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Cursillo #245: March 8 - 11, 2007

Theme: "Love One Another"

Rector: Ed Holthaus

Dear Cursillo Family

May the Peace and Joy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you. Please allow me to start by saying "THANK YOU". Thank you for all the prayers and palanca that you have all been doing for us. It is just so amazing to watch as the Holy Spirit goes to work in the team during our meeting, all because of your prayers.

The theme for our weekend is "Love One Another" and our scriptures come from Matthew 22:34-39 & John 13:34-35. Our theme song is "The Gospel According To You".

How many of us take time out of our busy daily schedules to thank God for the blessing that He sends us. We either don't pay attention, or don't slow down long enough to even realize how blessed we truly are. Through the process of this cursillo, I have made an effort to look closer for those blessing that are all around us. (I have not slowed down any though). One thing that I know for sure is, that God did truly bless Cursillo #245 with a wonderful group of God loving, fun spirited, Christian men to be the team for this weekend. They are as follows:

Spiritual Director: Fr. Chuck Edwards, Springfield, IL (Sacraments - Saturday, 10:00 am.). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Msgr. Mike Kuse, Quincy (Grace - Friday, 11:15 a.m.); Fr. Chris Commerford, Nokomis, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid - Friday, 3:30 p.m.); Fr. Tom Henseler, Mt. Sterling, IL (Obstacles to a Life of Grace - Saturday, 4:15 p.m.); Deacon Bill Gray, Hamilton, IL (Christian Life - Sunday, 10:00 a.m.).

Assistant Rectors: George Schultz, Jacksonville, IL (Laity - Friday, 1:20 p.m.); Dennis Boudreau, Quincy, IL (Leaders - Saturday, 7:00 p.m.); Dennis Hoyt, Quincy IL (Christian Community in Action - Sunday, 11:30 a.m.).

Rollistas: Blaise McDonald, Quincy, IL (Ideal - Friday, 10:00 a.m.); Jim Vogel, Quincy, IL (Piety - Friday, 7:00 p.m.); David Hummel, Quincy, IL (Study - Saturday, 9:00 a.m.); Dr. James Reid, Greenfield, IL. (Action - Saturday, 3:00 p.m.); Dale Gervais, Palmyra, MO (Environment - Sunday, 9:00 a.m.); Linda Holthaus, Quincy, IL (A Woman Speaks Her Mind - Sunday 3:00 p.m.)

Auxiliaries: Bill Adam, Rob Edwards, Brian Hendrian, Quincy, IL; Don Arnold, Barry, IL; Clifton Cox, Carrollton, IL; Ted Genenbacher, Fowler, IL; Joe Kohlrus, Rochester, IL; Dan Kramer, Payson, IL; Jim Leaf, Springfield, IL.

Sacristan: Jeff Liesen, Quincy; **Musician:** Jim Heaton, Mt. Sterling; **Service Team:** Mike Grant, Dennis Holbrook, David Kattelman, Quincy, IL; and Gary Mast, Fowler, IL. **Food Service:** Jerry Eberhardt and Ramon Wheeler, Quincy, IL.

Observing Rector: Matt Harmon, Roodhouse, IL. **Board Representative:** Bill Gilmore, Roodhouse, IL. **Rector:** Ed Holthaus, Quincy, IL (Group Reunion and Ultreya - Sunday 12:25 p.m.)

Please join us as we gather to celebrate our Buddy Mass on Sunday, March 4th at 2:00 pm. at Blessed Sacrament (former St.Mary's). A carry-in meal will follow after the Mass in the school cafeteria. The church is located at 7th and Adams in Quincy.

Also, please take some time from your busy schedules and share it with us serving meals, or spending time in the Palanca Chapel. It is all time well spent.

Ed Holthaus

Rector, #245

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #245 please call:
Jerry Eberhardt 217-222-5333
Ray Wheeler 217-224-3284

MARCH ULTREYAS

Saturday, March 17th
Lincoln/St. Charles County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception Church
Old Monroe, MO
Ultreya follows 5 p.m. Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #245

Sunday, March 4, 2007 at 2 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament Parish
(formerly St. Mary's)
8th & Adams, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow

Women's Cursillo #246

Sunday, April 15, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament Parish
8th & Adams, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow

MEN'S CURSILLO #245

March 8th (Thursday)

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

March 10th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

March 11th (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

FEBRUARY ULTREYAS

Saturday, February 10th

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

Saturday, February 10th

Lincoln/St. Charles County Ultreya
Assumption Church
403 N. Main St., O'Fallon, MO
Ultreya in Church Hall B
following 5 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 14th

Hannibal Area Ultreya
Holy Family Church - Mass 6:15 p.m.
Ultreya follows in St. Michael Hall

Friday, February 23rd

Montgomery County Ultreya
Resurrection Church, Wellsville, MO
Mass at 7 p.m followed by Ultreya in the
church basement, light refreshments

Saturday, February 24th

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

**4th Day Renewal
February 23-24, 2007
David & Terri May, Directors**

24-hour experience of personal growth designed for those who have previously made a Cursillo and are wanting to renew and develop their spirituality. .

7:00 p.m. Fri. - 7:00 p.m. Sat.
at the Retreat Center

Total cost is \$45
with a \$10 deposit

Payable to Quincy Cursillo
Applications are available in the
January Fourth Day Newsletter or
at www.quincycursillo.com
Send application and deposit to:
Dennis & Pat Holbrook
Reservation Coordinators
4025 Holiday, Quincy, IL 62301
Call 217-224-3898 for information

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- At the last Board meeting, a proposal was approved that the 2007-2008 calendar will consist of **eight Cursillo weekends**.
- Cursillo is looking for **ASL Interpreters** for June and July weekends. We need 3 interpreters per candidate. Also, encourage hearing impaired candidates to sign up for these weekends.
- "Walk to Emmaus" has invited the Cursillo Family to a **Gut Bucket** (equivalent to Fools) Social on Thursday, March 22, 2007 - 6:30 p.m. at Salem Church, 9th State Street in Quincy. Refreshments will be pizza and soda with a free will offering. Entertainment will include a special mystery guest. Come join in the fun and fellowship!

CURSILLO DATES

April 26-29, 2007 - Jane Grant
June 7-10, 2007 - Matt Harmon
July 12-15, 2007 - Connie Vermeire

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 #243 March 3-5, 2007
John & Patti Scranton, Lay Directors
TEC #244 April 21-23, 2007
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#38 February 16-17, 2007
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CURSILLO #244



Front row, left to right: Kate Lapham, Denice Edwards, Deacon Bill Gray, Mary Scheetz, Cindy Naber, Kathy Vanek, Fr. James Wheeler, Sister Jane Wand, Vicky Mitchell, Judy Meats. **Row two:** Julianne DeHaan, Betty Settles, Sharon Farabee, Elaine Gray, Cathy Platz, Connie Hoyt, Teresa Martin, Jane Grant, Reggie Vanek, Jane Deters, Mary Lavery, Donna Vogel. **Row three:** Debbie Bauer, Gwen Allen, Judy McCourt, Susan Hoff, Norma Weiman, Jennifer Wright, Sarah Mast, Cathy Flanagan, Katie Ludwig, Mary Oakley, Doris Carlson, Ellen Koenig, Laurie Brink. **Row four:** Kathy Klauser, Sandy Funke, Dorothy Torbeck, Audrey Anderegg, Mary Ann Mesecher, Mary Courty, Beverly Andrews, Milly Golemo, Debbie Ketcham, Lisa Rivard, Vanessa Kerr. **Row five:** Margaret Little, Linda Bush, Rose Ruzicka, Anya Rommel, Nancy Cobb, Tina Barbee, Venita Bowie, Judy McCabe, Jane Walter, Julie Tribbey, Carolyn Mullins, Lisa Longmeyer, Lynn Muniz.

Ephphatha!!!

Dear Cursillo Family,

"... then He looked up to heaven... and said to him, "Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!). And [immediately] the man's ears were opened, ..., and he spoke plainly." Mark 7:34-35

Jesus is calling us to "two way" communication. He has blessed us with ears to hear truth and mouths to speak it. When God speaks to us, he issues an SOS, that is, He speaks to us through Scripture, Others and Signs. For communication to occur, we must be "open" to His message and His methods. When He speaks, do you respond: "Here I am Lord" or "Speak, Lord, I'm listening." How do you speak to God? How do you pray? When asked this question, Mother Teresa replied: "I don't say anything, I listen."

Openness is a precondition for all good communication. The Cursillo family benefits from open "two way" communication. Our Board keeps us informed through the Fourth Day newsletter, the Quincy Cursillo webpage "quincycursillo.com", general Board meetings and our Area Reps. If you have concerns or questions, you may contact any Board member or your Area Rep. The phone numbers and/or email addresses are published in today's newsletter. You may find your Area Reps listed on the webpage or you may call or email a Board member for Area Rep contact information.

In addition, the Board is planning another open meeting in May where Cursillo Family members may request an opportunity to address the Board. If you are inclined to share ideas or concerns in this format, please send me, as Lay Director, an email or a letter outlining your concerns so that the Board has a written record of what we need to address.

The Board recently participated in a spiritually rewarding and productive Board Retreat. Our agenda provided growth in individual and group spirituality, review and development of committees, and an acknowledgment of successes and areas for improvement. The following were some of the key components of that identification process.

Successes ...

Emphasis on Group Reunion
The transition to the North Side
Refinement of the Rooster Book

Areas for Improvement...

Recruitment of Candidates
Communication
The Role of the Area Reps

Your Cursillo Board invites you to open, "two way" communication... "Ephphatha!"
De Colores and God Bless,
Tom Deters

THANK YOU FROM CURSILLO #243

DeColores Cursillo Family,

From God's chosen team of Cursillo #243, we thank you for all that you did for us. Our God is truly an awesome God as He once again proved to us on Cursillo #243. As the weekend finished up on the Feast of the Epiphany, we pray that all of us, as well as the new Cusillistas, will always be, "wise men who still seek Him".

We also thank our Blessed Mother, who was our most powerful prayer buddy, for all that she did by interceding for us to her son, Jesus.

We pray that God will continue to give all of you the strength and wisdom to bring others to know Him in a much deeper way, because after all, "We Are Called".

Yours in Christ,
Dennis Cobb

"...live a life worthy of the calling you have received, with perfect humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another lovingly."

Ephesians 4: 1-2

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Next Board Meeting
February 15, 2007 at 7 p.m.

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DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

My husband says sometimes my behavior is kind of dizzy. Well, this last month I had a good excuse for being that way! After a couple weeks of sinus dizzy symptoms that wouldn't go away I went to the doctor and found out I had an inner ear infection. I also had little episodes of vertigo which would really make my world spin. Interestingly, I found out there are little calcium crystals that can form in your ear and either the infection or that knock on the head I got falling down outside shook some loose, messing up my inner ear and causing the vertigo.

Now you are probably saying, "Where in the heck is she going with this one?" Hang in there, I'm getting closer. I also learned about a procedure done in physical therapy which involves turning your head in certain positions that channels the crystals out of the ear canals and into a reservoir where the body gets rid of them. Sounds kind of hokey but it really works 90% of the time. Unfortunately, I had to sleep at a 45 degree angle for two nights and not bend my head over for 5 days in order to insure those pesky little rocks didn't go back in the ear canals. Easy, right? Well, after only two days of "stooping" instead of bending over, my upper legs were so sore it was literally a pain to walk!

This experience gave new meaning to the expression "use it or lose it". Then a few days later, as I painfully lowered myself onto the chair to do my Bible Study, I ran across the same phrase in the workbook in reference to us using what God gives us or responding when God speaks to us - "use it or lose it". There seemed to be a theme going here, so I put it in my file labeled Interesting Concepts to Mull Over Until I Get It.

After admitting to myself I should exercise my upper leg muscles a bit more, I started in on the idea of keeping my spiritual body in shape. What were ways to keep my spirit invigorated, my heart strong and true, my eyes healthy and able to recognize Him at work in my day, my ears finely tuned to His messages of love ect.?

Whoa, my mind started popping out possibilities! At the top of the list was Group Reunion. It has kept me on the path these last 16 yrs. and most importantly moving forward. My Group was there when my mother died, my husband had heart problems, and my granddaughter had surgery at 2 ½ months. They are there to laugh with me when I feel like laughing and rejoice with me at little and big accomplishments of my children, my husband, myself. We pray together, learn together, question, support, and encourage each other - Jesus' team in training, exercising our spiritual body.

Then I thought of Ultreyas listed in the newsletter, Christian music and books, Bible Study of course, helping out on Cursillo weekends, and going on a 4th Day Renewal. Hey, there is a renewal this month on Feb.23, 6:30pm to Feb.24th, 5pm., co-ed, \$45 - totally awesome way to spend 24 hours with Cursillo friends and be filled with His Spirit. Applications on the website or in the last newsletter. Send to Pat Holbrook, 4025 Holiday Dr., Quincy, Il. 62301.

There are so many ways to exercise the body - yoga to weight lifting and just as many ways to keep the spiritual body in shape. We are only limited by our imagination and our desire to be the best we can be for Him. "Use it or lose it" - thanks for the invitation and challenge, Lord, even a dizzy lady like me can get the message.

Much love, Terri May