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Cursillo #234: February 2 - 5, 2006

Theme: Here I Am ... I Love You

Rectora: Judy Cobb

Dear Cursillo Family,

What an awesome, yet humbling experience it has been to be asked to be Rectora of Cursillo #234. God, as always, has provided the perfect group of women and men to be team members for our weekend. They have sacrificed their time and shared their lives as we have bonded and formed a loving community of believers.

Thank you for your prayers and palanca, that important lever. We can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit at our meetings and in our lives as we prepare. Please continue your prayers and palanca for us and for the candidates you send to the weekend.

The scriptures I have chosen are: Matthew 11:28-29, "Come to me, all of you who work hard and who carry heavy burdens and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart; and you will find rest." Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore, go and make disciples from all nations. Baptize them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to fulfill all I have commanded you. I am with you always until the end of this world." And finally, Jeremiah 31:3-4, "Yahweh appeared from afar saying, 'I have loved you everlastingly, so I have kept you for my mercy. I will restore you again and you shall be rebuilt.'"

I am honored to present the team of Cursillo #234 to you.

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Sacraments, Sat. 10 AM).

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Fr. Chris Cordes, Montgomery City, MO (Grace, Fri. 11:15 AM); Rev. Mr. Bill Gray, Hamilton, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Fri. 3:30 PM); Sr. Mary Fran Flynn, St. Louis, MO (Obstacles to Grace, Sat. 4:15 PM); and Fr. Kurt Hartwich, Quincy, IL (Christian Life, Sun. 10 AM).

Board Representative: Marcia Steinkamp, Quincy, IL; **Observing Rectora:** Katie Korte, Bowling Green, MO; **Musicians:** Cathleen Koch, Mt Sterling, IL; and Anita Witt, Camp Point, IL.

Assistant Rectoras: Cheryl Wagner, Davenport, IA (Laywoman in the Church, Fri., 1:30 PM); Judy Oberman, Bowling Green, MO (Environment, Sun., 9 AM); and Carol Pieper, O'Fallon, MO (Action, Sat., 3 PM).

Rollistas: Sharon Cain, Labelle, MO (C.C.I.A., Sun., 11:30 AM); Orlana Gardner, Montgomery City, MO (Study, Sat., 9 AM); Amy Hoerr, Taylor, MO (Piety, Fri., 7 PM); Connie Hoyt, Quincy, IL (Ideals, Fri., 10 AM) and Marcia Becker-VanCleave, Laddonia, MO (Leaders, Sat., 7 PM).

Auxiliaries: Cindy Cramer, Julie Gunn, Jill Hooper, and Mary Ruth Schneider of Quincy, IL; Becky Esselman, Liberty, MO; Paula Gough, Shelbina, MO; Monica Huffman, Jacksonville, IL; Shirley Sangster, Keokuk, IA; and Tina Schmeling, Martinsburg, MO.

Sacristan: Giny Baker, Quincy, IL; **Food Service Team:** Donna Campbell, Lewistown, MO; and Jane Runkles, Troy, MO; **Service Team:** Naomi Egbert, Hannibal, MO; Mary Kempf, Palmyra, MO; Ann O'Sullivan, Mount Sterling, IL; and Mary Peterson, Alexander, IL.

Rectora: Judy Cobb, Montgomery City, MO (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sun., 12:35 PM).

You are invited to join us at our Buddy Mass on Sunday, January 29, 2006, at 3:00 PM at the Franciscan Retreat Center Chapel. A carry-in dinner will follow in the cafeteria. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided.

Please continue to pray and do palanca for Cursillo #234; Christ is counting on you.

With His love,

Judy Cobb, Rectora Cursillo #234

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #234 please call:
Jane Runkles 636-462-1729 or
Donna Campbell 573-215-3510

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #234

January 29, 2006 at 3 p.m.
Franciscan Retreat Center Chapel
Dinner to follow in Dining Room

Men's Cursillo #235

March 5, 2006 at 2 p.m.
Location to be announced

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #234

February 2nd (Thursday)

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

February 4th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

February 5th (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

Watch for date in next months newsletter

7 p.m. Friday to 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Franciscan Retreat Center

ULTREYAS

Saturday, January 14th

Lincoln/St. Charles County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception Church
7701 Highway N

Dardenne Prairie/O'Fallon, MO

Ultreya follows 5 p.m. Mass
in lower level of church-St. Justin Rm.

Sunday, February 12th at 7 p.m.

Hannibal Area Ultreya
Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO

Saturday, February 25th

Collinsville Community Ultreya
Follows 4:30 p.m. Mass
Morris Hall, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish
Call Dr. Jim Hill 618-344-7985
Carry-in (snacks, deserts, beverages)
and program to follow

From the Lay Director's Notebook

In the past we have discussed being on a team and it's requirements as well as what we can do if we are not called. Both scenarios leave us with much to do and both have specific tasks involved. But being called to be on a team may have some implications that we have not considered.

The call to be on a team implies the need for a good deal of dedication and commitment. Commitment to the rector or rectora, to the team, to the candidates, to the Cursillo Movement and most of all to Christ. Those commitments require us to attend the team meetings, possibly prepare a talk, pray for a fellow team member (secret prayer buddy), critique the rollistas with love, to help the rector/rectora and the assistants, and to be open to the candidates and their needs on the weekend. These are all commitments that are pretty straightforward and known to us all. But what about some of the less obvious commitments that are implied in our "yes" to a rector or rectora?

For instance, when we say "yes" to being an auxiliary do we really understand that our commitment is to more than just this weekend? Did we just say "yes" to the possibility that we would be willing to be a rollista on a future weekend? Are we open to

that possibility? Or how about being an assistant rector or rectora? Or even the possibility of being a rector or rectora in the future? These are the natural steps that one can expect when asked to be on a team. Are we open to those steps? Do we realize that this commitment to the future possibilities is there and "yes" implies that we are in fact open to them?

In order for Cursillo and us to continue to grow we need to be open to these steps and be aware that our "yes" to team membership implies that we are committing to our future roles in the Cursillo Movement whatever they may be.

I have always believed that if at the time of death if it could be said of a person that he or she had followed the words of St. Paul in his second letter to Timothy, then they have nothing to fear in the life hereafter.

"I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished the race".

Commitment. Are we committed? Join in the race, the running will do us all good.

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

Jim Nevins

Cursillo #233



Front row, left to right: Harley Hirner, Jim Cramsey, John Danner, Les Kelch, George J. Kramer, Rob Edwards, Paddy Keller, Craig Long, Matt Entrup. **Second row:** Art Flynn, Jim Erickson, Dennis Holbrook, Dan Platt, Blake Holterfield, Tim Carmody, Rob Casagrande, Bill Kerns, Ron Bonney, Tony Trautman. **Third row:** David Nord, John Todd, Mike Wittland, Jan Hayward, Brad Karr, Rich Wolfmeyer, Bill Welsh, Joe Sullivan, Brian Larkin, Steve Jansen, Jason Costigan. **Fourth row:** Mark Lewis, Mike McCrory, Chuck Amburg, Dave Boehlein, Sam Myers, Tim Baumgartner, Dave Ferrill, John Murray, Jon Van Ness, Joe Heneghan. **Fifth row:** Gary Lambert, Greg Wyble, Ron Deimeke, Randy Lovell, Keith Throm, Jim Bowe, Fr. Mike Freymuth, Mike Crager, Russ Siebers, Joe Cramsey.

Directors Needed for 4th Day Renewal

You may have noticed that there is still not a date scheduled for the winter 4th Day Renewal. The reason for this is that we are in need of Directors to facilitate the weekend. This is a great opportunity for past rectors and/or rectoras, or someone who has been an Assistant at least once, to direct this 24-hour experience.

The 4th Day Renewal is a highly successful program that provides the opportunity for anyone who has previously made a Cursillo weekend to renew their spiritual journey. Responsibilities of the director would include choosing a team and participating in 3-4 meetings prior to the Renewal weekend.

If you are interested in directing a weekend in late February or March, please contact Vernon Korte at 573-324-3611 as soon as possible. If you are interested in directing a future weekend, please also call him so he knows of your interest and can contact you for future Renewal weekends.

One Rainy Cursillo

By Cindy Stephens

As I was taking my shower one Cursillo Sunday morning, I was trying to remember what I needed to do this day. I was tired and I couldn't really think beyond getting my shower and then getting dressed. I remembered that all the Team had a Noah's Ark t-shirt to wear this day. The Noah's Ark theme was cute and a very popular theme for stationery, crafts, baby nurseries and more. I remembered that the Rectora had said she wasn't quite sure how the idea had come to her, but that like on the Ark we would all be going two by two. Cursillo is about reaching out to one another, "Where two or more are gathered together there I shall be". As someone always looking for signs, I wondered if there was really a deeper meaning to this theme. And then God gave me a vision: I saw the sidewalk sloping up to the Renewal Center.

It wasn't until I went back to my room and looked out the window to that gray, rain slicked sidewalk that I saw the entire vision. This Cursillo was a vessel, an Ark. The sloping sidewalk was the boat ramp to the Ark. God had told the Rectora to make the Ark strong and to reinforce it with all her gifts. She was to stuff the Ark full with gifts of laughter and love. Thursday night the Ark was loaded and ready for its voyage. And the passengers came aboard:

Camels, with huge humps on their backs, smug with the knowledge that they carried in their humps all that they needed to survive, but burdened by the sorrows they were carrying;

Monkeys, chattering, laughing, scrambling everywhere, eager to begin the journey but refusing to stay still for even a moment;

Lions, strong and roaring, sure that they were kings, and ready to lash out at anyone who tried to reach out to them, sure that their right as king of the beasts was being challenged;

Mice, small and frightened, scurrying and shaking in fear, trying hard not to be seen, sure that they were not welcome on this voyage and that traps were set for them;

Elephants, untrusting, sure that the ramp was too narrow, that there was no room for them and afraid that others would be offended by the immensity of their anguish;

Owls, with large blinking eyes, looking for a safe perch where they could just sit back and watch, while trying desperately to exude wisdom, sure that they would be found lacking.

The Rectora welcomed each and every one aboard, knowing that this was *their* voyage. She knew that she had prepared as God had told her. There was not another thing she could have stuffed on board. The most important supply she would need, she carried within herself, the love of Jesus. She was called to share this gift with every passenger, she knew she could give nothing less.

The storm started slowly, with gentle breezes of doubt and clouds of fear. The storm gradually became stronger, there were whirlwinds of despair, thundering roars of anger, lightening flashes of pain, cold winds of depression.

The owls were knocked off their safe perches, had to ask for help and admit that a safe perch was not the answer in this storm. The monkeys were jostled about so much that they were forced to settle in a still place. The lions had to quit lashing out and find another animal to hold onto. The mice were thrown from their hiding places and had to risk coming out into the open with the others. The camels' large humps were causing them to fall over so they had to let the other animals support them. The elephants had to stand firm and have faith that there was room enough for them too.

And then the flood came, tears of all kinds, sprinkles, gentle streams, slow pitter patters, torrential downpours and blinding sheets. The Ark was jostled so much in the storm that acceptance and forgiveness seeped through the cracks. Unconditional love came in large waves, with healing for all the animals. And finally Jesus gently cradled the heart and soul of each creature.

On Sunday evening the Rectora opened the doors atop the ark, the main chapel doors. All the animals stepped forward and looked about. They saw rainbows in the stained glass windows. Every fellow Cursillista glowed with gifts of the dove. At the altar the olive branch joined them all together in love, joy and acceptance for the sacrifices made, the Palanca done, in the name of our Saviour and King. Jesus.

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Next Board Meeting
January 26, 2006 at 7 p.m.

CURSILLO DATES

February 2-5, 2006 - Judy Cobb
March 9-12, 2006 - Rob Casagrande
April 27-30, 2006 - Katie Korte
June 8-11, 2006 - Doug Many
July 6-9, 2006 - Donna Thompson

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FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

Weekend Rescheduled
Watch for date in next month's newsletter

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Dave Cawthon, Director

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#34 February 17-18, 2006

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Thank You From Cursillo 232

Thank you Cursillo family and Board. Cursillo #232 was fed well by all of your love and support.

I am still honored and in awe of the Cursillo 232 weekend. The power of this weekend just keeps growing to a deeper level in me as every day passes by. I continue to process all that Jesus, Our Bread of Life, did for each and every candidate, team member, including me, on this weekend. Thank you, thank you, thank you to each and everyone one of you for your deep prayers, sacrifices, love and support.

The reality of the true impact of this movement comes when we received a general palanca letter from a couple who made Cursillo #1 and #2 and you know this couple has been praying and sacrificing every weekend since. Thank you Don and Rita Schulte...what devoted Cursillistas...like many of you.

We were all fed well by Our Bread of Life - Jesus. Just as we are stuffed after eating our Thanksgiving meal, yet continue to eat. We, too, on this weekend, couldn't get fed enough by Jesus. Just when we thought He couldn't feed us anymore, He did.

A sincere thank you to our Spiritual Director, Fr. George Kramer. He was awesome as always. Also, all of our Assistant Spiritual Directors, especially Deacon Jim and Rosie Liesen who stayed the weekend.

I want to personally thank the board for allowing Rosie Liesen, a very qualified woman, to serve as one of my Spiritual Directors. She was there for me as she helped me mold and guide the team at all of our team meetings become the Bread to feed the candidates. Rosie also spiritually helped the candidates and team on the weekend. Thanks Rosie for your love and support.

Thanks to all of you, mainly the candidates. If you didn't say yes to Jesus call, the weekend wouldn't have taken place.

Love you all,
Donna Vogel, Rectora #232

*"God's Bread Comes Down From Heaven
and Gives Life to the World"*
John 6:33

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