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Cursillo #243: January 4 - 7, 2007

Theme: We Are Called

Rector: Dennis Cobb

Dear Cursillistas,

God bless you and thanks for all you have done and for all you will do for Cursillo #243. We pray and ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us in asking her son to send many candidates for the weekend. We also pray that we will be worthy servants and will get out of the way and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us on the weekend.

The theme for Cursillo #243 is - We Are Called - and the scriptures are from Ephesians 4:1-6, and Luke 1:26-33, 38. Our theme songs are "Be Unto Your Name" and "Hail Mary: Gentle Woman".

The team members are: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. John Beveridge, Collinsville, IL (Sacraments - Saturday, 10:00 a.m.). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Chris Cordes, Montgomery City, MO (Grace - Friday, 11:15 a.m.); Fr. Ed Doyle, Montgomery City, MO (Holy Spirit, Divine Aid - Friday, 3:30 p.m.); Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Obstacles to Grace - Saturday, 4:15 p.m.); and Rev. Mr. Vince Garufi, Wellsville, MO (Christian Life - Sunday, 10:00 a.m.).

Assistant Rectors: Jerry Zerrer, Troy, MO (Piety - Friday, 7:00 p.m.); Carl Varadin, Hannibal, MO (Study - Saturday, 9:00 a.m.); and Stan Schwartz, Quincy, IL (Environment - Sunday, 9:00 a.m.).

Rollistas: David Schutz, White Hall, IL (Ideals - Friday, 10:00 a.m.); Richard Bainbridge, Montgomery City, MO (Laity - Friday, 1:20 p.m.); Tom Gregory, Old Monroe, MO (Action - Saturday, 3:00 p.m.); Wayne Myers, Palmyra, MO (Leaders - Saturday, 7:00 p.m.); Doug Hoerr, Taylor, MO (C.C.I.A. - Sunday, 11:30 a.m.) and Judy Cobb, Montgomery City, MO (A Woman Speaks Her Mind - Sunday, 3:00 p.m.).

Auxiliaries: Adam Blaue, Wellsville MO; Dan Eilerman, Carrollton, IL, Jeff Fennwald, Martinsburg, MO; Pete Keane, Wayne Tuley, and Don Winget, Quincy, IL; John Mueller, St. Paul, MO; Dean Shupe, Warsaw, IL; and Steve VanCleave, Laddonia, MO.

Sacristan: Dennis Steinkamp, Quincy, IL. **Musicians:** Tom Becker, Laddonia, MO; and B.J. Menne, Troy, MO. **Service Team:** Spike Ehrhardt, Hannibal, MO; Wayne Korte, Montgomery City, MO; Warren Naber, Hamilton, IL; and Stanley Pollman, Troy, MO. **Food Service Team:** Mike Holbrook, Quincy IL, and Gary Whitaker, Revere, MO.

Observing Rector: Ed Holthaus, Quincy, IL. **Board Representative:** Vernon Korte, Bowling Green, MO. **Rector:** Dennis Cobb, Montgomery City, MO (Group Reunion and Ultreya - Sunday, 12:25 p.m.).

Please join us for our Buddy Mass on Sunday, December 31, at 1:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Montgomery City, MO. We will have a carry-in dinner afterward at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Highway 19. Directions to the church are: from Highway 19, turn and go west at the one and only stop light in Montgomery City. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn right onto Walker Street. The church will be on the left. If you miss the Knights of Columbus Hall there will be people at the church to take your dish. God bless you,

Dennis Cobb,
Rector Cursillo #243

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #243

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006 AT 1:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church
307 N. Walker Street
Montgomery City, MO
Carry-in dinner to follow at KC Hall

Women's Cursillo #244

Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007 at 11 a.m.
St. Francis Church, Quincy, IL
Anointing follows Sunday Mass
Carry-in dinner at St. Francis School

MEN'S CURSILLO #243

January 4th (Thursday)

7:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

January 6th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

January 7th (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Saturday, December 9th

Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Our Saviour Covenant Church
Jacksonville, IL
Follows the 5:30 p.m. Mass
Upper Room of Parish Admin. Bldg.

Saturday, January 13th

Lincoln/St. Charles County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception Church
Old Monroe, MO
Ultreya follows 5 p.m. Mass

Saturday, February 23rd

Collinsville Community Ultreya
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish
Carry-in and program in Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 p.m. Mass

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for
Cursillo #243 please call:
Mike Holbrook 217-223-6676 or
Gary Whitaker 660-948-2745

Thank You From Cursillo #241

Cursillo Family,

On behalf of the team and candidates of Cursillo #241 I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the Palanca offered for us over the time of preparation and during the weekend. We truly felt the power of prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit. There were many Grace moments that occurred during our time together. The healing and love that was felt and shared was incredible.

We do have an awesome friend in Jesus as we share His Love with each other. We are now enjoying the Fourth Day of our journey and thank you all for sharing your spirit with us.

DeColores!!!!

Jim Cramsey

Rector Cursillo #241

Overnight Accomodations

Thanks to all of the Quincy Cursillistas who have opened up their homes to out-of-town Cursillistas to offer them a "home away from home" during Cursillo weekends. With the winter storm that hit during the December Women's weekend, it was a reminder, whether in good weather or bad, opening up your home to travelers is a blessing to both the Cursillista traveler and the local Quincy Cursillistas.

If any Cursillistas in Quincy would like to offer up a "bed and breakfast" for out-of-town travelers, or if any travelers need a place to stay, contact Nancy Weede at 217-222-0922 or email her at nweede@adams.net.

"God's love was revealed in our midst in this way. He sent His only Son to the world that we might have life through Him." 1 John 4:9

Cursillo #242



Left to right, first row: Jenni Obert, Kathy Vessell, Marie Korte, Cindy Nabor, Darlene Boland, Fr. George Kramer, Cathleen Koch, Anita Witt. **Second row:** Pat Veile, Teri Peasel, Evelyn Hirner, Judy K. Smith, Peggy Rattini, Cara Bainum, Patti Woodruff, Rosie Lewis, Chaplain Sue Bays, Mary Zerrer. **Third row:** Marcia Steinkamp, Brenda Dirkes, Julie Johnston, Judy Walton, Dorothy Obert, Clemmy Zerrer, Bonnie Peters, Tessie Kabbes, Heather Dietz, Kristy Garvos. **Fourth row:** Heather Friday, Linda Keller, Sally Moutray, Angela Harpole, Angela Lepper, Coleen Jackson, Cindy Stephens, Mary Jo Barr, Lois Niemeyer, Toto Rendlen. **Fifth row:** Lou Ann Kattelman, Carol Mennemeyer, Lisa Leake, Beth Shade, Amy Looten, Linda Morrison, Michelle May, Brenda Berry, Christy Elder, Debbie Platt, Kris Sanderson.

From the Lay Director's Notebook

A FEW PARTING THOUGHTS

The last two years seem to have flown by, but then in retrospect so have the last twenty years since Pat & I moved to Illinois from Arizona. Remembering those early years here brings a tear to the eye. Arriving in Jacksonville from Phoenix to find no visible signs of Cursillo seemed like a nightmare, and I felt as if I had left the physical desert of the Southwest only to settle into the spiritual desert of the Midwest. After all Cursillo had been our support system, both spiritually and physically through a couple of really tough years, including the last one of unemployment. But a small note in the Catholic newspaper of the Springfield Diocese referred to a Cursillo Movement in Quincy and put me in touch with Bob Schepers, and once again we were "home", back with the movement we loved so much.

The welcome we received from the Quincy area's cursillistas has been absolutely wonderful, we couldn't have asked for anything more. And for all of you to be so open to us and to allow me to serve as Lay Director for the past two years was simply to put chocolate cream-cheese icing on a hot milk cake (Pat will tell you it is my favorite cake). I can only pray that during these last two years I caused no harm to the movement and maybe even made an improvement or two. I believe that the movement is still strong and the people in it are still beautiful and committed to serving Christ.

It is true that there are some challenges ahead, like the move to the north side of the building, the seemingly smaller number of candidates, a little reluctance to stepping forward to serve as rectors and rectoras, board members, and committee members, but mostly people are willing to serve Jesus.

I encourage you all to step forth to be a leader in the movement, you will be amazed at how much you will learn and grow, moving forward. Remember this is the Cursillo Movement. I know that I have learned and grown much in the last two years, and I thank you all for allowing me to do that. Did I make mistakes? I sure did, but remember the only person who doesn't is the person who isn't doing anything.

I am pleased to see a leader like Tom Deters step forward to serve as Lay Director and I know Cursillo will grow and continue to ignite a true love for Jesus under Tom's guidance.

I cannot thank the wonderful board I have had to work with enough, and especially my assistant Dennis Steinkamp. I think he did most of the work. But most of all I want to thank all the Cursillistas for allowing me to be a part of your Cursillo Movement - it sure is good to be home again.

De Colores!

Jim Nevins

ASL INTERPRETERS NEEDED

The Cursillo Board has been looking into the needs and requirements to have a hearing-impaired Cursillo weekend. It is hoped that we can have a full table of hearing-impaired candidates on the June and July 2007 weekends. In order to do this, we will need interpreters who are proficient in American Sign Language (ASL). Ideally, we would like to have three interpreters on each weekend. Interpreters will need to have made a Cursillo.

If you are interested, or if you know of someone who may be interested, please contact one of the Board members. Their phone numbers are available on the Quincy Cursillo website: www.quincycursillo.com.

American Sign Language Classes

If you would like to learn sign language or continue learning how to communicate using sign language, you are welcome to come to attend classes. They will resume on Tuesday January 9th 2007 from 7-8:30 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Quincy in the Leo Amen's Room (basement of the former St Mary's School). Classes are taught by two young men who are hearing impaired and very skilled in the practical applications of sign language. If you are interested, please plan to attend. If you have any questions please call Blessed Sacrament's Parish Office at 222-2759.

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Next Board Meeting
December 14, 2006 at 7 p.m.

CURSILLO DATES

January 4-7, 2007 - Dennis Cobb
February 1-4, 2007 - Cindy Naber
March 8-11, 2007 - Ed Holthaus
April 26-29, 2007 - Jane Grant
June 7-10, 2007 - Matt Harmon
July 12-15, 2007 - Connie Vermeire

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

February 23-24, 2007
David and Terri May, Directors

For more information, contact
Dennis & Pat Holbrook
217-224-3898

GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #242 January 13-15, 2007
Bob and Bonnie Nytes, Lay Directors

TEC #243 March 3-5, 2007
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For information call
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DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

The other day I looked out my back window and spied our neighbor's cat slipping into the woods. What a life, I thought, a cushy place to sleep at night and the woods to roam by day. Then I thought, that had its risks too. We have seen fox in our backyard, heard coyotes howling, seen hawks roosting in the trees - there are risks with most things in life.

Now it is the Season of Advent, the time of preparation for the coming of the Messiah. Lights are going up around town, trees are being decorated, the bell is being rung outside the stores calling us to give to those less fortunate. We are counting our blessings, gathering together with family, friends and our church community to mark this holy time of year. What was the price paid for all of this, the risks taken?

A young woman said "yes" to the call from God to be the mother of the Savior; she risked her reputation, the hand of her betrothed, and her parent's belief in her. A man said "yes" to taking her as his wife, even though she was pregnant, not with his child; he took a step of faith to be her husband. Our God became a helpless child, dependent on two humans to take care of him; he would feel cold, hunger, pain, frustration, and despair. He would pay the price and risk all to bring us life eternal.

We should feel joy this time of year as we reflect on the happenings that set in motion the giving of the Greatest Gift. I remember back a few years ago when I was putting up the nativity scene under our tree with my granddaughter. I was going to keep the baby Jesus in a drawer until Christmas but when I left the room my granddaughter took Him out and put Him back in the manger. She didn't like baby Jesus to be all by Himself. She was right. He doesn't want to be by Himself. Do I take a risk and say "yes" to Him in my life, including Him in all of it, keeping Him with me always, not tucked away in a drawer to come out on special occasions? Do I take a risk and share Him with others by example, with love and concern?

Now is the Season of Advent. Light the candle of Hope, Faith, Love and Peace. Feed the Fire of Joy and prepare your heart for the coming of the King!

Joyfully His, Terri May

CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS

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