open arms – we were home again.

In 1990, our group sent its first candidates to Quincy and as it says in scripture “The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song.” Is 35:1 & 2.

Now you know who I am. As to why I am here, I still search for the answer to that, but I know how hard those years without Cursillo and group reunion were, and I hope no one ever has to experience that feeling of aloneness. It is my hope and prayer that together we can help Quincy Cursillo to reach out to those we have not yet touched, so that there will always be a loving, God-filled community that they can rely on to be their “family”.

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

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Cursillo Board Members 2004-2005

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CURSILLO DATES

#224 February 3-6, 2005
Mary Peterson

#225 March 10-13, 2005
Mike Grant

#226 April 14-17, 2005
Terri May

#227 June 2-5, 2005
Jerry Liechty

#228 July 7-10, 2005
Jo Beavers

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

4TH DAY RENEWAL

January 21-22, 2005
Ron Effink, Director

GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #229 March 5-7, 2005
Kathy Steinbrecher

TEC #230 April 23-25, 2005
Vernon & Katie Korte

TEC #231 June 11-13, 2005
Julie Regner

For information call
Barb and Dwight Seeley
217-224-5615
Applications are available at:
www.greatrivertec.org

QUEST

#30 February 18-19, 2005
#31 May 6-7, 2005

For information call
Donna Siebers 217-222-3627
Kathy Steinbrecher 217-228-1518

Team Application Update

Team applications are being reviewed at this time. If your application is not up to date, 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 Cursillo website.

Post-Cursillo Notes

These Notes serve as a reminder to both long-time and new Cursillistas as a way to learn more about Cursillo and the opportunities to serve and grow in the Lord.

Group Reunion

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

Group Reunions need perseverance, patience, work and time. It is only when a relationship is developed in which people feel free to share their lives with each other that the full impact of the group reunion take place. Group reunions are extremely important to maintain and build on the Cursillo experience.

Ultreya

Ultreya is a larger group reunion where the area Cursillistas come together to support one another in their Christian life. The word “ultreya” means to persevere, to continue onward. There is no better term that we can use to encourage each other in our struggle for a deeper meaning in our life with Christ.

Ultreya's are typically held once a month. They usually consist of a short witness given by an area Cursillista in a simple but effective way followed by sharing and prayer.

Quincy Cursillo

2207 State Street
Quincy, IL 62301

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SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for
Cursillo #224 please call:
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Patty Marshall 217-852-3652

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The Master's Hands

by Terri May

"There are things about tomorrow I don't know or understand. But I know who holds the future and I know who holds my hand."

I found this line of a song on a piece of paper the other day, no author was listed, just these words. It took me down a path of memories that led back to this simple but profound truth.

The first image was of my father's hands. They were capable hands that could fix or build anything, not large hands but talented hands that made me feel secure in their care. Now after 31 years of marriage, my hand has memorized the hand of my husband, David, a hand that represents commitment, gentleness, and faithfulness to me. In these years together with David, the little hands of our children have appeared - a tiny newborn's hand encircling my finger, a toddler's pudgy hands reaching out to be held, small hands that are grown now. Today the small hand in mine is that of my granddaughter, Madeline, who also has very busy hands!

I also see older hands - my stepmother's hands holding her rosary, thin and frail from cancer but faithful to the end; a 95 year old friend's hands, pretty with fingernail polish, always eager to grasp mine in greeting; and the hands of the housebound I visit who with hands outstretched, reverently receive the Body of Christ.

When I think of God, I think of hands - hands that created this world, molded our very being, a baby's hands that reached to grasp his mother's finger from a bed of straw, a carpenter's capable hands that knew the satisfaction of work well done, a healer's gentle hands that touched the sick in body and soul, and the hands of the savior nailed to a cross and raised in triumph over death.

God has created us in his image, he has given us hands like his, hands to hold out in worship, hands to serve and love others with, and hands that always strive to be held safe and secure by the Master's hand.

CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS

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Fax applications to same number
Mail signed original

TEAM APPLICATIONS OR INFO

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

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CURSILLO ACCOMMODATIONS

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in Quincy on Cursillo weekends
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