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Cursillo #242: Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, 2006

Theme: Receive the Love of God

Rectora: Darlene Boland

Dear Cursillo Family,

What a very humbling experience this is. God has put a follower in charge of a Cursillo. All the love of our Lord is shining on the faces of our beautiful team. We have been praying for all of our candidates to receive the love of Christ. We thank you for all of your prayers and ask for your continued support.

Our theme is: Receive the Love of God. Our scripture verse is 1 John 4:9 "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." Our theme song is: Psalm 103 *Loving and Forgiving* By Scott Soper.

The team for Cursillo 242 is: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, MO (Obstacles to a Life of Grace - Saturday, 4:15 p.m.). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Bill Gray, Hamilton, IL (Grace - Friday, 11:15 a.m.); Msgr. Mike Kuse, Quincy, IL (Holy Spirit, Divine Aid - Friday 3:30 p.m.); Msgr. Donald Schramm, St. Charles, MO (Sacraments - Saturday 10:00 a.m.); Susan Bays, Quincy, IL (Christian Life - Sunday, 10:00 a.m.).

Assistant Rectora's: Marie Korte, O'Fallon, MO (Ideal - Friday, 10:00 a.m.); Jenni Obert, Camp Point, IL (Study - Saturday, 9:00 a.m.); Mary Zerrer, Troy, MO (Environment - Sunday, 9:00 a.m.).

Rollistas: Mary Jo Barr, Bowling Green, MO (Piety - Friday, 7:00 p.m.); Heather Friday, Quincy, IL (Laity - Friday, 1:20 p.m.); Linda Keller, White Hall, IL (Action - Saturday, 3:00 p.m.); Brenda Berry, Monroe City, MO (Leaders - Saturday, 7:00 p.m.); Kris Sanderson, Hannibal, MO (Christian Community in Action - Sunday, 11:30 a.m.).

Auxiliaries: Dorothy Obert, Camp Point, IL; Lois Niemeyer, St. Peters, MO; Debbie Platt, Hull, IL; Beth Shade and Michelle May, Jacksonville, IL; Carol Mennemeyer, Troy, MO; LouAnn Kattelman, Brenda Dirkes, and Angela Lepper, Quincy, IL.

Sacristan: Rosie Lewis, Bowling Green, MO. **Musicians:** Cathleen Koch, Mt. Sterling, IL and Anita Witt, Camp Point, IL. **Service Team:** Evelyn Hirner and Kathy Vessel, Hannibal, MO; Teri Peasel, Troy, MO; and Patricia Veile, Quincy, IL. **Food Service:** Cindy Stephens, Quincy, IL and Lisa Leake, Palmyra, MO.

Observing Rectora: Cindy Naber, Hamilton, IL. **Board Representative:** Marcia Steinkamp, Quincy, IL. **Rectora:** Darlene Boland, Troy, MO (Group Reunion and Ultreya - Sunday, 12:25 p.m.)

Please join us in celebrating our Buddy Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Troy, MO on Saturday November 18 at 12:00 Noon, with a carry-in meal to follow in the school cafeteria. For those going South on Hwy. 61, drive past the Church and make a U-turn at Lincoln Drive and go North on Hwy 61 to the first exit (Cap-au-gris). Turn right, then left onto Thompson Drive (the west service road along Hwy 61).

Your Sister in Christ,

Darlene Boland, Rectora Cursillo 242

Is The Fourth Day Newsletter Getting to Everyone???

When meeting in your Group Reunions, Ultreyas, or just visiting with fellow Cursillistas, please ask if they are getting the Fourth Day Newsletter? If not, let them know they can receive the Newsletter via e-mail by contacting Don Hilgenbrinck at don@hilgenbrinck.us, or to receive the Newsletter by regular mail, contact Lisa McDonald at 217-224-3665. Please keep in mind that receiving the Newsletter by e-mail helps reduce our postage costs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #242

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006 at 12 noon
Sacred Heart Church
100 Thompson Drive, Troy, MO
Carry-in dinner to follow in school

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 #242

November 30th (Thursday)

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

December 2nd (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

December 3rd (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Saturday, October 21st

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

Saturday, January 13th

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

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for
Cursillo #242 please call:
Cindy Stephens 217-224-7760 or
Lisa Leake 573-769-4743

From the Lay Director's Notebook Help Needed Amid Dwindling Numbers

HELP! - We had a very successful workday on September 23 and the efforts of those who came were truly appreciated. Now as the time for our projected move to the north side of the building approaches we are scheduling two more such events. On November 18 we will hold another workday with painting and cleaning to be our main focus (at least at this moment) so we ask you all to help us and turn out with your paint brushes, rollers, and pots and/or your buckets, rags and other cleaning materials. Once again the Cursillo will provide lunch. An even bigger effort will be conducted the week of December 11 - 15, when Ed Holthaus will be there that week to direct the actual move of bedding, stored items, etc from the south side to the north. **Please contact Ed either by phone or by email to let him know when he can count on seeing you there to help. Ed's email is holthaus@adams.net and his home phone is 217-222-2198.** If the turnout is large enough we might even get it done in one day.

NUMBERS! - Recently we have seen a trend in dwindling numbers and are not sure what it all means. We have seen the numbers of candidates for weekends dropping into the low

teens. Case in point, the November weekend was 24 at one point then fell to somewhere around 15, then recovered to 25 and finally settled at 18. At the same time we have noted that the number of people attending Candlelight is down and the number at closings is way down, sometimes barely 2/3 of the south chapel is filled. Going hand in hand with the above items, filling the hours on the palanca chapel chart is becoming increasingly difficult, as is the recruiting of servers for meals. At the start of the Sponsor's Hour for the November weekend there were 17 hours of unfilled time in the palanca chapel.

Perhaps we need to rethink the number of weekends we are currently holding and reduce from the 10 we now do to the 8 we formerly held. This whole matter of shrinking numbers leads me to ask you the Cursillo Community, what you feel may be the reason and ask for your aid in finding a solution, be it either a more rigorous effort on the part of Cursillistas to recruit candidates or to reduce the number of weekends

Thanks for all you do in His name.

Jim Nevins

CURSILLO #241 *Prepared By Grace*



Front row, left to right: John Bordenkircner, Tim Oitker, Gerry Rolves, Bill Casper, Fr. Dan Bergbower, Jim Cramsey, Don Beeley, John Peterson, Joe Vermeire, Bill Couch. **Second row:** David Dodd, Harry Cramer, Lawson Faler, Brad Morrison, Tod Cunningham, Thom Lucia, Steve Buckman, Larry Frese, Jimmy Knight, Tony Herdrich, Tim Gilbert. **Third row:** Tom Ernst, Joe Ritterbusch, Kevin Phillips, Duane Frey, Michael Gilbert, James Hawkins, Dave Lockhart, Dan Brink, John Venegoni, Craig Kabbes, Mike Schutte, Gordon Farabee, J.R. Elder. **Fourth row:** Troy Peters, Phil Frank, Dana Church, Charlie DeHaan, Eric Schultz, David Hanke, Brad Cors, Rich Cramsey, Bill Smith, Jeff Mayfield. (Not pictured: Dennis Cobb)

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD REP

Bill Gilmore



I made my first Cursillo in February of 1990 with #106. I was one of the first men from the Jacksonville community to take part in the Cursillo experience in Quincy. Since that time I have been active with Quincy Cursillo, serving as a Rector for #179. I finished serving out a term on the Cursillo board for Jay Grawe when he was appointed Lay Director in December of 2001.

My wife, Rosemary, and I have been married for 35 years and are the parents of four grown and married children -three sons and one daughter. We have seven grandchildren and one to arrive in April. Needless to say, most of our time is now taken up with spending time with family.

I am the fifth generation to operate the family farm, which I have been doing for the past 34 years. I am a past Finance Council member and chairman for Our Saviour's Parish and taught PSR for three years.

I hope that this tenure on the board will be as rewarding as my first and that the Lord will find ways that I may be used to further His kingdom within the Quincy Cursillo movement.

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

This morning I started my treadmill warm-up by singing the beautiful theme song from the Oct. Ladies Cursillo, Amazing Love. As my feet picked up speed so did my thoughts. People, talks, funny incidents flashed through my mind as I relived the happenings of the retreat.

Well, my partner in Food Service happens to be a teacher and she used a little trick that teachers sometimes implement to get the attention of their students. When we needed quiet for an announcement she would cup her hands around her mouth and say loudly, "If you hear me, clap ONCE." With women you know that talking is high on their priority list, so it was going to take more than that. So after half the ladies clapped once she would say, "If you hear me, clap TWICE." With women you also know they are very curious what is going on around them so that usually did the trick. We had quite a bit of fun with this though since there were a few ladies who needed a bit more instructions on how it worked!

After a bit of reminiscing about the last few days, I took up a new daily scripture devotional that was donated for the book table. It's called One Minute Bible for Starters - a 90-day Journey for new Christians. Well, technically I am not a "new" Christian but I feel every day I have something new to learn about being a Christian, so I figured I qualified. One of the points made with quotes from John and Jeremiah was how much "God draws you to Himself." We have a free will to choose to follow Him but He is constantly working in our lives through people, events, and places to "draw" us to Him. The writer pointed out that with all the efforts that God puts forth in making us His, it "Looks like your hardest decision was trying to say no all this time." Whoa, that made me stop (figuratively, of course, since I was on the treadmill) and let it soak in a bit. All those obstacles, all those "no's" I presented to the King, instead of the worshipful bow of "yes" to His presence in my life paraded across my mind. He did not lock the door in disgust but went out into the streets and the byways looking for me, to draw me back to Him.

At this point in my meditating a picture came to mind of God standing with His hands cupped around His mouth shouting, "If you hear me, clap once! If you hear me, clap twice!" I have a feeling He was shouting a bit longer for me. And then He adds, "If you hear me, don't stop clapping!!" It made me laugh out loud to realize that God had gotten His point across once more about being a part of my life, whether I am on the treadmill, at a retreat, spending time with my family, or with a total stranger. He will put forth the effort, He just asks me to open my hearts to hear him and to clap with joy, wonder and awe at His love for me, for us. It is a clap that can be heard around the world if we pass it on to our neighbor as He asks us to do in our 4th Day. It's so much more fun to clap with someone else, to laugh, to cry, to share with someone else - that's the Church, the Body of Christ.

I had been so involved that when I looked at the distance covered I realized I was almost to Payson. I would have gotten to Ursa but my treadmill was facing the wrong way! ...Well, He thought it was funny - I heard Him clap!
Much love, Terri May

Cursillo Board Members 2006-2007

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Next Board Meeting
November 16, 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

GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #241 November 11-13, 2006
Lay Directors, Tom and Karen Meehan

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

For information call
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Applications are available at:
www.greatrivertec.org

QUEST

#38 February 16-17, 2007

For information call
Donna Siebers 217-222-3627
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FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

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

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

WALK TO EMMAUS

For information, contact
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Retreat Center Work Day
November 18th
(see more info in Lay Directors Notebook)

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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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUPPLIES COMMITTEE

We are still looking for someone to take over the Supplies Committee from Giny & Mike Baker after their many years of service. Below is a brief description of what the job entails.

Supplies Committee Responsibilities

This committee restocks all items kept in the service team room and the supply room just outside the conference room. It includes but is not limited to; notebooks, pencils, pens, color markers, tissues, and Mass and Agape wine. They also supply the bread for the Agape meal unless the team wants to bring their own bread. This committee depends on the service team of each weekend to inform them when items are in short supply. Contact any Board member if you are interested in taking over this ministry. Contact information is available at www.quincycursillo.com.

“Make A Friend, Be A Friend, Bring That Friend To Christ”

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

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